



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
July 15, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Present: Terry Beal, Sandy Page, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Bob Wolfe, Barb Baker, Tom Hudgin, Josh Meador and Carol Millard

Absent: Carol Reigh, Chuck Leach

Secretary's Report: Minutes will be approved next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Millard gave her report and assured us that the tax returns were filed on time. Bob Wolfe made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written with a second by Tom Hudgin.

Motion passed

Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion to accept the accountant's review of the books (audit) and file for the annual meeting. Barb Baker seconded it and the motion passed.

New Business

Reporting Procedure for Tufts University and Dr. Bedenice's Research that GALA funded:

Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion with a second by Terry Beal to accept the 4 point reporting guidelines that Carol Millard developed for Tuft's Research Money Grant. Motion passed. See below for the Guidelines:

1. All grantees are required to submit a progress report by October 1 and a final report once all goals have been met (or the project is otherwise complete) and monies expended. Each report contains a narrative on progress (or final results) and a simple financial accounting on expenditure of grant funds.
2. Please make sure that the narrative report and the financial report are submitted in one email to the President and Treasurer of GALA.
3. If for some reason the project is discontinued, the leftover funds should be returned to Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association.
4. We understand that results are confidential and will be shared only with membership until release is provided by the PI or until the research is published.

Research Money Policy:

Carol Millard brought to the BOD's attention the need to revisit the 2009 policy regarding Research Money. Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion with a second by Barb Baker to accept Terry Beal's changes to the policy on research dollar donations. Motion passed.

All research money will generally be donated to the Morris Animal Foundation. The reasoning for this is that MAF is an established not-for-profit organization that can be trusted with the money fundraised throughout the year. It) provides reports showing statues on previously sponsored studies and is a professional and caring organization that GALA is proud to sponsor. The BOD may, from time to time, elect to donate to other research organizations for specific projects as it deems appropriate. The BOD will establish reporting requirements for all non MAF projects.

Hall of Fame Award:

Josh Meador fielded questions on the Hall of Fame Award . There were several suggestions made and the committee needs to determine if it will continue the process of establishing this national award.

Continuing Business:

Conference 2015:

Sandy Page reported on the progress and timeline of the registration packet. Second week of August the packet should be in people's mailboxes. She also mentioned that the conference committee meeting on August 20th would include Mark Thaler coming up to the Inn at Reading. Jane Hamilton-Merritt also reported on the sponsorship money coming in and thanked those Board members who have sponsored.

Photo Contest: Bob Wolfe said he has not yet received any photos.

Photo Calendar: Jane said that she still needed pictures.

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

Jane Hamilton-Merritt made a motion to adjourn and Barb Baker seconded it. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Reigh