

## MAY 2016 MINUTES

### ALPACA RANCHERS OF THE NORTHWEST (AROW)

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*Meeting called to order by* Jack Bruner

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#### In Attendance

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Jack & Jackie Bruner

Sandy Corbin

Gary & Barbara Gehrkens

Larry & Bobbie Hunhoff

Ginny & Bruce Jory

Jean Ban Effen & David Bagshaw



#### Approval of Minutes

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The Minutes from the April meeting were approved

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#### DISCUSSION

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- Jack encouraged everyone to use the AROW.ORG website to get and put our information. The web site is user-friendly, and currently there are step-by-step instructions on how to use it.
- AROW has a Mentor Program so that anyone who needs help or has a question can contact one of the Mentors for help
- AROW is affiliated with Cross Creek Rescue. They recently rescued animals who were wading in knee-deep mud, and emaciated. Cross Creek brings them back to health and then sends the pregnant females back to the ORIGINAL owners, if the person who was in possession of them had not yet paid for them. Cross Creek was looking for volunteers for May 13, 14, and June 5 to help with shearing.
- It was suggested AROW have a volunteer of the quarter and also to have a volunteer of the year. The volunteer of the year would be awarded at the AROW picnic on July 30, being held at Corbin's this year. We would like members to donate items to be used in an auction. Monies collected will be used to help fund AROW activities.

- The just-for-fun hoe down will be held on August 13 at Cross Creek. Eating starts at noon; the dancing starts at 1:00. If you have two left feet and prefer not to dance, just come and enjoy the music and camaraderie. Bring friends, too—no need to belong to AROW to attend.
- Dr. Brandy Faye will conduct a seminar regarding herd health at our June meeting, Bruce & Ginny will host. Something new can be learned all the time, even though you think you are well versed.
- The Elma show will be pared down a bit this year. Jim & Tammy Price will be unable to handle the spinoff portion this year. The questions arose—do we want to have one. Do we have any volunteers who will take responsibility for organizing and judging the spinoff? Jack will send out an e-mail query to members asking their opinion
- Jackie Bruner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bruce Jory.
- SEMINAR BEGINS:
- Peter Castor from the Chronical Newspaper showed us a wonderful slide presentation with explanations as to why the photo was good or bad. We got many helpful hints on how to make a photo more interesting. A photo is a story without any words; it should tell who we should be focused on; what was the mood, etc. We all took our cameras and cell phones outside, and Peter critiqued them for us. Very important is not only the point of focus, but also what is your background and how well does it blend in, and what position/angle you are in to take the picture. The presentation was excellent, and those in attendance were awed by the presenter, and the copious information he shared.



Next meeting, Sunday June 12 at noon. Herd Health presentation at 1:00. At MOON RIDGE ALPACAS, Bruce & Ginny Jory hosting.