



Greater Appalachian
Llama and Alpaca
Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
July 2, 2014 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Carol Reigh, Barb Baker, Kelly Ralph, Bob Wolfe, Terry Beal, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Carol Millard.

Absent: Sandy Page, Chuck Leach

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Bob Wolfe second by Carol Millard to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Jane Hamilton-Merritt seconded by Barb Baker to approve the minutes and file for audit. Motion carried.

Barb Baker made a motion and seconded by Carol Reigh to increase the amount sent to the USAHA representative from \$300 to \$500 per year.

Committee Updates:

Newsletter: Carol Millard is working on a contract for the newsletter editor, Heather Baylis. Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported that the newsletter advisory committee is working very closely with the editor.

A suggestion was made by Jane Hamilton-Merritt to find volunteer emergency support for the people in all the critical positions such as treasurer, newsletter editor, website webmaster and social media. Standby positions are already in place for the website webmaster and treasurer.

Mentoring Committee: Presently the committee is looking for an alpaca owner to join the committee. The committee will be creating a mentoring resource packet. In August the mentoring concept will be launched to the membership. At the Annual Conference there will be a training session available for potential mentors.

Website: Member Access-- The concept will be tabled until the Conference. At the Annual Meeting an educational presentation will be made to the membership and membership in put will be solicited.

New Business

Board Replacement for Don Hines—

A decision was made in error to appoint Josh Meador to the Board because we were not aware that Josh was placed on the ballot to run for the Board 2014. A motion was made by Bob Wolfe and seconded by Carol Millard to rescind the appointment of Josh Meador to the Board.

Another discussion was held on the Don Hines replacement. The Board gave Kelly Ralph approval to fill this appointment from those members identified.

Scholarship Guidelines: A discussion was held to find two volunteers to set up some guidelines for scholarship requests. The BOD recognizes we should have a procedure and budget to help support young people interested in camelid care.

Conference Update: Terry Beal

Registration for the conference will be on line and the conference is still in need of Sponsors.

The fiber room classes are on the website and Hilary and Terry are in third gear pushing on to fourth gear.

Update on the Photo Calendar: Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported that the membership has been notified via email blast, newsletter, website and Face Book page to the rules for the Photo Calendar. The calendars will be ordered via the Conference Registration and distributed at the Conference. All proceeds benefit GALA. Submission deadline is September 15, 2014.

Campaign to recruit future conference chairs: Jane Hamilton-Merritt gave the details of her recruiting methods. E-Blast with flyer in June and a full page ad in the August issue of the Newsletter and another e-blast in September with a reminder to attend a session at the conference on How to Put on a Conference.

Carol Millard made a motion to adjourn and Carol Reigh seconded it. Motion passed at 8:30 p.m.

