

ALSA Monthly BOD Meeting

Tuesday December 11, 2012

Call to order: 8:06 pm. EST.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday January 8, 2013

Roll Call:

Members Present:

President -Ken Forster

V. President -Jim Doyle

Secretary -Trish Brandt-Robuck

Treasurer -(non Board) Patti Wattigney

Board Members:

Larry Lewellyn

Allen Davis

Kitty Tuck-Hampel

Charles Poillion

Robin Turell- Office manager (non Board)

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager

1). The 2012 GN results are also able to be seen on the ALSA website under the GN tab.

The financial situation for the 2012 GN is being worked on. I am working on contacting the exhibitors of the GN that are still showing they have not paid for their entry.

2). ALSA's 2013 membership is going well. I have a list of all the renewals and new members which will give us an accurate count and email list. I have begun sending out 2013 membership cards. So far we have 87 adult members, 22 youth members and of course our LIFE members.

3). I also have a 2013 judges list with the renewals. This will also give us an accurate list of judges, phone numbers, and their emails. I have sent an email out to all the judges reminding them of their judges dues renewals due by Jan. 1. So far I have 28 judges that have paid their 2013 judges dues. I will send another email out to the judges with the names I have as renewed and remind the other judges of the date.

4). 2012 Shows

* The posting of the 2012 shows will be completed by the end of this month.

*We have 6 shows which we do not have the fees paid for. I am looking into this by contacting the superintendents of the show.

*To the best of my knowledge, we have received results for every show.

5). 2013 Shows

We have 8 shows sanctioned thus far.

6). If any of you are aware of an ALSA animal that has received an award BUT has not received a certificate for this award, PLEASE let me know and/or put me in contact with the owner.

Treasurer's Report:

(Non BOD) Patti Wattigney

Treasurer Report for the Month of November 2012

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled.
- 2) There is still outstanding revenue due from the Grand nationals.
- 3) There is still outstanding expenses due for the Grand Nationals.

Balance Sheet

As November 30, 2012

Current Assets

Checking accounts	\$ 17,173
Investment Account	\$ 53,460
Cash - Memorials	\$ 3,830

Total Current Assets \$ 78,047

Accounts Payable 0

Total Liabilities 0

Equity \$ 74,463

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 74,463

Regional accounting Report is not accurate

South Western shows no Sponsor monies

what is 121.87 Misc & Decorations
Central does not show Sponsor monies

Check Ribbons with Dan Milton (is he missing any)
LANA is short 100 dollars since these people have not paid ALSA yet.

Old Business:

New Business:

a) Letter from Karen Kurbis NLA President-

Trish will write letter thanking NLA for supporting the Grand Nationals on behalf of ALSA.

b) The Light wool used to have no head or ear wool, in description.

Motion by Trish; add to Light wool description in Handbook no head wool or ear wool.

Kitty 2nd

Motion carried

c) What has happened with llama judges judging 25 or less shorn alpaca's for halter class?

Judges committee can list those who was authorized prior to change in 2009.

d) Letter from Judy Ross- being addressed in Judges committee.

e) Change divisions down to 5?

Motion by Jim to maintain Division at 6

Larry 2nd

Motion carried

f) page 71 and 72 require a Masters, class -- show has Novice, Advanced, and then must require Masters. or can have open which is all three classes combined.

Send to Performance committee to consider

g) Letter from Judy Glaser- Thank you for your letter, Information was in the minutes.

h) Suggestion to consider 18 to 21 years old for special membership price.

motion by Jim: add to line page 3 section 1 membership, A, 1 Regular (up to 2 Adults, 1 vote) requires a minimum age of 19.

2nd Allen
Motion carried

page 124 Section 1 Llama and Alpaca Judge Classifications

Youth, Judges are certified to judge any

NEEDS CLARIFICATION -Youth Judges from page 126 and 127 Section 2 part
D.Remove the comma between Youth and Judges.

Committee Reports:

Regular member has the

1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Kevin Sullivan

2) Election Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Lougene Baird

a) Attached is the revised Election Petition Form. Please review and approve, then we will forward to Robin to post in January.

Question: Will we be looking forward to any Bylaw changes or other items in the 2012 General Election?

If it is important to this Board to transition to electronic balloting then the bylaws should be changed to facilitate the 2014 election.

b) With 2012 election over can the liaison be changed back to the President as per past practice?

Motion by Jim; Liaison will be the president

2nd Allen

one abstaination

Motion carried

Motion by Kitty to approve election petition

Jim 2nd

Motion carried

3) Ethics: (liaison: Jim)

Chair: Paul Schwartz

4) Fiber Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

Liaison changes in December and two people interested.

For Liaison

Roll call vote
Charles - Trish
Allen - Larry
Trish - Trish
Jim - Larry
Larry - Larry
Kitty - Larry

Larry stays

a) Assign Liaison and Chairman continue with Larry.

b)

The Llama Fleece Committee has reviewed the 2012 ALSA Handbook, 17th edition and we have attached our recommended changes.

We would also like to make the following recommendations.

1. CEC's for Fleece Judges: In addition to being active within the camelid community (superintending shows, writing articles, teaching, etc.), we believe that a Fleece Judge should judge a minimum of 50 fleeces within a 3-year period.
2. Fleece Judges who are recertifying: Create a one day seminar/workshop to be held regionally at minimum expense to participants (\$50/person maximum). This event would be taught by certified ALSA Instructors and would use a round table discussion format. The goal would be to open lines of communication, to discuss the issues of the day and to work toward consistent judging among all ALSA fleece judges.
3. Walking Fleece Evaluation: At the Judges' discretion and with the exhibitors' permission, pulling or cutting a small sample may be a part of a Walking Fleece evaluation.

BOD recommends- Item b number 1, 2, and 3. Send to Judges committee

c)

Recommended Changes to the ALSA Handbook 2012 : 17th EDITION

By the ALSA Llama Fleece Committee

ALSA Llama Fleece Committee & ALSA Llama Fiber Committee are both used throughout the Handbook. I would like to see our committee be the ALSA Llama Fleece Committee. (We are considering the llamas' entire fleece – fiber is singular) Additionally, I would like to see fiber changed to fleece where appropriate throughout the handbook. For example, it should be shorn fleece, walking fleece, a fleece scorecard, fleece evaluation, etc.

BOD No Changes, leave as is.

PART B:

page 4 Section 1:B:2

All committee members will serve for a period of one year to coincide with the installment of new Board with the exception of Grand National and Regional committees, and Llama Fiber Committee, whose terms will begin December 1.

Recommendation (consistency): remove Llama Fiber Committee from this exception.

BOD No Change, Leave as is

page 16 Section 1:B:7:a

7. Size of Shows and Required Number of Judges

a. Newly sanctioned shows (i.e. shows that have not been offered before) must hire Judges with 5 years or more of experience. Established shows must hire the appropriate level Judge for the expected number of animals, as defined in the judges section of the Handbook, Part S, Section 2.B.8.

Recommendation: Allow exceptions. New wording to be: a. Unless an exception has been granted by the Judges Committee, newly sanctioned shows (i.e. shows that have not been offered before) must hire Judges with 5 years or more of experience.

Established shows must hire the appropriate level Judge for the expected number of animals, as defined in the judges section of the Handbook, Part S, Section 2.B.8.

Reasoning (Economic Feasibility): This would allow seasoned Superintendents the flexibility to hire local, less experienced judges.

BOD recommends Send to Judges committee

PART G:

page 32 Section 3:B:9 as per BOD approval 10-9-12

Replace 9. Fiber Shorn Fleece 20

Add 10. Walking Fleece 20

BOD Leave wording as per 10/9/2012 shorn fleece, and walking fiber.

page 33 Section 3:D:4

4. There are no points recorded for Champion and Reserve Champion at Halter, Performance Cart Driving, or Fiber. These achievements are recognized under ALSA Champion and Elite Champion Awards.

Delete "Fiber" per BOD Minutes, July 10, 2012

Motion by Kitty; Maintain the terminology, Walking fiber and shorn fleece on all fiber listings in the Handbook. If walking it should be Walking fiber and if shorn, should be shorn fleece.

2nd Trish

Motion Carried

Pg. 33 Section 4:A:5

Suggest the addition

ALSA Fiber Champion – Shorn, Walking

BOD states will be

- a. ALSA Walking Fiber Champion
- b. ALSA Shorn Fleece Champion

page 35 Section 4:D:

Rewrite as per the BOD approval October 9, 2012: to read as follows:

D. Requirements – Llama Fiber Shorn Fleece Champion

1. Placements before at least two different ALSA Llama Fiber Fleece Judges in ALSA sanctioned shows with a minimum of 6 in the division to qualify for Llama Fiber Shorn Fleece Champion status.
2. There is no time limit for earning this award.
3. To qualify for the title of Llama Fiber Shorn Fleece Champion, the llama must win four Grand Championships or three Grand Champions and two Reserve Grand Championships in ALSA Shorn Fleece classes at ALSA sanctioned Fleece shows.

E: Requirements – Llama Walking Fleece Champion

1. Placements before at least two different ALSA Llama Fiber Fleece Judges in ALSA sanctioned shows with a minimum of 6 In the division to qualify for Llama Walking Fleece Champion status.
2. There is no time limit for earning this award.
3. To qualify for the title of Llama Walking Fleece Champion, the llama must win four Grand Championships or three Grand Champions and two Reserve Grand Championships in ALSA Walking Fleece classes at ALSA sanctioned Fleece shows.

Pg. 35 Section 5:

Recommendation (Increase interest and participation)add “ALSA Elite Champion–Fleece” Requirements:

Six Grand Champions in Shorn Fleece and;

Six Grand Champions in Walking Fleece.

PART O, page 98

Section 1. Llama Fiber

Llama Fiber shows may offer shorn fiber classes walking fiber classes, and/or the Optional Fiber classes. Required paperwork for fiber classes and optional fiber classes can be found on the ALSA website, under Llama Fiber Show Packet. Definition: Age at date of shearing: On an animal’s date of birth, the animal moves up to the next older class. E.G., if an animal is born 5/5/04, then the first fiber must be shown in the juvenile class.

If the second shearing of this animal is on 5/06/05, the second fiber must be shown in the two year-old class. This applies to Shorn Llama Fiber, Walking Llama Fiber and Shorn Alpaca Fiber.

Recommendation (simplification):

Llama Fleece shows may offer shorn fleece classes, walking fleece classes, and/or the optional fleece classes. Required paperwork for fleece classes and optional fleece classes can be found on the ALSA website, under Llama

Fleece Show Packet. Definition: Animals age at date of shearing. This applies to fleece divisions and classes.

BOD Page 98 goes back to committee for preferred terminology per previous ruling by BOD

page 99 Section 1:A:3:e

Reference to "Section 1.A.1" should read: "Section 0.A.1"

Recommendation (accuracy): make change from 1 to 0.

BOD accepts page 99 correction.

page 100 Section 1A:4

4. Fiber Judging Criteria: 100 points possible. The following are the judging criteria used and recorded on the ALSA Llama Fiber Score Card:

a. Cleanliness/Preparation: 20 points

(1) Cleanliness: 10 points

(2) Preparations 10 points

b. Fineness and Hand: 20 points

c. Guard Hair – fineness and percentage of: 10 points

d. Style/Architecture – crimp and lock structure: 15 points

e. Luster: 10 points

f. Overall Impression: 10 points

g. Tensile Strength and Condition: 15 points

BOD- same as in present handbook, no change required.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ruckman~

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

Chair:

6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair:

7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew

8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Barb Harris

ALSA Judges' Committee Report

December 2012

The Judges' committee has worked with the Fleece committee and the Alpaca committee to bring all ALSA judges to common criteria. Those committees have provided a lot of input and we are all pleased to announce that effective January 1st, 2013 there will no longer be Level and Senior designations for Fleece and Alpaca judges. Judges with over 5 years of experience from their Advanced clinic will be designated by asterisks next to their name. Fleece and Alpaca judges with over 5 years experience will be allowed to accept apprentices, become an instructor and judge Regionals or Nationals.

Recertification through CEC credits for Fleece and Alpaca judges is still being worked out and the Fleece, Alpaca and Judges committees hope to have an announcement regarding these sometime after the first of the year.

The committee asked for an exemption in August while we addressed the following inconsistencies found in the handbook:

Motion by Allen: that effective January 1st, 2013 there will no longer be Level and Senior designations for Fleece and Alpaca judges. Judges with over 5 years of experience from their Advanced clinic will be designated by asterisks next to their name. Fleece and Alpaca judges with over 5 years experience will be allowed to accept apprentices, become an instructor and judge Regionals or Nationals.

2nd by Larry:

Motion carried.

Chapter C Section 1

I. No llama or alpaca owned, co-owned or leased by the Halter Judge, Apprentice Judge or immediate family of these judges for the show, may be exhibited in halter classes, but may be entered in other divisions. No llama or alpaca owned, co-owned or leased by the Performance Judge, Assistant Judge, Apprentice Judge or immediate family of these judges may be shown in performance classes at that show, but may be entered in other divisions. The same circumstance applies to fiber and youth judges. No llama or alpaca may be personally shown by an officiating judge in any division. Exception: In hardship cases where a second performance judge has not been hired in advance, a judge who has exhibited in halter and has finished with all classes may be hired to assist in performance classes to allow the show to finish in a timely manner.

Motion to JIm: Leave what is in handbook, not accepting change.

2nd by Allen

Motion Carried

Chapter S Section 4 - B

6. An apprentice may not have any animals owned by him/her shown at any show where he/she is apprenticing.

We would like to reword the section found in Chapter S and those recommendations are shown below.

Chapter S Section 4 - B

6. An apprentice may not have any animals owned by him/her shown in the division where he/she is apprenticing.

We would like to also like to recommend a change to the Offcourse description. The following is the current Offcourse description as found in Chapter M Section 10 – D5d

5. Off Course

- a. Forgetting an obstacle
- b. Taking an additional obstacle
- c. Taking an obstacle out of sequence from the posted course
- d. Intentionally skipping an obstacle or specific requirement

We would like to remove 5d as we believe that the description is adequately covered by items a, b and c.

Motion by Allen accept change to Offcourse description and remove 5d.

2nd by Kitty.

Motion carried

The committee received complaints on two judges. After investigation the committee felt that a warning letter should be issued to both of the judges. Said letters were sent to the judges.

The committee has received a request from Niki Kuklenski has requested certification as a llama fleece judge based on her experience and training as a fleece judge with ILR. She also completed certification to judge up to 25 Llama Walking Fleece entries at the May 2010 clinic. At this time the committee would like to recommend that Niki be approved as a llama fleece judge with the provision that her first two shows be limited to 25 shorn fleeces.

Motion by Larry; NIKI Kuklenski to be certified as a Llama fleece judge, with no provision.

Jim 2nd

Motion carried

The Judges' Committee would like to thank Kevin Sullivan for opening his ranch that ALSA could instruct an Alpaca Halter and Fleece clinic. This clinic was held on the weekend of November 3rd and 4th and at this time the Judges' Committee would like to make the following recommendations for certifications:

Kevin Sullivan – Apprentice Instructor for Alpaca Halter
and Fleece

Judy Ross – Alpaca Fleece Judge and Alpaca Halter
Apprentice

Joy Forche – Alpaca Halter Apprentice
Cynthia Ernst – Alpaca Fleece and Halter Judge
Tracey Weaver – Alpaca Halter and Fleece Apprentice

Motion by Allen; accept recommendations but with Judy Ross include Apprentice
Instructor for fleece and fiber of llama and Alpaca

2nd Larry

Motion Carried

David Barbosa attended the clinic and received outstanding marks. At this time he has not officially entered the judging program. His apprentice paper work is filled with the ALSA office and I have also received copies of said paper work. Once his dues have been received, the committee would like to recommend, that based upon his outstanding scores at the recent alpaca clinic and in addition to his certifications with AOBA that he be approved as an alpaca fleece and halter judge. Upon completion of an apprenticeship as an instructor the committee will review David for inclusion as an alpaca fleece and halter instructor. Alpaca.

Motion by Larry ; to approve David Barbosa as an Alpaca fleece and Alpaca Halter
judge.

2nd by Allen

Motion carries

David Speiker also attended the clinic and took the tests but at this point in time is not interested in entering the program.

The Judges' Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped with clinics throughout the year. Clinics are the life blood for the judges and hosts and the volunteers are greatly appreciated.

With warm season's greetings to all,

ALSA Judges' Committee

Barb Harris – Chair

- 9) Membership Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Kathy Devall
- 10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Carolyn Myers
- 11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Eileen Ditsler

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

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

14) Protest Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Margaret Henry

December 10, 2012

Protest Committee December report

All is quiet. There are currently no protests filed or being investigated.

Margaret Henry

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

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

a)

Attached is a spreadsheet of the 2012 Regional Championship income and expenses which shows a net profit to ALSA of \$1,124.17. The Southwest Region had higher expenses than the other two Regions for a couple of reasons. First, this show did not have as large an inventory of left-over ribbons as the other two Regions, so more ribbons had to be purchased for it. Secondly, a lot of the obstacles for the performance courses had to be created from scratch. LANA has offered to store the obstacles at no cost to ALSA and they will be used again for the 2013 Championship show.

BOD is sending back the reports for clarification and corrections regarding sponsorship monies.

The three Regional Superintendents all did an excellent job and it was a pleasure working with them. They deserve a big Thank You for their service to ALSA and the exhibitors in their Regions. Once the Holidays are over a concentrated effort should be made to recruit volunteers to serve as superintendents for championship shows in the other Regions.

Cheryl J.

b) assign liaison and Chair

Kitty will continue as the Liaison.

17) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Sharon Carrier.

18) Web Site Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Ruby Herron

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

Motion by Charles; to reinstate elite youth award
Allen 2nd

Discussion regarding the reasoning for removing this award several years ago. Due to different regions number of shows and distances for travel, this would not be equal opportunity for all youth. It would only benefit those in certain geographical areas.

Motion not carried

See Report:

Motion by Charles to change points awarded from 3 down to 2 entries in the respective class. page 118 #4
2nd by Larry

Motion carried

Motion by Larry; Remove page 120 first sentence in section f

Charles 2nd

Motion carried

Motion to adjourn by Trish
2nd Larry
motion carried.:35 pm EST.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

a)
11-14-12: Patti: Permission to pay LOCC reimbursement of \$1,539.22. for Rocky Mountain Regional.

Jim-yes; Allen-yes; Larry-yes; Trish-yes

11-19-12: Ken-yes; Payment approved.

b)
11-14-12: Requested approval of VanHooser letter.

Larry-yes; Charles-yes; Kitty-yes; Jim-yes; Allen-yes; Trish-yes
11-16-12: Letter approved.

Sharon VanHooser
Triple V Ranch
600 Red Top Road
Poolville, TX. 76487

Dear Sharon,

The ALSA office as well as the Board of Directors has received complaints regarding the entries

into the Advanced Performance classes at the ALSA Grand Nationals regarding TVR Eclipse O'De

Moon (ALSA #14003). After much review of TVR Eclipse O'De Moon's show records by the ALSA

Board of Directors, we did find that TVR Eclipse O'De Moon was in fact, a Master's llama by

having more than 6- Grand Championships. At the 2012 ALSA Grand Nationals, TVR Eclipse O'De

Moon and you competed improperly in the Advanced performance division.

As per the 17th Edition of the ALSA Handbook, pg. 72, it states as follows:

SECTION 3. Performance Class Rules

A. Eligibility

1. Llamas are to be entered in the division for which they are eligible at the time of the show.

3. A llama may be entered in only one division (Open, Advanced, Master or Novice classes), of their respective class. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enter the correct division.

Having found TVR Eclipse O'De Moon was ineligible to compete in the Advanced Performance

Classes at the 2012 ALSA Grand Nationals, the ALSA Board of Directors has deliberated and

found you and TVR Eclipse O'De Moon in violation of our Performance class rules and are

therefore required to relinquish all trophies, awards and ribbons won at the 2012 ALSA Grand

Nationals. Please remit all to the ALSA office as soon as possible.

ALSA Board of Directors

Robin Turell

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c)

11-14-12: Requested approval of Tallman letter.

Carol Ann Tallmon

CarolLlama Farms

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Weatherford, TX. 76088

Dear Carol Ann,

Having read your response in regard to CW Butterfly Kisses and Fabiano competing at the 2012

ALSA Grand Nationals, we do understand that you entered the show with the intentions of

having registered llamas. Unfortunately, the registrations were not completed prior to the ALSA

Grand Nationals show and CW Butterfly Kisses and Fabiano were not registered with the ILR at

the time of competing.

As per the rz" Edition of our ALSA Handbook Pgs. 12-13, it states:

Section 2. Llama and Alpacas

A. All llamas 5-months and older entered in approved classes must be registered or have

passed screening in the Llama Division of the International Llama Registry (ILR) or the Canadian Livestock Record Corporation (CLRC).

D. Copies of registration papers must be sent with the entry form to the Show Management for verification of name and age. Failure to meet this requirement prohibits entry in the show. '

E. All animals must be entered in the exact name and registration number as shown on the registration certificate. Failure to meet this requirement prohibits entry of this animal in the show.

G. Animals entered with false information will automatically and immediately be disqualified by the show superintendent.

Due to the above rules, the ALSA Board of Directors has no choice but to nullify the results of

CW Butterfly Kisses and Fabiano for the 2012 ALSA Grand National show. You are therefore

required to relinquish all trophies, awards, and ribbons for CW Butterfly Kisses and Fabiano for

the 2012 ALSA Grand Nationals. Please remit all to the ALSA office as soon as possible.

ALSA Board of Directors

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Jim-yes; Larry-yes; Kitty-yes; Charles-yes; Allen-yes; Trish-abstain.
11-16-12: Letter approved

d)

11-18-12: Trish: Requested approval of 11-13-12 BOD minutes.

11-19-12: Kitty: Submitted correction.

11-20-12: Jim submitted correction.

11-20-12: Ken submitted correction.

11-21-12: Trish: Submitted corrected minutes for approval.

11-24-12: Jim-yes; Charles-yes.

11-26-12: BOD minutes for 11-13-12 approved Draft 2.

11-29-12: Minutes approved.

e)

11-20-12: Kitty: I make a motion we accept Sharon Carrier's resignation from the Grand National Committee and the Show Committee.

Charles seconded.

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

Motion carried.

The Board thanks Sharon for her time on these committees.

f)

12-05-12: Robin requested approval of Nationals e-blast.

Allen-yes; Kitty-yes; Trish-yes; Jim-yes; Charles-yes; Larry-no

12-07-12: Motion carried.

g)

12-05-12: Request approval of payment for Nationals ribbon bill.

Trish made motion to approve.

Kitty seconded.

Trish-yes; Kitty-yes; Jim-yes; Allen-yes; Charles-yes; Larry-no

12-07-12: Motion carried.