



## Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference  
March 11, 2015 7 p.m.

**Present:** Josh Meador, Terry Beal, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Carol Reigh, Barb Baker, Bob Wolfe, Tom Hudgin, Sandy Page, Carol Millard until 8:15. **Absent:** Kelly Ralph, Chuck Leach

**Secretary's Report:** Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion with a second by Bob Wolfe to accept the minutes from Jan 7, 2015. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Wolfe made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with a second from Sandy Page. The motion passed. Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion to accept the budget with an amendment to include \$300 Photo Contest income and \$600 Photo Contest Expense. (This will be done each year in order to supplement the Photo Contest with adequate awards.) and a second was made by Barb Baker. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Mentoring:** Barb Baker reported that the "roll out" date is May 1, 2015 and a web page tab for mentoring will be available at this time. A letter explaining the program along with a postcard to be copied and distributed will be sent to the membership. Barb Baker and Marc Page will have a mentoring packet to go to the mentors via email.

**Conference 2015:** Carol Reigh reported that most speakers have been asked and accepted. The line up includes: Dr. Marcella Aba from Argentina, Kay Patterson Temple, John Mallon, Niki Kuklenski, Dr. Patrick Long and Sara Bixler from the Mannings. Location is the Inn at Reading in Wyomissing PA and John Graham, the magician from the 2010 conference, will be performing again. Thirty tickets will be made available to the community for \$25 to 1. hug a llama, 2. see the Magician and 3. shop at the vendors. The conference will also have a Fractured Nursery Rime Slam and an Ornament contest in the Fiber Room. The committee asked the Board members to each raise \$100 in sponsorship money.

**Nominating/Elections:** Lynne Pomerleau is handling the elections and heading up the committee.

**Newsletter Advisory:** Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported that Loretta Radeschi is adjusting well to the position of GALA newsletter editor. She is very professional, easy to work with, and has innovative ideas. Jane also reported that Katrina Capasso, responsible for Newsletter advertising, is effectively soliciting new advertisers.

### **New Business:**

**Medical Research:** Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion with a second by Carol Reigh to provide \$6,644 from the operating funds to The Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine for a study on the Anthelmintic effects of Eprinomectin on larval stages of *Parelaphostrongylus tenuis*. This study will be performed by Dr. Daniela Bedenice and Dr. John M. Pollock. The motion passed.

Sandy Page made a motion with a second by Barb Baker to provide \$3,000 in funding to the Morris Animal Foundation for a study of the effectiveness of and optimal way to administer the

pain-relieving drug fentanyl in alpacas to be conducted at Ohio State University. The motion passed.

**Dick Snyder Memorial E=blast :** The Board approved an invite to Dick Snyder's Memorial Service. Terry Beal will send the invite to Miranda to send out.

**Government Relations Representative:** GALA is looking for someone to fill this very important position.

**Camelid Community Camelid Jamboree:** Barb Baker asked GALA to consider sponsorship of the Jamboree. Carol Reigh made a motion to sponsor for \$400 with a second by Bob Wolfe. Motion passed.

**CQ Proposal:** CQ offered to give any new member of GALA a gift magazine and a three month pass to access their extensive on- line library with a card that reads "a gift from GALA." The Board preferred to include this information in the New Member's Packet and to put the email from CQ about the opportunity into the Newsletter.

**Adjournment:** At 9:01 p.m. Bob Wolfe made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jane Hamilton-Merritt. Motion passed. Next meeting May 6, 2015 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Reigh