



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
March 6, 2013
Convened at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Chuck Leach, Terry Beal, Sandy Page, Deb Elias, Carol Reigh, Carol Millard, Don Hines, Kelly Ralph, Tracey Gaul.

Minute Approval: Carol Millard made a motion to approve the Jan. 9, 2013 minutes and Terry Beal seconded it. The motion passed.

Treasurers report (see attached): Terry Beal made a motion, with a second by Carol Reigh, to accept Don Hines, Chuck Leach, and Carol Millard (Chair) to serve on a Finance Committee. Motion passed.

Terry Beal made a motion with a second from Sandy Page to accept the 2012 Review Report from the accountant. Motion passed.

Terry Beal made a motion with a second from Deb Elias for the accountant that did the 2012 Review to also file the taxes for this year. Motion Passed.

GALA Address Change: In an effort to save GALA money, a motion was made by Sandy Page and seconded by Carol Millard to keep our current mailing address through December 2013 but to officially make the change over on November 8, 2013. The new address will be GALA, 409 Buck Hollow Rd., Birdsboro, PA 19508. Motion passed.

A discussion was held on the expense of the election process but the consensus was to explore other possibilities in the future but to keep the process the same for now.

Sandy Page will look into getting the election manual in a digital format so it can be more easily moved to the next committee.

Bob Frost Membership Scholarship: We do have a recipient for 2012 (Charlotte Sanford-Crane from Cornell). The board is seeking someone to head up this selection process by contacting vet schools in the GALA region and soliciting recommendations of students. There is an application process in place so we just need someone to manage this item. Carol Millard will put a request in the next newsletter.

A short discussion was held on saving data backup files in DROPBOX for important data that needs to be transferred or shared such as the membership list, financial data base. Carol Millard will look into it further.

Andrea Tibbetts' Request for Funding Individuals for Pet Therapy Certification:

The Board is encouraging Andrea to place an article in the next Newsletter to promote Pet Therapy Certification and to highlight her need for support for those individuals she is working with. This will alert members that may wish to help support this endeavor for our youth. As this certification is really just a benefit for individuals, the Board was unable to commit membership funds that should be used for the betterment of the industry as a whole.

Old Business: Special Projects and/or Reports

2013 Conference Report: Tracey Gaul reported that the conference is going strong with a very active committee and a great line up of Key note Speakers: Kay Patterson, John Mallon, Tami Lash, Kristi Brown, DVM, and Judy Ross.

USAHA Proposal: GALA members Carol Reigh and Chuck Leach along with Karen Conyingham have been working on helping the ILR fund the USAHA seat. Carol Reigh suggested that GALA commit \$300 to aid in funding the seat. Carol Millard made a motion for GALA to make a donation of \$300 to the ILR for the United States Animal Health Association funding for 2014 to be included in subsequent GALA budgets. The motion passed.

GALA Survey: Terry Beal asked for the GALA Board members to review and get their final suggestions in so he can get this survey finished and out to the membership.

2014 GALA Calendar: Schuyler Merritt has volunteered to do the calendar for 2014. Don Hines volunteered to serve on the 2014 Calendar Committee.

Old Business: Committee Reports

Membership Report and Campaign: Membership has increase by 12% since the 2012 conference to the present. We moved from 226 members to 254. Miranda Brown and Jane Hamilton-Merritt presented their Membership Campaign to the board for suggestions and approval. Carol Millard made a motion to accept the membership campaign to be launched on March 15, 2013 and it was seconded by Terry Beal. Motion carried.

Nominations/Elections Committee: Sandy Page is seeking 2 members to serve on her committee. The search continues.

Corporate Sponsorship: Kelly Ralph is working hard on finding corporate sponsors and has several applications submitted but many corporate funds have already been committed for 2013.

New Business:

GALA Inventory: Tracey Gaul has put together a list of GALA property and where it is being stored. All of this will be shared with to the conference committee.

GALA Website: Terry Beal suggested that RJ Stangherlin be asked to submit a proposal to do the GALA website.

Joanne Beckmann's resignation: Sandy Page made a motion to accept Joanne Beckmann's resignation as Newsletter Editor and it was seconded by Carol Millard. Motion passed.

Campaign to recruit both a permanent Newsletter Editor and an Advertising Manager:

Sandy Page will write up a job description for the Advertising Manager and Carol Millard will ask Jane Dunstan and Shari Templeton and Linda Brown to write up a job description for the Newsletter editor. Both of these positions will be advertised in the newsletter and on the website.

Temporary Editor for the Newsletter: Carol Reigh made a motion to accept Schuyler Merritt's offer to produce the May and, if need be, August newsletter while we find a permanent replacement. Tracey Gaul seconded it and the motion was passed. Carol Reigh, Marc Page, Bev Vienkowski and Jane Hamilton-Merritt volunteered to serve as an Advisory Committee to the Newsletter Editor.

Tracey Gaul made a motion to adjourn and Kelly Ralph seconded it and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Next meeting is May 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Reigh