

ALSA Monthly BOD Meeting

June 11, 2013

(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

This meeting will be recorded

Call to order: 8:16 PM E.S.T

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday; July 9, 2013

Roll call:

Members Present:

President: **Ken Forster**

V. President: **Jim Doyle**

Treasurer: (Non Board) **Patti Wattigney**- Left the call 9:23 PM E.S.T.

Secretary: **Kitty Tuck-Hampel**

Board Members: **Allen Davis**- Director, **Larry Lewellyn**- Director, and **Charles Poillion**- Director

Susan Leslie- Silent Observer, Board of Director Elect- 2013 Election

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager- Left the call 9:24 PM E.S.T.

Office Report June 11, 2013

BOD Meeting

1. Membership

We have approximately 565 members. This is an increase of 40 members since the last BOD meeting. There are also some membership requests that are being processed right now which will increase the number of memberships.

2. ALSA Sanctioned Shows

We have added shows since the last BOD meeting but have had to cancel one, the Allen County Open Show due to the lack of attendance, so our total number of sanctioned shows thus far for 2013 is 57.

3. Constant Contact – our communication email

A. I would like to upgrade the Constant Contact Email to MyLibrary Plus. This will allow for more upload of images. Right now we are only allowed 5 images loaded at one time. Each time I change to a new image that is not already in my library of 5 images, I have to delete one and upload another. When you delete an image, if someone is keeping the image on their desktop or in a folder to use at a later date on their computer, it will delete their image as well.

With the MyLibrary Plus I am able to have 50MB which will cover the ALSA needs for their newsletter. With all the communication going out to the members, this is necessary.

The cost to upgrade is \$5.00 per month.

B. I would also like to pay for a year in advance for Constant Contact. We are currently paying a monthly fee of \$30.00. With paying for a year in advance we will receive a 30% discount because of our non-profit status. We will pay \$252.00 instead of \$360.00. By paying for advance we will also receive the 30% discount for the MyLibrary Plus. We will pay \$42.00 for this instead of \$60.00.

Jim makes a motion to upgrade My Library Plus and Constant Contact to pay each yearly.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried

4. GN Survey

I would like to send out an eblast concerning the ALSA GN Survey results taken from the eblast email that was sent out.

The Board of Directors is working on a compilation of the ALSA Grand National Survey to send out the results to the membership.

5. Showring Discussion – email blast

Kitty: I make a motion to approve Robin's office report.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

(Non BOD) Patti Wattigney

Review Treasures report

Treasurer Report for the Month of May 2013

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled
- 2) THE BOD expense included the BOD liability insurance expense.
- 3)

Current Assets

Checking Accounts	\$	11,522
Investment Account		44,972
Cash Memorials		<u>3,837</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 60,331

Liabilities

Accounts Payable 0

Total Liabilities 0

Equity \$ 60,331

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 60,331

Cash Balance on Hand April 2013 \$ 66,747

Receipts

Membership		
Revenue	\$	2,350
Show Fee		
Revenue		1,600
Grand National		
Sponsorship		100
Judge / Judge Clinic		
Fees		800
Other		
Revnue		<u>48</u>

	Total Receipts	\$	4,898
Disbursements			
	Grand National Expenses	0	
	Election Expenses	665	
	BOD Expenses	7,536	
	Bank / Credit Card Fees	163	
	Office Contract/Expenses	2,916	
	Regional Expenses	34	
	Handbook Committee Publications	0	
	Committee Website Expenses	0	
	Total Disbursements	\$	<u>11,314</u>
	Balance on Hand May 31, 2013	\$	<u><u>60,331</u></u>

Charles: I make a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report

Jim: Seconds the motion

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Request for executive session:

Larry made a motion to go into executive session.

Jim seconds the motion.

Motion carried. The Board of Directors enters executive session at 9:27 PM E.S.T

Charles: I make a motion to exit executive session.

Larry: seconds the motion to leave executive session.

Motion carried.

The Board of Directors exits executive session at 10:21 PM E.S.T.

Charles: I make a motion to approve the letters to send to Mr. McCormack.

Kitty: seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

- 1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Kevin Sullivan
No Report
- 2) Election Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Lougene Baird
a) Election report sent to membership.
- 3) Ethics: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Paul Schwartz
No report
- 4) Fiber Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
No report
- 5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair:
No report
- 6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Jim Doyle

Grand National Report

The Grand National Committee met on Sunday October 9, 2013 by teleconference. Here is our report:

1. The Grand National Committee recommends that the qualifications to attend Grand Nationals follow the 17th edition of the ALSA Handbook with no changes.
2. The Grand National Committee has decided to contract Hank Kauffman to be our supplier for the Grand National Trophies. His trophies are beautifully done and he has made the **ALSA** logo as our ALSA Grand National- Grand and Reserve trophies. They are a works of art. We believe our members will be extremely pleased with the quality and workmanship of these very special trophies.
3. The ALSA Grand National schedule has been approved and is now on the ALSA website.
4. The Grand National Committee has carefully studied the ALSA Membership survey and is glad to report that many of these suggestions have been implemented into our 2013 ALSA Grand National show. We thank the membership for their time and consideration for helping us to make a successful ALSA Grand National show.
5. Robin Turrell has taken the job of contacting vendors for the 2013 ALSA Grand Nationals.
6. Each member of the Grand National Committee is doing their part to ensure sponsorship.
7. We have a very special donation. Rita Long the owner of Heiniger shears has graciously donated a set of Heiniger shears for the ALSA Grand National show. All llamas winning a 1st place (only 1 entry per llama) will be entered in the drawing for the Heiniger shears. The drawing will be held at 8 AM Sunday morning and the person must be there to win.
8. Our raffle items are growing with large ticket items.

9. The door prizes will be in abundance and will be drawn both Friday and Saturday during the show. Each exhibitor's name will be placed into the drawing to receive an item. At the end of the show, all names will be put back into the drawing for a large prize to be announced. We are truly honored to say, that Susan Leslie's youth group has generously offered to donate hand crafted items for some of our door prizes. We thank them for their wonderful donations.
10. We have announced our very special club called the "Top Hand Club". Our Top Hand Club is a listing of all of our wonderful volunteers. These are the backbone of the 2013 ALSA Grand National show.
11. We have a very special announcement: Hank Kauffman has generously donated a special award for our new "BEST OF SHOW" award. The 2013 ALSA Grand National will have a "Best of Show".

We submit this report for your consideration.

Regards,
Jim Doyle- Grand National Committee Chairman
&
The Grand National Committee Members:
Allen Davis
Ken Forster
Cheryl Juntilla
Susan Leslie
Larry Lewellyn
Charles Poillion
Kitty Tuck-Hampel
Robin Turrell
Patti Wattigney

***Kitty I make a motion to approve the Grand National Report
Larry seconds the motion
Motion carried.***

- 7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew
No report
- 8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Barb Harris

**ALSA Judges' Committee Report
June 2013**

Old business

The following was returned to the committee from our April report for clarification:

In order for a judge to accept apprentices or judge a Regional or National show they must have been a judge for 5 years, current with all dues and paper work and no upheld complaints or protests in their files for the 3 years prior. A show superintendent may request a waiver from the Judges' Committee if the judge they wish to use has significant experience in the area they will be judging. The reasoning of the Judges' Committee for this portion of our recommendation is that many new judges for their first two to three years have few if any shows. It is during that crucial time frame that if there are going to be serious complaints or protests they will begin to show up. It will thus allow the Judges' Committee to make qualified recommendations to the National and Regional committees.

If at all possible the committee would like to request that this rule be made retroactive back to the 1st of January 2013 in order to alleviate any hardship for some of our judges.

The above highlighted in red was to have gone with the proposal that any judge who is current with dues, paper work and has had no upheld complaints or protest was released from having to attend further clinics.

Jim: I make a motion to deny the above portion of the Judges Committee Report.

Charles: seconds the motion.

Motion carried to deny the above portion of the Judges Committee Report.

The Judges' Committee would also like to make the following recommendation that would take effect on the 1st of January 2014:

Former ALSA judges who decide to return to judging for ALSA may do so by completing the following requirements:

- 1) Three letters of recommendation from ALSA members.
- 2) ALSA dues are current.
- 3) Submission of current ALSA Open Book judges test.
- 4) One consult with a current ALSA instructor or assistant instructor to verify current knowledge of handbook and requirements.
- 5) Immediate payment of ALSA judge's dues when notified of acceptance back into the ALSA Judges program.
- 6) (MUST STATE) The above must be approved by the ALSA Board of Directors.

Returning to the Judges committee for their approval with the BoD suggestions written in red.

New business:

Two clinic proposals for this fall:

Alpaca and Llama Fleece – Beginning, Advanced & Breeder/Exhibitor

November 15, 16 & 17th 2013

Goshen Indiana

Klein Himmel Llamas – Margo & Glenn Unzicher

Cindy Ruckman and Deb Yeagle – Instructors

This clinic is also proposing to include youth as a trial. Youth will be allowed at no charge if they will assist with holding animals during walking fiber.

Registration fee \$250.00

Llama Halter, Performance and Fleece - Beginning, Advanced & Breeder/Exhibitor

September 13, 14 & 15, 2013

Grass Valley CA

Wild Oak Llamas – Rick & Mary Adams

Judie Moser –halter/performance instructor

Karen Kinyon (tentative) fleece instructor

Registration fee \$250.00

Rick and Mary will be able to put up at least one of the instructors for this clinic.

It is my belief that both of these clinics will generate enough interest in their respective areas to warrant both of them being held this fall. Both the Unzichers and the Adams have the facilities and abilities to provide a quality experience for the attendees. There are at least two apprentices who due to prior commitments were unable to attend the upcoming clinic in June.

Charles: I motion to approve the clinics.

Kitty: seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Last year Lora Crawford took a leave of absence from judging and instructing due to serious personal reasons. At this time she is requesting reinstatement as an ALSA judge and instructor. Lora has stayed active in ALSA during this year and the Judges' Committee sees no reason not to reinstate her at this time.

Jim: Motion to reinstate Lora Crawford.

Larry: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

After going through judge's files it was found that additional judges had been left off the Instructors/Assistant Instructor list. Verification has been made that they had not removed their names from that list so the committee is putting forth the following list with all instructors that we believe to be current:

Llama Halter/performance

Deb Yeagle

Judie Moser

Hank Kauffman

Barbara Harris – assistant – one left

Danielle Wagoner – assistant – one left

Phil Feiner – assistant – two left

Alpaca Halter/performance

Deb Yeagle

Mary Reed

Anthony Stachowski

Kevin Sullivan

David Barbosa – assistant – one left

Llama Fleece

Karen Kinyon

Cindy Ruckman

Deb Yeagle

Patti Morgan – assistant – one left

Alpaca Fleece

Deb Yeagle

Mary Reed

Anthony Stachowski

Kevin Sullivan

David Barbosa – assistant – one left

Kitty: I make a motion to approve the above names as instructors.

Charles: seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Lora Crawford will be added to "Llama Halter" if board approves her reinstatement.

(Lora Crawford was approved to be reinstated, in the above motion.)

Respectfully submitted,

ALSA Judges' Committee

Barb Harris – chair

Maryan Baker

Margaret Henry

Patti Morgan

Kevin Sullivan

Deb Yeagle

- 9) Membership Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Kathy Devaul
No report.
- 10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: None
No report.
- 11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Eileen Ditsler
No report.
- 12) Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris
No report.
- 13) Promotion Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: None
No report.
- 14) Protest Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Margaret Henry
No report.
- 15) Publications Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Ruby Herron
No report.
- 16) Regional Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Cheryl Juntilla
Regional Committee Report

We have received an exciting proposal for the Buckeye Regional Championship, which we hope the Board will approve. The proposal is to hold this Championship show at Northwind Farm in Sawyer, Michigan, which is located in the southern part of the state and easily accessed from all directions. This location should be convenient for exhibitors from several states in addition to Michigan, including Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio and even states further east. The show would be held in a six or seven acre park-like area on Northwind Farm, with plenty of parking for exhibitors.

It has been a couple of years since we've had a Regional Championship in this part of the country, so it is impossible to predict what entry numbers will be like. However, facility costs will be minimal because Bob LaMorte has volunteered to host the show at Northwind Farm and we will not have to rent an arena or fairground facility. About the only facility costs will be the rental of a large tent, some porta-potties and a few tables and chairs. This will also save the exhibitors money because they will not have to pay stall fees. Bob has also volunteered to serve as superintendent and will recruit an experienced show clerk to assist him.

The show will take place on a weekend from mid-September to early October with the exact date to be decided when we make sure it does not conflict with any other shows in the region. We would like Wally Baker to be the judge. We would also like to hire a second judge to assist with performance classes so that the show can be completed in one day, with the second judge living closer to the show to minimize travel expenses. All income and expenses of the show will be handled in accordance with the Regional Superintendent Guidelines posted on the ALSA website.

Please let me know as soon as possible if this proposal is approved or if the Board needs any additional information. Thank you.

Email vote

06-09-13: Charles: Motion to approve.

Kitty seconded.

Charles-yes; Kitty-yes; Jim-yes; Larry- yes, Allen- Yes.

Motion carried.

17) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair:
No report.

18) Web Site Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Ruby Herron
No report.

19) Youth Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: Susan Leslie

The silent auction will be held again at the 2013 ALSA Grand Nationals. We need to get the donations rolling in to help keep building the Youth Scholarship fund.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

a)

06-03-13: Jim: Motion to approve Susan Leslie as a member of the Grand National Committee now, instead of July, when she will take office.

Kitty seconds.

Jim- yes, Kitty- yes; Charles- yes; Larry- yes

b)

05-21-13: Larry: Motion to approve SE Regional.

Charles seconded.

Larry-yes; Charles-yes

05-22-13: Jim-yes; Kitty-yes

05-25-13: Ken -Yes

05-25-13: Motion carried

c)

05-21-13: Jim: Motion to approve May 14, 2013 minutes.

Larry seconded.

Jim-yes; Larry-yes; Charles-yes; Kitty-yes

05-28-13: Ken-yes. Minutes approved

c)

Jim: I make a motion to adjourn the conference call.

Charles: seconds the motion.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Conference call concluded at **11:29 PM E.S.T.**

Minutes: Kitty