Government and Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom)

Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2016

Meeting: Conference Call—October 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m. EDT

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

Board Liaison: Bonnie Potter

Staff Representative: Dan Huntley

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. EDT.

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 AOA News of Importance (Huntley, Potter):

- The search for an Executive Director is still underway. Several candidates have been reviewed and a few have been selected for in-person interviews.
- Dan Huntley was welcomed as the new staff representative to GIRCom.
- The Board is looking at the bylaw change that allowed AI and ET and working on documentation that will be needed.
- The staff are working on the newsletter, which will include information about membership renewal.
- Alpaca Farm days was a couple of weeks ago. Feedback was good. A questionnaire has been sent to people who signed up to get feedback on what worked.
- Working on software changes to add voting rights for all eligible dues paying members; expect to have it done by Thanksgiving.
- EPD calculation is almost done, and AOG is being finalized.

2.0 Health Related

2.1 USAHA Alerts (Potter):

- Not much to report.
- Still reports of WNV in horses; CA alpaca died of WNV, confirmed by UC Davis.
- New World Screw worm found in FL Keys. First infestation to be found in 30 years in the US. Trying to keep it from spreading. Bonnie emailed Pat about it and he responded that he doesn't think we need to worry about it yet, but should keep an eye on it.

3.0 Government Related

3.1 Antibiotic Usage (Potter):

Starting January 1, 2017, certain water soluble antimicrobials used in livestock drinking water will transition from over-the-counter to prescription use.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Disaster Preparedness eBlast (Potter):

A draft of an eBlast on Emergency Preparedness for Alpaca Owners was reviewed and discussed. Brion made a motion to send to the AOA Board for distribution to the members. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Potter will forward to AOA board with GirCom recommendation to send to membership.

4.2 Estate Planning/Preparedness (Smoker):

Brion indicated that it might be helpful for our members to have a checklist of things to remember when a spouse/ business partner dies. He recently developed a checklist which he will distribute to committee members to review. Everyone will review and send their suggestions to Brion before our next meeting.

5.0 Approval of Minutes (Potter):

5.1 Approval of the minutes of 9/28/2016. Brion moved, Lynn seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

6.0 Meeting Wrap:

6.1 Review Action Items (Potter):

- Everyone send input to Brion about what should be done/remembered when someone dies.
- Bonnie will send Emergency Preparedness eBlast to board with recommendation for distribution.

6.2 Next Meeting (Potter):

November 16, 2016.

6.3 Adjournment (Potter):

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. EDT.