



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Annual Meeting, October 30, 2015
Inn at Reading, Wyomissing, PA

60 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President, Kelly Ralph with a Thank You to Carol Reigh, Carol Millard, Anita Collins and the entire 2015 conference committee.

Introduction of the current and new Board members with the following present: Carol Reigh, Josh Meador, Barb Baker, Sandy Page, Kelly Ralph, Terry Beal, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Bob Wolfe, Carol Millard, Chuck Leach . New Board Member, Audrey Lee.

Absent: Tom Hudgin

Secretary's Report: Carol Reigh read the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes. Ann Bodnyk made a motion with a 2nd by Ron Caruso to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Millard made available the financial report to the membership, explained some particulars, and asked for any questions of which there were none.

Library Report: Kelly Ralph gave a report from Cynthia Rossi. The library was utilized 3 times this year with a total of 15 items borrowed. She suggested a reminder in the newsletter about the library and an entire listing of the materials to appear at least once in the newsletter. The Archives received 2 donations. Out of two requests for information, one could be fulfilled and one could not.

Photo Contest: Bob Wolfe announced that 79 photos were received which is a record number. He reminded everyone to vote for the People's Choice Award.

Membership Report: Kelly Ralph reported for Miranda that our total membership is 263. Miranda is in need of someone to help her with the Directory advertising.

Mentoring Project: Tracey Gaul reported that the Mentoring tab is up on the website and CQ magazine is doing 2 articles on the Mentoring Program..

Election Report: Lynne Pomerleau informed us that 107 ballots were returned. Congratulations to Audrey Lee from VA, our newest Board member and to Kelly Ralph, returning for another three years.

Website: Ron Caruso is in the process of archiving past conferences and asked for people to submit photos to him of past conferences.

Morris Animal Foundation Update: Dr. Patrick Long said that there were 4 studies presented in 2015 but none of them were approved. There are 2 current on-going studies—one on Fentinal and the Genome Sequence Study.

Carol Millard suggested we continue to support Dr Benedice Study's on meningeal worm prevention with a drug with extended release.

Bob Frost Membership Scholarship: Carol Millard asked if anyone would like to take over finding a recipient for this membership/scholarship. This Scholarship is to go to a veterinary medicine student.

Newsletter Advisory Committee: Bev Vienchowski, Carol Reigh, Katrina Capasso, and Jane Hamilton-Merritt have been working with the Newsletter Editor, Loretta Radeschi, to assist her in any way.

New Member Packet: Janice Newcomer volunteered to take over the new member packets.

Policy Manual: Terry Beal and Jane Hamilton-Merritt worked to compile all the policies and procedures of GALA into a Manual.

Conference 2016: Terry Beal made an appeal to the membership for someone or group of people to take on the 2016 Annual Conference.

Reorganization of the Board: Kelly Ralph announced the officers as of 2016. President—Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Vice President—Terry Beal, Secretary—Carol Reigh, and Treasurer—Carol Millard.

Adjournment: Josh Meador, with a 2nd by Sandy Page, made a motion to adjourn at 5:29 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Reigh