



Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Face to Face 2018 GALA Conference
October 25, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:55 by President Barb Baker

In Attendance: Chuck Leach, Katrina Capasso, Carol Reigh, Josh Meador, Tabbethia Haubold, Charlotte Sankey, Barb Baker, Mike Sheridan, Pat McKinney and Kelly Ralph. Past Presidents Marc Page and Jane Hamilton-Merritt were also present.

Absent: Audrey Lee

Secretary's Report was presented by Carol Reigh. Pat McKinney made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report with a second by Kelly Ralph. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Katrina Capasso. Pat McKinney made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for audit. Tabbethia Haubold made a second and motion passed.

Continuing Business:

The Llama Promotion Committee is looking to get a budget for the committee to submit to the Board.

The **Andean Trip** is full and the cost is \$2,700.00 per person.

The **Fiber Promotion** has a new goal for 2019 of working with students more.

There was only one **Vet** School Day in 2018 at Buck Hollow Llamas which was a huge success with 4 of the 5 students planning on being large animal vets. They absolutely loved the clipboards and information.

Barb Baker reported for the Gov't Relations Committee that the MA. House bill wanting to restrict camelid movement appears to have been tabled and pressure for the ban has been halted. The **Mentoring committee** receives two to four requests per year and is looking for other experienced camelid owners to serve as mentors. Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported the **Election** results. New members to the Board are Joni Salamon and Andrea Parent-Tibbetts with Audrey Lee return for another 3 years.

Ron Caruso is still doing an amazing job with the **Website**. We need people to link to the website.

The Board looked over the Survey Monkey results from earlier in the year from the membership.

New Business:

Barb Baker introduced and **welcomed the new Board members.**

Funding Request from PLAA: Pat McKinney asked for monetary support from GALA for the PLAA Fiber Festival to be held in November. Kelly Ralph made a motion to sponsor at \$50 with a second by Carol Reigh. Motion passed.

New/Expanding Committees: need volunteers for the Youth, Media, Packing/Hiking, Fiber Promotion, Veterinary Affairs.

The Board discussed developing funding mechanisms to continue the **First Timer Conference initiative** started by the generous donation from the Maine Llama Association.

A proposal for the **2019 Conference** was submitted by Kelly Ralph, Carol Reigh and Anita Collins. The conference is to be held at the Inn at Reading, Oct 23-27, 2019 with the theme "Exploring Lamas." Pat McKinney made a motion with a second by Tabbethia Haubold to accept the proposal. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: Carol Reigh made a motion to accept the following slate of officers with a second by Pat McKinney. Motion passed.

President: Barb Baker

Vice President: Audrey Lee

Secretary: Carol Reigh

Treasurer: Katrina Capasso

Charlotte Sankey made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. with a second by Mike Sheridan. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Reigh

