



## Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference  
May 4, 2016 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Jane Hamilton Merritt, Barb Baker, Josh Meador, Carol Reigh, Chuck Leach, Audrey Lee, Kelly Ralph, Carol Millard.

**Absent:** Bob Wolfe, Terry Beal

**Secretaries Report:** Audrey Lee suggested the following addition to the March minutes: GALA offered to the Peruvian Pack Project the opportunity to link to the GALA website. A motion was made by Audrey Lee with a second by Kelly Ralph. Motion carried as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Audit and Taxes have been completed and filed. The accountant informed Carol Millard that all is in order. Barb Baker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented with a second by Josh Meador. Motion carried. Carol Millard also informed the board that the Finance Committee (Chuck Leach and Charlotte Sankey) met and discussed the development of a transfer plan to a new treasurer when one steps forward. Carol Millard is stepping down at the end of 2017 and is eager to work with the new Treasurer to aid in the transition.

### **Continuing Business**

**ILR Accounting Report by Chuck Leach:** GALA will continue to look into the finances of the ILR with regard to the USAHA (United States Animal Health Association) seat.

**Membership Campaign Update:** Miranda Brown said it has been a slow start with only 3 new members. She is putting a notice in the newsletter and doing another eblast as a reminder. Barb Baker suggested we get people interested in camelids and the GALA memberships will follow.

**2016 GALA Conference Update:** Because of Marian Bragg's heavy work load, she is unable to serve as Co-chair but would still like to serve on the committee and work on the conference in another capacity. Josh Meador moved, with a second by Barb Baker, to accept the resignation of Marian Bragg as the 2016 Conference Chair and appoint Kelly Ralph as the 2016 GALA Conference Chair with Carol Reigh as Co-chair. Motion carried.

Kelly reported that all paid speakers were lined up with some new and exciting additions to the conference—First ever ILR Fleece show, Saturday night costume party, private tour of Eby Trailers (How Things Are Made) and AAA Farm Supply, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Yard Sale on Sunday morning. Kelly did ask for each Board Member try to raise \$100 in sponsorship money. Sufficient sponsorship is a continued concern. She also asked the Board to help with filling the following volunteer positions: 2-3 helpers in the animal tent, 3 more on the AV team, someone to head up the Yard Sale, and another to head up the Auction. (helpers are already in place for the Auction)

**GALA Newsletter Editor:** The Newsletter Advisory Committee, NAC, conducted extensive research and vetting of the Newsletter Editor Candidate, Debra Gaskill. Carol Millard, Treasurer, conducted the contract negotiations with Debra and the contract was extended to

two years instead of one Audrey Lee, with a second by Carol Reigh, made a motion to approve the hiring of Debra Gaskill as the Newsletter Editor formalized in the contract agreed upon by the NAC, the President, and the Treasurer. Motion approved.

### **New Business:**

**Appointment to the Board to replace Tom Hudgin:** A motion was made by Audrey Lee with a second by Carol Reigh to accept the recommendation of the President to fill the Board vacancy with Charlotte Sankey, a very capable and enthusiastic GALA member. Motion passed. A special thanks to Tom Hudgin for his service on the Board.

**Electronic Voting:** Josh Meador made a motion, with a second by Audrey Lee, to approve the utilization of Electronic Voting procedures for GALA's 2016 Board election as prototyped by Terry Beal. The Board asks that Terry work closely with the Nominations/Elections Committee in developing election procedures and that both he and the Committee insure that no GALA voter gets left out of any aspect of the voting process. Motion passed.

### **Announcements:**

**EBlasts:** Miranda Brown has now established an account for our eblasts that will be sent via [galaeblasts@yahoo.com](mailto:galaeblasts@yahoo.com). This will help in recognizing them as legitimate emails from GALA.

**We Need a New Treasurer:** Our wonderful Treasurer is stepping down at the end of 2017. GALA needs a willing volunteer to take her place. The sooner someone steps forward the sooner the tutoring may begin for the transition.

**Adjournment: 8:24 p.m.** Carol Reigh made a motion to adjourn with a second by Barb Baker. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Reigh