



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
Wednesday , September 7, 2016 7 p.m.

In Attendance: Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Barb Baker, Audrey Lee, Bob Wolfe, Carol Reigh, Charlotte Sankey, Terry Beal, Kelly Ralph, Josh Meador

Secretary's Report: Carol Reigh presented the minutes and Audrey Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed with a second by Barb Baker. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: We are \$198 over the budget from last year. To date, sponsorship is lower from last year and membership is higher.

The 2017 budget was presented for overview. Barb Baker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit with a second by Bob Wolfe. Motion passed

Committee Reports

Membership Report submitted by Miranda Brown: There are 251 total members to date—16 new members as a result of the membership campaign. A decision was made to extend the membership campaign to Sept. 25, 2016. Miranda will inform membership via an e-blast.

Election Report: Lynne Pomerleau and Terry Beal reported that there were 82 ballots cast on line.

Veterinarian Affairs Committee Report: Barb Baker informed us of the exciting news that Ohio State University Veterinarian School has been accepted, through ARF (Alpaca Research Foundation) to do the research on the Barber Pole Vaccine that has been so successful in other countries with sheep.

Bob Frost Scholarship recipient is Raisa Glabman.

Mentoring Committee: The GALA Mentoring Committee (GMC) made a request to compile an on going list of members with llamas for sale. After much discussion, it was decided that this request did not fall within the perimeter of the GMC.

Search for a NEW Treasurer: Carol Millard reported that there was some interest from a few people. She said she would follow up with them.

Conference 2016 Update: Sponsors are coming along slowly but steady and we are hopeful to meet our proposed budget amount. At this point in time sponsorship is behind last year. We need volunteers for the welcoming committee and AV. All else seems to be on target.

New Business

Establishing a committee to explore 501 C (3) status for GALA:

Terry Beal, with a second from Charlotte Sankey, made a motion to approve a committee charter to investigate the possibility of making GALA a 501c3. Motion approved. Audrey Lee offered to head up this charter.

2017 Conference Chairs: The BOD was challenged to think of capable individuals who might want to chair the 2017 Conference which is the 30th Anniversary of GALA.

Adjourned: Carol Reigh made a motion, with a second from Charlotte Sankey, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: October 27 at 5:30 at the Conference
October 28 at 7-8:30 is the Annual Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Reigh