



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
Wednesday April 11, 2012
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Hastings, Tracey Gaul, Carol Millard, Deb Elias, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Terry Beal, Kathleen Patterson

Board Members Absent: Miranda Brown, Erika Cadreact, Chuck Leach (Industry Liaison)

Invited: Kelly Ralph

Conference 2012 Update

Kelly Ralph reported that keynote and paid speakers have committed to the Conference.

Requests from Kelly:

- that her committee be allowed to use the BOD conference toll free phone line, as conference calls for her committee have been expensive
- that, as has been done in the past, each member of the BOD raises \$100.00 for Conference sponsorship or pay that amount themselves.

Kelly asked the BOD if they know anyone willing to assume the responsibilities of tent manager for the Conference.

There is a Conference logo; The purchase item is the 25th Anniversary 2013 calendar. Guidelines for photo submissions to the calendar project will be in the newsletter. Carol Millard requested that sponsorship paperwork be emailed to the BOD. Paul Hastings requested, from Kelly, a list of speakers as well as a monthly update on Conference planning. Terry Beal encouraged that a conference planning session be included in the session offerings.

Kelly reported that she is pleased with her committee and their work on the Conference.

In response to Kelly's update, the BOD will all work to promote the Conference and get sponsors, but is not willing to commit each member to a specific dollar amount.

Jane Hamilton-Merritt will report to the BOD on the details of Conference committee phone use in order for BOD to decide on CC use of our phone line.

Paul Hastings will ask Miranda Brown to send a blast email to GALA membership requesting help with the animal tent.

Old Business

A. Approval of previous minutes:

Motion made by Terry Beal to approve March 2012 minutes as amended to read that Jane Hamilton-Merritt volunteered to be the Chair of Nominations/Elections Committee. Deb Elias seconded. **Motion approved**

B. Library addendum from Cynthia Rossi:

The Complete Library Report will be in the upcoming newsletter. Cynthia Rossi will continue on as GALA Librarian.

C. Audit results/discussion:

Carol Millard reported that her CPA does not have time until 'tax season ' is over to give us a quote on what his charges would be to do an annual audit for GALA, but suggested the cost might be \$500.00 - \$600.00 per audit. The BOD did not think that figure is too high. The BOD does not believe it is necessary to have a CPA do the audit. Since the BOD is not willing to pay a GALA member to do the audit, Paul Hastings will inform the BOD if he can identify any GALA members willing to volunteer their services to do the audit. Email approval of this offer will be made.

D. Committee charters/ establishment of committee:

Paul Hastings tabled discussion until next meeting in order to devote adequate time to the subject which will include Terry Beal's and Carol Millard's recommendations.

E. Facebook:

Paul Hastings reported that the number of visits to our page is up. Jane Hamilton-Merritt volunteered to speak with R.J. Stangerlin about why she removed Paul Hastings as Administrator of our Facebook page.

F. Any old business:

Motion made by Jane Hamilton-Merritt to purchase a QUICKBOOKS upgrade for \$184.00 before the offer expires. Terry Beal seconded. **Motion approved.**

Motion made by Tracey Gaul for Jane Hamilton-Merritt to chair the Nominations/Elections Committee and to find volunteers to be on that Committee. Carol Millard seconded. **Motion approved.**

New Business

A. Library Photos:

Kathleen Patterson reported that, as requested, Bob Patterson contacted Alexa Metrick to delete the line from Photo Contest guidelines stating that winning photos will be

archived in the Library. There was discussion of what to do with the photo contest winning photos that, in the past, had been donated to the GALA Library

B. Library Report for May meeting:

Deb Elias will ask Cynthia Rossi to update the BOD on her progress going forward with reorganizing the Library.

C. Camelid Community:

Deb Elias reported from Marc Page that he is going to Camelid Community meeting and that he is happy to represent GALA there. Paul Hastings requested that Marc read his report from the meeting at the GALA Conference. **Motion** made by Deb Elias to approve a \$200.00 stipend for Marc Page to attend the Camelid Community meeting. Jane Hamilton-Merritt seconded. **Motion approved.**

D. Camelid Reproduction meeting – Vancouver:

Information about the meeting will be listed on the GALA website.

E. Lars' old equipment:

Availability of the 2 chutes will be placed in the GALA newsletter and on the GALA website.

F. Anita's email:

Motion made by Jane Hamilton-Merritt that she sends to Anita Collins a letter accepting her offer to volunteer as GALA Archivist. Deb Elias seconded. **Motion approved.** Paul Hastings suggested creating an archive committee with Anita as committee chair.

G. Newsletter- Minutes posted to and article submission:

Discussion of posting GALA minutes to the website as well as putting them in the newsletter was tabled.

Next Meeting Date and Time May 9, 2012, 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Patterson, Secretary