



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

January 13, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Board of Directors Teleconference

Present: Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Josh Meador, Terry Beal, Tom Hudgin, Bob Wolfe, Carol Reigh, Audrey Lee, Barb Baker. **Other:** Chuck Leach, Carol Millard.

Absent: Kelly Ralph

Jane called the meeting to order at 7:01 and welcomed Audrey Lee, new to the board and welcomed Tom Hudgin a returning board member.

Secretary's Report: Carol Reigh presented the minutes from October 30, 2015 meeting. Bob Wolfe moved, with a 2nd from Tom Hudgin, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Millard presented the 2016 budget for review and questions. A vote will be taken in the March meeting to pass the 2016 budget and the finance committee will present the 2017 budget at the September Board meeting. A motion was made by Carol Reigh to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit with a 2nd by Audrey Lee. Motion passed.

The **Bob Frost Memorial Membership** will be given to one student who applied with two outstanding memberships to be awarded. After these two memberships are presented, the Bob Frost Memorial Membership will cease unless the Board deems it worthy of continuing at GALA's expense. Karen Conyngham originally sponsored the Bob Frost Memorial Membership for up to five years.

USAHA funding: Karen Conyngham suggested that GALA hold off sending money to ILR for funding until the ILR actually sends an invoice for funding.

Membership Committee: Miranda Brown asked for approval of her membership campaign flyer to be launched Jan 15 and run through September 1, 2016. Barb Baker made a motion, with a 2nd by Bob Wolfe to approve the flyer and the launch date of Jan 15th. Motion passed.

2016 GALA Conference: Marian Bragg stepped up to be the conference chair and offered a preliminary proposal. Board was thrilled and is eager to help in any way.

Electronic Newsletter: The Newsletter Editor asked for approval of an Electronic Delivery Option for the newsletter. Members will have the option to have hard copy, electronic copy or both. Marsha Timmerman and Bev Vienckowski will help to launch the first issue. Terry Beal made a motion to accept the Newsletter Editor's proposal with a 2nd by Barb Baker. Motion passed.

Mentoring Brochure: A motion was made by Josh Meador, with a 2nd by Carol Reigh, to amend one line of the tri-fold brochure. Roll Call vote tied and the motion did not pass. A motion was made by Terry Beal, with a 2nd by Carol Reigh to accept a one time printing of 1,000 tri-fold brochures promoting the Mentoring Program. Motion passed.

Status of Committees: Terry Beal reviewed his concise and thorough summary of the 10 active committees and their Charters. Barb Baker made a motion, with a 2nd by Bob Wolfe, to approve the committee charters as presented by Terry Beal. Motion passed. It was suggested that along with going on the website, the newsletter should get a copy for the membership to see where volunteers are needed.

BOD Meeting Dates for 2016: January 13, March 2, May 4, July 6, Sept. 7, Face to Face at conference TBA.

Adjourn at 8:41: Barb Baker made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Audrey Lee. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Reigh