



## Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Annual Membership Meeting  
November 9, 2012

In attendance: Terry Beal, Miranda Brown, Deb Elias, Tracey Gaul, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Chuck Leach, Carol Millard, Carol Reigh.

Absent: Paul Hastings

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Tracey Gaul at 5:20 p.m.

The BOD were introduced to the membership and a special thank you was given to Kelly Ralph, conference chair, for all of her hard work on the conference.

Approval of minutes: Pat Elias moved to accept the minutes as printed in the Feb 2012 newsletter. Seconded by Gary Ralph and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Audit for 2010 and 2011 was finished and if anyone wanted to see the actual report to contact Carol Millard. Carol Millard also updated the membership that she was creating a budget.

Library Report: Deb Elias read a report from the GALA librarian, Cynthia Rossi, detailing the library uses. The Bod did approve \$200 for library expenses.

Charter Committees: Terry Beal gave a short power point on the Charter Committees. Members are needed to serve on a Finance, Newsletter, Web Site/Social Media, and the Long Range Planning Charters where they can lend their expertise and/or time. Another area that needs volunteers is the conference committee.

Membership: Miranda Brown reported that membership had dropped to 236. She also explained the change in membership year to Jan 1 to Dec 31. Directory deadline is Jan 30 and the Directory will come out in March.

Medical Research Report: Chuck Leach gave the report for Hilary Ware as our representative to LMRG (Llama Medical Research Group). Presently there is no research to fund.

Camelid Community 2012: Marc Page reported that the Camelid Community put together two new brochures—"Use of the Camelid as Therapy Animals" and "Packing with llamas and alpacas" which can be found on the ICI website ([www.icinfo.org](http://www.icinfo.org)).

Election Committee: Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Election Committee Chair, shared the results of the 2012 elections. Congratulations to Don Hines, Kelly Ralph, and Sandy Page as new GALA BOD members.

Reorganization of the Board—Chuck Leach explained the re organization of the board and the up and coming by-law changes for the future.

Old Business:

Anita Collins, GALA Archivist, reported all materials have been transferred from Cynthia Rossi to Anita's and they were already organized. Anita has already received a request for an article from a Graduate Student. Anita will also be making up a list of missing items to share with the membership.

New Business:

Jane Hamilton-Merritt welcomed Joanne Beckmann as our new newsletter editor and thanked Alexa Metrick for her time of service as Editor.

Tracey Gaul formally thanked Kelly Ralph, 2012 Conference Chair and all of the committee members for a job well done.

Carol Reigh gave a plug for someone to consider chairing a conference. She also encouraged interested parties to attend Anita Collin's session on "how to plan a conference."

Jane Hamilton-Merritt explained what the Public Day was to be about and the time was 2-4 on Saturday.

Karen Baum also spoke on the ILR and said to contact her with any suggestions/comments/questions.

At 6:10 Ron Caruso made a motion to adjourn and Pat Elias seconded it and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Reigh