



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
Monday August 13, 2018 8:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Carol Reigh, Barb Baker, Mike Sheridan, Audrey Lee, Charlotte Sankey, Pat McKinney, Tabbethia Haubold-Magee, Josh Meador, Katrina Capasso, Chuck Leach, Carol Millard.

Absent: Kelly Ralph

Meeting was Called to Order by President Barb Baker at 8:04 p.m.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Audrey Lee with a second by Charlotte Sankey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Katrina reported that there is not a lot of activity on the conference since it is so early. Sponsorship money should be coming in. Audrey Lee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for audit with a second by Pat McKinney. Motion Passed.

Sponsorships for Conference: Mike was not present to talk about membership sponsorship. He did get the letters out early August. Corporate Sponsorship is coming in gradually with each Board Member asked to try to get two sponsors each and to have them by the next board call.

Schedule: Carol Reigh presented that the schedule is complete.

Registration: Steven Fisher will be getting the registration packet to Carol, Barb, and Kelly for proofing and then onto the printer and on the website.

All bios and speaker notes for the notebook should be sent to Audrey Lee, 845 Campbell Road, Keswick, Virginia, 22947

Vendors: Kathy Kenworthy and Sherri Smith are confirmed. Tabbethia Haubold-Magee and Josh Meador will contact several other possible vendors, suggested by board members.

Hotel Reservations: 60 nights booked to date and 33 people signed up.

Fleece Show: Josh reported that everything for the fleece show is in order. Danish ribbon system along with the regular fleece show ribbons will be presented. There are also very cool prizes for Grand and Reserve.

501(3) Exploratory Committee: Survey update by Audrey Lee

89 responses to the survey

Raw data:

Age— 67 respondents were 55 years of age or older

50 people said their farm was a hobby

22 people said it is a business

24 farms are actively breeding

Interest in attracting young people--- 4 H groups and FFA members

Need to be active with social media

Trekking is a big part of interest plus working with fiber

Geriatric people had a growing concern for their animals' care, should anything happen to the owners

Top Priorities

Educating members to the best practices for raising, caring for and breeding lamas.

Educating the public about llamas

Expanding the use of fiber

AK/BLM Llama Ban Proposal update: Stan Ebel and the other two gentlemen are pleased with the responses they have gotten from their letters. Presently the Federal agency is not going forward with any research that would be relevant to a ban on camelids .

Andean Trip Update: Mike Sheridan reported that 19 people are signed up for the trip that runs April 1 through April 10, 2019.

Fiber Promotion: Eran McCarty put up the GALA fiber display at three different events and was especially pleased at the Youth Jamboree 2018 where she had much interest and questions from the young people and adults.

Carol Reigh made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mike Sheridan. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:34.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.