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**ALSA Annual Meeting  
October 29, 2016**

Call to order: 7:15 a.m. Central Daylight Time

Board Members and Officers present:

President: Jim Doyle  
V. President: Paul Schwartz  
Secretary: Cheryl Juntilla  
Board Members: Debbie Andrews  
Bill Feick  
Treasurer Patti Wattigney  
Office Manager Robin Turell

Determination of quorum – ALSA currently has 389 voting members. The Bylaws provide that 10% or 39 of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. There were 32 members present in person and one member present via proxy, so a quorum was not present to vote on matters.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting were provided but could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Patti Wattigney gave the following Treasurer's report:

The Bank Accounts during 2015 were reconciled monthly and a Financial Statement and Treasurer Report was prepared monthly and reviewed with the Board of Directors.

All required tax and information returns were filed on a timely basis for 2015.

The Board of Directors has continued to monitor the expenses and has worked diligently in 2015 and 2016 to reduce the amount of expenses and increase the amount of income.

Overall income and expenses during 2015 increased. ALSA's net profit for 2015 was \$4,732.

All members in attendance were given copies of a Statement of Cash Flow For The Year Ended December 2015, ALSA's Balance Sheet for the Period Ended December 31, 2015, and a Statement of Income and Expense for the Year Ended 12/31/2015. There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report or financial statements.

Robin Turell gave the following Office Report:

**General Membership Meeting Office Report October 29, 2016**

**1. Membership**

**Membership as of today, Oct. 24, 2016 is:**

- 277 Regular Members – last year at this time there were approximately 270 Regular Members
- 201 Youth Members – last year at this time there were approximately 188 Youth Members
- 112 LIFE Members.
- Total membership is 590. In 2015 we had approximately 569.

## **2. Shows**

- We have currently 86 shows on the ALSA calendar.
- 80 of the shows are for 2016. There were 3 cancelled shows this year. 1 in Colorado, 2 in North Carolina (a show and a fleece show)
- 6 shows are already scheduled for 2017.
- At this time last year our shows were 70. We also had 4 shows scheduled for 2016.

## **3. Certificates**

I was asked if the ALSA office still gave out certificates and awards. The answer is yes. I am not always alerted when someone or an animal has achieved a ROM, or Champion. It is very helpful to have the member let me know if they think they are close or they should have gotten an award or certificate. I will then check any research they have, or begin new research.

## **4. Website**

If you believe you should, or an animal should be listed under an award, please let me know.

Also, please let me know if you feel any results from a show are wrong. I will research this with you and correct any problems.

I appreciate everyone that does call me right now! You are never a bother.

The meeting was then opened for questions or comments from members. One member stated that for about eight years there have been discussions about ALSA forming its own registry so that members could save money by not having to register their animals with the ILR and wanted to know if any progress had been made on that. Jim Doyle responded that the possibility had been investigated but at this point it appears the cost would be too high. Programs for on-line show entries have also been investigated but so far none has been found that would not result in an increase in the cost of sanctioning a show which would also increase costs for exhibitors.

A question was raised regarding comments that have been posted on FaceBook accusing the ALSA Board of being unwilling to talk to the ILR Board or participate in joint shows. Jim responded that the ALSA Board had met with the ILR Board and the minutes of that joint meeting were available on the website. Cheryl noted that the ILR-SD Executive Director who had been our main contact resigned before we were able to follow up after the first meeting. It was also noted that the ALSA Board had been willing to discuss the possibility of merger but only if there was complete financial transparency so that ALSA would not become liable for any undisclosed debts or tax liabilities of the ILR. We already have dual sanctioned shows, but cannot put on joint shows unless we get information about the costs and what ALSA's share would be. Several members agreed that was the correct position from a business standpoint and stated their appreciation of the Board's protection of ALSA's assets. One member stated that he believed the obstacles to joining into one show association were emotional as well as business related. Other opinions expressed were that the ILR Show Division had been formed by a handful of malcontents who intended to destroy ALSA and that those same people were still in control and could not be trusted. Another stated his opinion that the only thing the ILR wants from ALSA is its money. A number of people indicated they would like to have just one show association and others questioned why the ILR couldn't just dissolve its show division so

we could go back to everybody supporting one show association and one registry. Another person said that was not likely to happen because the ILR makes more money from the Show Division than from the Registry. It was noted that it is easy for people to post things on FaceBook to make ALSA look like the bad guy because ALSA's Standing Rules prohibit Board members from responding to those postings and suggested that the Board do an official posting to reach out and state its position.

There was a brief discussion regarding regulations about micro-chipping. At this time there is no Federal requirement for micro-chipping of llamas, but some states do require it. Karen Conyngham in Texas would be a good source of information on this topic.

#### Committee Reports:

- 1) Alpaca Committee - Chair: Mary Reed – no report.
- 2) Election and Nominations Committee - Chair: Lougene Baird – no report
- 3) Ethics Committee - Chair: Cheryl Lambert – no report
- 4) Finance & Budget Committee - Chair: Patti Wattigney gave the Treasurer's Report.
- 5) Fleece Committee - Chair: Cindy Ruckman – no report
- 6) Grand National Committee - Chair: Glenna Overmiller – no report
- 7) Handbook Committee – Co-Chairs: Marcie Saska-Agnew and Adryce Mathiesen – All proposed revisions have been submitted to the Board for review.
- 8) Judge's Committee - Chair: Barb Harris – no report
- 9) Membership Committee - Chair: Lauren Wright – no report
- 10) Performance Committee - Chair: Anna Reese – no report
- 11) Protest Committee - Chair: Cheryl Lambert – There have been no protests this year.
- 12) Publications, Promotions, Marketing and Web Site Committee - Chair: Ruby Herron – no report
- 13) Regional Committee - Chair: Kitty Tuck-Hampel – no report.
- 14) Show Management, Policy & Planning Committee – Chair: Glenna Overmiller – no report
- 15) Youth Committee - Chair: Cynthia Ernst – The Committee is looking for input on how to get more youth involved.

Paul announced that the Board was making a special offer to Senior Youth members in good standing as October 28, 2016 who are in their final year of eligibility to compete in the senior youth show division and interested in entering the apprentice judging program. For qualified youth who sign up for this program the fee for attending a Beginning Judging Clinic will

be discounted to \$125. If the youth successfully completes the clinic and three apprenticeships, this \$125 will be applied to the fee for their final judging clinic.

Upon successful completion of the first clinic and approval by the ALSA Judges Committee, participants will be eligible to start apprenticing at ALSA shows without having to wait until they are 21 regardless of how many years they have competed in youth judging classes.

Paul will announce this offer to the senior youth to get a preliminary determination of the number of potential youth participants. Senior youth members who were unable to attend the Grand National will be contacted by e-mail. The cut-off date for the preliminary sign-up will be December 31, 2016.

Anyone who is interested in helping by hosting a clinic should contact the Board or the Judges Committee.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by Cheryl Juntilla, Secretary