



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
Wednesday , May 7, 2014 7:10 p.m.

In attendance: Kelly Ralph, Carol Millard, Carol Reigh, Terry Beal, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Sandy Page, Barb Baker, Bob Wolfe and Chuck Leach (entered the meeting at 8:00)

A motion was made by Carol Millard and seconded by Barb Baker to accept the minutes from March 2, 2014. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Wolfe and seconded by Barb Baker to accept the report from the independent accountant and file for the Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Terry Beal and seconded by Jane Hamilton-Merritt to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion carried.

E-Blast Policy: A motion was made by Carol Millard and seconded by Terry Beal to accept the following e-blast policy:

GALA Board of Directors (BOD) and any GALA member who is either a committee or conference chair are entitled to use email blasts to inform the membership of important information or events. The BOD feels that using emails blasts is in line with GALA's mission to educate as well as to promote and advance the interests of the camelid community as a whole.

Members using email blasts need to adhere to the following procedure:

1. Email blasts to the membership will be sent out by the membership chairperson only, unless approved otherwise by the BOD.
2. The Membership chair will regulate the flow of e-mail blasts so as to not overload members receiving such e-mails.
3. Some GALA members do not use e-mail. When an e-mail blast is considered, the person or committee composing the e-mail will decide if the information contained in the e-mail needs to be conveyed to those who do not use e-mail and, if so will obtain the required addresses and will take responsibility for sending the information to all recipients. Addresses of these members will be obtained from the Membership chair.
4. If the person or committee composing the e-mail blast feels that further communication via the website might be warranted, they will work with the webmaster to determine the best course of action.

Website Disclaimer: A motion was made by Barb Baker and seconded by Bob Wolfe to accept the website disclaimer as presented by Carol Millard. Motion carried.

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Board Vacancy: A motion was made by Carol Millard and seconded by Carol Reigh to invite Josh Meador to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Don Hines. Josh is a young man and has been involved with llamas for 15 years. He has worked on several farms, shears, and shows. A discussion followed, vote taken, and the motion carried.

Financial Support for the USAHA: Carol Reigh asked since it is in the budget to support the USAHA seat, do we have to vote on it each year? The answer is “no” but a reminder might be in order especially when the GALA books change hands.

Conference Call collaboration: Carol Reigh brought up the idea of working under the conference call umbrella with the ILR to save both organizations money. Carol R. will look into it is further.

Conference Update: Speakers are in place, excitement is high and this will be a conference to remember. Sponsorship are needed and the Board was challenged to help with obtaining sponsorships.

Jane Hamilton-Merritt is heading the campaign to solicit conference chairs for 2015 and 2016 conferences.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Jane Hamilton-Merritt and seconded by Barb Baker to adjourn at 8:22. Motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for July 2, 2014