Government & Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom) MINUTES November 13, 2023

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

Board Liaison: Mike Livingston (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: None reported.

2.0 Health / Government Related

- 2.1 USAHA Alerts/Conference
  - One alpaca died of WNV. New cases of vesicular stomatitis reported in California; none in Texas or Nevada. A few cases of EHV reported. Bird flu continues to be a problem. Pat attended USAHA conference and provided notes which have been distributed to committee members and submitted to AOA office.

3.0 Unfinished Business

- 3.1 TX/OK Veterinarian Access Issue: Pat did speak with Dr. Schwartz about the CVI issue at the USAHA conference. Alpaca owners can bring animals to a Texas veterinary clinic without a CVI if they or their vet call the State of Texas for a permit number, and then go directly to the clinic. There should be a follow-up letter documenting the information discussed. It was suggested that Bonnie report back to the member who had the concern. Also the OK Affiliate should be made aware. It was also suggested that an E-blast be sent to AOA members reminding them of the need to know what is required to transport animals across state lines.
- 3.2 Oregon Initiative Petition 2024-003: Pat received an email from the Oregon Farm Bureau indicating that the IP-3 people have delayed their efforts to 2026. Tom suggested that all alpaca owners be encouraged to be members of the Farm Bureau.

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Committee Appointments: Pat will be resigning from GirCom when a replacement is found. Several potential members were discussed. Bonnie will reach out to the candidate that Pat made contact with.
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5.0 Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Minutes of 10/9/2023: Pat made a motion to approve the minutes as written; second by Tom. Motion carried with Derrick abstaining.

6.0 Meeting Wrap

- 6.1 Bonnie reviewed the action items.
- 6.2 The next meeting date will be on 12/11/2023.

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- **6.3** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Potter