



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
7 p.m. March 12, 2014

In attendance: Kelly Ralph, Terry Beal, Carol Millard, Bob Wolfe, Barb Baker, Sandy Page, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Carol Reigh, Chuck Leach.

Secretary's Report: Carol Millard made a motion to accept the minutes with a 2nd by Terry Beal. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Baker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for audit with a second by Bob Wolfe. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Newsletter Committee: We would like Heather Baylis to do the next three issues of the GALA Newsletter and the Newsletter Advisory Committee will be supporting and assisting her with these three issues.

Eblast Policy: Sandy Page drew up a policy for Eblasts. Carol Millard made a motion to table the policy until the next meeting in May. Second by Jane Hamilton-Merritt.

Website Disclaimer: The website committee will work on a disclaimer. Carol Millard has one and will distribute for discussion at the next meeting.

Membership Drive: A membership drive for 2015 will be discussed at the October meeting.

Nominations/Elections Committee: Lynne Pomerleau volunteered to head the committee.

Website: The committee will get some questions together for the Board to get their thoughts on using more electronic communications.

Accounting of GALA Items: The list was corrected to read that Carol Reigh does not have the GALA felted yurt panel. It was last seen at the 2013 conference. Kelly will check with Katrina Capasso about this and other items not accounted for yet.

Mentoring Project Update: Barb Baker reported on the work of the mentoring committee. A list of informational categories is being developed and a mentoring session will be offered at the 2014 conference.

Photo Contest: Bob Wolfe reported that last year's winning photos are on the web site, and they will be used on the cover of the future newsletters.

New Business:

We need to find a replacement for Board Member Don Hines who resigned earlier this year. Kelly Ralph is in the process of finding a replacement.

Scholarship for Intern: Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion to give \$500 to support a request from Elissa Mopper and Kellyn McNulty, third year vet students at Tufts, to aid in the expense of attending a week long Camelid course offered by Dr. Stephen Purdy in Amherst, Mass. Barb Baker seconded it and the motion carried. The Board approved the \$500 expenditure but with the caveat that it is a one-time only and that a policy will need to be put in place for any future such requests.

Jane Hamilton-Merritt made the motion to accept Katrina Capasso's policy guidelines for all Promotional Information and Social Media with a second by Barb Baker. The motion passed.

Conference Update: Terry Beal announced all is going well.

At 9:09 Barb Baker made a motion to adjourn with a second by Carol Reigh.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Reigh