



## Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference  
September 3, 2014 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Kelly Ralph, Sandy Page, Barb Baker, Bob Wolfe, Chuck Leach, Terry Beal, Carol Millard, Tom Hudgins.

**Absent:** Carol Reigh, Jane Hamilton-Merritt

**Secretary's Report:** Carol Millard made a motion and Barb Baker seconded to accept the July 2, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol Millard reported that the finances seem to be in line with the budget for this time of year. Bob Wolfe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and file for audit. Barb Baker seconded it and the motion carried.

**Newsletter:** Carol Millard reported that she and Heather Baylis have been having difficulty connecting to go over the newsletter contract. Carol Millard presented to the board a preliminary list of items to include in an agreement with a newsletter editor. Some suggestions were made by the Board to make the agreement less stringent so as not to stifle creativity on the part of the editor. Carol Millard and the Newsletter Advisory Committee will continue to formulate an agreement to be put in place by the first of the new year (2015). The contract will be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

**Mentoring Project:** Barb Baker reported that she and Marc Page will be putting an agenda together for the Conference Presentation on Mentoring. Their intent is to define the word Mentor and discuss GALA's vision of what the program should look like.

**GALA Educational Assistance Policy:** Sandy Page presented a draft of ideas for the policy. A discussion ensued and Sandy asked for suggestions to be emailed to her.

**Non Profit Status:** Chuck Leach shared his discussion with Glen Pfefferkorn of the Willamette Valley Llama Association concerning converting GALA into a 501(c)3. Pfefferkorn had much to share as his organization just finished the long and onerous process. GALA would have to re-organize as two different entities with two different Boards (a GALA Board and a Foundation Board). The endowment funds would be transferred over to the Foundation. A 501©3 will allow donations to be tax deductible and they would have to go to the Foundation. All of the verbiage to make this happen needs to satisfy the IRS. The question remains, do we want to do this?

**Ambassador Cards:** Jane Hamilton-Merritt has reported that the Ambassador Cards were well received and members would like to have cards for their farms and to hand out at shows. People suggested printing only 2 types of cards (one with a llama and one with an alpaca) and that the photos be a little more endearing. Sandy Page asked "how would the cards be available to the members?"

**Conference Update:** Terry Beal reported the bad news that John Mallon suddenly and unexpectedly would not be able to attend the conference. Hilary and Terry will come up with a replacement. As of this minute, there are only 27 signed up for the conference but the hotel reservation list suggested about 20 more should be signing up.

**Search for 2015 Conference Chairs:** Tom Hudgins suggested that having co-chairs might be more successful than just trying to find a single chair for the conference. He also shared his success in making personal calls to solicit volunteers.

**Photo Contest:** Bob Wolf reported that there were only 7 photos submitted so far and he will be sending out an email blast as a reminder. The entries will be judged by a professional photographer.

**Membership Drive:** Tabled until October

At 8:19 p.m. Barb Baker made a motion to adjourn with a second by Tom Hudgins. Motion carried.