

ALSA Monthly BOD Meeting

April 14, 2015

(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

Call to order: 8:02 PM E.S.T.

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday May 13, 2015; 8:00 PM EST

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Roll call:

President: Kitty Tuck-Hampel

V. President: Susan Leslie

Treasurer (Non Board) Patti Wattigney (left the call at 8:10 pm)

Secretary: Terese Evenson

Board Members: Debbie Andrews

Jim Doyle

Paul Schwartz

Charles Poillion

Treasurer's Report:

(Non BOD) Patti Wattigney

Treasurer Report for the Month of March 2015

1) All bank accounts have been reconciled

2)

Current Assets

Checking Accounts	\$	16,592
Investment Account		55,743
Cash Memorials		<u>3,732</u>

Total Current Assets	\$	<u><u>76,067</u></u>
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable		<u>0</u>
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Total Liabilities		<u>0</u>
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Equity	\$	<u>76,067</u>
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Total Liabilities & Equity	\$	<u>76,067</u>	
Cash Balance on Hand February 2015			\$ 74,174
Receipts			
Membership Revenue	\$	2,025	
Show Fee Revenue		3,002	
Midwestern Regional Judge / Judge Clinic Fees		0	
Other Revenue		15	
		<u>15</u>	
Total Receipts	\$		5,042
Disbursements			
Grand National Expenses		0	
Regional Expenses BOD		0	
Bank / Credit Card Fees		202	
Office Contract/Expenses		2,917	
2013 Midwest Regional Expense		0	
Scholarship Funded Publications Committee Website Expenses		0	
		<u>30</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$		<u>3,149</u>
Balance on Hand March 31, 2015	\$		<u>76,067</u>

Susan makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written.

Debbie seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager:

BOD Meeting Office Report April 14, 2015

1. Membership

There are new membership applications coming in for 2015, both renewals and new memberships.

As of right now for 2015 we have:

- 112 LIFE TIME members (*which is increased from the last meeting of 1 membership.*)
- 203 regular memberships (*which is increased from the last meeting of 34 memberships. This cd number is growing each day.*) At this time last year we had 228 regular members.
- 115 youth memberships (*which is increased from the last meeting of 30 youth memberships. This number is growing each day.*) At this time last year we had 108.
- Our total membership so far for the 2015 year is 430. (Last year at this time the total membership was 444)

2. Shows

There are currently 43 shows sanctioned for 2015. (*which is increased from the last meeting of 15 shows*)

Last year at this time we had 36 sanctioned shows.

3. Discussion of Youth Scholarship

4. Discussion of 19th Edition ALSA Handbook

5. Discussion of Spring Showring

Susan makes a motion to accept the Office Report.

Charles seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

a) Grand National Meeting Minutes... Again

New Business:

a) Letter from Larry Lewellyn.

b) ILR Letter to the ALSA BoD.

4/10/15

ALSA Board of Directors;

As most of you know, the ILR-SD Executive committee recently completed an online survey in which the respondents were asked several questions in regards to their memberships in the various show associations and their involvement in

showing. The survey was sent out to our entire database and was shared on several popular social media sites for the llama community. We had 286 individual responses.

One question in particular, and its responses, should be of great interest to both show associations. We hope that it can serve as means to start an open dialog between ALSA and ILR about what is best for the future of the llama industry as a whole.

“In an environment of declining numbers of shows and decreased participation, please indicate the option that best describes your thoughts”

48.3% of the respondents were in favor of a merge of ALSA & ILR-SD into one association incorporating the best functions of each into a single association with show results posted to the animal's permanent record. Only 15% responded to keep things the way they are.

We would encourage you to conduct your own survey and gather your own results. With nearly 40% of the respondents being members of both organizations, we believe you will find similar results. We strongly feel it is time for the llama industry to start healing our divisions and for us to work together for the greater good of all.

Attached you will find the results of the complete survey. Please let us know if you have any questions about the survey and we look forward to talking with you about the future of our wonderful industry.

Thank you,
ILR Board of Directors
ILR-SD Executive Committee

~ Due to the length of the ILR Survey results, the ALSA Board of Directors couldn't submit the entire report in the Monthly minutes. If any member would like a copy emailed to them, please feel free to contact a Director, and they would be happy to email those results to you.

Committee Reports:

1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Susan Leslie)

Chair: Deb Yeagle

No Report

2) Election Committee: (liaison: Paul)

Chair: Lougene Baird

ALSA Election Committee Report – April 2, 2015

The 2015 Day of Record was April 1st. All members who paid dues by that day will be able to participate in the 2015 General Election. The ALSA office and Treasurer are compiling the list of members in good standing, the ALSA Board will correct and/or approve the list and send the final to the Election Committee.

Once the list is received, the Committee will begin transferring information onto to the Simply Voting platform. The Committee thanks those members who have given constructive comments concerning electronic voting. The Committee hopes to be able to incorporate these great ideas into General Election process.

The EC encourages members to verify that their primary member's email address is correct with the ALSA office. Incorrect information will cause a membership to not receive voting instructions.

The deadline for members to submit a Petition to Nominate Forms is April 10th. The committee has received approximately 50 Petitions for 5 possible candidates. Those who wish to place their name on the ballot have until April 30th, 12:00 Noon Central Time to submit their Statement of Candidacy and a Passport type photo to the EC.

Voting credentials will be sent to each qualified member. Voting will begin Wednesday, May 27 at 12:00 noon Central Time and end Friday, June 5th 12:00 Noon Central Time.

The EC plans to release election results immediately.

As of this time, there are no Bylaw issues to put before the membership.

Regards,
Lougene Baird, Chair
ALSA Election Committee

Paul makes a motion to approve the Election Committee Report.

Debbies seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Charles makes a motion to accept the member list from the day of record, and send to Lougene immediately.

Paul seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

3) Ethics: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Cheryl Lambert

No Report

4) Fiber Committee: (liaison: Terese)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman

Working on discrepancies found in the Handbook.

Susan motions to accept Oral Fleece Committee report.

Charles seconded the motion

Motion carried.

5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Patti Wattigney

No Report

6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Glenna Overmiller

Report to be given by Glenna on the call.

- Met with facility personnel.
- Invoice from last year was discussed, and compared to 2015 estimated costs.
- New caterer for awards dinner will need to be found.
- City of Park City has expressed their interest in our return of Grand Nationals.
- Cardboard will NOT be provided/available at the facility. Exhibitors are responsible to bring their own bedding - NO shredded paper.

Charles makes a motion to approve the facility contract.

Debbie seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Fleece report for Grand Nationals. Received 3/12/15

Jim makes a motion to accept the proposal to lower the fleece entry fees, and include the "blanket/ranch" entry fee. The ribbons, from the proposal, will be discussed at a later date.

Charles seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Permission granted for Glenna Miller to notify Patti Morgan immediately.

7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Paul)
Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew

No Report

8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Terese)
Chair: Ken Forster

Judges Committee Report

April 9, 2015

- 1) The two clinics that the Judges Committee requested and received approval for have been finalized.
 - a) The OWNERS/BEGINNING/ADVANCED ALSA Llama Halter, 25 shorn alpaca clinic to be held May 29-31, 2015 at Susan Leslie farm LaVernia, Texas.

 - b) The Owner/Beginning/Advanced Level ALSA Llama Fleece Judging Clinic to be held July 17 - 19, 2015 at Margaret & Ralph Drew - Stonehenge Llama Ranch Vacaville, CA.
- 2) *The committee wants to thank Hank for his work on updating the ALSA Judges Manual and the ALSA Owner/Breeder Manual.*

At this time we ask for the Boards approval to place the manuals under the judges section of the ALSA website making them available to all judges and ALSA members.

Number 2 has been tabled. The BOD would like to review the manuals before voting on this issue.

- 3) *On April 7th a request was forwarded by the ALSA President to the Judges Committee from an Apprentice Judge stating: I am requesting approval from the Judges Committee and the ALSA BOD to be an ALSA Judge with **my credentials, fast tracking and under Part S. Judges and Apprentice Program, Page 125, 6. of the current handbook.***

Our Committee findings are:

That the request be denied and we ask that the Apprentice Judge attend and pass an Advanced ALSA Halter Clinic for further review per the below reasons.

A) Part S, Section 2-A-6 reads: If a person has in-depth knowledge **as well as previous judging experience**, he/she may apply in writing **listing all their previous qualifications** to the Judges' Committee for a waiver for all or part of the above requirements. Each applicant will be evaluated on their own merit. A WAIVER OF ALPACA OR LLAMA JUDGE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

B) Per information sent in the request. The requester has only judged one youth show thus not filling the requirement of previous judging experience.

C) Requester scored 78% overall in the 2013 Beginner Clinic.

Ken Forster
Judges Committee Chair

Committee member responses to this report.

Mary Reed: I approve the April Committee Report. Thanks,

Hank Kauffman: I approve the report.

Barb Harris: I approve.

Tor Sorensen: I approve.

- Point of order -

Paul makes a motion to Fast Track the judge from #3 of the Judges Committee Report.

Jim seconded the motion.

Roll call vote -

Charles - No, Debbie - No, Jim - Yes, Paul - Yes, Susan - No, Terese - No

Motion denied.

Charles makes a motion to approve #3 of the Judges Committee Report.

Terese seconded the motion.

Roll call vote -

Charles - Yes, Debbie - Yes, Jim - No, Paul - No, Susan - Yes, Terese - Yes

Motion carried.

9) Membership Committee: (liaison: Debbie)

Chair: Mary Rose Collins

No Report

10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Jim)

Chair: Anna Reese

No Report

11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Debbie)

Chair: Anna Reese

No Report

12) Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Charles)

Chair: Barb Harris

No Report

13) Protest Committee: (liaison: Susan)

Chair: Bobbie White

No Report

14) Publications, Promotions, and Marketing Committee: (liaison: Terese)

Chair: Ruby Herron

No Report

15) Regional Committee: (liaison: Jim)

Chair: None

No Report

- 16) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Glenna Overmiller

No Report

- 17) Web Site Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Ruby Herron

Everything is working fine at this time.
Ruby is doing a great job.

- 18) Youth Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Michelle Kutzler & Terry White, Co-Chairs

No Report

Jim makes a motion to adjourn at 11:26 PM (EST).

Charles seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Minutes by Terese

Email Motions:

a)

3-13-15: Received a request from Robin for this eblast- "VERY URGENT - 2015 ALSA General BOD Election Day of Record and Nomination form"

3-13-15: Debbie- approve, Jim- approve, Terese- approve, Susan- approve, Paul-approve, Charles- approves

3-13-15: Eblast has been approved to send to the membership.

b)

3-13-15: Judge's committee entered in the request for Judge's clinics.

3-13-15: Jim approves, Paul-approve, Susan- approve, Terese- approve, Debbie- approve

3-13-15: Judge's Clinics have been approved.

c)

3-15-15: Part S of the Judge's portion of the Handbook was sent to Ruby to make the Handbook changes according to what was approved through the Judge's committee recommendations and the Minutes.

3-15-15: Susan- approves

3-20-15: Charles- approves, Debbie- approves, Terese- approves.

3-25-15: Part S of the handbook has been corrected and approved to submit for print.

d)

3-17-15: Request from the Grand National Committee to replace a Judge that couldn't attend.

3-17-15: The BoD was requested to hold off until the Grand National Committee meeting.

e)

3-18-15: Terese submitted the March 10th meeting minutes for approval.

3-18-15: Susan motions to approve the minutes.

3-24-15: Charles- approve, Debbie- approve, Paul- approve, Jim- approve

3-24-15: March 10th meeting minutes are approved.

f)

3-18-15: Grand National Committee submitted a backup judge for Grand Nationals.

3-18-15: First judge to be considered was not chosen.

3-18-15: Second judge to be considered was not chosen.

3-20-15: Third judge to be considered was not chosen.

3-25-15: Fourth judge was considered and chosen as the Judge for Grand Nationals.

g)

3-25-15: Seeking approval to add Alpaca halter to Grand Nationals.

Jim- approve, Paul-approve, Debbie- approve, Susan- approve, Terese approves, Charles- approves.

3-26-15: Alpaca Halter has been approved to add to the 2015 ALSA Grand Nationals.

h)

3-25-15: Paul made a motion to notify the Grand National Committee immediately upon final votes.

3-25-15: Jim seconds the motion and votes yes.

3-25-15: Debbie- approve, Susan- approve, Terese- approve, Charles-approve.

3-25-15: Motion to notify the Grand National Committee immediately upon final votes, has been approved.

i)

3-25-15: Seeking approval for fleece prices.

Jim- approve, Paul-approve, Debbie- approve, Susan asked questions and calls for discussion.

j)

3-25-15: Robin requested eblast of "FREE Pre-Ordering of the 2015 19th Edition Handbook"

3-26-15: Terese approves, Susan- approves, Charles- approves,

3-30-15: Robin requests approval again.

3-31-15: Jim- approves, Debbie- approves.

3-31-15: Eblast of Free Pre-Ordering of the Handbook has been approved.

k)

3-26-15: Robin requested a Judge's eblast to be sent only to Judges.

3-27-15: Jim- approves, Debbie- approves, Charles- approves, Susan- approves, Terese- approves

3-27-15: The Judge's eblast has been approved.

l)

3-26-15: Terese again submitted the Membership Meeting minutes for approval with the addition of Patti's Treasurer's report, which couldn't be inserted, but will have to be added on the end.

3-29-15: Paul- the change to the Handbook committee are still not in there.

m)

3-26-15: Robin submitted a Grand National eblast for approval.

3-26-15: Debbie- approves, Jim- approves, Charles- approves,

3-28-15: Terese- approves,

3-28-15: Grand National eblast has been approved.

n)

4-2-15: Paul-

I move we print 300 handbooks and order the 312 binders to distribute to the membership.

I move we give 1 copy of the handbook to every member that has joined or renewed their membership for 2015. Any member that wishes to receive more than 1 copy can order more, and will be charged a fee of \$15.00 per copy.

I move that after we receive the books from the printer we send a copy out to every new membership or renewed membership after that date.

I move we contact in some form all the Life members and ask them if they would like a current handbook and also ask them to update their membership information.

4-2-15: Jim- Seconds and votes yes to all.

4-2-15: Debbie- Yes to all.

4-3-15: Kitty questions regarding the lifetime member portion.

4-3-15: Susan and Terese- votes yes to all but the lifetime member portion.

4-5-15: Charles vote yes to all but the lifetime member portion.

4-5-15: All motions approved except the lifetime member portion.

Paul will be contacting the lifetime members to see if they'd like a handbook.

N)

4-4-15: Jim: I move I move we allow the GN committee to move forward with their proposal.

4-6-15: Paul- I second and approve the fleece portion of the GN show.

4-6-15: Susan- calls for discussion.

o)

4-6-15: Robin requests a 2nd notification of the free Handbook eblast.

4-6-15: Debbie approves, Jim- approves, Susan- approve, Charles- approve,

p)

4-8-15: Robin requests an eblast 2015 May - Owner/Beginning/Advanced Level ALSA Llama Halter, 25 Shorn Alpacas Judging Clinic.

4-8-15: Jim approves, Debbie- approves, Charles- approves, Terese- approves, Susan- approves, Paul- approves.

4-8-15: Eblast has been approved.

q)

4-10-15: Robin submitted and eblast for the Judge's Clinic.

4-10-15: Terese- approves, Susan- approve, Jim- approve, Debbie- approve, Charles- approve,

4-10-15: Eblast has been approved.

r)

4-10-15: Ruby submitted the Spring edition of Showring for approval.

4-11-15: Paul- approves, Jim- approve and "Great Job", Terese- approve, Charles- approve,

4-12-15: Susan- approves

4-12-15: The Spring Edition of the Showring Magazine has been approved.