

**ALSA Special BOD Meeting
Dec 17, 2013**

(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

This meeting will be recorded

Call to order
8:34 PM E.S.T.

Next Board Meeting:
Tuesday, January 14, 2014 8:00pm EST Monthly BOD meeting.

Roll call:

Members Present:
President: Ken Forster
V. President: Jim Doyle
Secretary: Kitty Tuck-Hampel
Board Members: Susan Leslie and Charles Poillion

New Business:

a) Approve Dec 10, 2013 BOD meeting minutes.
Susan: Motions to approve the Dec. 10, 2013 minutes.
Charles: seconds the motion.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

a) Approve letters to be sent.

Susan: Motion to approve the letters.
Charles: seconds the motion.
Motion carried.

Finalize items from Dec 10, 2013 BOD meeting.

Committee Reports:

4) Fiber Committee: (liaison:)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman.
a) Assign liaison

Kitty: I nominate Susan Leslie as Liaison to the Fiber Committee.
Charles: Seconds the motion.
Motion carried.

5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison:)
Chair: none
a) Assign liaison

Ken nominates Jim

Charles seconds the motion
Motion carried.

- 15.) Publication Committee: (liaison:)
Chair: Ruby Herron
a) assign Liaison

Susan nominated Charles.
Kitty seconds the motion.
Motion carried.

- 11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Anna Reece
a) Review report

Here are the changes the committee has come up with. Please send these to the BOD to approve.
Thanks

pg. 71 Performance classes are designed to present or simulate conditions and obstacles that would be encountered in certain situations when llamas are required to perform. These classes should demonstrate the intelligence and versatility of the llama **and rapport between handler and animal.**

71, sec. 2 D.1. For all animals that have completed the requirements for an ALSA Advanced Performance Champion. **Once a llama has entered Masters, it is no longer eligible to enter Advanced.** as described in Part G. Section 4.C.

72. Sect. 2 D. 2. Masters **Must** be offered in conjunction with Advanced and Novice Divisions **Remove -if entry numbers warrant an additional performance division.** Advanced Performance rules will be followed for Master Performance Classes. If a minimum of six entries is not achieved in Master Obstacle **and/or Advanced obstacle classes, show management may choose to combine these classes..** The exception to this rule will be at Grand National and Regional Shows where these performance divisions will not be combined.

72. sect 3. A. 4

Llamas who have changed their novice division status by placement in a show must be changed to the advanced division in all future shows. **Llamas who have changed their advanced division status by placement in a show must be changed to the masters division in ALL future shows.**

72. sect 4. B.

Coaching from the sidelines by spectators is **prohibited** and **will** compromise the exhibitor's scoring.

73. sect 4. I

No written notes may be used in **the actual** performance classes, **but written notes may be taken on paper during the walkthru.**

This is not accepted by the Board of Directors. The Board agrees to, "No written notes may be used in the walkthrough or the actual performance classes".

73. sect 4. K,

Exhibitors may not enter or practice in the ring or around the obstacles during or before the show. Such action **WILL** disqualify the exhibitor.

73, sect 5. C

Llamas **or alpacas** exhibiting unruly or unsafe behavior must be dismissed from the ring by the Judge when, in the Judge's opinion, the animal is a safety threat to either its handler, other animals in the ring, or to other exhibitors showing their animals.

74. Sect 6. E.

It is recommended that the performance courses be designed to allow a minimum of a six foot perimeter between the course and spectators, **as well as 6 feet between other obstacles when space in the arena permits.**

The proposal is not accepted in the above section.

75. sect 7. B. 6.

The jumps or barriers should be solid or anchored so as not to tip over easily, **but the poles themselves should not be anchored.**

75. sec. 7, B. 7.

Remove **No plastic or aluminum poles shall be used for pack classes.**

76. H. 1.

The passageway may be defined as minimally as 2" PVC pipes or 2"x 4"s, a flat plank walkway, a low angled ramp, or as extensively as panels or a wall. Ropes **and other similar thin materials** are not suitable to define a backing obstacle.

76. I. 3

Animal skins may be used provided they are not of a predator, **endangered species**, alpaca or llama skins.

This is a Federal Law and is unneeded.

77. sect. 7 M. 3

When carrying a 20 pound pack, an animal should not be required to **"jump" change to step** down no more than 12".

BOD sent below items to Judges Committee for their review.

79. sect, 10. D.1.

Handler Errors including but not limited to **will result in a 1 point deduction each occurrence.**

79, Sect. 10 D. 2.

Minor Faults, including but not limited to **will result in a 2 point deduction each occurrence:**

79, sect 10, D.2.N

remove **Moderate safety hazard (i.e. reaching under llama to pick up rear foot)**

79 sect. 10. D. 2. N add **lama or alpaca stepping on perimeter with foot**

79-80 was declined by the Judges Committee. We the Board, ruled with the Judges committee.

Susan: Motion to follow the Judges Committee Recommendations.

Jim: seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

80. sect. 10 D. 3.

81, Sect. 12 A. 4.

The animal completing the course with the most points wins **unless it has gone off course.**

88. sect 21. D. 1

Move at three distinct speeds **List the 3 speeds.....?? Walk, trot, jog, canter, lope???**

Leave as is.

27. sect. 2 D. 4 change to read. **regardless as to what division the llama or alpaca qualified in, they must be entered in the appropriate performance division to compete.**

Major Faults, including but not limited to **will result in a 3 point penalty per each occurrence:**

Leave as is.

We are recommending that the height be raised for the alpacas, so they can compete with the llamas, as proposed by the alpaca committee.

Board requests all rule changes in writing and will approve the above by email.

We also recommend that we reduce the number required to achieve the Novice Champion status from 4 grands or 3 grands and 2 reserves to 3 grands or 2 grands and 2 reserves in order to move the novice up in the divisions therefore making the sizes of the advanced classes larger in order for the advanced llamas to earn the opportunity to move to Masters. We feel this should help in all divisions.

We are sending the above portion back to the Performance Committee for more research and information.

Anna Reese
ALSA Performance Committee Chairman

We have asked the Performance Committee to review the Alpaca Performance portion of the handbook.

Kitty: I motion to approve the Performance Report with the corrections and revisions.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

Kitty: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:55 PM E.S.T

Minutes: Kitty