



Greater Appalachian
Llama and Alpaca
Association

Board of Directors Teleconference

September 6, 2017 Call to order at 7:03 p.m.

In Attendance: Carol Reigh, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Barb Baker, Josh Meador, Mike Sheridan, Kelly Ralph, Terry Beal, Audrey Lee, Katrina Capasso, Carol Millard, Chuck Leach, Charlotte Sankey

Secretary's Report: Carol Reigh asked for the minutes to be approved. Barb Baker made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Kelly Ralph. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Katrina presented her report. The President asked Katrina to set up a separate account for the Nunoa Project Grant. Mike Sheridan made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report and file for audit. Carol Reigh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Membership Report: Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported for Miranda Brown that by the end of August GALA had 250 members.

Conference Report: Terry Beal reported we have 24 people registered for the conference with 5 of them being new to GALA.

Conference Sponsors: Audrey Lee reported \$4,275 in sponsorship with a big thank you to the Board Members for their support.

Board Elections: Sixty votes have been received to date. Thanks Terry Beal for setting up the electronic voting.

Andean Committee: Mike sent a Report from Dr. Purdy on the Andean project. Mike said he would be working on getting a trip together to travel to the Andes in Peru. He will be presenting on the trip at the Conference.

Llama Promotion: Jane Hamilton-Merritt and Barb Baker wanted to highlight what the new promotion committee has done, and they are both donating their sponsorship tables at the conference for that purpose.

Vet Affairs Committee: Carol Reigh shared that New Bolton Veterinary School students will be visiting her farm on September 12th and she will be able to offer each of them the ICI clipboard and information on GALA and ICI.

Government Relations/MA Senate Bill 490: Barb Baker reported that there is no movement on the Senate Bill 490.

Merging of PLAA and GALA Newsletter: Carol Reigh reported that the project is on hold as PLAA seems to have found an editor.

Strategic Plan: Audrey Lee suggested that we need to hear from the membership before moving ahead.

GALA & Scout Llana Badge Update: Katrina Capasso said she is working on it.

Search for GALA Newsletter Advertising Editor: Jane Hamilton-Merritt asked for some suggestions for this important position.

New Business:

JHM charged the Board to help make the membership meeting exciting and to try to get the membership involved. It is the Board's responsibility to help make the meeting exciting and to get the membership involved in helping the organization run.

Agenda for the Annual Meeting: Jane asked for thoughtful input in getting the agenda ready for the Annual Meeting in November at the Conference.

Next Meeting: Thursday Nov 2, 2017 at 5:30 in the hotel.

Adjourn: Terry Beal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. and Charlotte Sankey seconded it. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Reigh