



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference

July 6, 2016 7:00p.m.

Present: Audrey Lee, Barb Baker, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Bob Wolfe, Carol Reigh, Terry Beal, Kelly Ralph, Charlotte Sankey.

Absent: Josh Meador (lost him after recording started), Chuck Leach

Call to Order

Conference Report:

Kelly Ralph asked permission to be on the agenda first with her conference report and requests. AV is always problematic and a request was made for GALA to purchase its own digital projectors. Terry Beal made a motion that on or about Sept 1, when it is clear what the projector requirements are for GALA's 2016 conference, GALA purchase a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 Digital Projectors for use at all future conferences. A second was made by Barb Baker and the motion carried.

All speakers are acquired, tent in place, and registration and schedule being worked on. Sponsorship is low but being worked on.

Secretary's Report was presented by Carol Reigh. Terry Beal made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second by Bob Wolfe. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Carol Millard. She explained that the budget and P & L is for this first half of the year. Terry Beal made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and file for audit. Barb Baker made a second and the motion carried.

Membership Report: Miranda Brown submitted that our membership is 242: 82 are Life members, 150 renewals, 7 new, and 3 previous members returning. Everyone appreciates Miranda's thoroughness and diligence.

Newsletter Advisory Committee: Carol Reigh reported that all was in place for Deb Gaskill to produce her first issue of the newsletter. Bev Vienckowski volunteered to mentor Deb in her first issue with overseeing the design and production of both the printed and e-version of the newsletter. Bev created the May issue of the newsletter in Quark Xpress which they both own so a new design program would not need to be purchased for publishing the newsletter and she would have a usable template for future issues. Bev also guided Deb in utilizing the Newsletter Network. Many thanks to Bev from the BOD.

Website Report was sent by Ron Caruso which Bob Wolfe reviewed with the Board. The conference Web page is being developed and the Photo Calendar flyer needs to be updated. Rom put in a request for the BOD to encourage the membership to submit pictures and videos to Ron. The Memorial Page needs some more additions and it was suggested that the website committee set up some criteria for inclusion on this page. The BOD was awed by Ron's report and commitment to the website.

The Mentoring Committee Report was given by Barb Baker. So far the committee has received three requests and all seem pleased with the results.

Continuing Business

ILR Finances: Chuck Leach has received a full P&L for 2015, 12/31/2015 Balance Sheet and a P&L Comparison for period 1/1/15 to 4/30/15 vs. 1/1/16 to 4/30/16. He is in the process of analyzing these reports.

New Business

Vet Committee Update: Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported that Teri Conroy resigned from the committee and that Barb Baker did step up to the plate to serve and chair the committee on a temporary basis. The Committee still needs another member. Carol Reigh suggested the committee put vet schools in touch with local GALA members' farms for the students to come out to a "Meet and Greet the Llamas."

Adjournment: At 8:16 a motion was made by Terry Beal and seconded by Charlotte Sankey to adjourn. Motion carried. Next meeting is Sept. 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Reigh