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ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAMA ASSOCIATION

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RUMINATIONS

by Dan Schreiner

It is with mixed emotions that I offer this final conglomeration of barnyard literature for your perusal. It has been a rewarding, but frustrating, year for me and I feel obligated to share my feelings. It was personally rewarding to make new friends and strengthen ties with previous acquaintances. We shared ideas and jointly molded them into what we felt would be workable plans. Some plans "flew", and some didn't make it off the ground. There were also some that "crashed and burned", primarily because Orville, or Wilbur, or I just didn't peddle fast enough. I'll further examine the "wreckages" to pass on everything I can to our new officers in September.

I'd be extremely remiss if I didn't thank Mary Mauz, Dale Pettigrew, and Erma Hast for the extensive amount of time they dedicated to RMLA this year. Dale and Mary were slaves to the book publishing project this year, as was Mike Pettigrew in our shipping department. Erma did her usual outstanding job in answering correspondence, maintaining the membership roles, and preparing the newsletter and many mailings. We'll be passing along many ideas to our new officers to diversify some of these tasks.

I gained a great deal of respect for just how involved RMLA members are with their animals, community llama projects, families, and their work. RMLA people are the "doers", and extremely active individuals. I soon became accustomed to having phone calls answered by the "machine"- and in many instances llamas were humming or orgleing that it was time to leave a message. On the rare occasion that a member did answer, they were many times in the barn. I do wish to thank all the committee members and project participants for their time that was devoted to our organization this year. Within the newsletter you'll find committee reports from many of the chair-persons. We will not have committee reports at our annual Conference this year in an effort to drastically shorten our business meeting.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

We will be soliciting committee chair-persons and members at the Conference. Please consider serving. Valuable time and momentum was lost last year forming and activating our committees. If you are interested in heading a committee and are not able to attend the Steamboat Conference please drop Erma a note or indicate it on your renewal form. It's a fact that some of the same members have been serving on committees for a long time. Don't be shy, RMLA needs the vitality of new members and your ideas.

1990 AND 1991 RMLA CONFERENCES

I regret to inform you that we will not be having a joint conference with The Llama Association of North America in 1990. Our RMLA officers felt that the plans for a joint conference were not progressing at a pace that would allow us to finalize them before the LANA July Expo. Primarily, we had some problems with the Labor Day week end, which was the only time the facility was available within the parameters LANA had set. We regret any inconvenience to LANA and their Board, and hope any hard feelings are only temporary. I have received a letter this week from the President of LANA, Jay Jorgensen, expressing a desire to pursue a joint conference another year. Those of you considering hosting the 1991 RMLA Conference might wish to check available summer dates for your facilities for this 4 day event. Please call me for more information.

In the last few weeks we were approached by Bob Russell, for ILA, offering to hold the ILA Jamboree in conjunction with our 1990 RMLA Conference. The facilities we have reserved at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont, Co. for September 28, 29, & 30th, will correlate well with the needs of the Jamboree. We have agreed to end our Conference on Saturday noon and support the ILA Jamboree to be held Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Bob Russell will be soliciting individuals immediately for involvement in the Jamboree. ILA has been budgeting expenditures of near \$30,000 for this event to promote llamas in regional settings. Chairing this event would mean national recognition for that individual and be of great service to the llama community. Please contact Bob Russell if you are interested or have ideas for him to pursue.

It is imperative that our members realize that the sequence of events that resulted in dropping the LANA-RMLA joint conference, and later deciding to share our time with the ILA Jamboree, was totally coincidental. There was no previous discussion with ILA or consideration of Jamboree participation before the LANA decision was made.

NEWSLETTER IDEAS

We were unable to get many of our ideas for the newsletter implemented this year, but they're probably worth mentioning. Your comments should be sent to your new officers. I'll list some of them here.

Newsletter ideas:

Trail tips

New owner interviews

Regional correspondents

Unsolicited articles from members

Packing tips-(packing committee?)

The "Show Scene"-(ALSA contribution?)

Veterinary column-No response from CSU, possibly check with OSU's

Dr. Brad Smith. He writes for COLA, maybe we could use?

Advertising-enough to support newsletter

Computer comments for llamas

Submitted ranch tips

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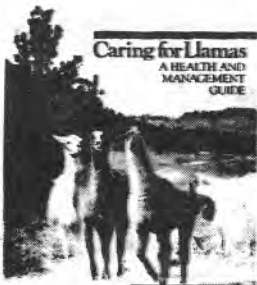
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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Merilee Lube and I will compile the November newsletter to help in the transitions with the new officers and committees. Please send any and all contributions to us by November 1st. Send your business cards or camera ready advertising to Dan Schreiner, Box 90218, Casper, WY. 82609. Payment should accompany the ad.

We will publish the first in a series of articles by Susan Frye on the many ramifications of llama death on the owners. It's a subject many of us are really unprepared to deal with, but Susan's comments might just soften the impact of that inevitable event by taking you through the many considerations before hand.

ANTIGUA LLAMA SITUATION-PLEDGES NEEDED

The World Society for the Protection of Animals, with the assistance of the governments involved, is apparently preparing to remove the stranded llamas from the island of Antigua where they are slowly perishing. Prominent persons in the llama community have begun a fund raising effort to raise money to airlift the llamas and alpacas to Peru where they will be released in a national game preserve. The cost of the airplane alone exceeds \$80,000, so you can see the expenses are tremendous. Donations are tax deductible. Pledges can be phoned or mailed to Kathy Hughes, HWY 1, P.O.Box 760, Albion, Ca., 95410--(707)-937-1465. Further information is available from Kathy Hughes or Kathi McKinney-(206)-249-5627/249-5017.

CHILI-FMD FREE STATUS

The ILA Board is currently mailing information on the reopening of the hearings on Chili receiving a foot and mouth disease free status. It is published herein. Apparently the impetus is from high in the agriculture sector of the US government this time. There will again be a 60 day comment period to the USDA ending October, 16. Letters to your elected senators, congressmen and the USDA are requested.

TRAIL TIPS

I've had zero response from my personal requests for individuals to write a few paragraphs on their favorite (or even least favorite) packing trail. You'd think RMLA had a membership of thousands of llama packers.

STEAMBOAT CONFERENCE

Please review your Conference materials. It promises to be an informative and fun-filled event. See you there.

THANKS

Thanks for allowing me to privilege of serving as your president this past year. I feel strongly it's best for RMLA to change presidents yearly, and I have declined the nomination for this year. If RMLA is going to continue to be successful serving our members and our llamas, we must immediately spread the responsibilities among a greater segment of our membership. Please be responsive to the pleas for your involvement this coming year. We have come too far and worked too hard to let it all slip away because of apathy.

OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 7TH ANNUAL FAIRPLAY PACK LLAMA RACE
BY Wally White, race chairman

Men's Overall Winner-- Tim Hassinger and Mtoto in 31.58 minutes
Mtoto is owned by Dr. LaRue Johnson, Shamba Llamas, Ft. Collins, Co.

Women's Overall Winner-- Amy Plummer and Keno in 33.15 minutes
Keno is owned by the Kemper Ranch, Estes Park, Co.

MEN'S DIVISION

20-29 YEARS

1st- Tim Lundt & Nicholi Fetchum, owner William Franzen

30-39 YEARS

1ST- Tim Hassinger & Mtoto, owner-Dr. LaRue Johnson, Shamba Llamas

2ND- David Wheeler & Chico, owner-Jim Carpenter, Cielo Monte Llamas

3RD- Jack Lundt & Walter Ufer, owner-Jack Lundt

40-49 YEARS

1ST-Stan Ebel & Handy, owner-Stan Ebel, Great Divide Llamas

2ND-Charlie Hackbarth & JP, owner-Hackbarth's, Mt. Sopris Llamas

3RD-Gary Woolridge & Jose, owner-Liz Mills

50 and over

1ST-Dewain Wood & Talavi, owner-Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm

2ND-LaRue Johnson & Tarmac, owner-LaRue Johnson, Shamba Llamas

3RD-Robert Hough & Kip, owner-Bob Sallee, High Line Llamas

WOMEN'S DIVISION

15-19 YEARS

1ST-Tina Gallegos & Tenochti, owner Chama Llamas

20-29 YEARS

1ST-Kris Muscari & Joshua, owner-LaRue Johnson, Shamba Llamas

30-39 YEARS

1ST-Amy Plummer & Keno, owner-Lee & Molly Kemper, Kemper Ranch

2ND-Linda Ghent & Harry, owner-LaRue Johnson, Shamba Llamas

3RD-Genia Wheeler & Elijah, owner-Jim Carpenter, Cielo Monte Llamas

40-49 YEARS

1ST-Jerry Dunn & Bear, owner-Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm

2ND-Ingrid Asmus & Apache, owner-Bobra Goldsmith, Rky Mtn Llamas

50 AND OVER

1ST-Laura Hammet & Hosea, owner- Dale & Vicki Morris, Morris Llamas

Youngest Competitor- Tina Gallegos, age 17

Oldest Competitor- Laura Hammet, age 65

Congratulations and thanks to all the competitors!

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
By Ellen Schreiner, Chairperson

We were only able to meet once over the phone and by mail. I did spend one day reviewing the cash flows with Treasure, Dale Pettigrew. Our members were Bob & Jaci Aue, and Susie Frye.

We recommend that the next year's committee be chaired by the Treasurer (or a former Treasurer). The need now is for a quarterly cash flow budget. With different membership years, program years, and financial years it is difficult to determine cash flow needs with the current funding. It would also be useful to break out the smaller committee budgets to give them an idea of historical expenditures.

YOUTH AND 4-H
By Mary Beth Hartsough, Chairperson

This was the first year of this Committee's existence, and I feel we probably did not have enough members to cover all the "territory". We do have a start on putting together a 4-H manual. We should have the rough draft of all sections to turn over to the new chairperson at the Conference.

Perhaps other committees and chairpeople for RMLA sponsored events should be informed that this committee is at their disposal to assist in coordinating and planning any of their events where the youth can be involved.

My recommendations for next year's committee are:

1. A larger number of committee members is needed. This could be a very active and productive committee with enough people to spread the work load.
 2. Finalize a 4-H manual and record book.
 3. Actively solicit owners/breeders for resource lists.
 - a. Owners/breeders with animals available for lease or sale at reasonable prices to 4-H'ers.
 - b. People willing to share their time and/or expertise either as 4-H leaders or as occasional speakers at club meetings.
 4. Have one or two committee members designate which RMLA event they would like to help coordinate and plan the youth activities for.
 5. Poll the membership for ideas and suggestions they would like to see the committee implement.
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PROGRESS REPORT ON "CARING FOR LLAMAS" PUBLICATION
(as of 9-1-89)

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Sales	\$17,235.06	printing & production	\$9,946.27
shipping	1,237.03	phn, post, mileage, misc.	1,150.20
sales tax	30.32	promotion & bnk card exp.	939.70
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		loan repayments	10,000.00
total	\$28,502.41	total	\$23,557.85

Net profit before royalty allocations \$4944.56

Profit and royalty allocations:

Authors 20%	\$ 988.91		
RMLA research 25%	1236.14		
RMLA	2719.51		
total profit allocations		\$4944.56	

President's comment: We sold 894 copies by mail, 208 at ILA, and distributed 78 copies for book reviews, sponsorships, and to the authors within the terms of our agreements with them. We currently have 931 books remaining. RMLA can realistically expect to gross \$10,000 before royalty allocations. This would translate into another \$2500 for research and \$5500 for RMLA--perhaps more if advertising and expenses were minimized. The marketing committee has a fun and challenging job ahead of it this year to quickly maximize sales of the book.

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ASK FOR OUR NEWEST CATALOG!

To: The Officers, and Members of the Rocky Mountain Llama Association
From: The Board of Directors of the International Llama Association
Subject: The Salt Lake City Pack Festival

Thank-you! The pack festival was one of the highlights of the Salt Lake City conference. As a board we all feel it is important to remember that llamas are not only beautiful to look at but they are good for something. The Salt Lake City Pack Festival was not only a lot of fun but showcased llamas as a performance animal. The pack festival was well organized well run and a lot of fun. It was a credit to your organization and a great help to ILA. Llama associations working together can only benefit llama enthusiasts and the llama.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors ILA

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

It is gracious for ILA to send us thanks for individual member's contributions, but joint RMLA-ILA members did the work themselves with no RMLA affiliation. Most of these members have been mentioned before, but I missed mentioning Wally White, Stan Ebel, and Jerry Dunn's participation in an earlier newsletter. We all have the same goals and it's rewarding to see us focusing jointly on promoting our llamas.



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COMMITTEE REPORT-RESEARCH COMMITTEE
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This committee never met in a face-to-face meeting during the year. As Chair I asked for input from those whose names had been given to me when I accepted the Chair position on the committee. Those who responded they could not work on the committee were dropped from the list. The remaining people appear as an attachment to this report.

From the responses to the first correspondence, two topics emerged.

1. There was general support for my proposal that investigation into the use of llamas as 'guards' should be pursued further. I have been in touch with a professor from the University of Wyoming who had done some of the earlier research there. He has retired and nothing more is being done since there is no funding. He thought the animals first used were still owned by the University.
2. There was an interest expressed in further knowledge about producing quality wool from llamas. The emphasis should be on those factors that contribute to wool quality and quantity such as nutrition, climate, genetics and other factors that informed wool producers might be able to control to improve the wool being harvested.

On behalf of the committee as its chair I responded to the above issues with these actions:

On Item 1 (Predator Control) I contacted the Colorado Wool Growers Association in an attempt to get them interested in financially supporting research on this topic. I see mutual advantage to both industries from this cooperation. I expect to be asked to present a proposal to this group at their next Board meeting (unscheduled). Their secretary encouraged a personal appearance over a letter or written proposal. Should the Colorado group be favorably inclined, other states wool producers may be favorably inclined.

On Item 2 (Wool Quality) My limited reading of llama literature seems to show an increase in interest on this topic and more people seeking to participate in the fiber market. This topic deserves attention due to this interest. It is my feeling that there is no real body of unexplored knowledge concerning wool production that is unique to the llama species. The need for information should be undertaken but would best be served by publication of a monograph, researched and documented to insure accuracy and integrity. This seems to be the purview of the Education Committee, not this committee.

I have some general comments concerning the committee and its mission.

Attached are some figures supplied by the RMLA Treasurer, also a copy of the latest research awards from ILA is attached. Contrast these two sources. It is my opinion that the current level of research support from RMLA is so meager that it can not be awarded annually to support any major effort. These options may be considered:

1. Significantly increase the money allocated to Research so that an annual award is sizable enough to support a significant project.
2. Make an award only when the funds available and the desired project budgets are equal.
3. Make an award with multiple year support. RMLA would commit to the research project a specified amount for a designated period of years. This may be attractive to projects that would normally need long timeframes to produce results (behavior studies/genetics, etc) but would not be attractive to researchers whose effort could be achieved in a short timeframe where costs would be compressed. RMLA members would also need to be cautioned that results from this scheme would not be available or known usually until the end of the project.

The Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital project on "Beserk Male Syndrome" may be a likely candidate for option 3 above. RMLA gave "starter money" to this project but a commitment to it for multiple years might guarantee that it moves forward to a conclusion and recommendations that would be helpful to RMLA and the industry.

Exercising option 2 would mean that the next Research Committee would concentrate on selecting a project or soliciting proposals that fit inside a selected budget limit. The timing of the project would be determined by the rate of accumulation in the Research account.

Option 1 should be a subject of discussion for the RMLA Executive. The commitment to research should be strengthened and in doing so the Association may be able to claim credit for significant advances that benefit both the two-legged and four-legged participants in the lama industry.

I wish to thank the RMLA officers for the opportunity to serve in this capacity for the past year.

Tom Van Velson

Background Fact Sheet

Prepared by Lucile McConnell
Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds

Chile is once more seeking designation by the Secretary of Agriculture as being free of foot and mouth disease ("FMD-free status"). If the Secretary grants FMD-free status, the United States will again face the immediate threat of thousands of camelids hitting our shores under reduced inspection standards. This would greatly increase the risk of importing foot and mouth disease into our country where the toll of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease on our domestic livestock industry would be devastating (over five years ago USDA estimated that such resulting damages would be in excess of \$1 billion).

The geographic location of Chile increases the risk of the exportation of infected animals. Chile has common borders with Peru, Bolivia and Argentina; three countries that have all been designated by the USDA as being countries in which foot and mouth disease currently exists. These borders are for the most part in areas which are practically impossible to control due to the difficulty of access, the vast expanses of unfenced areas, and the local patterns of commerce that have been in place for decades. It has been documented that in the course of normal commerce there has been, and likely will continue to be, a routine uncontrolled movement of animals, including camelids, into Chile from these bordering countries. If Chile is granted FMD-free status, the unrestricted importation of camelids into the United States from Chile will only increase the unmonitored movement of animals and the threat of FMD being imported into the United States.

In 1984 and in 1987, foot and mouth disease broke out in Chile due to the introduction of infected animals smuggled into that country from Argentina. Both outbreaks occurred after Chile declared that it was free of FMD and could control the movement of animals into Chile from the unfenced bordering countries. In both cases, the United States was very fortunate that exposed animals had not been imported into the United States immediately before the recognition of the outbreak. In short, despite its assurances, Chile has a history of not being able to control the incidence of foot and mouth disease within its territory due to the effect of the unregulated movement of animals across its borders.

In addition to the risk of infection due to the presence of smuggled animals from bordering countries, Chile also imports animals from Bolivia, Peru and Argentina under conditions less restrictive than would be allowed for importation into the United States. Therefore, infected animals may also enter Chile through its relaxed importation standards.

Camelids can contract foot and mouth disease from bovines and be carriers with symptoms that may elude detection using current technology. Even if a camelid did originate in Chile, it could become a carrier through exposure to either an imported or smuggled infected animal. Thus, such a carrier, while appearing healthy, could enter this country undetected to infect our domestic livestock herds. (This is one of the reasons why numerous state veterinarians have petitioned USDA to allow importation of camelids from South America only after a full 90-day quarantine with sentinel animals in the Harry S Truman Animal Import Center. To date, USDA has not acted on the petition.)

Due to the pattern of reoccurrence of foot and mouth disease the routine unmonitored movement of animals from bordering countries into Chile, the relaxed Chilean importation standards, and the lack of certainty in detecting camelid carriers of FMD, the designation of Chile as FMD-free amounts to subjecting the domestic livestock industry of this country to an unjustifiable risk.

RANCH TIPS

Do your llamas race your tractor through gates or challenge it to a "Peruvian standoff" when you are cleaning pens or the barn? A length of 1 inch pvc pipe, capped at the bottom, and affixed vertically to your barnyard tractor makes a handy holder for a 5 foot whip. This affords you an extension of your arm to tickle their nose or bottom and speed up the chores.

For those areas plagued by possible predators or where other species are out of control, assistance can usually be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife "federal trapper" in your area. Most states also have county predator control boards. In most cases the help is as near as the phone.

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Thanks to the many breeders sharing or manufacturing llama restraints, most ranches now have some form of llama restraint on the premises. Unfortunately many (or probably most) veterinarians with smaller numbers of llama clientele do not have proper llama restraint mechanisms at their clinics and llamas are unduly exposed to additional risks of injury at the veterinarians facility. Steve Gilland, of Casper, recently had a neck restraint assembly, similar to that of the Great Divide Llama Chute, constructed for our vet.. It straps easily to the front of the large animal stanchion and is readily detached and stored.

It appears most of these neck restraints would need to be made to fit the specific large animal chutes. Steve would be happy to share his expertise on the subject. Another alternative would be to contact Brad Heck in Sheridan, Wyoming at Pro-Built Welders, the manufacture of the Great Divide Llama Chute, for a possible custom order.

Consider fastening 10 inch back plates to your shallow bunk feeders, that you are only using from one side, to drastically reduce hay waste.

Your fall-winter nutrition plan can only be effective if you know the analysis of your hay. Not all grass hay is high in phosphorous and low in calcium. The calcium-phosphorous ratio may very well be reversed and, without pinning the ratio down, your chosen mineral supplement may be detrimental to this vital ratio. It's a good time of year to review the ILA feeding pamphlet written by Dr. LaRue Johnson, and the article on phosphorous published in this summer's LLAMA LIFE.

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USDA APHIS PUBLISHES PROPOSAL TO DECLARE CHILE FMD-FREE
"No Provision for Special Quarantine of Llamas and Alpacas"

Report by Paul Taylor

At the ILA Conference in Salt Lake City I reported to the membership that a heavy majority of the State Veterinarians had signed our petition for rulemaking. This petition proposes a special rule which would require llamas and alpacas entering the U.S. from any country in South America, regardless of FMD-free status, to be quarantined for 90 days with sentinel animals at the Truman Center.

Because of support for this petition from the State Vets and many other respected animal health authorities including the President of the U.S. Animal Health Association and because we had received strong signals from the authorities in Chile that they would not oppose this special rule, we had reason to believe that APHIS would deal realistically with the concerns about llama quarantine.

On August 7, I received a letter from Dr. James Glosser, Administrator of APHIS, inviting me to attend a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases to present ILA's health concerns regarding the importation of llamas and alpacas from South America. This seemed to be a very positive signal that APHIS was taking our petition seriously and that we would have a chance for some meaningful exchange with the members of this influential committee of animal health authorities who advise the Secretary of Agriculture directly on measures to prevent the introduction of FMD to the U.S.

Because we had only a few days notice of this meeting, which was to be held in New Haven, Connecticut, on August 16, the least expensive plane fare for me to attend was \$1082. The Directors approved this expense, believing the invitation signalled a more receptive attitude by the decision-makers at APHIS, and that we really could not afford to miss this chance to explain our concerns. As you know, ILA has achieved Allied Group Status with USAHA and we have worked very hard over the past two years to strengthen our credibility and respectability within the animal health community. This meeting seemed to be the culmination of that effort.

Two hours of this important meeting were scheduled for discussion of the llama importation issue. On the morning of the meeting I prepared an outline for the formal statement on behalf of the ILA membership. This would supplement the 15 page packet of printed evidence that was furnished to each of the 17 members of the Committee. I had assumed that I would be allowed at least 30 to 40 minutes for this statement, but when the time came I was told by the APHIS coordinator that I could speak for only 15 minutes. Dr. Glosser, the APHIS Administrator, left the room during the entire discussion on llama importation, which was cut off with more than an hour left on the published agenda. The coordinator directed the Committee to "more important matters."

Even as I was trying to condense two years of ILA effort into a 15 minute statement, APHIS was printing the Federal Register announcement of the proposal to declare Chile free of FMD with no special quarantine requirements for llamas and alpacas. This announcement was published the following day, August 17, just a few hours before the Secretary's Advisory Committee, which meets just once a year, was scheduled to draft its resolutions. The 60 day public comment period on this proposal is scheduled to end October 16, just a few days before the annual meeting of the U.S. Animal Health Association, where we might expect to get significant support in the form of resolutions.

In contacts with key animal health authorities outside USDA APHIS since this proposed rule was published, I find that the general reaction is a combination of astonishment and concern that APHIS would ignore the petition for a special rule on llama quarantine and time this announcement to limit valid comment from the animal health community. The APHIS proposal, as you can see, is full of assertions about the economics of the llama market in the U.S., but deals only with the economic effect on persons wishing to import llamas to this country, ignoring the economic impact on the llama breeders.

Preliminary feedback indicates that this rule was proposed in accordance with Agriculture Secretary Yeutter's commitment to the principles of free trade and his desire to remove artificial barriers to international trade in all agricultural commodities. Yeutter has been involved for years in international negotiations for the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT). My best guess at this time is that Secretary Yeutter has allowed his concern for free trade to override the legitimate animal disease concerns about the quarantine of camelids from South America.

APHIS spokesmen have told me that no importations of Chilean camelids to this country will be allowed without a separate proposed rule and comment period specifically for quarantine requirements. However, we have consistently told APHIS administrators that ILA would be forced to vigorously oppose FMD-free status for Chile if the issue of llama quarantine requirements was not settled first.

As Chairman of the Importation Committee of ILA, I have proposed to the Directors that we take all possible steps as an association to prevent the granting of FMD-free status for Chile, including legal action, expansion of our efforts within the animal health community, letter-writing campaigns by the membership and involvement of other livestock associations and the media.

The events of the next few months will have a dramatic effect on the course of the llama phenomenon in North America. As a member of ILA you will be asked to help affect the outcome. For the moment, the most helpful thing you can do is to read the Federal Register announcement and respond immediately to the enclosed poll. The Directors need your input before they can begin the complex task of coordinating an effective response by the association. More detailed information and suggestions for action will be sent to you in time for you to do your part.

EDUCATION

Suki Dewey was the chair-person of this committee. They helped sponsor Dr. Flores-Ochoa a speaker from Peru. The address was given to attending members and anthropologists in March at the Museum of Natural History in Denver.

PUBLICITY AND PRESS RELEASES

Jane Robinson-Boudreaux served as a committee of one this year issuing press releases for major RMLA events. Her efforts were rewarded by excellent TV coverage for the Fairplay race.

She comments that it would be helpful to have the major media addresses for events that will affect your area. She also feels we should have more educational media events like clinics for llama packing at shopping centers or sports outlets. Many llama owners routinely provide llamas for visits to handicapped and retarded organizations, and it helps to advise your newspaper or TV station when these occur to spread the word about llamas.

PACKING

Phred Bartholomaei was the chair of this committee. Phred presented the ILA Conference with a presentation on "The Backcountry Kitchen".

MARKETING

Steve Gilland chaired the marketing committee. They had a meeting at the Stock Show and issued a report in February. Some of the regional needs of a local marketing event have been fulfilled with the September Denver sale. Next year the committee should probably be involved with marketing of CARING FOR LLAMAS: A HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT GUIDE.

1990 RMLA CONFERENCE

Donna Glode has a great start on next year's conference to be held in Longmont at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. You can bet she'll be packing the learning opportunities into the time before the ILA Jamboree begins.

1989 STEAMBOAT CONFERENCE

You've seen the plans and presentations for the Steamboat Conference to be held this month. Scott Welles reports that their planning sessions for the Conference have really been a lot of fun and very educational for all. They promote a unity among the local llama owners and they look forward to attending the sessions.

LIBRARY

Chris Switzer has done an outstanding job compiling our RMLA library. Last month's newsletter carried a complete listing of all our titles. Be sure and save that pull-out. Thanks Chris!

Rocky Mountain Lama Association Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
For the period January 1 through August 31, 1989

REVENUES	
Membership Income	\$6,900.00
Service Directory Ads & Brochure Sales	\$1,372.73
RMLA Book Revenues	\$18,185.15
1989 Steamboat Conference Revenues	\$1,435.00
Fairplay Race Income	\$1,154.11
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,406.56
Interest Income	\$688.20
TOTAL REVENUES	\$32,141.75
DIRECT COSTS	
RMLA Book Costs	\$14,187.44
Service Directory Printing	\$495.00
1989 Conference Expenses	\$1,464.38
Fairplay Races Expenses	\$1,121.85
Seminar Expenses	\$10.00
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$17,278.67
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Advertising	\$950.00
Bank Charges	\$9.00
Insurance	\$716.95
Library	\$315.00
Materials & Misc.	\$122.80
Office Supplies & Stationery	\$107.61
Postage	\$1,064.79
Printing	\$1,064.73
Telephone	\$160.29
Travel Costs Reimbursed	\$242.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$4,753.17
NET REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$10,109.91</u>

Rocky Mountain Lama Association
Balance Sheet as of August 31, 1989

ASSETS:	
Petty Cash on Hand	\$34.50
Cash in Bank - United Bank of Ft. Collins	\$28,431.33
Miscellaneous Receivables	\$26.61
NSF Checks Receivable	\$30.00
Sales Tax License Deposit	\$50.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$28,572.44</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable - Authors' Royalties	\$986.93
Sales Tax Payable	\$30.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,017.25
FUND BALANCES	
General Operations Fund	\$6,280.32
Public Education Fund	\$2,403.04
Member Education Fund	\$3,916.87
Research Fund	\$4,054.59
Contingency Fund	\$3,000.00
RMLA Book Fund	\$2,764.05
Special Events Fund	\$5,136.32
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$27,555.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$28,572.44</u>

LOVE A LLAMA DAY - SHERIDAN, WYOMING
BARB & DEAN COFFMAN

'LOVE A LLAMA DAY' WAS HELD SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1989 AT THORNERIDER PARK IN SHERIDAN, WYOMING, AND WAS CO-SPONSORED BY THE SHERIDAN RECREATION DISTRICT. WE BORROWED THE IDEA FROM THE RMLA CONFERENCE IN MONTROSE, COLORADO CALLED 'COME LOVE A LLAMA' WHERE THE PUBLIC WAS INVITED TO 'COME LOVE A LLAMA'. AS THE IDEA GREW, MIKE AUNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SHERIDAN RECREATION DISTRICT OFFERED HIS PROFESSIONAL HELP BY PRINTING POSTERS AND CO-ORDINATING LOCAL PUBLICITY.

A LETTER WAS THEN SENT TO 23 LLAMA OWNERS IN THE STATE ASKING FOR IDEAS, COMMENTS, AND HELP...AND, TO PLEASE RESPOND WITHIN THE MONTH. AS THE IDEAS FORMULATED, WE DECIDED IT WOULD BE FUN TO CO-ORDINATE THE DAY WITH THE STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES TO BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME.... OUR EXTRA EVENT WOULD BE CALLED 'LOVE A LLAMA DAY'.

WE BEGAN WORKING WITH VIC AND LORI BREEDEN BY SENDING OUT PROMOTIONAL ARTICLES TO VARIOUS LLAMA PUBLICATIONS. WE CONTINUED TO KEEP THEM UPDATED AS TO OUR PROGRESS. ALONG THE WAY, A CELEBRITY RACE WAS ADDED, THAT INCLUDED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-SHERIDAN, LOCAL MEDIA, AND JOHNNY GREEN AND THE GREENMEN OF BATMAN FAME. RIBBONS FOR EACH CATEGORY INCLUDED ADULT, CHILDREN, AND A SPECIAL VERSITILITY AWARD FOR THE LLAMAS.

AFTER A MEETING WITH THE SHERIDAN CHAMBER, A POSTER WAS DESIGNED BY JANET JORDAN, AND ENTRY FORMS WERE MAILED OUT. WE APPOINTED SEVERAL PUBLICITY PEOPLE IN VARIOUS COUNTIES TO PROMOTE THE EVENT; JANET JORDAN IN THE GILLETTE AREA AND MERILEE LUBE IN THE CASPER, LANDER/RIVERTON, AREA. SUSAN JONES, ASSISTANT EDITOR OF LLAMAS MAGAZINE CALLED AND SAID SHE WAS COMING TO COVER OUR EVENT..IMAGINE OUR EXCITIEMENT!

AS MAY CAME SOON, AND DETAILS NEEDED TO BE FINALIZED, AN ENTRY SYSTEM WAS PUT TOGETHER AND THE SHOW WAS ON!! 8:00AM WAS THE PARADE OF ATHLETES, AS LLAMAS WERE PAIRED WITH SPECIAL OLYMPIANS. ON TO THE PARK FOR THE OBSTACLE COURSE SET FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS AND CELEBRITIES. BECAUSE THIS WAS AN EVENT FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING NON OWNERS, INFORMATION BOOTHS WERE SET UP WITH BROCHURES; LLAMAS WERE AVAILBALE FOR ANYONE TO LEAD, BRUSH, AND LOVE; AND OWNERS ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM HOPEFUL BUYERS AND CURIOUS ONLOOKERS.

'LOVE A LLAMA DAY' T-SHIRTS WERE SOLD TO HELP DEFRAY THE FEW EXPENSES WE INCURRED, 50 LLAMAS FROM AROUND THE STATE WERE THERE TO PARTICIPATE, AND THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS A GRAND BARBEQUE GIVEN BY VIC AND LORI BREEDEN OF MISTY MOON RANCH. SHERIDAN IS STILL TALKING ABOUT 'LOVE A LLAMA DAY' AND CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WORKED HARD TO MAKE THIS DAY A SUCCESS. OUR HATS ARE OFF TO THOSE NOT ALREADY MENTIONED! DAN & ELLEN SCHREINER FOR JUDGING AND ANNOUNCING, BOB SZEWCZ, AND THE STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SHERIDAN RECREATION, AND TO THOSE OF YOU WHO MADE THE DAY A SUCCESS BY LOANING US YOUR LLAMAS, YOUR TIME, AND FOR SHARING YOUR LOVE OF LLAMAS WITH THE MANY PEOPLE WHO ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS OVER AND OVER...AGAIN THANK YOU TO THOSE WE HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED...WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!!

SECOND HAND RUMINATIONS
(bringing it up twice)

We were discussing a performance show when one of my good friends said, "you know, we don't run, jump, or holler with our llamas." I loved the expression! Some of us do, and some don't, but for those that do it's a great phrase and you'll probably be hearing it in relation to llama performance events.

WE RUN, JUMP AND HOLLER WITH OUR LLAMAS!

It has a nice ring to it. Don't you agree?

Another tidbit was related to me this week. Llama people are constantly waiting—waiting for their first llama, waiting for their stud to mature, waiting forever for the first baby, then waiting for it to nurse, etc., etc.. It doesn't seem to get any better, just wait, wait, wait. We may grow old, but we can't die—we're too busy waiting.

The Central Oregon Llama Owner's Association (COLA) is starting their library patterned after our outstanding library. Many thanks to Chris Switzer for all her efforts there this year.

Apparently I gave credit to another llama organization for being the first to accept paid advertising in their newsletter when it was the Sunshine States Llama Association that was first.

The fair for El Paso County was a success, reports Howard Kerstetter. Over 300 people came to the first llama demonstration. Eight llama breeder/owners passed out llama information and RMLA literature along with the following series of events.

GRAND ENTRANCE PARADE
INTRODUCTION TO THE TYPES OF LLAMAS
A FIELD LLAMA VS. A GROOMED LLAMA
HALTER CLASSES
COSTUME EVENT
PACKING EVENT
THE PONY EXPRESS
MEET THE OWNERS IN THE ARENA

This type of special local event is an outstanding way to increase local knowledge and awareness of llamas. They also handed out a flyer entitled FFUN FFACTS AABOUT LLAMAS, that we'll maintain on file if anyone would like a copy.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR
RMLA MEMBERSHIP, THIS IS
YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.**

PROFILE OF AN RMLA MEMBER

By Jane Robertson-Boudreaux

Mike and Dale Pettigrew--Overland Trail Llamas

Curiosity is not just a trait of our llamas; we humans have it too. Most of us are curious about the lifestyles of each other and the reasons we decided to own llamas. With this innate curiosity in mind we decided to look at an RMLA member this issue of the newsletter and see why our members became llama owners and active in the RMLA. Mike and Dale Pettigrew of Overland Trail Llamas in Livermore, Colorado agreed to share with us their experiences of how they came to be llama lovers.

After their college days with Mike earning his degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management and Dale a degree in secondary English education, these two "free spirits" decided that their degrees would confine them to easily to the eight to five world. Mike did not want to work for the government and Dale was not ready for teaching high school English. Their real desire was, as Dale put it, "to move back to the land and be self-sufficient." Mike rebuilt and operated wind generators as an alternate energy source. So it was only natural that they should look for a parcel of land on which to carry out their dreams.

They purchased their land in Livermore, Colorado, built their home, planted big gardens, and started beekeeping hoping to make honey their major source of cash income. Dale learned to spin and weave and backpacking was their recreation.

Dale reflects on those days, "Well, you know how plans don't always work out like you expect. The house took longer and cost more than anticipated; those wind generators were exciting, but...well, I'll let you ask Mike about them. The bees got sick and it became harder to find good productive sites for them. So, we had to return to the regular workforce. But we still managed some wilderness adventures."

One of those adventures took them to Alaska for a month-long river trip. Mike's oldest brother, Stuart, housesat for them. He was in charge of looking after the cats, houseplants, garden, chickens and a couple of remaining beehives. Little did Stuart know that he would experience and adventure of his own while Dale and Mike floated down a river in Alaska. Skunks got into the bees, and racoons attacked the chickens. When Mike and Dale arrived home Stuart offered them some sage advice--get a guard llama! He had heard that llamas are very territorial and were used to protect small livestock. He further armed his advice with action by sending them a brochure about Mt. Shasta Llamas after he returned to California. Now Dale and Mike had a new kind of seed on their hands, the seed idea of owning a llama.

That seed idea was destined to grow. Dale got a job with Interweave Press, a publisher of weaving and spinning books and magazines in Loveland. In the summer of 1983 Chris Switzer worked

on a special project for Interweave and during lunch told Dale about her llama. Chris gave Dale information about a llama conference in Santa Fe and with her vacation time Mike and Dale went to Santa Fe just out of curiosity.

The seed idea sprouted at that conference for three weeks after that they brought home their first three llamas, joined the RMLA, and subscribed to 3L Llama. Dale expressed the excitement of that time period, "I was enamoured with the idea of somebody else carrying my backpack, but Mike saw right away that there was the possibility of generating income from the land we lived on."

"Now in the six years since, our llamas have become the center of our lives, not just because they earn money for us, but mostly because of what they are--gentle, curious and great companions. They share our recreation time; they provide me fiber for my crafts; they have made us new friends; and they have taught us a lot about livestock management and training, patience and consistency. We both find much satisfaction in the routine of chores. And how could anyone not smile at a llama dance in the moonlight or the cavorting of brand new crias as they discover each other. We still work outside jobs, but have dreams of doing llamas full time. Now we have 11 productive females, 3 crias, a passle of boys, a couple of boarders and several pets for a total of 31 llamas."

Dale remarked that "being involved in RMLA is a natural extension of having llamas." Dale and Mike worked on the 1985 conference in Ft. Collins and Dale was a member of the Finance Committee that evolved from that conference. She chaired that committee before being elected treasurer of RMLA last year. They helped with the Fairplay Race and Roundup, participated in the NWSS as well as local parades and festivals.

This year was a particularly active one for Mike and Dale in the RMLA projects. As part of a team they worked on the book, Caring For Llamas. Mary Mauz coordinated the editing and revision work with Clare Hoffman, D.V.M., and Ingrid Asmus, the authors. Mary also researched printing companies and helped with the proofreading. Another member of the team, Judy Brock, put the manuscript on disc; Dan Schreiner drafted production schedules, generated promotional materials and solicited the funds to support the project. Erma Hast helped edit the mailings and got them printed and mailed. Mike was in charge of distribution which included manning a booth at ILA.

What are the new goals of these two active RMLA members? Dale said, "I want to learn to drive and do more spinning and weaving. Mike wants to do more packing. For us the most satisfaction with llamas comes from doing things with them. We'll always be an active part of RMLA because it is a 'can do' organization."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 9 -- Llamathon Challenge Trek '89 -- LaPlata Mountains, Mancos, CO
 Contact: 26700 Co. Rd. P, Dolores, CO 81323
 Challengers: Vagabond Llamas 303/533-7284
 Redwood Llamas 303/533-7835
 Four Seasons Llamas 303/565-6436
- Sept. 16 & 17 -- NM State Fair, Albuquerque, NM
 Contact: Mary Summers, Star Route, Box 303, Placitas, NM
 87043 505/867-3442
- Sept. 16 & 17 -- Spokane, WA Llama Show.
 Contact: Bruce David 509/924-2821
- Sept. 22-24 -- Oklahoma State Fair Llama Show. Contact: OK State Fair,
 PO Box 74943, Oklahoma City, OK 73147 405/948-6700
 or Jana Seikel 405/788-2753
- Sept. 23 & 24 -- Goldrush Show & Sale, Beef Palace, National Western
 Stock Show, Denver, CO
 Contact: Larry Golden, Rt. 2, Lockney, TX 79241
 806/652-2232/3196
- Sept. 29, 30 &
 Oct. 1 -- RMLA Conference, Steamboat Springs, CO
 Contact: Peter Nichols 303/879-7531
 Scott Welles 303/879-1059
 PO Box 881449, Steamboat Spgs., CO 80388
- Sept 29-Oct 1 -- GALA Annual Conference, Wheeling, WV
 Contact: Janie Deemer 412/222-0828
 Suzi White 412/222-2542, PO Box 54, Washington, PA
- Sept. 30 -- AG Day, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO
 Contact: Dale Pettigrew, 168 Emerald Mt. Ct.,
 Livermore, CO 80536 303/493-2335
- Sept 30-Oct 1 -- Annual Wool Festival, Taos, NM
 Contact: Marty Lordierat 719/657-3435
- Oct. 7 -- Driving Clinic(See Classifieds for more information)
 Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Training Center, 14550 W. 50th Ave.,
 Golden, CO 80403 303/277-1129
- Oct 7 & 8 -- 1989 ILA Jamboree, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH
 Contact: Connie Kauffman 614/967-7777
- Oct 12-15 -- Omaha, NE- Hartman's Fall Classic Ak-Sar-Ben
 Contact: Fred Hartman, Rt. 3, Tecumseh, NE 68450
 402/335-3677
- Oct. 20 & 21 -- Celebrity Llama Show & Sale, Oklahoma City, OK
 Contact: Tim & Nancy Simmons, PO Box 70, Herald, CA 93638
 309-748-2230
 Tim & Teresa Vincent, 19315 Pinehurst Rd.,
 Bend, OR 97701 503/389-7114

- Nov. 4 & 5 -- Sunshine States Llama Association Fall Conference
Contact: Myra Freeman, Rt. 1, Box 279, Williamston, SC 39697
803/225-6217
- Nov. 5-8 -- Four-Day TEAM Training Workshop with Robyn Hood and Marty McGee.
Class limited to 16 participants, Class from 9-5 daily.
Contact: Carol Landsberg, 38445 Overview Drive,
Temecula, CA 92390 (San Diego area) 714/676-6163
- Nov. 9 -- TEAM Training Workshop - a one-day hands-on workshop with
Marty McGee offering the basics of TEAM. Limited
Registration.
Contact: Carol Landsberg, 38445 Overview Drive
Temecula, CA 92390 (San Diego area) 714/676-6163
- Jan 19-24 '90 -- Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show - Ft. Worth, TX
For llama events, Contact: Carol Ann Tallmon, 817/281-5345
- Feb 9-11 '90 -- Ski TEAM Clinic with Marty McGee, McCall, ID
Contact: Nancy or Cutler Umbach, Tox 172, McCall, ID 83638
208/634-5318
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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

I would like to thank my committee, Luanne G. Williams and L.G. Williams, for their help this past year. They helped make the job a little easier.

Things went fairly smooth for the most part once they got started. The biggest disappointment was the response of the Membership and the number of returned forms for Nominees. 20 forms out of a Membership of over 200 is NOT a good percentage. I hope it was due to a "getting lost in the pile" instead of a lack of interest! As a result I am asking that there be a change by the BOD in the Election Policy that allows for LESS time between the opening and closing of Nominations for the coming year to see if this will help. Many Thanks to those who did respond.

Lu Williams, Chrm. Nominating Committee

A CHILDRENS BOOK ABOUT LLAMAS:

Two elementary teachers, Helen Kienlen and Lois Sandercock, have just completed a delightful children's book about llamas. LLAMAS was conceived because, quoting Helen, "There was no information nor any books about llamas in our town. Because we felt that llamas were proving to be such popular and interesting animals we thought children should know about them". Lois and Helen had planned for years, they taught second grade together for 15 years, to write childrens' books.

When they retired the project began to materialize. For several months Helen and Lois spent as much time as possible observing llama habits, their stately carriage, and new crias at the Pfour Pfrangle Llama Pfarm. Photography sessions were fun and the art work for the book, illustrated by J.R. Bower, was done in watercolor pencil from those pictures.

"Getting published in a small town is no easy task", says Helen, "When the story and pictures were finally co-ordinated we were ready!" After many sessions with the Serlkay Publishing Company of Worland the book was on its way.

LLAMAS came off the press May 20, 1989 just in time for the authors to attend LOVE A LLAMA DAY in Sheridan, Wyoming and the INTERNATIONAL LLAMA CONFERENCE in Salt Lake City, Utah where their book has been very popular.


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