

ALSA Regular Montly Meeting
April 10, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm EST by President, Ken Forster
(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

Roll Call:

Members Present:

President Ken Forster

V. President

Treasurer (Non Board)Patti Wattigney (Excused herself at 8:35pm, after Treasurer Report)

Secretary Keith Wattigney

Board Members:

Allen Davis

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Larry Lewellyn

Office Manager: Robin Turell

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 8:00 pm EST

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager

- 1) 03-23-12: Ken received email from Cheryl stating there were 10 or more boxes to ship to new office yet.
- 2) Trish motioned to have an eblast sent out notifying current members that are present at the Celebration Show and Sale in Oklahoma City that they will be able to pick up their free handbook. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Report for the Month of March 2012

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled.
- 2) 2011 Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax has been finalized.
- 3) Grand National Disbursements include the clerking fees from 2011 and airline reimbursement for one of the 2012 judges.

Balance Sheet
March 31, 2012

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 12,090
Investment Account	58,192
Cash – Memorials	<u>\$ 1,885</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>72,167</u>	
Total Assets	<u>\$ 72,167</u>	
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 0</u>	
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0</u>	
Equity	<u>\$ 72,167</u>	
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 72,167</u>	
Cash Balance on Hand February 29, 2012		\$ 72,962
Receipts		
Membership Revenue	\$ 2,525	
Show Fee Revenue	3,155	
Grand National Revenue	0	
Judge Clinic Revenue	1,400	
Regional Revenue	0	
Other Revenue	<u>58</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 7,138
Disbursements		
Membership	\$ 0	
Other Expenses	118	
Committee Expenses	0	
Scholarship Funding	1,000	
Bank /Credit Card Fees	208	
Grand National	2,354	
Office Contract	2,916	
Website Expenses	1,140	
BOD Expenses	<u>197</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 7,933</u>
Balance on Hand March 31, 2012		<u>\$ 72,167</u>

The BOD acknowledged that they received and reviewed the 2011 Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax.

Trish motioned to approve the Treasurer Report. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Proceedings:

Old Business:

1)

03-20-12: Marilyn Nenni submitted her resignation.

03-20-12: Resignation accepted by Keith

03-20-12: Resignation accepted by Trish

03-21-12: Larry called for discussion

03-25-12; 4:36 pm CST: As with other BOD members that resigned; Marilyn was given a chance to withdraw her resignation.

03-25-12; 10:41 PM CST: Received email from Marilyn. Did not contain a withdrawal.

03-26-12: Ken again wrote BOD stating Marilyn had not withdrawn her resignation and asked the BOD to act on the resignation.

Keith motioned to accept Marilyn's resignation. Trish seconded. Motion carried.

The BOD would like to thank Marilyn for her services.

New Business:

1) The ALSA Facebook account is not a line of communication to the ALSA BOD.

Committee Reports:

1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Kevin Sullivan

No Report

2) Election Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report –April 4, 2012

The deadline for submitting Petition to Nominate Forms is April 10th by 12:00 PM (noon) Eastern Time. The Day of Record was April 1.

Four ALSA members have completed the Petitioning process. Each potential candidate has been notified of their success and all have received the paperwork describing the requirements to be followed for submitting a statement as well as the revised section of the Standing Rules pertaining to 'elections'.

At this time, the Election Committee has not received notification from any of the candidates of their intention to accept or decline their nomination. The deadline for Statements of Candidacy, acceptance or decline of the nomination is April 30.

Based on the smaller number of ballots that will be mailed, the Committee was successful in obtaining a lower price from the CPA counting and certifying the ballots. The design for the envelopes has been sent to the printer. The completion of printing and mailing is scheduled for the first week in May.

The Election Committee is grateful for the Board of Director's decision to allow the Election Committee additional latitude to pick up some of the work usually done by the Nominations Committee. At the close of the Nomination period (April 10) the Election Committee will relinquish those responsibilities back to the Nominations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lougene Baird, Chair
ALSA Elections Committee

Larry motioned to accept the Election Committee Report. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

3) Ethics: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Jim Doyle
No Report

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

a)

Date: January 8, 2012 Received from Liaison 04-08-12

I respectfully request the following two people be approved for Llama Fleece Committee membership: Patty Morgan (CO) and Susie Smithers (OH).

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ruckman~

ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Chair

Allen motioned to accept Patti Morgan and Susie Smithers as Llama Fleece Committee members. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

b)

Date: February 7, 2012 Received from Liaison 04-08-12

Dear ALSA Board of Directors,

I respectfully request the following person be approved for Llama Fleece Committee membership: Geri Rutledge (NE).

After reviewing and comparing our committee reports and BOD minutes for 2010 & 2011, it appears that the current draft of the 2012 ALSA Handbook has been updated and is correct as it relates to Llama Fleece and Llama Fleece Shows.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ruckman~

ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Chair

Allen motioned to accept the February 7th report. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

c)

Sent: Tue, 3 Apr 2012 14:43

Subject: RE: LFC Feb BOD Report

I'm not sure who needs to be approved and who doesn't for the LFC at this point. It was my understanding that once a "new" liaison is appointed, then it was up to that person to select the committee and request approval. I think that I did that yearly in the past. Anyway, according to the ALSA minutes, I became the LFC Liaison at the Dec. 13 meeting. The only member approved in other reports was Geri & Cynthia. Also, there is no record of my Committee Report being submitted in the Jan or Feb minutes. I did not submit a March report primarily because I was waiting for a response from the two previous months. I am attaching those reports. It's really not a big deal either way, I just want to get caught up and move forward with some scorecard work once I know that it's okay for me to move forward.

Also, I noticed that the GN Committee did not request a Fleece Judge. Do they know that, per the Handbook, the GN Fleece Show is under their authority and that with Geri's "retirement", the LFC will not be coordinating the show?

Cindy~

- 5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair:

Covered under the Treasurer Report.

- 6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Malcolm and Carol Ann Tallman
No Report

- 7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew
No Report

- 8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Barb Harris

A)

ALSA Judges' Committee Report

At this time the Judges' Committee would like to submit for board approval the following instructors:

Llama

Lora Crawford

Judie Moser

Deb Yeagle

Llama Fleece

Cindy Ruckman

Deb Yeagle

Assistant Llama Instructors

Barb Harris

Danielle Wagoner

Gayle Woodsum

Alpaca

Mary Reed

Anthony Stachowski

Deb Yeagle

Alpaca Fleece

Mary Reed

Anthony Stachowski

Deb Yeagle

Allen made the motion to accept the List of Instructors as presented by the Judge's Committee report. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

B)

Sent: Sun, Apr 8, 2012 9:43 am

Subject: Re: Current instructors addition

Allen,

Please note that Karen Kinyon has been added to the Fleece Instructor list. Karen Kinyon, Sharon Beacham and 3 others created the Fleece committee and program. Karen also created Walking Fiber.

It appears that Susan Tellez dropped her off the instructor list. Reason unknown. It appears from what Karen further told me was it was during Susan's tenure that the Fleece committee was given the files of judges who were fleece only as well as giving more freedom to the fleece committee to decide the criteria of their judges. This goes against everything I can find on judges and who has the responsibility for them. I will be working on getting this rectified.

Also Karen has graciously agreed to instruct the Fleece clinic here in Colorado. Even though she isn't certified as an Alpaca Fleece instructor she will cover that so at least those judges attending will have a boost up when we do get an Alpaca fleece clinic set up.

We would also like to submit Kevin Sullivans name to be the alpaca representative on the ALSA Judges' Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Harris

ALSA Judges' Committee Chair

Larry motioned to accept Karen Kinyon to the Fleece Instructor List and to instruct the Colorado Fleece clinic. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Allen motioned to approve Kevin Sullivan as the alpaca representative on the ALSA Judges' Committee. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

C)

Our committee has been discussing issues regarding a judge under current suspension. Attached is a proposal that we as a committee feel better fits the complaints that were brought to the Judges' Committee. It is also more in line with what the committee original submitted to the ALSA board. We would appreciate if the ALSA board would review this proposal.

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

The ALSA Judges' Committee has been reviewing the committee's original recommendation and subsequent board's decision regarding the disciplinary action for Cathie Kindler.

At this time the Judges' Committee would like to present to the board a proposal that is more in line with the original complaints that were filled.

We support the board's decision in the suspension of Ms Kindler but would like to request that board reevaluate the requirement as posted in the minutes dated June 14, 2011 that Ms Kindler be required to attend an Advanced Judging Clinic. The committee did not feel at the time of our report that Ms Kindler's performance as a judge was in question but her demeanor as an instructor was our concern.

It is therefore our request that rather than requiring Ms Kindler having to attend an Advanced Judging clinic at the end of her suspension in order to resume her judging duties that instead if she is wishing to continue as an instructor she be required to reenter the Instructor program. This would mean that she would be required to be an assistant instructor at a minimum of two Judging clinics and a favorable evaluation by the Lead Instructor at all said clinics.

If the board agrees that this is more in line with the original complaints against Ms Kindler we would like to further request that this modification be submitted in writing through a certified letter to Ms Kindler.

Respectfully submitted,
ALSA Judges' Committee

Barb Harris - Chair
Patti Morgan
Deb Yeagle

Keith motioned to not approve the above recommendation. Allen seconded. Allen-yes; Keith-Yes; Larry-No. Motion carried.

9) Membership Committee: (liaison:)
Chair:

No Report. Need Committee Chair

10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report.

11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Eileen Ditsler

No Report.

12) Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris

No Report.

13) Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: None

No Report.

14) Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Robin Sturgeon

No Report.

15) Publications Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair:

No Report.

16) Regional Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

Regional Championship Committee Report for April 10, 2012

1. Last year some exhibitors indicated they would have liked to use credit cards to pay their Regional Championship entry fees. Some, but not all, of the Regional Superintendents are in favor of this idea. We checked with Robin in the ALSA Office and she thinks it is a good idea and is willing to assist the Regional Superintendents with processing the credit cards payments, but isn't sure how expensive the credit card companies' charges would be. Small business owners with whom I've talked feel their customers really appreciate the convenience of paying

by credit card and that the fees incurred are more than offset by the income generated. We therefore request that Regional Superintendents who wish to accept payments for entry fees be allowed to do so, with the exact mechanics to be worked out with Robin. We also request that whether to accept credit card payments be left to the discretion of each Regional Superintendent.

Keith motioned to approve the above request to use credit card payments for Regional entry fees. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

2. We request Board approval of the following judges:

Central Regional Championship - Danielle Wagoner

Keith motioned to accept Danielle Wagoner as the Judge for the Central Regional Championship Show. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Keith has BOD approval to send this information to Cheryl Juntilla.

3. We have been unable to confirm that the HLA A will host the Buckeye Regional Championship because no superintendent has been identified. I have sent e-mails to a few of the people in that region and have received some positive feedback on the idea of having the Great Lakes and Buckeye Championships in Valparaiso again, but nobody has volunteered to be superintendent. It would be very helpful if Board members who attend the Celebration Sale and Show could reach out to ALSA members there and try to recruit volunteers for the regions that do not yet have superintendents.

17) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: John Maddy

No Report.

18) Web Site Committee: (liaison:)
Chair: none

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

a)

We will be raffling a donated llama sculpture by Henry Rivera for the ALSA Youth Scholarship Program which has never been seen..... 1 ticket \$5.00 and 3 Tickets for \$10.00. Susan Leslie was notified of this adventure. More to come on youth...

b)

Does the Youth Scholarship Committee do anything to generate monies? Should they not be overseeing the silent auction for the scholarship program at GN?

Other Business:

1. Memberships- Incentives for members to go to shows...The point scale may have to be reevaluated for 2013. This will be sent to the Show Management Committee and the Policy and Planning Committee for their evaluation.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

a)

03-15-12: Received final proof of Handbook from Handbook Committee

03-18-12: Marilyn sent corrections for handbook.

03-21-12: Final Proof received from Handbook Committee.

03-21-12: ALSA 17th Edition Handbook posted to ALSA website.

b)

03-16-12: March 13, 2012 minutes submitted by Ken for approval.

03-19-12: Larry-yes

03-19-12: Marilyn sent corrections

03-19-12: Ken submitted March 13, 2012 minutes draft 2.

03-24-12: Ken submitted minutes to ALSA Office for posting.

c)

03-20-12: Trish: motion to pay Sharon Carrier \$2500 for clerking the 2012 ALSA Grand National.

03-20-12: Allen seconded. Allen-yes; Trish-yes; Larry-absent; Keith-absent.

03-30-12: Ken votes yes. 3 yes votes. Motion carried.

d)

03-21-12: Keith: Motion to accept the new Judges' badge as shown

03-22-12: Larry seconded.

Keith-yes; Larry-yes, Allen-yes; Trish-absent

03-30-12: Trish-absent; Ken votes-yes. 4-yes votes; Motion carried.

e)

03-26-12: Ken: I would like BOD approval for Lougene to be chair of Nominations committee. This needs the BOD immediate response.

Nomination deadline is in two weeks, April 10th.

03-26-12: Trish-yes; Keith-yes

03-29-12: Allen-yes; Larry-absent; Ken voted-yes.

03-29-12: 4-yes votes. Item approved.

f)

03-27-12: Feb 07, 2012 minutes sent for approval by Trish.

03-27-12: Ken made several corrections. Trish submitted final minutes.
03-27-12: Larry approved.
03-28-12: Allen approved. Trish approved. Ken approved.
03-30-12: Final Feb 07 minutes sent to ALSA office for posting.

g)

03-27-12: Feb 21, 2012 minutes sent for approval by Ken.
03-28-12: Trish submitted several corrections along with Final minutes.
03-28-12: Larry approved; Allen approved; Trish approved.
03-30-12: Final Feb 21 minutes sent to ALSA office for posting.

Allen motioned to adjourn. Larry seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:00 pm EST.