

OABA Newsletter April 2009

Alpacas~ Lifestyle of Choice, Fabric of Dreams!

Spring is here and a busy season is upon us all!

The OABA board and committee members have been hard at work for our membership over the winter and we would like to take this opportunity to update you on our progress and future endeavors for 2009.

This past March OABA hosted a seminar, by Brett Kaysen in Columbus, to provide a deeper understanding of EPD's, the importance of our youth programs and what the future of the alpaca industry has in store for us. What a great opportunity for our members to stay ahead of the curve competitively in our industry with this knowledge.

Our 2009-2010 elections were conducted to fill the positions of Secretary and Director at Large for the next two year term.

- Sheri Deily will continue to serve as Secretary. Her expertise is appreciated in this position and we are glad to have her serving a repeat term.
- Bill Goebel has been named as the new Director at Large. Bill operates Renaissance Farms and brings a wealth of knowledge to this position.

Special thanks go to JoAnn White for her service as our past Director at Large. We are fortunate to have her assurance that she will continue to serve on committees and volunteer her time at our events moving forward!

Updates to our bylaws were addressed during this election process as well. All three bylaw changes were overwhelmingly passed by our membership. These changes will strengthen our organization in the following manner:

- The approval to utilize the new technology to communicate to our organization will allow us to operate more effectively and be better stewards of our finances.
- The two additional Directors at Large positions will assist us in incorporating more of the great talent we have in our membership so we can continue to grow and evolve.

Calling all Members... Anyone with energy, dedication and the desire to move this organization to the next level please reply.

We now have the two additional Director At Large positions to fill. Please email or call any board member to discuss your interest.

A special thanks goes out to all involved with The Best of the Midwest Alpaca Show and Auction. On March 15th a Silent Herd Sire Auction was conducted and all the proceeds were donated to OABA. \$10,000 was raised through this auction and we are very appreciate and grateful for the donation.

The following farms were responsible for donating the breedings:

AJ's Alpaca Ranch, Blue Ribbon Farms, Christies Dream Weaving Suri's, CCAP Alpacas, Erie Blue Alpacas, Front Range Alpaca's, Heatherbrook Farms, Sycamore Valley Alpaca Farm, TapAcres Alpacas, and The Back 34 Alpacas.

Thank you for your support and we wish you a successful show and birthing season this spring.

Sincerely,

Joe Osborn ~ Christi's Dream Weaving Suris
Laura Lee ~ Buckeye Country Alpacas
Bob Danielson ~ M & M Alpacas
Sheri Deily ~ Heatherbrook Farms
Bill Goebel ~ Renaissance Farms