Government & Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom) MINUTES October 13, 2025

Committee Members: Bonnie Potter, Chair
Dr. Signe Balch (absent)
Fred Cripe
Derrick Letsinger

Board Liaison: Mike Livingston

Staff Representative: Robin Gifford (absent)

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm EST.

1.0 Meeting Opening

- 1.0 AOA News of Importance: Revamping goals. DDC contract is about to be signed to continue testing and to do color coat. Parentage and color coat testing will be done with nasal swabs. Several applications have been received for committees. Have established a Member Benefits Committee and Alternative Products Committee to be focused on alpacas as livestock. Membership remains concern. Non-renewals are contacted and problem seems to be that the cost isn't worth it.

2.0 Health / Government Related

- 2.0 USAHA Alerts
  - Not much of concern for alpacas; seeing a few cases of EEE, and more West Nile Virus as expected. New world screw worm remains a big concern.
  - https://usaha.org/resources has Alpaca Owners Association listed as a resource.

3.0 Unfinished Business

- 3.1 Articles on "Risk Management:" No further work has been done. We all need to look at what is available and what is needed with though about priorities.

4.0 New Business

- 4.1: Biosecurity/Transportation eBlast: All agreed it would be worthwhile to put something out about biosecurity and transport requirements. This is precautionary as there is currently no problem. Bonnie will take for action.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Minutes of 9/8/2025: Derrick made a motion to approve the minutes as written; second by Fred. Motion carried.

6.0 Meeting Wrap

- 6.1 Bonnie reviewed the action items.
- 6.2 The next meeting will be held on 11/10/2025.
- **6.3** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Potter