



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
July 5, 2017 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Audrey Lee, Josh Meador, Carol Reigh, Mike Sheridan, Charlotte Sankey, Carol Millard, Barb Baker, Katrina Capasso, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Chuck Leach, Kelly Ralph.

Absent: Terry Beal.

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

Treasurer's Report by Katrina Capasso: Barb Baker made a motion with a second by Audrey Lee to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion passed.

Carol Millard explained the process of having someone other than the Treasurer and Secretary sign checks. Mike Sheridan made a motion, with a second by Carol Reigh for the GALA Board of Directors approves the former Treasurer, Carol Millard, to be a signatory on the Ballston Spa National Bank Accounts until the Bylaws on this issue can be reviewed.

Membership Report: Miranda Brown sent in that as of today, GALA's membership is 246 with 12 new memberships as a result of the 2017 membership campaign.

Committee Reports

Conference 2017 by Terry Beal and Audrey Lee: All conference details seem to be in place with speakers and notes. Old Timers for this 30th anniversary conference are being invited to attend. To date, we have \$2,000 in sponsorship but need more. Another drive will be made in July. The goal for membership sponsorship is \$5000.

Nominations/Elections by Carol Reigh: The committee reports that it has two candidates in place for the up-coming election. We are seeking a third candidate.

Llama Promotion by Jane Hamilton-Merritt: The Committee wants to get the New LLama Promotional Brochures out to the membership. A motion was made by Audrey Lee and a second by Barb Baker to provide funding in the amount of \$150 to send brochures to members upon request and add a line item to future budgets for postage in the amount of \$150 each year until the brochures are depleted. Motion passed.

Fiber Sub-Committee by Barb Baker: Charlotte Sankey made a motion with a second by Carol Reigh to accept the Fiber Promotion Charter as a subcommittee of the Llama Promotion Committee.

Government Relations/MA Senate Bill 490 by Barb Baker: At this point this Senate Bill is no longer on any list until the changes are made to the Bill.

Andean Committee by Mike Sheridan: Mike Sheridan presented that the Andean Committee was split 2/2 for and against whether Dr. Purdy's request for funding fell within the parameters of the GALA mission statement.

Mike Sheridan made a motion that GALA partially support Dr. Purdy's proposal of \$3,080 submitted April 22, 2017 for funding and that GALA grant \$1500. Audrey Lee seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: All voted yes except one director, Carol Reigh, voted no.

Continuing Business

Merging of PLAA & GALA Newsletters by Carol Reigh: Work still in process. July 12th will be another conference call.

Tufts update on Meningeal Worm Research: Barb Baker made a motion with a second by Carol Reigh to approve Tufts' Request for a 6 month extension on the "Anthelmintic Effects of Eprinomectin on Larval Stages of Parelaphostrongylus tenuis" study. This extension requires no further funding from GALA. Motion passed.

New Business

Strategic Plan by Audrey Lee and Charlotte Sankey: Audrey Lee and Charlotte Sankey suggested that we get membership input on GALA's strategic plan and to see what the membership is thinking about the future of GALA. Carol Reigh made a motion with a second by Barb Baker, for approval of an e-blast and to put something in the newsletter. Motion passed.

GALA and Scout Badge: Charlotte Sankey, Kelly Ralph, and Katrina Capasso said they would explore the possibilities of a Llama Scout Badge.

Announcements

Viv Fulton's unexpected death

Next Meeting: September 6, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment 8:52 p.m. Barb Baker and Audrey Lee made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.