



## Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association

Board of Directors Teleconference  
June 13, 2019 8:05 p.m

**In Attendance:** Carol Reigh, Barb Baker, Mike Sheridan, Audrey Lee, Joni Salamon, Tabbethia Haubold, Katrina Capasso, Pat McKinney, Chuck Leach, Paige McGrath, Andrea Tibbetts.

**Vote on New Board Member:** Carol Reigh made a motion to approve the President's appointment of Paige McGrath as a Director to fill a vacancy with an unexpired term ending December 2020, in accord with Section 5.7. of the Bylaws. With a second by Audrey Lee, the motioned carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Carol Reigh presented the minutes from March 11, 2019. Tabbethia Haubold made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Audrey Lee. Motioned passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katrina Capasso gave a financial update as of March 31, 2019. Mike Sheridan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit. Tabbethia Haubold seconded it and motion passed. Carol Reigh made a motion with a second by Mike Sheridan to accept the Auditor's Report for 2018. Motion passed.

**Conference Update:** Carol Reigh asked that each Board member obtain at least \$100 worth of sponsorships for the 2019 conference, which happens to be the most immediate need at this time. Carol suggested all Board Members reserve their hotel rooms as soon as possible as there has been extreme interest in the conference. All contracts to paid speakers have been sent out and the letters to GALA volunteers should go out this weekend. The plea to the membership from Sponsorship chair, Jane Hamilton-Merritt should also go out this week.

**Andean Trip Report:** Mike Sheridan shared the itinerary of the trip and sent in a report for GALA's historical records.

**Website Update:** New website should be completed by mid-July. This will allow Ron Caruso to make more changes and updates without contacting Cara.

**Youth Member T-shirts:** Pat McKinney presented a price list for t-shirts and the thinking was to have white t-shirts with a logo that the kids could

color and make their own. Andrea Tibbetts is planning on taking the GALA display to Rhinebeck Sheep and Wool this year with her youth and parents to man the booth.

**Llama Promotion Committee:** Jane Hamilton-Merritt sent in a report of all the ways camelids have been in the spotlight including ideas for National Llama Appreciation Day.

**Veterinary Committee:** The committee is working on getting ideas to somehow get the vets exposed to camelids. Carol Reigh suggested that GALA sponsor John Mallon doing a condensed training clinic at vet schools. Audrey Lee made the suggestion that GALA sponsor John Mallon doing a clinic at the National Veterinary Conference (Barb to find information on when and where this will be held).

Carol Reigh made a motion for GALA to take over the production and sale of the veterinary clipboards. Andrea Tibbetts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

**Follow Up Membership Survey:** Audrey Lee wanted to repeat the questionnaire to evaluate whether the Board has heard the membership and is moving the organization in the direction that they recommended. After a discussion, the Board felt that it was too soon for a survey and that a better interval would be two to three years; Idea was tabled. There was a suggestion that an article be put in the Newsletter outlining the progress to date on items initiated as a result of the 2018 survey..

Tabbithia Haubold made a motion with a second by Audrey Lee to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Reigh