



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference
May 3, 2017 7:05 p.m.

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

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 and Carol Millard: Carol Millard was on the call as the final transition of everything from Carol's bank to Katrina's has yet to be finalized. Katrina presented the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2017 and the first Quarter P&L Budget vs. Actual as of March 31, 2017. Carol Millard said the accountant reviewed the 2016 Financials and found no need for modifications. The tax 990 EZ and 990T review and return went in on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The Finance Committee needs to look into how to invest the \$67,000 for a better return and bring suggestions back to the Board. Audrey Lee made a motion, with a second by Carol Reigh, to accept the financial report as presented and file for audit. Motion passed.

Membership Report from Miranda Brown: Membership is 239 with five new members as a result of the Membership Recruitment Campaign.

Continuing Business:

Update on 2017 Conference: Terry Beal said all is progressing and that everyone should order their t-shirts asap and sponsorships are welcome.

Update on finding a new Advertising Editor by Katrina Capasso: Carol Millard stepped up to do it until someone else is found.

Committee Reports:

Nominations and Elections by Carol Reigh: Terry Beal and Jane Hamilton-Merritt will be leaving the board. Josh Meador has another term and willing to run again. Carol asked for any suggestions from the Board for candidate possibilities.

Andean Committee by Mike Sheridan: Dr. Purdy asked for funding for the field activities of the Nunoa Project in Peru for the summer of 2017. The committee is currently reviewing the proposal. Mike also suggested a trip to Peru might be in order to view the llama and alpaca husbandry in small herds. Mike is working on this trip.

501(c) (3) Exploratory Committee by Audrey Lee: Audrey did a lot of research into 501 (c) (3)'s and asked the Board whether GALA is willing to change its mission statement. A discussion was held on whether GALA should consider strategic plan for the next five or ten years. Charlotte Sankey made a motion, with a second by Barb Baker, to ask the membership at the up coming conference if they want to formulate a committee for a strategic plan. Motion passed.

Massachusetts Senate Bill 490: Barb Baker reported that Dr. Steve Purdy went to testify in front of the committee to keep llamas and alpacas out of the bill. Supposedly the bill will be reviewed and revised excluding llamas and alpacas. The Senate Committee was significantly impressed with the number of responses they received throughout the state concerning camelids being included in this bill.

Veterinary Affairs Committee by Barb Baker: The first Student Vet Clinic was held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Baker&Company Llamas. Twelve Students (11 second year and 1 first year) from Ohio State Veterinary School attended. The Students were able to meet llamas up close and experience a castration, ultrasounding for pregnancy, trimming fighting teeth and toenails and a venipuncture. Each student was given a clipboard with the GALA promotional brochure and a GALA membership brochure. It was a perfect day fulfilling GALA's goal to introduce potential vets to camelids in a positive way.

Llama Promotion Committee by Jane Hamilton-Merritt: Jane thanked Bev Vienchowski for the design of the brochure, Stephanie Sweet for the logo, Paul Dorang for the printing, and the committee for their hard work on the content of the new Llama brochure. The brochure is beautiful and available to all GALAp members free of charge and up to July 15th postage is free. 7,500 brochures were printed and packaged in bundles of 25. Carol Millard

is in charge of distribution. Ambassador cards have also been updated and Bev Vienchowski has offered to personalize them with your own farm name.

Llama Appreciation Day is June 21st to be celebrated by all and offers camelid owners an opportunity to raise public awareness in their own way—Open Barn, information day, partnering with a store that carries llama items, and the list goes on. Get it in your calendar! Mike Sheridan made a motion, with a second by Charlotte Sankey, to approve June 21st as National Llama Appreciation Day. Motion passed.

PLAA Media Exploration by Carol Reigh: Carol Reigh, Kelly Ralph, and Steve Silverberg, all from PLAA (Pennsylvania Llama and Alpaca Association) requested permission for a Charter to investigate the feasibility of PLAA and GALA merging their newsletters. The three listed above have volunteered to be a part of the charter and Terry Beal also volunteered to do so. Terry Beal made a motion, with a second by Josh Meador, to create a charter to investigate the merging of the two newsletters, PLAA and GALA. Motion passed.

Girl and Boy Scouts by Jane Hamilton-Merritt presented the idea from member, Ann Bodnyk to create a llama badge in scouting. Carol Reigh made a motion, with a second by Charlotte Sankey, to create a Charter to develop a llama badge for the Girl and Boy Scouts. Motion passed.

Next Meeting is July 5, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment: At 8:52 p.m. Barb Baker ,with a second by Mike Sheridan, made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.