



GALA Board of Directors 'Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 8:00pm

Teleconference Call

Meeting called to order at 8:03

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Silverberg, Andrea Paret-Tibbetts, Debra Gaskill, Katrina Capasso, Paige McGrath, Tabetia Haubold-McGee, Meghan Cormier, Audrey Lee, Deb Marcou. Absent: Chuck Leach and Pat McKinney.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to accept minutes: Andrea Parent-Tibbetts, Second by Deb Marcou; motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT: Katrina reported memberships are up, as are new memberships and renewals are up for the year. Financials are currently under annual review. Motion to accept financial report: Deb Marcou, Audrey. Motion carries.

Committee Reports

Medical research: Barb Baker has been working with Hillary Ware to find new studies to help fund. Pat Long from Morris Animal Foundation reported no longer has species specific committees. Barb and Hillary are working with someone at Oregon State a nano-body study as well as a lot of other possibilities.

Promotion Committee Meghan Cormier reported on three items: the packing, hiking and walking with llamas survey, which was included with her report and the ILR's request to work with the promotion committee on NLAD. Survey findings: of all people responding to the survey, there were 150 years total years experience, with 20 years individual average. Still working on getting information from members on individual state parks which allow llamas on trails. The committee has been getting in touch with folks who have knowledge on the subject to help with the video. Next videos could be on breeding, use of llama fibers and other subjects. Linda Hayes from the ILR has requested to work with promotion committee on the NLAD.

Membership Committee: Steve asked Katrina about following up with Miranda Brown regarding approaching PLAA members.

Conference Committee: Deb Gaskill and Paige McGrath. The committee (Deb, Paige, Mark and Barb) met in Richmond at hotel. Met with staff, talked numbers food beverage, rooms set up and possible meals. Did not blink twice at Mark's numbers. Keynote speakers are in place: Clay Jenkinson as Thomas Jefferson and Alejandra Arias-Stella from the Llama Pack Project. Two veterinarians have been contacted for the conference, Pat Long, who is confirmed and a second who has not responded. Outside area will be great for tents and outdoor activities with three lots. John Mallon on the mend and should be coming. New to the conference will be Continuing Camelid Conversations: Folks want time to network, so there will be a room set up for that purpose. Paige says issue for funding Pat Long has been resolved with funding from local LAMAS group.

OLD BUSINESS:

Covid-19 response: Steve Silverberg reported that with the Covid-19 pandemic, shows such as March Llama Madness are closing and the situation is very fluid, changing from day to day and state to state and GALA must consider postponement or cancellation of all scheduled events for the next two months at least. Recommend playing it by ear, but everyone needs to follow directives from their local health department and the CDC. Hoping for resolution before October. A lot of organizations are asking what to tell their members. West Virginia has had first case.

Survey/questionnaire: Audrey Lee has sent a couple letters to Steve regarding the survey. They will work together regarding his notes and then send it out to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS;

Alaska: Steve Silverberg is trying to work with regional directors, who says one of his directors has new science which indicates that camelids are carriers of disease, something he does not personally believe. He has requested that we be linked to this information ASAP because if it's true we need to know it and if it's not, we need to debunk it. So it's a partial win. Brief mention of the need for a Governmental Lands and Relations Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:38 p.m. Motion to Adjourn: Audrey Lee, second by Andrea Parent-Tibbetts; motion carries.

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. May 13.