

**ALSA Special BOD Meeting
Dec 30, 2013**

(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

This meeting will be recorded

Call to order:8:07 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) Mass e-mail received from Larry Lewellyn addressed to many ALSA members and four ALSA BOD members (received 12-19-2013; 8:18 am CST) and e-mail recieved from Larry Lewellyn replying to Joe Payne received 12-24-13; 6:57 am CST.

Charles motion to send a letter replying to the 12/19/13 letter.

Susan: seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

B) Letter received from Joe Payne (received 12-19-2013; 11:25 pm CST).

Susan: Motion to send a letter to Mr. Joe Payne.

Charles: seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

C) Letter received from Paul Schwartz (received 12-22-13; 3:41 pm CST).

Charles: Motion to have Patti send the information to Mr. Paul Schwartz.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

D) Protest committee report from committee liaison (received 12-22-2013; 1:55 pm CST)
December 22, 2013

ALSA BOD,

The Protest Committee received a protest against an ALSA member in regards to an instance that occurred at the 2013 ALSA Nationals. The protest was based on violations of the following handbook rules and guidelines: Part V, Section 2 (A), (2) D-F, page 145, also Part U, Section 3, (A) and (D) page 139.

After complete review the Protest Committee agrees that this is a valid protest and the protest fee should be returned to the person filing the protest.

It is our belief that the situation that occurred is an example of behavior that is being seen across the country from other exhibitors. Therefore it is the committee's belief that the ALSA BOD should have an email blast sent to all ALSA members reminding them that unsportsmanlike conduct against judges, show management, volunteers, other exhibitors or animals should not be tolerated by show management and should be dealt with immediately. Exhibitors exhibiting this kind of behavior could face reprimand by show management, expulsion from the show or a possible protest filed against them.

It is the hopes of this committee that this will help prevent incidences like this one and others from continuing to occur.

Protest Committee:

Margaret Henry, Chair
Keith Wattigney
Lora Crawford
Mary Adams
Marilyn Milton
Barb Harris
Paul Schwartz

Jim: I move to accept the Protest Committee Report as is submitted.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

A. Regional Championship Committee

1. Members

a. The committee is comprised of the show superintendents of each Regional Championship Show.

2. Purpose

a. Responsible for coordinating and planning the Regional Championship Shows.

b. Recommends Regional Divisions to the Board of Directors.

c. Responsible for locating facilities and scheduling show dates for Regional Championship shows.

Part E. Regional Championships

Section 1. Purpose

- A. The ALSA Regional Championships are designed to showcase outstanding Llamas and Alpacas from ALSA sanctioned shows within the region.
- B. ~~An ALSA Regional Championship Shows may not be held in conjunction with a show sponsored by a competing show organization, as determined~~ **may only be held in conjunction with another show with advance approval** by the ALSA Board of Directors.

Section 2. Qualifying

- A. All exhibitors at ALSA Regional Championships must be ALSA members.
- B. No pre-qualification required
- C. Youth and Adult members may participate in Regional Show of choice. In addition, there is no limit on number of Regional Championships a person may attend.
- D.
 - 1. Each Llama must be entered in its appropriate age and wool division at the time of the Regional Championship.
 - 2. The show Judge(s) and/or an approved assistant may review wool division entries before they enter the ring.
 - 3. Registration papers or photo copies must be sent with entry forms.
 - 4. Non-Breeders are allowed to be shown in Get of Sire and Produce of Dam.
 - 5. Llama or Alpaca Performance entries must be entered in their respective Divisions; Master, Advanced, or Novice Division at the Regional Championship.
 - 6. Youth division age is determined by the youth's age on January 1, or on the date a youth becomes 8 years of age of the year of the Regional Championship.
 - 7. In Showmanship, the Youth may use any animal to compete at the Regional Championship Show. In this class the Youth, not the animal is judged and points go to the Youth.
 - 8. Youth who have earned a Superior can show in the class for which the award was earned. Ultimate Youth can show in all youth classes.
- E. Llama, Alpaca and Youth Entry Criteria
 - 1. Each Llama must be entered in its appropriate age and wool division at the time of the Regional Championship.
 - 2. The show Judge(s) and/or an approved assistant may review wool division entries before they enter the ring.
 - 3. Registration papers or photocopies must be sent with your entry form.
 - 4. Non-Breeders are allowed to be shown in Get of Sire and Produce of Dam.
 - 5. Each Llama or Alpaca must be entered in the respective Performance Division (Master, Advanced, Novice or Open) at the Regional Championship.
 - 6. Youth division age is determined by the youth's age on January 1, or on the date a youth becomes 8 years of age, of the year of the Regional Championship.
 - 7. In Showmanship the Youth may use any animal to compete at the Regional Championship show. In this class the Youth, not the animal is judged and points go to the Youth.

Section 3. Approved Llama and Alpaca Classes

- A. The following classes must be offered at an ALSA Regional Championship.
 - 1. All four halter wool division classes
 - 2. All Non-Breeder Halter classes
 - 3. Get of Sire and Produce of Dam classes
 - 4. Adult Showmanship
 - 5. All approved Performance Division classes (Master, Advanced and Novice) must be offered and must be held.
 - 6. Youth Showmanship with three ALSA **age** divisions
 - 7. Youth Obstacle with three ALSA **age** divisions

8. Youth Public Relations with three ALSA **age** divisions
 9. Youth Pack with three ALSA **age** divisions
 10. Youth Judging with three ALSA **age** divisions
 11. Open Pleasure Driving
 12. Obstacle Driving
 13. ~~Advanced~~ **Open** Alpaca Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations
 14. Youth Alpaca Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations **with three ALSA age divisions. Youth exhibitors with alpacas may choose to compete in the Youth Obstacle, Public Relations and Pack classes as long as they do not also have llamas entered in those classes.**
- B. The Following classes are optional at an ALSA Regional Championship:
1. Shorn Llama Fiber
 2. Walking Llama Fiber
 3. Other classes deemed appropriate for that Regional Show i.e., Classic and or/Mini.

Section 4. Location

- A. The show location may be moved from year to year, depending on the geographic distribution and number of ALSA sanctioned shows within the proposed region.
- B. Every attempt will be made to encourage the Regional Championships to be held at a central location in a region.
- C. In order to equitably establish regions, consideration must be given to the number and size of regular ALSA sanctioned shows being conducted within the proposed region during a sufficient time period to the suggested date of the Regional Championship.

Section 5. Show Management

- A. The Board of Directors shall establish policy and procedures in order to facilitate the governance of Regional Championships.
- B. A sponsoring agency may apply to the ALSA Board of Directors to host a Regional Championship in accordance with the aforementioned policy and procedure.
- C. Show Management is responsible for all organizational, promotional and contractual obligations, and ALSA is responsible for financial obligations unless otherwise stipulated in the agreement between the ALSA Board and Show Management.
- D. The Judge will approve the obstacles and courses to be used by Show Management for each Regional Championship.

Section 6. Judges

- A. The Judges' Committee will provide a list of eligible Llama or Alpaca Judges for the Regional Championship shows. The Regional Superintendent must select their Judges from this list.
- B. A Judge is ineligible to judge the same Regional Championship two (2) years in a row, and may judge no more than two (2) shows in that region in order to be eligible to judge that Region in the same year.
- C. Apprentice Judges shall not be allowed to apprentice or assist in judging at Regional Championships.
- D. Each Regional with 150 or more entered in performance and youth judging may hire a second judge and shall contract to pay all Judges \$300 per day plus expenses. Each Regional at the request of the Lead Judge should also contract for an additional judge (with Board approval) paid equally for the job. All Regional judges must meet the criteria under Part S, Section 2-B-8 and be from the list furnished by Judges' Committee per Part D, Section 6-A.

Section 7. Acceptance of Adjustment

The specific circumstances surrounding any Regional Championship may require slight modification of some regulations. As time and experience provide guidance, more stringent qualifications may be required, regional boundaries may be shifted.

Section 8. Points and Awards-Regional Show

- A. Double ALSA points will be awarded to participants for placings earning points.
- ~~B. Top five placings will be selected from each show Division.~~
- C. Other ALSA regular show awards also will be awarded to qualifying participants. Refer to Part I. Section 3 and Part G. Sections 4 & 5. **All Grand Champion and Reserve Champion placements earned at a Regional Championship show will count towards the ALSA Champion designation, regardless of the number of entries in the applicable division.**
- D. **The top six places in all approved classes at a Regional Championship show will qualify for entry in the ALSA Grand National.**

(note - I think the paragraph letters will automatically correct when B is deleted.)

Jim: I motion that we accept the Regional Committee Report in its' entirety and implement it for the 2014 Show season.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion Carried.

Finance and Budge Committee

Chair: None:

Jim: I motion to make Patti Wattigney the Chairperson of the Finance and Budget Committee.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Kitty: I make the motion to approve the December 17th revised minutes.

Jim: I second the motion.

Motion carried.

Charles: Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM E.S.T.

Minutes: Kitty