

## ALSA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes August 14, 2018

**Call to order:** 7:06 p.m. CDT

**Next Board Meeting:** August 28, 2018

**Roll call:**

Board Members:	Bill Feick, President Debbie Andrews Deb Yeagle, Secretary Lauren Wright Cathie Kindler, Vice-President Ron Baird Carol Rutledge
Treasurer:	Vern Wright
Office Manager:	Robin Turell

**Office Manager's Report:**

**BOD Meeting - Office Report Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

1. Memberships

As of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we currently have 210 regular members. This is an increase from last month of 1. Last year at this time we had 228 regular members. We currently have 182 youth signed up. This is an increase from last month of 12. Last year at this time we had 177 youth. We have 114 LIFE Members. Last year at this time we had 113 LIFE members. We have 53 Judges. Last year at this time we had 50 judges.

2. Shows

As of today, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 there are currently 71 shows on the ALSA calendar for 2018. This is an increase from last month of 12 shows. Last year at this time we had 71 shows.

**Motion: Accept the Office Manager's report. Motion by Deb. Seconded by Cathie Kindler. Motion unanimously approved.**

The Office Manager was thanked for her work and service and left the conference call.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Vern Wright was introduced as ALSA's new Treasurer. He then delivered a succinct financial report and status situation to the Board. Mr. Wright reported the following information regarding the financial condition:

Alpaca and Llama Show Association

July Financial Report

Income: \$1,794.78  
Expenses:

One-time office charges: 1,494.43  
R&R – office contract: 3,650.00  
Office expenses: 352.83  
Other: 404.05  
Total Expenses: \$5,901.31  
Loss: \$4,106.53

Accounts

Checking: \$8,433.70  
Savings: 39,603.38  
Youth: 5,754.43  
Total of accounts: \$53,791.51

Mr. Wright reported that a Youth Scholarship Grant request had been received from Avery Sims in the amount of \$500.00. An ALSA Youth member, Avery is attending Indiana University. Following short discussion, the following was adopted:

**Motion: Award Avery Sims a \$500 ALSA Youth Scholarship. Motion by Carol. Seconded by Deb. Motion unanimously approved.**

The Board extended its thanks to Mr. Wright for volunteering to assume the ALSA Treasurer's position and asked that he keep the Board informed of any developments. Deliberation regarding the \$375 (?) rent due on storage units in Hutchinson, Kansas that are being used for Grand National supplies was had.

**Motion: The Board authorize Mr. Wright to pay the \$375 Hutchinson rent with the understanding that during the Grand National Show the stored items would be evaluated, and their disposal or dispersal arranged. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Debbie. Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Wright then left the conference call.

**Alpaca Committee Chair Mary Reed:**

Entered the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Mary introduced herself as an ALSA member for nearly thirty years, pointed out her service as Treasurer and President, and proceeded to discuss changes to the format and conduct of the alpaca segments of ALSA shows. She explained that small breeders need changes to the format, as they have difficulty competing against larger breeders with many animals.

One item which engendered expanded discussion was the suggestion that, to increase alpaca participation at ALSA shows, llama judges would be allowed and encouraged to judge shorn alpacas during certain seasons, when fleeces are off the animals. When asked, Mary pointed out that llama judges would have to be qualified, as through taking clinics, to judge alpacas as the standards for conformation and so forth are different than those for llamas.

The committee had previously presented the Board with a new 25-page segment for the ALSA Handbook as it regards the format of alpaca shows, including extensive revisions and expansions to fleece, shorn, walking, and other classes and divisions.

After discussion, the Board decided to take Mary's comments and suggestions under consideration and review them again. by Deb.

Mary thanked the Board for its time and consideration as did the Board Mary, and she departed the conference call at approximately 8:25 p.m.

#### **New Business:**

At 8:25 p.m.

**Motion: To enter Executive Session to discuss various matters regarding the Standing Rules. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Lauren. Motion unanimously approved.**

At 8:39 p.m.

**Motion: To leave Executive Session. Motion by Cathie. Seconded by Deb. Motion unanimously approved.**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Alpaca** - Chair: Mary Reed, Liaison: Deb

**Bylaws and Standing Rules** – Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Bill

The purpose of this committee is to assure the membership the ALSA Bylaws are accurate and held in safekeeping for reference and to avoid accidental or unexplainable changes to these important documents.

In March of this year the membership approved a Bylaw change to remove reference to and use of the Petition to Nominate Form allowing an ALSA member in good standing to simply declare his or herself as a Candidate for the Board of Directors.

This committee will edit the Bylaws to reflect these changes approved by membership and submit the edited document for approval of its accuracy to create the final updated bylaws as of March 2018.

This change requires the Standing Rules be updated to remove all reference to the Petition to Nominate Form. Other remarks in the Standing Rules will be needed to describe the mechanics of how a member may declare his or herself a Candidate.

The committee will edit the Standing Rules to reflect the required changes and submit the suggestions to the Board for its approval. A vote of the membership is **not** required for the Board of Directors to approve changes in the Standing Rules.

Please amend and correct the published minutes of the ALSA Board of Directors meeting of July 24, 2018 where it is written that "motion for a by Law change or standing Rules by Lougen" (sic) was stated. This is incorrect as there was not a request for a motion to do either of these. You may refer to the Board Minutes of July 10, 2018, for clarity on this matter.

As of this date, there are no recommended changes to the Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lougene Baird, Chair

## ALSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

### **Elections** - Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Cathie

#### ALSA Election Committee Report – August 2018

The committee records are current. This is the quiet time of the election process. Please approve Geri Rutledge as a returning committee member. Hank Kaufmann has retired from this committee. We thank him for several years of service and offering his wisdom and knowledge of ALSA history. This Committee has received a few comments on the following subject: To review the Bylaws Article III Section 5. Term and Tenure. It is indicated that one-third of the Directors will be elected each year. This obviously is to assure continuity from one year to another.

This year, three directors were elected and two more brought up from the list of alternates making five Directors who may serve for three years.

This is how it all breaks down as of this report:

Two Directors are in their third year, five are starting a three-year term.

In 2019 – members will elect 2 Directors

In 2020 – No Directors will complete their term – no Board openings

In 2021- Five Directors will complete their term – 5 Board openings

This, or a future Board, will make the decision on how to return to a rotation of how to elect 1/3 of Directors each year.

Congratulations to the Directors who have agreed to serve to take ALSA soundly into the future.

Respectfully, Lougene Baird, Chair

Geri Rutledge, Election Committee member

### **Ethics** - Chair: Cheryl Lambert, Liaison: Cathie

The committee stated there was nothing to report.

### **Finance & Budget** - Chair: Vern Wright, Liaison: Debbie Andrews

No report received.

### **Fleece** - Chair: Judy Glaser, Liaison: Deb

The committee reported some changes to rules will be forthcoming.

### **Grand National** - Chair: Glenna Overmiller, Liaison: Cathie

We are pleased to announce that Pedroni Productions is coming to the ALSA Grand National's. Get ready for a fun filled weekend. We are asking all exhibitors in performance to please wear a costume. The theme is **Under the Big Top**. Use your imagination and only the exhibitor is to be in costume. (Your judges will also be in costume.)

A decision was made by the ALSA board of directors to make National's a non-qualifying show for 2018. It is not to demean anyone who has already qualified, but it is to encourage many more people to come.

Prices have also been lowered to help with the costs of coming to Grand National's.

Let's work together to keep the tradition of ALSA Grand National's.

In discussing this committee report, the Board was informed of concerns with the two-day format by some judges. Discussion further revolved around vendors, potential product sales, and other matters to this year's unique show format. It was specifically pointed out that a two-day show really benefitted participants who had to get their youth back to school, as Sunday could be a travel day for them.

**Motion: The 2018 ALSA Grand National Show will be a two-day show. Motion by Cathie. Seconded by Carol. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Handbook** – Chair: Adryce Mathisen, Liaison: Bill

No report received.

**Judges'** - Chair: Barb Harris, Liaison: Ron

The Judges' Committee reported there are no actions pending against Judges nor other matters to bring before the Board.

**Membership** - Chair: open, Liaison: Debbie

No report received.

**Performance** - Chair: Anna Reese, Liaison: Carol

The Performance committee has been presented a question from a member about a youth showing different animals in each youth performance class. The youth is not concerned about earning grands and reserves but would like to know if the scenario would be acceptable. This question was posed recently so the Performance committee has not yet had a chance to reply to me with a conclusion.

**Protest** - Chair: Cheryl Lambert, Liaison: Ron

The Protest committee reported that its schedule is totally clear, there being no protests filed or under evaluation.

**Publications, Promotions, Marketing and Web Site** - Chair: Ruby Herron, Liaison: Deb

The committee seeks to have the advertising PowerPoint approved work can be started on one for this year. Additionally, the committee is working on Grand National T-shirts and ALSA T- shirts, hats, hoodies, and canvas totes with a color with marker design. These will be a proprietary design owned and licensed by ALSA. Quotes are being obtained from T-shirt vendors. A lama calendar with paid advertising pages is being considered.

**Regional Committee** - Chair: Open, Liaison: Deb

No report received.

**Show Management, Policy & Planning Committee**—Chair: Kathy Devaul, Liaison: Lauren

No report received.

**Youth Committee** - Chair: Hunter Williams – Liaison: Carol

The Youth committee Chair, Hunter Williams, informed the committee she has no health issues at this time that would hinder her from carrying out the duties as chairperson for the Youth Committee. The committee expressed its appreciation on behalf of the ALSA BOD for her continued volunteerism.

In the first meeting of this Board, Deb graciously agreed to serve as Secretary when the Board only had five members. She is the liaison for four important committees. Now that the Board is expanded, she would like to concentrate on her other duties. The Board thanked Deb for all her diligent work on behalf of ALSA.

**Motion: Elect Ron Baird as Secretary. Motion by Carol. Seconded by Cathie. Ron abstained. Motion passed.**

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:23 p.m. CDT Motion by Ron. Seconded by Carol. Unanimously passed.**

***The ALSA Board of Directors may convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, any items on this agenda or to consult with Legal and/or Accounting Counsel.***