Government and Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom)

Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017

Meeting: Conference Call—February 15, 2017, 7:30 p.m. EST

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

Board Liaison: Bonnie Potter

Staff Representative: Dan Huntley

Meeting called to order at 7:43 p.m. EST.

1.0 Meeting Opening

1.1 AOA News of Importance (Huntley, Potter):

- Membership renewals are ongoing. Reminder to committee members… you must be an AOA member to serve on a committee. Members continue to need education on membership being for individual and not for farm. Some questions have come to the office about whether alpacas are still considered livestock. The answer is yes and the links to the Farm Bill information are on the website and being given to those who ask about it.
- The staff continues to work on the national show which is next month in Denver.

2.0 Health/Government Related

2.1 USAHA Alerts (Long, Potter):

- Since it is winter there is not much happening. There have been a few cases of EHV reported in horses in KY, Mi, and CA.
- Screw worm that was reported in the Florida Keys is being contained.

3.0 Unfinished Business

3.1 Estate Planning/Preparedness (Smoker):

Bonnie reminded everyone about the draft document that was sent out by Brion. Bonnie made additions and sent that version to the committee too. Bonnie asked the committee members to review, and let Brion know of any suggestions that you have. Brion will be meeting with his computer friend later this month to put the document into a user friendly format.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Camelid Conference eBlast (Long, Potter):

Bonnie suggested that it might be time for a Camelid Conference eBlast. Pat will provide the information to Bonnie to put in rough format for approval by the AOA Board.

4.2 ET Information:

Deborah asked a question about who is allowed to do ET since it appears that different states have different requirements. Pat confirmed that ET involves various procedures (embryo flushing, embryo insertion, ultrasound, etc.), and in some states, some of the procedures must be performed by a licensed veterinarian, where in other states, some of the procedures may be done by a licensed technician or by the owner. Bonnie reported that there is information on the AOA website about ET which will be updated when the Policy and Procedures documents are approved to reflect the changes made to the Bylaws in the last election.

Bonnie suggested that the information on the AOA website include checking with your State of residence about the requirements before performing ET.

5.0 Approval of Minutes (Potter):

5.1 Approval of the minutes of 1/18/2017. Since 2 of the 3 committee members who attended the 1/18 meeting are not on the call, action on the minutes deferred.

6.0 Meeting Wrap:

6.1 Review Action Items (Potter):

Action items were reviewed by Bonnie with the committee members.

6.2 Next Meeting (Potter):

Third Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

6.3 Adjournment (Potter):

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat, seconded by Lynn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. EST.

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Potter