Government & Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom)
MINUTES
July 11, 2022

Committee Members: Bonnie Potter, Chair
Derrick Letsinger
Dr. Pat Long
Tom Petersen
Chris Sturgeon (absent)

Board Liaison: Wendy Dittbrenner (absent)

Staff Representative: Dan Huntley (absent)

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm EDT.

1.0 Meeting Opening

- 1.1 AOA News of Importance: no report.

2.0 Health / Government Related

- 2.1 USAHA Alerts
  - One year before new rule goes into effect about over-the-counter antibiotics. Several cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in Florida. Use of antimicrobials has decreased worldwide. Most news is about African Swine fever and avian flu. Discussion of lack of large animal veterinarians in many communities due to retirements, suicides, interest in small animal practice and other reasons.

3.0 Unfinished Business

- 3.1 Website education review
  - Tom discussed his review of the show system information. All of the information is good but website lacks information on how to show. Title doesn't always fit the content. Need more information for inexperienced handlers and how to make it easier for judge to evaluate alpaca. Recommend getting a judge to describe what they are looking for and how best to show the alpaca at its best. Getting your alpaca ready to show.
  - Pat discussed his review of health and husbandry. Although the articles and videos were not dated, many appear to be 7 or 8 years old. All are good with valid information except one mentions Baycox which is a drug used in Australia. Derrick commented on how useful Pat's book was on getting him through cria season.

4.0 New Business: Disaster Preparation: time to put out a message. Will circulate most recent eBlast for review.

5.0 Approval of Minutes: Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/9/22; second by Derrick. Motion carried.

6.0 Meeting Wrap

- 6.1 Bonnie reviewed the action items.
- 6.2 The next meeting date will be on 8/8/2022.
- **6.3** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm EDT.