Government and Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom)

Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2015

Meeting: Conference Call—December 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m. EST

Members: Deborah Bailey
Lynn Boak
Joan Clappier
Jan Hamby
Dr. Pat Long
Brion Smoker (absent)

Board Liaison: Bonnie Potter

Staff Representative: Darby Vannier (absent)

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m. EST.

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 AOA News of Importance (B. Potter, D. Vannier):

- Membership renewal packets have been sent out. The packet includes a strong pitch for members to become voting members. There will probably be by-law amendment proposals on the 2016 ballot.
- Elections will be in the spring. Three board positions will be up for re-election.
- AOA is wrapping up the 2015 financials and working on the budget for next year.
- Nationals will be in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, in March of 2016. Work is underway for that event. Registration opens in January.
- The Fleece Conference will be in Arlington, Virginia, in July of 2016.
- As announced, registration fees will be raised for the first time in about eight years.
- AOA is still on budget for the year.

2.0 Health Related

2.1 USAHA Alerts (P. Long, B. Potter):

- There is not much going on right now that is relevant to camelids.
- EEE and WNV are dropping off. There are still a few CO farms in quarantine due to VS.
- There is still chatter and periodic articles about antibiotic resistance.
- A cloned camel gave birth to a cloned camel in Dubai.

2.2 Ivermectin Resistance:

- Lynn asked Pat about resistance to Ivermectin in some alpaca herds. Pat confirmed that it has been seen in both US and Australian herds. In the US it is more prevalent in the eastern US where monthly de-worming protocols are used to combat meningeal worm.

3.0 Government Related

3.1 IRS Farm Audits—Status of Lessons Learned/1099 Article (B. Potter):

- Bonnie incorporated Lynn's information and added some references. After brief discussion, a motion was made to submit this document to the AOA Board with a recommendation that it be distributed to the membership. The motion passed.

3.2 Status of Article on "Things You Should Know: (Zoning, UCC, etc.)" (B. Potter):

- Lynn took what Bonnie had and organized it into related topics. It will be divided into multiple documents to avoid overwhelming people with information overload. The committee agreed with that approach.

- The group discussed the Part I document.
- There was an extended discussion about item #13, transportation between and through states. Different states have different requirements for CVI (health certificate). Pat said that it is customary to meet requirements of destination state but not pass-through states. It was agreed that further research will be done. Pat has talked to the Oregon state veterinary office, but will contact several other states to see if any of them feel a CVI should cover extra requirements their state might have if the animal is passing through.
- In addition to revisiting item #13, there was some thought that #13 through the end might be put into Part II of the series. The reasoning is that we want people to carefully read the documents and keeping them shorter increases the likelihood of that happening.
- All committee members should review the doc again, send their comments to Lynn. We'll review it again in our January meeting.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 eBlast on Upcoming Conferences (P. Long):

- Deborah will check with David Anderson at University of TN to see if they will be doing a camelid conference this year.
- Deborah moved to provide this list to AOA for distribution after we determine if UT is having a conference that would be added to it. Lynn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

5.0 Approval of Minutes (J. Clappier):

- The motion was made by Pat and seconded by Jan to approve the minutes of 11/18/15. The minutes were approved.

6.0 Meeting Wrap:

6.1 Review Action Items (B. Potter):

- Bonnie: Give Lessons Learned/IRS document to the AOA Board with recommendation to distribute it to the membership.
- Committee: Review Lynn's article again and give her feedback.
- Pat: Check with state veterinary offices in several other states to find out if any of them have CVI requirements for animals being transported through their state without staying there.
- Deborah: Check with David Anderson to see if University of TN is having a camelid conference in 2016.
- Bonnie: Give final vet conference list to Darby to be formatted and sent to membership.

6.2 Next Meeting (B. Potter): TBD

- Lynn has a conflict the 4th Wednesday of each month.
- We will try to find another regular meeting day.

6.3 Adjournment (B. Potter):

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. EST.