

Here is my attempt to chronologically the ARI BOD discussion and actions regarding EPD development & specifically the Butt cut Sample vs. Staple Profile Sample comparison. All information comes directly from the BOD minutes as posted from the ARI website

Note: Although it is not noted in any of the ARI meeting minutes Neil Padgett presented compiled information sometime after September 2009. Board members at the time have attested to this through their responses in various alpaca related public chat discussions. I begin this outline beginning Oct 2009.

ARI BOD Meeting Oct 14 2009

6.0 Old Business

6.4 EPD Fiber Testing: There was extensive discussion regarding adding Fiber Profile testing to the other items collected for ARI EPD. Wayne Robinson moved that we start to collect staple length testing data, on the condition that it also include butt testing, and that the collection be instituted in the first quarter of 2010. Deb Hill seconded and the motion carried unanimously. An ARIGram will be sent within 30 days explaining that staple profile data will be collected for study, but that at this time we have no plans to calculate EPDs using that data.

6.5 EPD Calculation Software: Shauna Brummet shared Dr. Enns' proposal for establishing a database for the ARI EPD and the costs involved. Deb Hill made the motion that we move forward with development of a final proposal and subsequent contract with Dr. Enns of Colorado State University. The motion was seconded by Shauna Brummet and the motion carried unanimously.

6.6 EPD Communication / Education: tabled

November 11 2009

3.2 EPD Fiber Testing: Darby provided the board with several letters written by five fiber authorities for the board to review regarding staple profile testing versus butt cut testing.

3.4 EPD Program Review: Darby provided statistics for the submissions made to the ARI EPD program.

November 23, 2009

1.0 General Topics

1.1 The Board met with an EPD vendor from 6:30pm to 7:00pm eastern

December 6, 2009

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 The meeting opened at 6:30 PM. Shauna Brummet moved that we enter Executive Session. Deb Hill seconded, the motion carried and the Board entered Executive Session at 6:31 PM. At 8:26 PM EST, president Bruce Beatty took the Board out of Executive Session.

December 7, 2009

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 A motion was made by Shauna Brummet and seconded by Jim King to enter Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered Executive Session at 6:45 PM EST. Darby Vannier and the guest EPD Vendor were asked to join Executive Session at 6:46 PM EST.

December 9, 2009

3.3 EPD Program Review: The Board felt that our meeting with Dr. Mark Enns was positive. Shauna Brummet made a motion to proceed with developing a contract to run a pilot EPD program with Dr. Mark Enns. The motion was seconded by Deb Hill and carried unanimously.

January 13, 2010

3.5 EPD Program Review: There was discussion regarding the ARI EPD program. Darby reported that the development of the contract for Dr. Enns is progressing well. Deb Hill made a motion to table the ARIGram regarding **fiber testing** for EPDs. Shauna Brummet seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

February 10, 2010

3.3 EPD Program Review: Dr. Enns has signed the contract for the preliminary work to be done with the initial EPD data ARI has gathered. Dr. Enns has informed ARI that the initial analysis will be completed by the end of May, and he has agreed to send updates regarding his progress to Darby Vannier twice a month. This preliminary analysis will help determine which traits the ARI EPD program will analyze initially, although it will continue to collect other data as well.

March 6, 2010

3.3 EPD Program Review: Tom Edic is working with Dr. Mark Enns regarding the computer programming for recording EPD data and reporting EPD results. Dr. Enns has been sent the necessary EPD computer structure as well as data, and is impressed with what he has so far. Dr. Enns thinks that he can take the EPD data accurately back 3 generations.

March 10, 2010

2.1 EPD Program Review: The board discussed the future progress of the EPD program

March 17, 2010 EPD not discussed

April 7, 2010

3.3 Scientific Testing Update: Darby Vannier and Shauna Brummet reported that investigations are proceeding as planned.

May 5, 2010

3.2 Scientific Testing Update: Darby Vannier reported that DNA testing will shift to DNA Diagnostic Center (DDC) the week of May 24th. Shauna Brummet added that DDC has accomplished identifying 18 markers using 3 reactions. DDC hopes that with further work and analysis, they will be able to reduce the reactions for the 18 markers to 2. Shauna has also discussed with the scientists at DDC the need to sequence all of the alpaca markers in order to be better prepared to deal with more difficult cases such as a spontaneous mutation.

3.5 EPD Program Update: Work continues on the EPDs with data continuing to be submitted.

May 20, 2010

4.4 EPD Program Update: The Board discussed contracts for analysis of the EPD data.

June 9, 2010

3.3 EPD Program Update: Darby Vannier reported that Dr. Enns is moving along with the EPD pilot project and is going well. Darby also related that progress with changes to accommodate the EPD results on the website continue. ARI Attorney Sheri Visani is working on the development of contracts for the management and analysis of the ARI EPD program.

July 14, 2010

3.2 EPD Program Update: Darby Vannier gave the board a quick update on the progress with the EPD Program. Dr. Enns informed Darby that he should have EPD Data to report in September. ARI Attorney

Sheri Visani continues to work on the development and finalization of contracts for the management and analysis of the ARI EPD program.

July 28, 2010 EPD not discussed

August 23, 2010

3.5 EPD Program Discussion: Discussion occurred in executive session regarding contracts for the EPD Program

September 6, 2010

Special Meeting to Discuss the EPD Program

A motion to take the Board into executive session was made by Bruce Beatty and seconded by Jim King. Motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered executive session at 4:06 pm EDT.

A motion to take the Board out of executive session was made by Jim King with the second from Andy Merriwether. Motion carried unanimously, and the board left executive session at 6:30 pm EDT.

September 13, 2010

3.5 EPD Program Discussion: There was discussion regarding the EPD program including contracts for managing the EPDs, as well as website changes to accommodate the EPD Data.

September 30, 2010 EPD not discussed

October 6, 2010

1.1 EPD Program Contract discussion: Discussion regarding EPD contracts continued.

October 11, 2010

3.3 EPD Program Discussion: There was additional Board discussion regarding the EPD program contracts.

November 1, 2010

3.2 IAC Contract Approval: Wayne Robinson moved that ARI enter into and close the Purchase Agreement with Ideal Alpaca Community as presented, to enter into the Consulting/Noncompetition Agreement with Mike Safley as presented, and to enter into the Quechua Benefit Purchase Agreement in a form substantially similar to what is presented. Bruce Beatty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4.1 EPD ARIGram: Motion to approve sending an ARIGram announcing the posting of the EPDs (Arigram 7-18) was made by Bonnie Potter and seconded by Jim King. Motion carried unanimously.

November 15, 2010

1.1 EPD Contracts: There was additional discussion regarding contracts related to EPDs.

November 22, 2010

1.1 EPD Discussion: There was lengthy discussion regarding the imminent publication of the EPD results.

December 13, 2010

3.1 ARI-IAC Consolidation: Mike Safley joined the call at 7:00 PM and left the meeting at 8:10 PM. During that time, the new ariLIST website, education of members regarding EPDs, potential research from EPD data, and search engine optimization, were discussed.

January 10, 2011

Old Business:

3.1 ARI-IAC Consolidation: Darby Vannier gave an update on the transition of the IAC data into the ARI EPD Database. There have been a few difficulties retrieving and organizing the IAC data for inclusion, so it is taking more time than initially anticipated, but it will happen. In a few days, the ARI Staff will begin calling those IAC members who have not returned consent forms to ask them about their participation.

3.2 ariLIST Update: Darby Vannier asked that the board address 3 issues associated with ariList: The first of these is the use of EPD Accuracy versus EPD Prediction Error when describing the confidence rating of an EPD. After some discussion the majority of the members present at the meeting felt that the use of EPD Accuracy was the better option. The second issue regarded the availability of EPD Selection Tools for usage. The Board consensus was that the selection tools initially should only be available to ariList members to use. The third item discussed was whether alpaca histogram data would be visible to the public. It was decided by the Board that alpaca owners should be permitted to decide whether their alpaca's histogram should be visible to the public.

February 2, 2011 ARI EPD Meeting Minutes

This was a lengthy meeting, I'm including a hyperlink for the readers view. Summary: nothing about butt cuts / along fiber testing was noted in minutes.

February 9, 2011

3.1 EPD Discussion:

Archive Farm: There was brief discussion about the former IAC Archive Farm.

Fleece Weight: The Board discussed modifying how members acquire and report fleece weights for inclusion as data to calculate EPDs. The current method requesting that owners weigh alpacas before and after shearing is difficult for some. The Board decided to modify the language on the form so that collecting fleece weights is more flexible permitting members to weigh their alpacas' fleeces in bags without weighing their alpacas. It is important to convey that whatever method is used by the breeder, that the method be consistent for all alpaca fleeces submitted for EPD.

ariList and AIMS: Andy Merriwether requested that an additional search field be added to include all of each of a color group, for instance an option to search all fawns in addition to the current options to search light fawns, medium fawns, and dark fawns. The Board agreed that this would be a good addition to both websites.

3.2 Member Issue: Wayne Robinson brought 2 member issues to the Board regarding registration difficulties with a single breeder. He and Darby Vannier will try to work with the breeders involved to resolve the difficulties.

February 21, 2011 EPD not discussed

No march minutes have been submitted as of 3/30/2010