



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Face to Face Meeting
October 23, 2014 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Kelly Ralph, Terry Beal, Sandy Page, Barb Baker, Bob Wolfe, Carol Reigh, Carol Millard, Tom Hudgin and Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Chuck Leach

Secretary's Report: Bob Wolfe made a motion with a second by Carol Millard to approve the minutes from September 3, 2014. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Millard reported that there were no financials generated since the last Board meeting but the next Quarterly financials will be a draft of the full year 2014 at the January Board meeting. Carol Millard also relayed that the on-line registrations for the conference via PayPal went very smoothly from her end. Barb Baker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for audit with a second by Sandy Page. Motion passed.

Membership: Kelly Ralph asked if the Board wanted to do another membership which proved to be so successful. Several ideas were discussed as to how the contest should be run. It was proposed that instead of the highest number of new memberships recruited wins the prize, that every new member recruited, gives you a chance in a drawing for grand prize of a single conference registration. The more new members you recruit, the more chances you have at winning. The drive will run from the conference date to August 31, 2015.
See Miranda's end of the year report for specific numbers.

Newsletter: Heather Baylis resigned as the newsletter editor after the production of the November newsletter. Tom Hudgin made a motion for the Newsletter Committee to recommend a candidate to the Board and to help produce a new contract. The motion was seconded by Barb Baker and the motion passed.

Educational Assistance Policy: Sandy Page worked on providing guidelines and soliciting input from the Board on this policy. Carol Reigh made a motion to accept the Educational Assistance Policy with a second by Bob Wolfe. The motion passed.

501 (c) 3: Chuck Leach reported on developing GALA into a 501 (c) 3. After some discussion the Board considered it too costly to pursue at this time. Sandy Page made a motion to not pursue efforts of developing a GALA a 501 (c) 3 at this time with a second by Carol Millard. Motion passed.

Photo Contest: Bob Wolfe said that there were 37 photos entered in the photo contest which was up from the 19 entries from last year. With \$259 entry fees and \$300 budgeted for awards, the contest came in under budget after awarding \$520 in prize money. The photos were judged for free by a professional photographer.

Bob Frost Membership Scholarship: Carol Millard said that GALA still needs someone to spearhead this award. Contact a Board member if you are interested.

Election Results: Kelly Ralph reported for Lynn Pomerleau that 104 people voted and all three candidates who ran were elected to the Board starting in 2015. Jane Hamilton-Merritt and Terry Beal were re-elected and Josh Meador will be joining the Board for the first time.

Llama Medical Research: Terry Beal reported for Hilary Ware that at this time more information is needed before making a recommendation to support any particular project.

Camelid Community: Barb Baker informed us about the 2014 Camelid Community's "Fiber as a Business" conference. Barb said it was very successful with 130 total registrations. One of the most important outcomes is that camelid fiber co-ops, pools and several mills are working together with the USDA to establish consistent, useful criteria that will allow for reporting of actual, provable sales transactions of camelid fiber by the USDA Livestock, Wool and Grain Service. This will bring credibility to our fiber industry."

The Camelid Community is planning a Camelid Jamboree Sept 19-20 in Elsworth, WI with the aim at bringing new people into the industry.

Nominations and Election of 2015 Officers: Kelly Ralph was nominated as President, Terry Beal as Vice President, Carol Reigh as Secretary and Carol Millard as Treasurer. Barb Baker made a motion to close the nominations and call for a vote in favor of this slate of candidates for 2015. Tom Hudgins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Terry Beal made a motion to adjourn at 6:43p.m. Barb Baker seconded it and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Reigh