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

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

Board Liaison: Wendy Dittbrenner (absent)

Staff Representative: Dan Huntley

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

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 Welcome Chris Sturgeon as new committee member. Chris introduced himself which was followed by introductions by each of the other committee members.

1.2 AOA News of Importance

- Just back from Fort Wayne where National show had 650 entries and most successful auction since merger. Had youth activities including judges training.
- Working on National Fiber show.
- Membership renewal going well. Double where we were at the end of March last year.

2.0 Health/Government Related

2.1 USAHA Alerts

- Nothing with a direct impact on alpacas
- Reports of Covid in other species such as deer but none reported in alpacas.
- Over the counter antibiotics will be restricted to by prescription only in June 2023, like California is now.

3.0 Unfinished Business

3.1 Website Education/GirCom Publication Review

- Committee reviewed the list of the topics ranked the highest and decided each member should pick a topic for review. Number one topic, About Alpacas, was reviewed July 2021. We should each see if we can determine when it was written, if it has been reviewed since it was written and is it still current.
    - Pat will review Health and Husbandry
    - Chris will review Alpacas as a Business
    - Tom will review Showing Alpacas
    - Bonnie will review Alpaca Registry
    - Other topics that should be reviewed include Alpaca Genetics and Breeding and Alpaca Fiber

3.2 Oregon HB 4141

- Tom provided synopsis of bill which is a legislative initiative to evaluate alternatives for diesel fuel. Will probably sit in Way and Means until 2023 since Oregon Legislature is no full time.

4.0 New Business

4.1 None.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of 2/14/22 was made by Pat, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

6.0 Meeting Wrap

6.1 Review Action Items

- All will review topics as discussed to see what is missing or needs updating.

6.2 Next Meeting Date: 05/9/2022. Pat will not be available.

6.3 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm ET.