



## *Pack Llama Trail Association, Inc.*

*Dedicated to Preserving and Promoting the Working Llama*

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Secretary's Annual Report for the Year 2017,

### **January:**

100, 250, 500, 1000 Mile patches were ordered from Patch Warehouse, to be delivered to Sandra Van Liew for distribution.

Membership has been sent questionnaires with feedback now being compiled.

Retention of Records Project has been placed on yahoo conversation website.

Points for the Challenge have been compiled and will be sent out by Anne Sheeter.

### **February and March:**

3 applications for Trials have been received and returned to hosts. (Kansas, SSLA, BLT)

Information packets/gift handouts have been sent to John and Hank for their info booths at Trials and shows.

Work continues with data-base.

Contact has been made with Curtis Salveson, (Salt Lake City) in developing a herd, purchase of equipment.

### **April:**

Records Retention Policy has been finalized and placed on Yahoo conversation website for final comments with vote to follow.

Has everyone received their mileage patches? If not, get in touch with Sandra Van Liew.

Thanks to John for his pictures of the Sill trial. Certificates will be made and sent out.

It seems as if all the materials from Cathie Kindler have finally been received with certificates sent out in a timely fashion.

Members questionnaire results have been posted on the Yahoo conversation website.

### **May:**

Conversations with the ILR will be resumed that will place the achievement of a llama who has attended a pack trial on the ILR pedigree certificate. We will need to go through the ILR Board and then work with their IT person to see how it will fit on certificate.

501© 3 status will be explored using Tom's Accountant in Boise, Idaho.

The search continues for board members. Hunter Snow has been contacted, but her schedule just doesn't allow her the time to proceed, at this time.

3 Trials have been held this Spring, with no more Trials planned in the upcoming three months.

- a. South Central Kansas. 10 llamas participated. 2 llamas received APL certificates. 1 received APSL. 4 llamas received BPL certificates.
- b. SSLA in North Carolina. 7 new llama registrations. 14 associate members helped out. 6 llamas completed their BPL certificate. 5 llamas completed APL certification.
- c. BLT Trial. 3 llamas completed BPL. 5 llamas completed their APL certification.

Concern for new board members continues. Terms will end for Lisa Wolf, Regina O'Brien, and Tom Seifert in the Spring of 2018.

Members request that alpacas be allowed to participate in Challenges, only. This will be placed on Yahoo conversation site for board discussion.



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### **May:**

Lisa Wolf traveled to SSLA Pack Trial to work with trainers and certifiers. 6 people were added to the certifier rolls.

### **June:**

A question has arisen regarding businesses advertising on the PLTA website without actually being members of the PLTA. As of August 1, 2017, all businesses advertising on the PLTA website must be dues paying members.

Return to payment for certificates. As of September 1, 2017, if a member (llama) has completed a Trial and wishes to have a picture certificate for their llama, they must follow the steps:

- a. Owners PLTA number
- b. Name and address to whom the certificate will be sent
- c. The registered name of the llama
- d. Llama's birthdate
- e. Llama's PLTA number
- f. Llama's ILR number
- g. Date and location of the Trial
- h. An image of the llama that one would like on the certificate
- i. A \$5.00 fee to cover certificate and mailing costs.

Members have been requested to track their llama's achievements with supporting documentation or the PLTA's records will be final. This will include Trial's achievements, Challenge Points and Mileage.

The next sanctioned Trial will be held in Burns, Oregon September 23-25, 2017.

### **July and August:**

The decision to allow Alpacas to work in a Challenge has been accepted by the PLTA Board. This will be done on a one-year Trial or Experimental period where data and individual feedback will be obtained and a final decision and allowing alpacas to continue in the Challenge and Mileage programs will be made in early 2019.

A letter informing all PLTA members of this one-year trial was sent out August 17, 2017

### **September:**

A questionnaire has been established by the board for prospective Board members.

The Rocky Mountain Llama Association has been contacted regarding an overpayment of \$7.50. What was this for?

We are now currently working with alpaca owners in Emmett, Idaho and Mountain Home Idaho to put together a Spring Challenge for these owners. This came about because one of our members, Anne Sheeter was working as a judge in the llama/alpaca barns.

### **October:**

Letter sent to all PLTA members regarding the use of alpacas in a Challenge Program. Letter also contained request for members to join the Board, if there was interest in the PLTA Carting Program, suggestions for increasing PLTA membership.



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### **November:**

Infinity Acres Ranch (Laura and Rick Steele) requested new certificates because the Postal service/mailbox ripped several of them. They are a non-profit working with disadvantaged kids. They have also requested help to put on a Trial and Challenge. Just Basic Level.

Work continues on re-gaining our non-profit status and what direction should we be going(?)

Nominating Committee Policy was unanimously approved November 21, 2017. Bylaws and info placed on yahoo web site.

### **December:**

**Meeting cancelled.**

### **Early January 2018:**

**The ILR has approved noting the achievements on ILR pedigree certificates.**