

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
May 8, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 8:18 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 8:56 pm, after Treasurer Report)

Secretary Keith Wattigney (Joined at 8:35 pm)

Board Members:

Allen Davis

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Larry Lewellyn

Office Manager: Robin Turell

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 8:00 pm EST

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager

- 1) Larry motioned to mail out the 17th Edition Handbooks. Trish seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) Trish motioned to have an eblast sent out about the Breeder's Clinic at the Pearson's. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Report for the Month of April 2012

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled.
- 2) 2011 Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax has been timely filed.
- 3) Grand National Disbursement consists of the facility deposit for 2012 and the yearly storage fee.

Balance Sheet

April 30, 2012

Current Assets

Checking Accounts	\$ 11,242
Investment Account	58,225
Cash – Memorials	<u>\$ 1,886</u>

Total Current Assets 71,353

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Liabilities

Accounts Payable \$ 0

Total Liabilities \$ 0

Equity \$ 71,353

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 71,353

Cash Balance on Hand March 31, 2012 \$ 72,167

Receipts

Membership Revenue	\$ 2,675
Show Fee Revenue	2,112
Grand National Revenue	81
Judge Dues	100
Memorial Youth Funding	210
Other Revenue	<u>34</u>

Total Receipts \$ 5,212

Disbursements

Office Move	\$ 160
Other Expenses	0
Judge Badges	316
Election Expense	760
Bank /Credit Card Fees	117
Grand National	1,742
Office Contract	2,916
Website Expenses	15
BOD Expenses	<u>0</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 6,026

Balance on Hand April 30, 2012

\$ 71,353

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

Allen motioned to accept the Proposed 2012 Budget as presented. Trish seconded. Motion carried.

Proceedings:

Old Business:

- 1) Open email motion:
04-19-12: Ken asked for approval of letter to be sent to member concerning NSF checks.
04-19-12: Trish made motion to approve letter.
04-19-12; Trish-yes
04-20-12: Keith Yes
05-08-12: Allen-Yes

New Business:

- 1) Larry motioned to send a warning letter to the owner/exhibitor addressing the ethics violations. Trish seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) Keith motioned to send Part U, Ethics, Section 4. Judges, C. Page 139 to the Judge's Committee for reevaluation. Trish seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) The ALSA office will address the letter from member regarding the points and Grands and Reserves at the Regionals and Nationals.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Kevin Sullivan
No Report
- 2) Election Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Lougene Baird

Trish motioned for Allen to be the new liaison to the Election Committee. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

ALSA Election Committee Report – May 3, 2012

The Committee received the final Statement of Candidacy from Nominees by the deadline stated in the Standing Rules.

The membership will be electing three Directors from a slate of five candidates. The candidates are Jim Doyle (Krum TX) from the Central Region, Ken Forster (Forman ND) from the Great Lakes Region, Larry Lewellyn (Sedalia CO) from the Rocky Mountain Region, Charles Poillion (Howey in The Hills FL) from the Southeastern Region and Kitty Tuck-Hampel (Bonaire GA) from Southeastern Region.

The Committee requested the Statements of Candidacy be posted to the ALSA website and thanks the ALSA office for doing this.

On this year's ballot the membership will also vote to approve/disapprove one change in the ALSA Bylaws.

The Balloting material was mailed from Castle Rock CO Friday, May 4, 2012. 400 Ballots were mailed, 10 percent of the ballots, or 40, must be returned to establish a quorum. Election of Directors shall be by a plurality vote.

Ballots must be received by the CPA, McCall Scanlon & Tice, LLC, by Tuesday, June 5, 2012. The tally of votes will begin on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 – the first business day following the close of balloting. Results should be received by the Election Committee and forwarded to the Committee's Board Liaison later that day.

As Chair, I would like to thank the Committee members, the Board and Liaison and Treasurer for help in validating an accurate list of members in-good-standing. Robin in the ALSA office was most helpful in obtaining information and helping the EC meet all deadlines.

Thanks also to all five Candidates who are willing to serve our organization. The Election Committee appreciates your cooperation in meeting all deadlines. Good luck to each of you. Respectfully submitted,

Lougene Ann Baird, Chair
ALSA Election 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
No Report
- 5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair:

Covered under the Treasurer Report.

- 6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Malcolm and Carol Ann Tallman

04-21-2012

I will try to answer these comments in the order that they were presented.

First, the National Committee has not chosen the fiber judges - that has always been taken care of by the fiber committee. We are not asked by this committee if we approve but simply told who they are. The fiber committee has always acted separately from the National Committee by ordering their own ribbons, chosen judges, kept their financials separate, etc.

The scheduling situation being brought to our attention is a real sore spot with the National Committee. If you will remember, Ken, when we had the committee meeting with the fiber committee as they requested, it was basically mandated to us that they wanted to cut off the entries (no late entries) and we were totally opposed. They are right - it did cut down on entries. It took away many entries from both the fiber and the versatility classes. They are the ones that requested the time for the presentation. Again, not our decision. Is this once again something that the Committee takes the blame for when it was not our decision?

If the fiber committee had truly taken notice as they said, that "everything was through and everyone was out of the barns", they would have been quite surprised that the performance courses ran on until "late" in the afternoon or I should say evening. We have tentatively set the fiber presentation for 8:00 Sunday morning before both rings have started their competitions. They will get their "own time" as they have requested. The Committee has decided that there will NOT be a cut off for late entries as there was last year. It is extremely difficult for the fiber entries to meet their deadlines. As for judging on Thursday - they could not seem to understand that many exhibitors do not arrive until the wee hours of Thursday and Friday morning. They are busy setting up and getting ready for classes that start early Friday morning. Our decision making is based on what will benefit all of the exhibitors the most.

To the matter of Supers getting paid? If the BOD in fact wants to go strictly by the handbook - fine. As you may recall when the Grand National Committee had the meeting with the BOD it was brought up. I can say as being the Grand National Supt., I have not been paid a thin dime. I am supplied a hotel room and that's it. Malcolm and I have never requested to be reimbursed for our expenses. If it is in the handbook and that is what is decided, I will be glad to turn in all of my expenses, i.e., gas, meals, out of pocket expenses (as all three of us have done for several years) etc. (We have graciously taken this upon ourselves so that we can save ALSA money. Do they realize that we spend an entire year to make this better and come up with new ideas? This is NOT a one weekend endeavor.

If a fiber person wants to be on the National Committee, do they realize that by becoming a member of this team that they will be expected to work in other areas besides fiber? Our committee wears many different hats throughout the year and at the Show itself. They would be expected to assume other responsibilities and there are many. The Committee spends a day and a half (after we get there on Tuesday night) simply sorting the ribbons. The trophies must be unpacked and placed in order by classes and make sure they are in the arena at the correct time. There are many office duties before the actual show that must be performed. I could go on and on but as so many things are taken care of as they arise it would be difficult.

04-24-12

The Grand National Committee would be more than happy to take over the fiber division; however, we would like to enlist our own Superintendent and Judge. This of course would be members in good standing.

Carol Ann

Trish motioned that the Grand National Committee select a Fiber person to run the Fiber Show at the Grand Nationals. Allen seconded. Roll Call Vote: Allen-Yes; Keith-Abstain; Larry-No; Trish-Yes. Motion carried.

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

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

**Judges' Committee Report
May 2012**

The committee has been reviewing requirements for an ALSA judge to become an ALSA instructor. Reviewing previous handbooks and guidelines it has come to our attention that key wording has been lost over time regarding the criteria for an ALSA judge to become an instructor. The following is the current wording as it appears in the 17th Edition.

C. The Judges' Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for instructors, assistant instructors and apprentice instructors.

1. An instructor must be a member in good standing, a licensed Llama or Alpaca Judge and have prior instructor experience. To be placed on the recommendation list, an Instructor must first successfully complete at least two (2) approved ALSA Judging Clinics as an Assistant Instructor with a favorable evaluation from the Instructor. All instruction materials must be approved by the Judges' Committee.

During the tenure of Virginia Christensen as the chair of the Judges' Committee the current chair had discussions with her as to the requirements for a judge to become an instructor. This was in relationship to the current Judges' Committee chair's position as chair of the Education Committee. It was covered at that time that a Level 3 judge needed to complete at least two (2) Assistant Instructor positions in their chosen discipline (i.e. llama halter/performance, alpaca halter performance, llama fleece or alpaca fleece). As the wording stands at this time a fleece judge who had completed two assistant instructorships with favorable reviews could at this time also apply for a position as a llama or alpaca halter/performance judge.

Therefore we would like the following change to the above paragraph:

, an Instructor must first successfully complete at least two (2) approved ALSA Judging Clinics as an Assistant Instructor, **in their chosen discipline**, with a favorable evaluation from

the Instructor.

In addition we would like to make a correction to the following wording in the opening line:

1. An instructor must be a member in good standing, a licensed Llama, Alpaca or Fleece Judge with five (5) years judging experience and have prior instructor experience.

The conversation with Virginia further clarified, back at that time, that the list of instructors available for clinics was only changed if an instructor requested to be removed or due to violations and/or disciplinary actions was removed from said list. It appears that has not been followed and instructors have been left off for reasons unknown.

At this time the committee wishes to propose that the Standard Operating Procedure for maintaining the list of approved ALSA Instructors be as follows:

An ALSA instructors and assistant instructor list will be maintained by the ALSA Judges' Committee based upon the following criteria:

- Completion of requirements to become a certified ALSA Instructor.
- Maintain within the Instructor's Judges file a list of clinics instructed and reviews of said clinics.
- Maintain within the Instructor's Judges file any complaints or disciplinary actions directly related to their position as an instructor.
- Any requests by said instructors to take a leave of absence or retirement.

Using said criteria the ALSA Judges' Committee will at least once a year review the ALSA Instructor and Assistant Instructor list with subsequent recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The ALSA Judges' Committee will at review any complaints of an instructor submitted to this committee and will investigate said complaints. If complaints are validated disciplinary action will be reviewed by the ALSA Judges' Committee and then recommended to the ALSA Board of Directors.

Disciplinary action will be based on the severity of the complaint and could include, but not limited to, any of the following:

- Letter of warning to be placed in said instructors file.
- Suspension as an instructor with the requirement that said instructor will be required to reenter the ALSA Instructors Program and complete all levels of that program satisfactorily.
- Revocation of instructor's certification without possibility of reinstatement as an instructor.

The committee would like to also clarify that all ALSA Judge's files are the property of the ALSA Judges' Committee and will be maintained at all times by said committee.

**Respectfully submitted<
ALSA Judges' Committee
Barbara Harris – Chair
Patti Morgan
Kevin Sullivan
Deb Yeagle**

The above will be tabled until the June meeting.

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

The performance committee members have yet to come up with any reason to keep the pack trial portion in the handbook. We are unaware of anyone having used it. If it has been ever used, it was a very long time ago. It is our recommendation to remove it for the next revision.
Eileen Ditsler

Trish motioned to accept the above recommendation. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

- 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
No Report

Not much for the Regional Championship Committee report this month.

1. Request approval of Mike Swanson to judge the Southwestern Regional Championship.
 2. Request that the flyer that was distributed at the Celebration show and is posted on the ALSA website also be sent to ALSA members via an e-mail blast so that members in all regions know about the opportunities to participate in regional championship shows.
- Thank you.

Covered by email vote.
05-09-12: Larry; Motion to approve Regional Report
05-09-12: Trish; Seconded Motion.
05-09-12: Larry-yes; Trish-yes.
05-10-12: Allen-yes

05-10-12: Motion carried to accept Regional Report

- 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

Larry motioned to pay two \$500.00 scholarships and award them to the Youth's Committee selections. Trish seconded. Motion carried.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

- 1)
03-20-12: Response letter to member concerning SSLA show complaint sent to BOD for approval.
03-20-12: Trish approved.
03-21-12: Allen and Keith approved.
03-26-12: Larry-no response.
03-27-12: Ken-yes; 4-yes votes; letter approved.
- 2)
04-20-12: Robin asked for approval of clinics e-blast.
04-20-12: Larry-yes; Keith-yes
04-21-12: Trish -yes; Ken-yes
04-21-12: E-blast approved.
- 3)
04-23-12: Keith submitted April 10, 2012 minutes for approval.
04-23-12: Trish approved minutes.
04-29-12: Allen and Larry approved minutes.
04-30-12: April 10, 2012 minutes approved.
- 4)
05-02-12: Larry: I Motion that Barb Harris, Judges Committee Chair be paid air fare only to assist the June ALSA Clinic at Pearson Farms.
05-02-12: Keith seconded.
05-02-12: Larry-yes; Keith-yes; Trish-yes;
05-04-12: Allen-yes
05-04-12: 4-yes votes; Motion carried.

5)

05-09-12: Ken request approval of Bylaws e-blast

05-09-12: Trish-yes

05-10-12: Keith-yes; Larry-yes; Allen-yes

05-10-12: E-blast approved.

Larry made the motion to send an eblast out to the members clarifying the proposed By-Laws change. Trish seconded. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Keith motioned to adjourn. Larry seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:53 pm.