

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
September 18, 2012**

Call to order by the president at 8:06 pm EST.

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday Oct 9, 2012 at 8:00pm EST

Thursday Oct 25, 2012; 8:00 am CST BOD Face to Face Meeting at Lincoln, NE

Friday Oct 26, 2012; 7:30 am CST Annual Membership Meeting at Lincoln, NE

Roll Call:

Members Present:

President - Ken Forster

V. President - Jim Doyle

Treasurer (Non Board) absent

Secretary -Trish Brandt-Robuck

Board Members:

Larry Lewellyn

Allen Davis

Kitty Tuck-Hampel

Charles Poillion

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager

BOD Meeting, September 18, 2012

ALSA Office

1). Since the last BOD meeting in August, the office has been very busy. We sent a total of 17 e-blasts out. This is wonderful. We have gotten some great response due to our new "communication" efforts. Thank you to the BOD for allowing this!

2). Another BIG communication plus is the return of the ALSA discussion board. Due to the BOD's vision and with the tireless help of Jim Doyle, the discussion board is back and working! We just sent the e-blast out to the entire email group on Wed. the 15th, and we already have 12 members, (not counting Jim and myself).

The rules are pretty simple:

1). You must be an ALSA member to post a comment or to reply, (anyone may look at the discussions), AND 2). Only the youth members are able to post on the youth topics. (no adults allowed in this group!) 3). Of course there are the usual rules in a forum, too numerous to mention. (for example, use appropriate language, etc.) They are posted on the discussion board at forums.alsashow.org . By the way, we have added a link on the front page of the ALSA website that will take people to the forum. If you have any suggestions, please let me or Jim know

3). We have also had some wonderful response in the 2013 membership incentive and the purchasing of the ALSA animal numbers. People have definitely been pleased! We do have people that have taken advantage of this and I know there will be more since the deadline is not until Oct. 20th. When people call to get an ALSA animal number, I am pointing out the special, and I have gotten them to renew and purchase the number (to get the two numbers FREE)

4). The ALSA office has also been working with the GN committee and the communication there has been awesome. Carol Ann, Sharon, and Dee are very helpful and are willing to work with the ALSA office in any way they can to make the 2012 GN the best one ever! We have also been getting some sponsors for the GN and this will be evident in the financial reports next month.

5) Ads on discussion Board are \$50 for 6 months

\$90 for 1 year

Treasurer's Report:

(Non Board) Patti Wattigney

Treasurer Report for the Month of August 2012

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled.
- 2) Some of the travel expenses have been reimbursed for the Regional and National judges.
- 3) The ribbons for the Regionals have been ordered and paid in full.

Balance Sheet August 31, 2012

Current Assets

Checking Accounts	\$ 4,443
Investment Account	58,362
Cash – Memorials	\$ 2,301
Total Current Assets	65,106

Total Assets	\$ 65,106
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Total Liabilities	\$ 0
Equity	\$ 65,106
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 65,106
Balance on Hand August 31, 2012	\$ 65,106

Motion to approve treasurers report:Trish
2nd: Allen
Motion carried

Proceedings:

Old Business:

1)

Grand National Committee item

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 5:56 PM

Subject: GN Founders Request

Since this is the 15th year of the ALSA Grand National Show....we were thinking it would be nice to acknowledge those that started the Show. It is my understanding that the "Founders" were....Carol Ann Tallmon, Jo Riley, Hank Kaufman and Doug Able.... We would like to extend an invitation to the 4 of them....(of course Carol Ann will already be there).....ALSA would pay for one (1) night Motel...at the New Victorain Inn & Suites for each...in our block...cost of 89.99 plus tax per night.

This recognition would take place at the Opening Ceremonies on Friday AM.. and we will present a "Founders Award" from the GN at that time.

I do hope we can get approval for this ...as without the "Founders" we wouldn't be doing what we are!!! :-))

Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2012 4:55 PM

Subject: Info for BOD

The Grand National Committee is still very interested in the Founders' Award to be presented at this year's show. We are requesting one night's hotel for the three honorees (I am already going to be there). Please consider this request and get back to us as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Carol Ann Tallmon, Chair - Grand National Committee

Motion to support Founders Recognition at GN:

2nd allen

Discussion regarding costs and those acknowledged. Hank Kaufmann will not be able to attend.

Roll call vote. Larry no, Allen yes, Kitty no, Charles yes, Jim yes, Trish yes.

4 yes, and 2 no
motion carries

2) 2011 Regionals

Motion to table 2011 SE Regional: Jim

2nd by Larry

Motion carried

3) Discussion Board for BOD members.

BOD members can participate as long as no BOD meeting information or business is discussed.

New Business:

1) Life time membership discussion.

BOD will continue with present policies. Credit cards can be used if a person wants a Lifetime membership.

2) I have been ask since there were no shows in the northwest that offered youth judging, be ALSA or ILR - will the youth be able to enter youth judging. My question: is the BOD willing to allow the kids to enter youth judging without qualification since these classes were not offered.

3)

Motion by Jim: Youth must qualify at an ALSA Sanctioned show to participate in Grand Nationals Youth Judging.

2nd by Allen

Motion carried

Committee Reports:

1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Kevin Sullivan

No report

2) Election Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Lougene Baird

No Report

- 3) Ethics: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Paul Schwartz
No Report
- 4) Fiber Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
No Report

Tabled from August:

1. P.33, D.4. This was identified as to be removed from last year as well. (HB Change)
2. P.35, D. Requirements Fiber wording be changed to Fleece. (HB Change)
3. Page 33, Section 4. They want to replace the ALSA Fiber Awards language to ALSA

Walking Fleece Rom, ALSA Shorn Fleece Rom, ALSA Walking Fleece Champion, and
ALSA Shorn Fleece Champion. (HB Change)

Additionally P. 32 B. 9. Shorn Fleece 10. Walking Fleece

On this point, Adult Showmanship be added as well with 20 points... As you know we

have a ALSA Adult Showmanship Champion but no ROM Champion for this category.....

On the Fleece wording changes goes along with the name of the ALSA Fleece Judging

Clinic Manual. BTW It was updated in 07.

Waiting for August information the BOD requested.

- 5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair:
No Report
- 6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Malcolm and Carol Ann Tallman
No Report
Tabled discussion for division of monies between Performance, Halter and Fiber.
- 7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew
No Report
- 8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Barb Harris

- No Report
- 9) Membership Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Kathy Devall
No Report
- 10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Carolyn Myers
No Report
- 11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Eileen Ditsler

09-13-12:

The performance committee recommends the following clarification be made regarding the taking of notes in performance.

We believe the intention was to not allow notes to be used while actually on course. The taking of notes during the walk through is allowed.

Page 73 Section 4. Handler rules

Change Handbook rule

I. No written notes may be used while on the course in performance classes. Notes may be taken during the walk-through.

Eileen Ditsler

Motion by Trish to accept the performance committee recommendation for clarification to Handbook;

2nd by Charles

Roll call; Jim no, Charles yes, Trish yes, Kitty no, Allen no, Larry no.

4 no and 2 yes

Motion Denied

- 12) Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris
No Report
- 13) Promotion Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: None
No Report
- 14) Protest Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Margaret Henry
No Report
- 15) Publications Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair: **Ruby Herron**
No Report

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

09-11-12

Dear Board Members,

I apologize for sending this month's report in at the last minute and am sending it directly to all of you so Kitty does not have to rush to do so.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Championship held on Labor Day weekend was a great success. I don't have the exact entry numbers or financial information yet, but it appeared that several of the classes were bigger than last year and everyone seemed to have a good time. The Get of Sire class was the biggest seen in the Region for many years. The potluck dinner on Saturday was a great opportunity to socialize and relax with old and new friends from several states, while the Llofty Llamas 4-H Club concession stand provided delicious breakfasts and lunches on both days. The only negative aspect of the weekend was that Bob Welsh was in the hospital recovering from heart surgery and had to miss the event for the first time. We all missed seeing Bob and sent him our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Barb Harris did a truly amazing job serving as superintendent during what had to be a very stressful time for her.

One of the Regional Superintendents has brought up a good point regarding an apparent inconsistency in the Regional Superintendent Guidelines. Paragraph 1 of the Guidelines specifically prohibits superintendents from paying the show clerk for a motel room or other expenses, but paragraph 2 allows payment for building and transporting obstacles. This seems unfair since the job of the show clerk is equally important and requires someone who can stay on duty throughout the entire show. Volunteers are the most precious asset we have and are becoming increasingly scarce, so we have to treat them all fairly. It isn't always possible to find a local volunteer to serve as show clerk and it isn't reasonable to ask someone to travel from out of town and not even reimburse any of their expenses. A solution to this problem would be to allow the Regional Superintendents more flexibility in how they use their \$500 seed money and not prohibit them from reimbursing the clerks for travel expenses as long as they provide adequate documentation of the expenses with their accountings. If the Board is amenable to this idea, we request that an exception to paragraph 1 of the Guidelines be approved for this year in case it is necessary for a Regional Superintendent to reimburse travel expenses for a show clerk.

We will also submit another draft revision to the Guidelines as soon as possible for your consideration.

Thank you.

Cheryl Juntilla

Regional Championship Committee Chair

Motion by Kitty: accept Regional Committee Proposal for Guideline changes.

2nd by Charles

Motion carried

17) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Sharon Carrier.

No Report

18) Web Site Committee: (liaison: Jim)

Chair: Ruby Herron

No Report

19) Youth Committee: (liaison: Charles)

Chair: Susan Leslie

The Youth Committee would like to set up a ALSA YOUTH Face book page for YOUTH ONLY to post youth show results, youth highlights, questions, as well as future and past youth llama activities. Our goal is to get the youth from across the country involved with each other.. Site would be for ALSA youth only and would be monitored by youth committee. It is a great and possible the only way for our youth across the country to share their awards, funny pictures and get the youth more involved.

Motion by Larry: Not to accept Committee suggestion due to ALSA Discussion Board.

2nd by Jim

Roll call; Kitty no, Allen yes, Jim yes, Charles no, Trish yes, Larry yes.

Motion carries to not accept report.

Motion to adjourn by Kitty

2nd by Trish

meeting adjourned at 10:22 EST

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Brandt-Robuck

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

A)

08-16-12: Request approval of Grand National Class list.

08-17-12: Larry: Motion to approve the GN Class Schedule as submitted.

Jim seconded.

Jim-yes; Larry-yes; Charles-yes; Trish-yes; Allen-yes.

08-22-12: Motion carried.

B)

08-18-12: Ken request approval of reply to Mary Jo Miller.

Jim-yes; Trish-yes; Larry-yes; Charles-abstention, Kitty-abstention; Allen-abstention.

08-21-12: Ken (President) votes yes.

08-21-12: Motion carried.

08-22-12: Allen-yes.

C)

08-18-12: Ken request approval of letter to Cathie Kindler.

Jim-yes; Trish-yes; Larry-yes; Charles- abstention; Kitty-abstention; Allen-yes.

08-21-12: Ken (President) votes yes.

08-21-12: Motion carried.

08-22-12: Allen-yes.

D)

08-19-12: Jim: Motion for approval of \$400 for Grand National committee for cost of 200 bags.

Trish seconded.

Jim-yes; Trish-yes; Charles-yes; Larry-yes; Kitty-abstention; Allen-abstention.

08-22-12: 4 yes votes. Motion carried.

E)

08-20-12: National Committee: Request approval of National sponsor e-blast.

Trish: Motion to approve. Charles seconded.

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

08-20-12 E-blast approved.

F)

08-22-12: Larry: I motion we allow the Nebraska Llama Association a free booth at the Grand National for the continuing years of support to the Grand National.

08-23-12: Kitty seconded

Larry-yes; Kitty-yes; Charles-yes; Jim-yes; Allen-yes.

08-23-12: Ken: Called for discussion.

08-25-12: Ken: With drew call for discussion.

08-25-12: Trish: I am abstaining.

08-25-12: Motion carried.

G)

08-22-12: Larry: I MOTION THAT THE 2012 1ST AND 2ND PLACE AT ANY ALSA SANCTION SHOW BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE 2012 GRAND NATIONAL.

08-23-12: Kitty seconded.

Larry-yes; Kitty-yes; Charles-yes; Jim-yes; Allen-yes.

08-25-12: Motion carried.

H)

08-28-12: Jim: Motion for the BOD to approve \$59.99 plus tax if any for the new Discussion board.

Trish seconded.

Jim-yes; Trish-yes; Larry-yes.

08-31-12: Ken votes yes. Motion carried.

I)

08-28-12: Larry:

1. I motion that the Beginning Apprentices of Judy Glasser, Marcie Saska-Agnew and Catheline White be accepted in the ALSA Fleece Judging Apprenticeship Program due to the recommendation by the Clinic Instructor and passing the clinic requirements.

2. I motion that Ann Bruhn be recertified as a Fleece Judge thru 2015 due to her completing her requirements at the recent fleece judges clinic and Clinic Instructor recommendation.

3. I motion that Patti Morgan be elevated to Senior Llama Fleece Judge due to her judging and fleece experience and be approved to accept apprentices due to her over all experiences as an ALSA Judge and Instructor.

4. I motion that Karen Kinyon with her request thru the Judges Committee, her experience as a Fleece Judge, Fleece Instructor and vast knowledge of fleece that she be approved as an ALSA Alpaca Senior Fleece Judge.

On the issues of Patti (Fleece Instructor) and Rob (Final Apprenticeship Completion- LOCC) that they be resubmitted by the JC and FC for approval upon completion of their final requirements. Also Ann Bruhn can be resubmitted for advancement after her five year anniversary date in 2013.

Allen seconded.

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

08-31-12: Motion carried.

08-27-12

I would like to ask that the following to be granted for the LOCC Fiber Show, August 31 and September 1, 2012 at Castlerock, CO:

1. Allow Patti Morgan to accept apprentices at this show. Logistically there are 3 apprentices who would benefit. I feel that I am qualified to accept apprentices because of my previous experience (4 + years) and from attending the last fiber clinic in August 2012 as an assistant instructor.

2. Allow fiber apprentices to show in the halter classes at the LOCC show. The Judges Committee and the Fiber Committee have recommended that this be allowed. The handbook has contradictory definitions that will be worked out at a later date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barb Harris Judge s Committee

08-27-12: Allen Motion to approve.

Larry-seconded.

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

08-29-12: Motion carried.

J)

08-28-12: Ken: Request approval of four National Committee e-blast.

08-31-12: Ken approved four e-blast to be sent

K)

08-29-12: Ken: Requested approval of Grand National Youth Silent Auction e-blast.

Jim-yes; Trish-yes; Kitty-yes; Larry-yes.

08-31-12: E-blast approved.

L)

09-09-12: Jim:

1st motion

Anyone who would like to join or renew their membership before October 20, 2012, will be paid up for the remainder of 2012 and have full membership for 2013.

This membership also entitles the member to purchase before October 20, 2012, one llama ALSA number and will receive two free which may be used now or at a later date.

2nd motion

I motion that this item be send by email blast immediately so that it reaches people well before GN.

09-10-12: Kitty: Seconded.

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

09-10-12: Motion carried.

M)

09-10-12: Robin requested approval of National entry form e-blast.

Jim-yes; Trish-yes; Kitty-yes; Allen-yes.

09-10-12: e-blast approved.

N)

09-12-12: Robin requested approval of 2013 Membership card.

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

09-13-12: Approved.

O)

09-13-12: Jim: I make a motion to have an email blast sent to members announcing the Discussion Board.

Kitty seconded.

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

09-14-12: E-blast approved.

P)

09-13-12: Ken:

Motion to rescind Email motion GG from Aug 14, 2012 minutes. Thus the performance change approved in July will be effective Jan 1, 2013. Also request e-blast to be sent ASAP after approval of this motion.

Jim seconded.

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

09-14-12: Motion carried.