



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference August 8, 2012

Meeting called to order by Paul Hastings at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: Terry Beal, Deb Elias, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Paul Hastings, Chuck Leach, Carol Millard, Carol Reigh

Absent: Tracey Gaul, Ericka Cadreact, Miranda Brown

1. Conference Update by Kelly Ralph: Registration Packets should be going to the printer by the end of the week and mailed out by the third week of August. Still need Sponsors and advertisers and donations for auction. Need pictures for the calendar to sell at conference.

2. Old Business

a. Responsibility Agreement—Discussion was held and the agreement was fine tuned. Carol Millard made a motion to accept the Responsibility Agreement with changes and it was seconded by Deb Elias. Unanimous vote to accept.

b. Discussion on Pat Elias' letter that was printed in the newsletter. Carol Reigh said she had several responses: "no to two venues, I like to go to different locations," "it should be left to the conference committee not the board," "if the board thinks the highest attendance is in these two locations, then we should have it there," "it is not fair for the people who have to travel the greatest distance," "not fair for the people in the host state," "it should be brought to the membership for discussion," "it should be left up to the conference chairs." Carol Millard said she had the same comments. A lengthy discussion ensued and no action was taken.

c. GALA Logo sizing: Paul said he had no response from Sara for a logo update and Deb Elias volunteered to contact Sara by phone.

d. Karen Conyngham sponsorship for Gov't relations: Carol Reigh made a motion to sponsor Karen on a yearly basis to the USAHA meeting in the amount of \$600. Motion failed due to lack of second. After a long discussion and many questions, Carol Reigh said she would contact Karen and the ILR to have some questions answered prior to a commitment of funds.

e. Committee Charters: Carol Millard and Terry Beal will have a final version for the board through email by the September Board meeting. The three charters they will present are web site, newsletter, and finance.

f. Other old business:

1. Jane Hamilton-Merritt asked if Mark Thaler's contract was sent out. Carol Millard said she received it from Paul on Aug. 4 and she sent it Aug. 7, 2012.
2. Jane Hamilton-Merritt also inquired about the 2 grooming chutes from Lars Garrison that were to be advertised via the newsletter and facebook page. Paul said he had sent an ad for the newsletter but he would send another one for the newsletter and get the ad on the facebook page with pictures.

3. New Business

- a. An email blast should be sent to Miranda for sponsorship for the conference
- b. Jane Hamilton-Merritt brought up that the llama presence at the BigE is in jeopardy because there is no llama in the Farmarama building, no llama presence in the Fiber Nook and the llama show may disappear after Betsy Booth retires. These are serious concerns and GALA was asked to help find volunteers. The BigE runs Sept 14-30. Marc Page will be doing several presentations on the 16th, 21st, and 29th but we need volunteers on a daily basis. Jane said she would ask Marc to write something up to be put on the GALA website and facebook page. For over 20 years llamas have had a presence at the Big E. Discussion was held on the GALA Display being put up at the Show. it was decided that Paul Hastings would get an extra stall for the display and Carol Millard will try to solicit people to man the booth.
- c. Carol Reigh suggested conference calls should be every other month to save GALA some money and that much of the discussion could be accomplished via email.
- d. Deb Elias asked about the new newsletter editor and Carol Reigh said that Joanne Beckman had volunteered to take over so Joann and Alexa will work out the transition and RJ Stangherlin volunteered to proofread and help. Discussion was held on finding an Advertising Editor to replace what Cynthia Barkman did.
- e. Carol Millard cannot make Wednesday night meetings in Sept, and Oct.
- f. Deb Elias reminded Paul to set up the Annual Face to Face Board of Directors meeting at the annual conference since the registration packets are going to print.

4. Next Meeting is September 11, 2012 7:00p.m.

5. Adjourn: At 8:43 a motion was made by Carol Millard to adjourn and Jane Hamilton-Merritt seconded it and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Reigh

