

## Board Minutes from Meeting April 11, 2007

President called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM EST. The meeting is being recorded.

### Members Present:

Kay Sharpnack - President  
Dan Milton - Vice President  
Julie Heggie - Secretary  
Lora Crawford - Board Member  
Wally Baker - Board Member  
Ken Fenley - Board Member  
Wayne Rankin - Treasurer  
Cheryl Ryberg - Administrative Manager

### Members Absent:

Penny Davidson - Board Member

Next Board meeting will be held at 8:00 PM EST on May 9, 2007

**Dan moved and Ken seconded a motion that the March 14, 2007 meeting minutes be approved. Motion passed.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT: Wayne Rankin

Balance Sheet - As of 3/31/2007

ALSA Checking Account	24,016.68
ALSA Capital 1 Investment Account	119,116.15
ALSA Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund	12,671.70
ALSA Linda Pierce Memorial Fund	4,887.07
<b>Total cash and bank accounts</b>	<b>\$160,691.60</b>

ALSA Office will make sure ALSA Treasurer has password for Capitol 1 accounts so balances can be kept.

ALSA Treasurer is once again asking for Board approval of the 2007 budget. **Lora moved and Ken seconded a motion to approve the 2007 ALSA Budget, as submitted by the ALSA Treasurer, Wayne Rankin, with the contingency that the BOD will find a way to either reduce or fund any expense that exceeds an amount presented in the Budget. Passed**

ALSA Treasurer, Wayne Rankin, will be visiting the ALSA Office the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May to work with the Administrative Manager on the conversion of Quicken to Quick Books.

### ALSA WEBSITE PROGRESS: Dan Milton

Dan is hoping to have quotes from 3, possibly 4 providers to send to the Website Committee for recommendations to the BOD by the May BOD meeting.

Dan will also contact Marilyn Nenni concerning the use of an ALSA only email address to use for the mass email program.

**ALSA OFFICE REPORT: Cheryl Ryberg**

First I request permission to discard all hard copy records of shows and judge cards from 2000 back. We have NEVER had to go back more than 3 years on any animal and we feel that 7 years hard history is more than adequate. This information is taking up a huge area of space for no real purpose. (Note: the BOD will check with the ALSA attorney regarding the length of time these records should be kept and get back to Cheryl with his recommendation.)

Here are some relevant statistics which I will update monthly.

ALSA Sanctioned Shows	104
Animals entering into shows	2,602
Animals Transferred	20
Animals Recorded	185

**(The above figures are from Jan. 1 - April 10, 2007)**

Memberships 2007	1,016
Youth Memberships 2007	326

**(The above figures are from Nov. 12, 2006 - April 10, 2007)**

**Member concern - Points and Awards**

**ALSA Office is working with member and the issue can and will be resolved, it will take a little bit of time to accomplish.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Member question asking how ALSA handles the listing of judges on suspension? **The answer from the Judges Committee is “that the suspended Judge must make application to the Judges Committee to be reinstated, and the JC approves the recommendation, which then goes to the BOD for approval.”**

501 ©3 update - John McDougall and the ALSA attorney continue to work on this issue.

**Dan moved and Julie seconded a motion by email to approve Ken Fenley replacing Wally Baker as the ALSA representative to Camelid Community 2007 in Kansas in August. Motion Passed.**

**Ken moved and Julie seconded a motion by email to approve the President’s Bulletin (January-March) for mass email to membership, the website, Showring, trade journals, etc... Motion passed.**

**Dan moved and Julie seconded a motion by email to reinstate the Education Committee. Discussion was called for and the email vote was tabled. Discussion took place during the April 11<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting. Julie moved and Lora seconded a**

**motion that the Education Committee be reinstated. Motion passed. Lora is the new liaison to the Committee.**

Update on ILR Show Module – **Dan thinks there may be a chance to do a preliminary test run of the module at the AgFest Show, Salem, OR at the end of April.**

ALSA Bylaw change Article III, p.7. (Who is responsible for keeping the Judges List and Membership list). **Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion that we rescind the vote taken for a bylaw change during our BOD meeting on March 14, 2007. Motion passed. Secretary will still be responsible for overseeing that the Judges List and Membership list is kept up to date.**

Showing Contract - Tabled (awaiting further clarification)

2 new member letters regarding concerns with Performance Champions and Elites being shown in Youth classes. **Ken moved that Performance Champions and Elites cannot be used in Youth Classes but can be used by Youth to show in open performance classes. No second, motion failed.**

**Kay asked Ken to look at BOD Notebooks and report back to the BOD with items that need to be updated.**

**Ken moved and Julie seconded a motion that we go into Executive Session at 10:51 PM EST. Motion passed.**

**Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion that we come out of Executive Session at 11:25 PM EST. Motion passed.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Alpaca Committee**

Chair - Debbie Shellabarger

The Alpaca Committee is working on the following:

- 1) The concerns that have been raised regarding BVD or BVDV (Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus) and the testing for this disease. Unfortunately this will be an ongoing topic of discussion for as long as the disease is an issue.

The remainder of the report was returned to the Alpaca Committee for clarification and answers to their questions.

Julie is now liaison to the Alpaca Committee

### **Election Committee**

Chair - Sherry Adamcyk

The Open Candidate petition period has closed as of April 10, 2007.

BOD received a lengthy response from committee member, Lougene Baird, as to the reasons the ALSA Election process is such a secretive process. She states that given the

history and problems with past elections this is the most fair and efficient way to handle the election process. (Lougene's comments on Election process and protocol have been posted on the ALSA Website with the Election information.)

### **Ethics Committee**

Chair - Maryan Baker

Ken is the now liaison to the Ethics Committee

On March 29, 2007, the ALSA Ethics Committee met via conference call. Prior to the meeting each committee member thoroughly reviewed the ALSA Handbook regarding committee areas of responsibility. The Ethics Committee has submitted to the BOD their requests for amendments to the ALSA Handbook.

### **Fiber Committee**

Chair - June Black

1. Promote and plan ALSA Fleece Clinics and encourage ALSA certified Fleece Judges to train to become ALSA Fleece Judge Instructors.
2. Establish a plan for a Continuing Education point system for fleece judges to stay current
3. Planning for the 2007 ALSA Grand National Fleece Show. Both shorn llama and shorn alpaca fleece will be included the show.
4. Work on llama and alpaca fleece judging clinic materials
5. Update fleece show forms

### **Finance and Budget Committee**

Chair - Craig Swindler

No Report

### **Grand National Committee**

Chair - Norris Berg

1. Contracts to all 2007 Grand National Judges have been sent and five of the seven have already been returned.
2. Grand National logo contest remains open until April 15th. We feel the response has been good for the first year.
3. Our committee met in Oklahoma City after the Celebrity Sale on Saturday night. We covered most areas of concern for Grand Nationals. We were joined by the ALSA BOD Liaison.
4. Currently working on Grand National budget for 2007 and future years.
5. Member request for the Grand National Committee to support a split in

Yearling Classes at Regional level as is done at Nationals. Our committee does not have statistical data on Regionals to make a decision on this subject. Recommend request be sent to Regional and Show Committee's for additional studies and recommendation to BOD. If splitting this class would help to increase attendance at Regionals it should also help some at Nationals. The Grand National Committee would support "splitting" classes if it increased entries. Split classes at Regionals would then also "mirror" the classes offered at Grand Nationals such as has been done with Special Needs, Obstacle Driving, etc.

### **Handbook Committee**

Chair - Helen Feick

1. The committee has welcomed John McDougall to our committee. He will be an asset to our committee.
2. Monica Brown from LlamaLink has contacted me about bidding on the printing and mailing of the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Handbook. Have sent her the information needed for bidding. Will have her bid in the next week or two.
3. Wally Baker has contacted me about sending the performance committee changes and is sending them in a format that will work perfectly for inserting into the handbook.

### **Judges Committee**

Chair - Lavona Fercho

1. As a result of the Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Fleece Clinic, in Findley, OH, with Lead Instructed by Mary Reed, the committee recommends:

Deb Yeagle be recertified as Alpaca Fleece Judge  
Suzie Smithers be certified as Alpaca Fleece Judge

2. As a result of the Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Fleece Clinic in Findley, OH, with Lead Instructor by Mary Read, the committee recommends the following attendees be approved as Alpaca Fleece Judge apprentices: Bonnie Van Mater, Cindy Ruckman, Kevin Sullivan, Linda Carter, Ryan Carter, Mary Jo Miller, June Black, Toni Knie, Jenny Wiley, Cheryl Palmentera, Fran Soukup and Valerie Attina.
3. Kevin Sullivan who had not received his pre clinic material in advance of the October Alpaca Halter Clinic has completed his requirements for Instructor Mary Reed, and the committee recommends his approval as Alpaca Judge apprentice.
4. Cathie Kindler has supplied continuing education credits to qualify her to be recertified as Llama Level III Judge.

**BOD approves all recommendations.**

### **Membership Committee**

Chair - Pam Jensen

The Membership Committee has been gathering ideas for promoting ALSA to potential new members, as well as retaining the existing ALSA membership. Of the committee only two (2) members have thus far not responded. Chair – Pam Jensen, will put together a listing of ideas and forward to liaison for transmitting to Board of Directors.

Membership Committee, has compiled several names to be recognized as recipients of the Special Recognition Award at Grand Nationals (also fondly referred to as the “grunt award”). There will be one ALSA member from each Region to receive this award. The membership committee representative from each Region is to submit a name to the Chair of the committee. In that regard, the committee has been gathering items to go into the award baskets this year. Each basket will contain virtually the same items so that no one will feel they received less than the others.

The second addition of the Membership Showcase page will appear in the upcoming Showring publication. ALSA members to be recognized were submitted by committee members. Reaction has been very positive on this recognition concept.

The committee is busy promoting ALSA in all aspect at all shows the members attend.

**BOD approves report.**

### **Nomination Committee**

Chair - Trish Brandt-Robuck

The Nomination Committee will no longer have Deb Sund as a member since changes were made designating new areas.

The committee has worked finding very qualified members to run for the ALSA BOD. We have hopefully 5 members or more running for the 2 positions. However due to Election Committee rules we have no way of getting ANY feedback on number of candidates. Also, we have no way of knowing if the Candidates have submitted the required signatures or need any assistance in the Nomination process - extremely frustrating for Candidates and the Nomination Committee.

Factually, we may have zero or 100, candidates are running for the BOD Positions.

A change in the committees need to take place to make the Nomination and Election Process more transparent. Otherwise, I would suggest combining the Election and Nomination Committee.

### **Performance Committee**

Chair - Melanie McMurray

1. The updated Handbook sections on Performance are now submitted. These include rule changes made in 2006 and 2007, as well as the new Driving section.
2. The committee is currently working on updating the Performance Manual to reflect rule changes and correct errors.
3. The committee would like to recommend a new section on the website for Original obstacles to be posted. Course designers would be given the option of Recommending interesting and original obstacles to the committee, and if chosen These would be posted for a period of time on the webpage, either as descriptions Or photos. **#3 Tabled until new website and webmaster are in place.**

### **Policy & Planning Committee**

Chair - Jerry Miller

No Report

Kay is now liaison to Policy and Planning Committee

### **Promotion Committee**

Chair - Mandy Gerken

No Report

### **Protest Committee**

Chair - Jim Nenni

All is Peaceful

### **Publications Committee**

Chair - David Armer

Would like permission to ask Able Publishing for extra copies of Showring to send to potential corporate advertisers. **Kay will speak with Able Publishing.**

### **Regional Committee**

Chair - Betty Moe

1. All Regional Superintendents have chosen the judges and facilities. This information has been sent to the ALSA Office to be posted in updated form on the website.
2. The final corrections are being made in the Regional Financial Report for 2006. There were inadvertently some changes from 2005 that had been put into the 2006 figures.
3. Due to the above situation I am still working on the Financial Guidelines to send to the Regional Superintendents.

4. All the Regional Superintendents have requested their judges book their flights early and get the best buys they can.

### **Show Management Committee**

Chair - Phil Feiner

Show Management has submitted their comments and suggestions on the ILR Functional Specification Show Module. **Dan will look at these items and get back to committee with comments.**

### **Website Committee**

Chair - Marilyn Nenni

1. The Website Committee has not been working with our “Improve The Technology” project since we were notified in January that our Committee Liaison was working with the webmaster to set up a new website account and updated database.

2. Only minimal updates have been made to the ALSA website since January. The Committee Liaison requested no updates until the new account was set up.

There are numerous emails weekly from members asking why the website is not updated and regarding errors in posted show dates, and missing show postings. On the show calendar, there are no links to any show information. Therefore shows listed as of this date are not getting their internet show forms out to the members. **Once the Database, website and webmaster are in place this will improve.**

3. Bulk Email Program – Two notices have been successfully sent out to the membership using the new Bulk Email Program. We have received many positive comments from the membership on this new feature.

The list of email addresses for the total membership was provided to me for this new program without any names – just email addresses in no particular order. Therefore when members have submitted a new email address to me, I must search through the entire membership list to search for their old address (if I know it). I also have a list of discontinued email addresses, but have no idea who they are since there is no name attached. I would like to request that a new email list with the first and last names and also the state be printed from the database. That way we can use our new Email Program more efficiently. I also would like a listing of the youth email addresses with the first and last name and the state. **This will be provided to Committee.**

4. Bulletin Board – The addition of the Bulletin Board on the Website was approved by the BOD but it has not yet been put on. This would be a good tool especially now that committees are revising their sections of the handbook. The Bulletin Board on the Website would give us good membership input.



5. The following concern was in the Jan. Website Committee Report, but we did not receive a decision:

On the Website Page where members can list their internet address to be added to the website it states: *“As a member, you can have your Internet Information (E-mail and Home Page) linked directly to the ALSA web site for a nominal set up fee of \$20. The internet listing which includes your name, farm name, address and telephone number is one of the numerous benefits you receive free with your membership.”* This statement is somewhat confusing. When you pay a fee of \$20.00, then it is not a free benefit of the membership. Please define whether there should be a \$20.00 additional fee for an email and internet listing or not.

**Yes, there is a \$20.00 additional fee.**

### **Youth Committee**

Chair - Barb Harris

At this time the ALSA Youth Committee would like to present to the board an idea for Youth Judging.

We have been discussing various options that we feel would maximize the learning experience that youth would have when competing in Youth Judging.

Since there aren't any official clinics for youth who are interested in Youth Judging, most of what they learn comes from their parents or group leaders. Their contact with anyone who is versed in judging may only be limited to their brief contact with the judge during the class. Many youth feel overwhelmed when faced with doing oral reasons because they have no guidance in the how's and whys.

Our idea is to make a transition phase for the Intermediate youth.

Juniors would continue to take the written test.

Intermediates would be the division to make the transition from written test to oral reasons. The format that we have been discussing is as follows:

After the Intermediates have turned in their score cards, the judge would then ask them five questions based on the class they are judging. There would be a list of questions that would be provided in the Youth Judging packet that a judge could use. Each question would be worth 10 points. The questions would pertain to things that would train the youth's eye. Some examples are as follows:

- Which animal has the best topline?
- Which animal is cow hocked (post legged, sickle hocked, etc)?
- Which animal tracks the best front or back?
- Which animal caught your eye as they entered the ring and why?
- Which animal has the most substance?

The youth would answer these questions on a sheet that would be turned into the judge for scoring. The youth would then give their oral reasons on only their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placings.

Seniors would continue to give oral reasons on the entire class of 4 animals as they do now.

This would possibly increase the amount of time that a judge spends judging this class. But the trade off is that many of the youth who participate in Youth Judging would

begin to really understand what they are doing out there and thus feel more at ease.

**This has been tabled and sent to the Judges Committee.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

ALSA has been contacted by Jan Wassink, ILR Registrar, with a request from the ILR BOD to hold the Annual ILR Membership Meeting at the 2007 ALSA Grand National Show in Lincoln, NE. **Lora moved and Dan Seconded a motion that ALSA allow the ILR to conduct the Annual ILR Membership Meeting at the 2007 ALSA Grand National. A mutually agreeable time for the meeting will be decided in the near future after more input from the Grand National Committee. Motion passed.**

Member letter concerning splitting the Yearling Classes for the Regional Shows as well as the Grand National. **This as been sent to Regional Committee and Show Management Committee.**

Member concern regarding ALSA shows being combined with other shows. **After a brief discussion this issue was tabled pending further information.**

Member letter concerning fiber divisions. **Has been sent to the fiber committee and the judges committee.**

Member letter concerning the Exhibitors with Disabilities Class (Special Needs Class.) **Kay will address these issues for member.**

Note that Kay has responded to members with the following concerns:

1. Grand National Dates
2. Judges' List
3. New Webmaster Cost
4. ALSA numbers and points

**Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 AM EST on April 12, 2007. Motion passed.**