



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

**Board of Directors Teleconference
Jan 7, 2015 7:00p.m.**

In Attendance: Sandy Page, Terry Beal, Kelly Ralph, Bob Wolfe, Chuck Leach, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Tom Hudgin, Barb Baker, Josh Meador, and Carol Reigh.

Secretary's Report: Barb Baker made a motion to accept the minutes as written and a second by Sandy Page. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Millard was sick and unable to be on the conference call. She will have the conference financials as soon as the final expenses come in from the conference. She did ask the Board to approve \$200 for the Accountant to review the books and also prepare the two tax returns (990EZ and the 990T). Terry Beal made a motion with a second by Barb Baker. Motion carried.

Continuing Business

Website: The Board asked that the 2014 conference registration information be archived as soon as possible. We need the website to look current. It was suggested that a page saying, "2015 conference details to follow" be put in its place.

After the tributes to Dick Snyder and Art Kennel appear in the newsletter, both of these memorials will be placed on the Legacies/Memorials section of the website.

Membership Drive: A motion was made by Barb Baker and seconded by Carol Reigh that the membership drive dates run from conference to conference with all other aspects of the drive remaining the same. 1st prize is a single conference registration and the 2nd prize is a \$50 gift certificate to the vendors. You must be present at the conference to win. Motion passed.

Interim Board Action: Barb Baker made a motion with a second by Jane Hamilton-Merritt to ratify the IBA of 12/3/14 that approved Loretta Radeschi as newsletter Editor. Motion passed.

Conference Registration for Newsletter Editor: Terry Beal made a motion with a second by Carol Reigh that GALA offer a single, nontransferable conference registration (room and board not included) to the GALA newsletter Editor so she can best cover the conference in the newsletter. Motion passed.

New Business

Conference Date: A lengthy discussion ensued on establishing a yearly date for the annual conference. Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion with a second from Barb Baker to move the GALA conference to the last weekend of October. Motion passed.

Conference 2015 Proposal: Carol Reigh, Anita Collins and Carol Millard sent in a proposal to do the 2015 conference. Sandy Page made a motion with a second from Barb Baker to accept the proposal with details to follow.

Motion passed.

Dick Snyder Memorial: A discussion was held on how best to pay tribute to a dear friend and longtime GALA supporter, Dick Snyder. The board was challenged to come up with some ideas for next meeting. The Memorial Service for Dick is scheduled for May 3 at his farm in Milford.

Camelid Community: Barb Baker gave a progress report on the Jamboree scheduled for September 19-20 in Ellsworth, Wis. The SSLA is on board as a sponsor and the 4H and FFA have volunteered to help. The Midwest Llama Association has also pledged support. Barb has also been asked to represent the llama community at the Alpaca Owners Association (AOA) long range planning meeting to be held in February.

Adjournment: Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion with a second by Barb Baker to adjourn at 8:19. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Reigh