Membership Committee Summary

Committee Members: Sarah Donohoe
Ruth Ann Goss
Elden Harms
Michelle Kutzler - Absent
Patty Hasselbring, Chair

Board Liaison: Patty Hasselbring **Staff Liaison:** De Monson

Meeting: **Conference Call – Monday, September 9, 2019**

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 News of Importance from AOA
Patty reported Bud's resignation. De reported Alyssa Winterfield new Event and Member Services Coordinator. De reported membership numbers up. Patty shared that Susan Stark has resigned from committee.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Member Benefits
a. Gift Certificate Benefit – De reported 5 have been submitted.

2.2 Contacts with Members
a. New members – 2019 – De will provide list on google spreadsheet so we can begin calls. De will also share what new members receive via email. Committee will welcome and point to some of the website pages that may be helpful to members.

2.3 Veterinary contacts for members – Committee members reviewed list of veterinary schools that deal with camelids provided by Sarah Donohoe. Excellent listing. Next step: contact the schools to determine: 1) if okay to publish their info for reference by AOA members, and 2) would they be interested/able in providing assistance to AOA members evenings and weekends (Do they require referral by local vet? Do they serve a specific geographic area/state? Are they open to providing consultation in emergency situations for AOA members?) Ruth Ann will get email addresses for the schools on the list.

3.0 Youth Involvement

3.1 Feedback from youth
Two surveys have been developed: one for FFA students and one for affiliates. FFA students will be surveyed after the next annual conference so that names are fresh. De will set both surveys up online and then can be presented to Board.

3.2 Timing
If a youth membership (or any other type of membership) is recommended, best time to start that is the beginning of the year, and early fall is the best time of year to get it approved and ready to incorporate into the rollout.

4.0 Minutes for Approval

4.1 Minutes from 8/5/19 Elden moved, Ruth Ann seconded, minutes approved

5.0 Next Meeting Date: Because the first Monday of each month conflicts with the Fiber Committee call, and Alyssa has been tasked to that committee also, we are moving the Membership Committee to the 2nd Monday of the month. Therefore, the next meeting will be held October 14 at 3 PM PST/6 PM EST.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm Eastern Time.