



## Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference  
January 9, 2013  
Convened at 7:01p.m.

**In attendance:** Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Chuck Leach, Terry Beal, Sandy Page, Deb Elias, Carol Reigh, Carol Millard, Don Hines, Kelly Ralph, Tracey Gaul  
Our President, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, welcomed the new Board members, Sandy Page, Don Hines, and Kelly Ralph.

**Minute Approval:** Deb Elias made a motion to approve the December 13, 2012 minutes and Carol Millard seconded it. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** (see attached): Terry Beal made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with a second by Tracey Gaul. Motion passed.

**Membership Report** from Miranda Brown given by Jane Hamilton-Merritt: We have 3 new members and 8 returning members with a total of 248 members. Miranda reminded everyone to pay his/her half (\$20) of the 2013 dues.

### Old Business

**1. GALA Directory** Update given by Jane Hamilton-Merritt for Miranda Brown: Miranda has some questions on how to save some money in printing the directory. It was decided by the board to take out the listing of lifetime members and simply star\* their names in the roster (thus saving 6 pages of printing), keep the farm names in as listed, take out the library listing but refer members to the website and the newsletter issue that carries the list.

**2. Committee Charters** by Terry Beal: The Finance, Newsletter and Website/Social Media Charters have been established but only the Finance Charter has a chair, Carol Millard. **All three charters are in need of people to volunteer to serve.**

### New Business

**1. 2013 Conference Report:** Tracey Gaul reported on the conference update from Katrina Capasso and to has agreed to be the liaison between the conference co-chairs and the Board. The conference theme is *Lamas on Parade*. Mark Thaler is flying up to do a site inspection.

**2. Bylaws and Committee Charter:** Terry made a motion to accept the Bylaws and Committee Charter with Carol Millard as a second. Motion passed. Terry Beal, Chuck Leach and Sandy Page will serve on this committee.

- 3. GALA Member Survey:** Carol Reigh made a motion to authorize Terry Beal to conduct an all member survey with a budget of \$300. Carol Millard seconded it and the motion was passed.
- 4. Membership Committee Charter (Membership Campaign):** Carol Millard moved to accept the Membership Committee Charter and Tracey Gaul seconded it. Motion passed. Miranda Brown offered to chair the committee and Jane Hamilton-Merritt volunteered to serve. The committee is still in need of another volunteer.
- 5. Website Report** by Tracey Gaul and Carol Millard: Lyle Rush is the web master with Miranda Brown temporarily serving as the point person for Lyle. All Web news/info is to flow through Miranda. Carol Millard suggested giving Lyle a timeline for corrections and updates and will forward those suggestions to Miranda
- 6. GALA Calendar:** Sandy Page made a motion to approve a yearly calendar if we can find a person to volunteer to take on this task. Carol Reigh seconded it . Motion passed.
- 7. Electronic Voting:** Chuck Leach. Carol Reigh made a motion to approve Chuck Leach's procedure for Board action between scheduled meetings. Terry Beal seconded it. Motion passed.
- 8.** Sandy Page volunteered to serve as the **Nominations/election** chair for 2013.
- 9.** Kelly Ralph made a proposal to chair a committee to solicit **corporate sponsorship** for the GALA conference. Carol Millard made a motion to approve an ad hoc corporate sponsorship committee with Kelly Ralph as chair. Seconded by Sandy Page. Motion passed.
- 10. A letter from member,** Ann Bodnyk. Chuck Leach, Industry Liaison, indicated he would contact the various Rescue Organizations to determine the purpose of each organization, their legal structure and how GALA and these organizations could work together for the benefit of the llama and alpaca community. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Dates for Board Meetings: March 6, May1, July 10, Sept. 4, Nov 7  
Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Carol Reigh