Government & Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom) MINUTES May 9, 2022

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

Board Liaison: Wendy Dittbrenner (absent)

Staff Representative: Dan Huntley

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm EDT.

1.0 Meeting Opening

- 1.1 AOA News of Importance:
  - Election voting is open from 5/5 to 5/26.
  - There will be a members education call on 5/18 with Judy Schroeder about taking the fear out of fleece shows.

2.0 Health / Government Related

- 2.1 USAHA Alerts
  - A few cases of EHV-1 and WNV in horses. Avian flu has been seen in 29 states and 33 million domestic birds including commercial poultry operations, backyard breeders and wild birds.

3.0 Unfinished Business

- 3.1 Website education review
  - Bonnie reviewed articles on Registration. Focus on registering newly born alpaca but would add reasons to register adults such as for EPD program and for microchip information in case alpaca goes missing in a disaster. Most of the articles are relevant but some are dated and include reference to ARI vs AOA. The cost of Doing Business was written by Darby Vannier for 2003-2011. Alpaca Parentage Validation was updated in 2012. Blood Card Storage article shows ARI card. Bonnie will send notes to Dan.
  - Chris reviewed Alpacas as a Business. Did not see an article about types of business plans. Articles cover many things but not agritourism. Need contemporary article on sources of revenue. Need to add references to Jay Reeder articles that GirCom has referenced in the past.
  - Derrick reviewed Fiber. Most of the articles are very informative. Would like to see a list of mills. Did not see articles on how to prepare for fleece show, how to “noodle’ a fleece, or on new Innovative Fleece Show.
  - Need to look at what would be better taught by video demonstration and perhaps embed videos into articles. May need video on showing your alpacas including how to show the bite, or what judge expects from handler and what handler should expect from judge.

- 3.2 Oregon HB 4141: out of session so no new information.

4.0 New Business: none.

5.0 Approval of Minutes: Chris made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/11/22; second by Tom. Motion carried.

6.0 Meeting Wrap

- 6.1 Bonnie reviewed the action items.

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- 6.2 The next meeting date will be on 6/13/2022.
- **6.3** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm EDT.