



Greater Appalachian
Llama and Alpaca
Association

Board of Directors Face to Face
October 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:42 p.m. by President Jane Hamilton-Merritt

In Attendance: Kelly Ralph, Audrey Lee, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Josh Meador, Charlotte Sankey, Bob Wolfe, Carol Reigh, Terry Beal, Chuck Leach, Carol Millard, Barb Baker via telephone.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were presented by Carol Reigh. Bob Wolfe made a motion, with a second by Josh Meador, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Millard presented the budget for 2017. Carol Reigh made a motion to approve the budget for 2017 with a second by Kelly Ralph. Motion passed.

Carol Millard also reminded the Board that she had 1 year and 2 months left in her term as Treasurer and to let her know if we know someone who might be interested. Quick Books is the program of choice.

Veterinarian Affairs Committee: Barb Baker (temporary chair person), reported the committee has had two conference calls and the committee has been in touch with Dr. Jeffrey Lakritz from Ohio State's School of Veterinarian Medicine. He felt hosting students at a local llama farm was a good idea but suggested the students be 3rd year students as the 4th year students have already chosen their specialty. The committee was looking for the Board to support the farm visit program and purchase the ICI clipboards which have a calculator and pertinent camelid information on them to be handed out to the students who attend the farm visit. Carol Reigh with a second by Josh Meador made a motion for GALA to support the Veterinarian Affairs Committee suggestion to promote farm visits for Veterinarian Students. The Motion passed. Barb Baker is looking into a price break from ICI in purchasing the clipboards to be given to the attendees to the farm visit with GALA information attached.

Policy Book: Terry Beal and Jane Hamilton-Merritt assembled a policy book. Audrey Lee, with a second by Charlotte Sankey, made a motion to ratify the Policy Book as presented. Motion passed

Maine Llama Association Grant: Terry Beal, on behalf of the Maine Llama Association, proposed monies to be donated to GALA with certain stipulations. The Maine Llama Association said, *“We would ask that GALA set this amount aside for the purpose of offering a discount of 50% to ‘first time GALA Conference attendees.’ We would ask GALA to offer and to grant these discounts every year to first time registrants until the funds have been exhausted. The 50% discount would apply to conference registration only for attendees who are GALA members and who own llamas or alpacas.”* Terry Beal made a motion, with a second by Bob Wolfe, to accept this grant subject to the stipulations set forth by the Grantor. Motion passed.

Annual Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

Election of Officers: Audrey Lee made a motion to keep the slate of officers for 2017. Charlotte Sankey seconded it and the motion passed. President-Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Vice President-Terry Beal, Treasurer-Carol Millard, Secretary-Carol Reigh. Leaving the Board at the end of 2017—Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Terry Beal, Josh Meador, and Carol Millard.

Jane introduced the new board member, Mike Sheridan and Past President, Hilary Ware.

Terry Beal made a motion to adjourn at 6:56. Kelly Ralph seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Reigh