

Board of Directors Face to Face October 24, 2019
5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Barb Baker, Andrea Parent-Tibbetts, Paige McGrath, Pat McKinney, Carol Reigh, Mike Sheridan, Deb Gaskill, Chuck Leach, Katrina Capasso. **New board members in attendance:** Steve Silverberg, Deb Marcou

Absent: Tabbethia Haubold-Magee, Audrey Lee, Meghan Cormier

Secretaries Report by Carol Reigh: Mike Sheridan made a motion with a second by Pat McKinney, to accept the minutes as presented by Carol Reigh.

Treasurer's Report: Katrina reported that the conference registrations and sponsorship is higher than in the past. Carol Reigh made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and file for audit with a second by Paige McGrath. Motion passed.

Continuing Business

Josh Meador Trial Results: Josh pleaded guilty and was charged with five counts of animal cruelty. Sentence of five years jail time was suspended and he was given a five year probation stipulating that he is banned from owning, keeping, or maintaining ANY kind of livestock; any breach of these conditions will result in his having to serve the jail term..

New Business

Barb Baker welcomed the new Board Members, Meghan Cormier, Deb Marcou, and Steve Silverberg and thanked those leaving the Board, Carol Reigh and Mike Sheridan.

Election of Officers:

Mike Sheridan nominated Steve Silverberg President, Andrea Parent-Tibbetts Vice President and Deb Gaskill as Secretary and moved that the nominations be closed. Pat McKinney seconded the motion and the motion carried. Correction : Katrina elected again

Membership: The 2019 conference had 52 new attendees. Sixty new members joined GALA in 2019 with a total of 284 members as of October 14. GALA has members in 31 states.

Andean Trip: Mike Sheridan praised Kathleen McDonald for her assistance with many details of the trip which took 20 people to Peru for 10 days. It was 10 days of interacting with people who raised llamas.

Youth Committee: Andrea Parent-Tibbetts and Mike Sheridan

GALA was represented at the Youth Jamboree at the Indiana State Fair with brochures, and youth wearing their t-shirts promoting GALA. Rhinebeck Sheep and Wool Festival also had Andrea Parent-Tibbetts' group do a meet and greet the llamas and the youth wore their GALA t-shirts which they colored or tie-dyed.

Llama Appreciation Day and Promotional Committee: Jane Hamilton-Merritt reported that the committee sent out a survey to find out what members did to celebrate LAD (Llama Appreciation Day).

Social Media: Deb Gaskill informed the Board that GALA has 790 followers on Face Book, 142 followers on Instagram and 6 followers on Twitter.

Update on the Ban on Llamas in the Federal Parks: Stan Ebel gave an update on the situation with the Wild Sheep Foundation and its persistence in banning llamas from National Parks in Alaska.

2020 Conference: Barb Baker, Paige McGrath and Deb Gaskill volunteered to co-chair the 2020 conference. They are in the process of finalizing a hotel and working on a keynote. Pat McKinney made a motion to accept their proposal with a second by Paige McGrath. Motion passed.

PLAA Donation to GALA: Pat McKinney, President of PLAA, announced that PLAA voted to dissolve the organization as of December 31, 2019 and would like to donate to GALA the

remaining funds. Carol Reigh made a motion to accept the money from the proposed dissolution of PLAA with a second by Paige McGrath. Motion passed.

PLAA Fiber Festival: Pat McKinney made a motion with a second by Andrea Parent-Tibbetts, to donate \$50 to the festival for prizes to those attending. Motion passed.

Carol Reigh made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 with a second by Mike Sheridan. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Reigh