



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference

March 2, 2016 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Barb Baker, Josh Meador, Terry Beal, Chuck Leach, Carol Reigh, Bob Wolfe, Audrey Lee, Carol Millard, Kelly Ralph.

Absent: Tom Hudgin

Jane Hamilton-Merritt called the meeting to order at 7:02

Secretary's Report: Barb Baker made a motion with a second by Audrey Lee to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Millard gave the Treasurer's report. Carol presented the budget for the board to review. It was suggested to move the calendar sales out of the conference income and to note in the auction income that a percentage goes to the Medical Research and Gov't Relations and a percentage to operating costs. Total assets are \$125,404. GALA moved \$75,000 into a 3 year CD with a 1.24% interest and an allowance of withdrawing money on the yearly anniversary without penalty. Terry Beal made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and file for audit with a second by Barb Baker. Motion passed.

Continuing Business:

ILR & U.S. Animal Health Association Discussion/Update: Chuck Leach had no current update but will continue to look into the stability of the ILR finances. Carol Millard did say that GALA did pay \$500 to help fund the seat to the USAHA.

Committee Reports:

2016 GALA Conference: Marian Bragg came on the conference call. She reported the contract was signed with the Inn at Reading, Wyomissing and that some speakers have been secured. Kelly Ralph reported that she was working on speakers and volunteer positions to fill. Carol Reigh made a motion with a second by Josh Meador to approve the 2016 conference proposal subject to a more detailed plan to be submitted in the next 2 weeks. Motion passed.

Newsletter Advisory Committee: Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported the search for a newsletter editor continues. Board Members were asked to help fill this position by recommending potential candidates to the NAC. The newsletter made history with the February issue being the first electronic version sent to the 21 members who requested it.

Membership Update: Miranda Brown reported that as of 2/22/16 our membership is 230 which is up from this time last year. The GALA membership campaign was launched in the February newsletter and an e-blast will be sent out in March.

GALA Directory: Miranda Brown sent the final copy of the directory to the printer on 2/16/16 and members should be receiving it in the next few weeks. The electronic pdf was emailed to the 45 members who requested it electronically. There were \$650 raised in advertising in the directory to help offset the \$100 increase in printing costs from last year.

Nominations/Election Committee: Lynne Pomerleau reported that all was ahead of schedule. The chair is appointed (Lynne Pomerleau), the committee is formed (Susan Hancox and Tabbethia Haubold), two nominees have said yes, and the committee is in the process of asking others.

Andean Committee Report on “The Llama Pack Project” (LPP) in Peru: The board was impressed with the thoroughness of the report. Audrey Lee explained the concerns and the recommendations of the committee after evaluating the project. Discussion ensued. Despite the worthiness of the project there was much concern as to whether the project fell within the parameters of the GALA mission statement. Barb Baker made a motion for the committee to request a formal proposal from the LPP as contained in item #3 on the committee’s list of recommendations. There was no second. A letter was sent to Dr. Purdy informing him that at this time GALA did not feel this endeavor fell under the guidelines of the GALA mission statement but GALA would be glad to inform its members of the Llama Pack Project in Peru and offered it to link to our website which was determined by consensus of the Board.

Veterinarian Affairs Committee: The board is in support of the concept of this new committee but prior to funding would like to see details and expanded ideas.

Adjournment: Audrey Lee made a motion to adjourn with a second by Barb Baker. Motion passed and conference call ended at 8:30 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Reigh