Grand Canyon Alpaca Association

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2026

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Meeting Details

Meeting hosted by Gina & Dean Ross at Heather Glen Alpacas

Attendees

Gina Ross, Paula & LeRoy German, Melissa & Greg Pyles, Al & Michelle Clawitter and Sheri Bowman

Call to Order / Opening Remarks

- Meeting called to order by Paula German at 11:30am
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Farm introductions were made
- Secretary's minutes from the March 28, 2026 meeting were read and approved
- Treasurer's Report - March expenses consisted of $22.99 for our .org domain, $54.99 to file our taxes and a Square fee of $1.67. March deposits consisted of $38.38 for membership renewal and $0.10 for interest received in our savings account. There were no expenses in April or May. Deposits for April and May consisted of $0.20 for interest received in our savings account. Our new balance as of May 31, 2026 is $3453.96, a combination of both checking and savings accounts. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business

- Flag Wool Festival June 6 - 7, 2026
  GCAA was given the use of a building for free because we brought in alpacas. It was equipped with electricity and was large enough for Paula and LeRoy to set up an area for their alpacas and a separate area for their store. GCAA members put together a raffle basket for the public which raised $190.00. Shannon Wells helped Paula and LeRoy on Sunday. Mette and Sheri also had a booth at the event in a different location. Despite Flag Wool being relocated to a new location and charging admission for the first time ever, the event was fantastic. It was very well organized with more vendors, free wifi for vendors, classes, food trucks and the new location was impressive. There was a noticeable increase of people attending this event from previous years.
  Planning for next year Paula and LeRoy stated there is plenty of room in the building to expand. If GCAA members would like to help with this event they can either bring products to increase the store or possibly make an area for demonstrations.

- Public GCAA Facebook Group Page - The GCAA Facebook group with our logo is our public group and members are encouraged to use this group on facebook to share posts regarding their farms to help become more accessible to the general public. Anything regarding your farm is acceptable pictures, show results, sales, breedings, special events etc. There are no limitations to how many posts you make per week or month. This is also the Facebook page we are going to use regarding meeting info.

- Orchard grass delivery update from Al - Al will be making a purchase of orchardgrass possibly in late September, anyone interested in ordering at this time please contact Al. This is a great opportunity to get orchardgrass at a lower rate.

- Educational survey - Our educational survey was conducted in December and these were the results of the top 3 subjects that our members voted on for further education. Thank you to those that participated.
    1) Histograms, density testing, offspring predictions, breeding for quality Hands on alpaca evaluation
    2) Cria Delivery & Aftercare of Dam & Cria
    3) Set up Alpaca Business, Taxes, software

New Business

- EPD Deadlines & Histograms - The deadline to send your EPD samples to AOA for shipping is July 30th. For histograms you can send fiber samples any time of the year to Ian Watt at alpacaconsultingusa.com

- Shows where, when & who's going - There is a link on our website regarding all the AOA shows available. If anyone is interested in going as part of a group or looking for possible transport please contact Al Clawitter or Gina Ross.

- Fleece Shows - The AOA National Fleece Show July 14th - 18th 2026 and is the start of the fleece show season which will end in March 2027. They are a great way to enter your animals into competitions by just sending in your prepared blankets instead of taking your animals themselves. They are also a great way to earn more points for your farm by entering both halter and fleece competitions throughout the year. Members are encouraged to contact Sheri Bowman with any questions.

- AOA proposed Bylaw change/update - AOA has postponed the proposed Percentage Registry Bylaw change until further notice.

- Nominating Committee - Gina Ross and Paula German are on the Nominating Committee for our upcoming Board of Directors current positions that end their terms on December 31, 2026. Those positions are Vice President a 2 year term, Treasurer a 2 year term and Member at Large a 1 year term. Both Gina and Paula will be contacting members directly to see if they would like to run for office.

- Rack cards - An updated design of our current GCAA rack cards are being worked on. Sheri reported the last time they were printed was in May 2024 was a quantity of 500 for $184.00 plus tax. To have 500 printed now is $195.10 plus tax with a minimum set of fee of $15.00 to $45.00. A motion was made and passed to keep the current size of the cards instead of making them smaller.

- 840 Microchips - AOA will be required to have 840 Microchips for all alpacas entering into shows starting in 2027. All alpacas that have current microchips are exempt from this however some states will only accept the 840 microchips so please check their requirements for each show you enter. Further information on this can be found on the AOA website.

Adjournment

- Meeting was Adjourned at 1:30 pm
- Lunch and the raffle was directly after the meeting. The raffle raised $90.00
- Education was directly after lunch presented by Sheri Bowman on the subject of how to prepare show blankets for AOA Fleece Shows.