

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 21, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. EST.  
by President, Julie Heggie.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler - Vice President

Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary

Tom Parsons-Treasurer

Bob LaMorte - Board Member

Keith Wattigney - Board Member

Ken Forster - Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST

**PROCEEDINGS:**

**1. Approval of minutes for June 9, 2009.**

Minutes needed some corrections therefore they will be  
approved by email as soon as corrections are made.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

President-Julie Heggie

Motion by Cathie:

Second by Bob:

Carried unanimously

V. President- Cathie Kindler

Motion by Keith:

Second by Tom:

Carried unanimously

Secretary-Trish Brandt-Robuck

Motion by Cathie:

Second Keith:

Carried unanimously

Treasurer- Tom Parsons

Motion by Trish:

Seconded by Cathie:

Carried unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Database**

Email Motion by Trish: I make a motion to disband the

Database Committee immediately. The committee has worked hard to get the database requirements to Open Professional Group. This was their mission and it has been accomplished. Thank you Marilyn Nenni, Sharon Carrier, Diana Lewis and Cheryl Ryberg for the many hours that were put into this mission.

Moving forward, all work and communication with Open Professional must be done with and by professionals to accomplish ALSA's goals.

With Trish Brandt-Robuck as the liaison, and Steve Katzakian as Chair of the New ALSA System and Database Committee.

Email Seconded by Cathie:

Email Discussion requested by Ken, therefore automatically moves motion and votes till the next BOD meeting.

Discussion: Timeframes promised, monies spent, and new monies requested, in acquiring what was originally proposed and promised to BOD and members in 2008.

Roll call Vote: Bob-yes, Cathie-yes, Keith-abstain,  
Ken-no, Tom-no, Trish-yes

Motion carries.

Questions by new BOD members, for OPG and Steve K. to better understand how the New ALSA System is progressing will be handled by Trish, and Cheryl will collect questions.

## 2. ALSA Attorney Letter:

Information passed to the ALSA attorney was discussed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2009

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Cash:	\$21,272
Cash-Investment Account:	97,745
Cash-Memorials	<u>9,243</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	128,260

#### FIXED ASSETS

Software	21,190
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$149,450</u>
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#### EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings	<u>\$149,450</u>
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- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.
1. Umbrella Policy Insurance for GN and all ALSA Shows, big costs savings for ALSA and Show Superintendents.
2. ALSA needs to apply for non-profit Bulk mailing. Cheryl will check into this. Will help on all mailings and Showring.

3. Entry Fees for 2009 Regionals and Nationals
  - a. Entry fees at Regionals will be uniform, but stall fees are the superintendents jurisdiction.
4. Premiums for Regionals and Nationals discussed.
  - a. monies will be given to winners in envelopes.
5. Sponsors have generously given \$9,000 to date.

**OFFICE BUSINESS:** Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

1. There were requests for information and these were resolved.
2. Official contract for the office is the marked up version.

**OFFICE REPORT:**

The office is busy gearing up for a spectacular Grand National and Regional Season. So many members that have never come to National are already planning their trip. With a live band and western theme, members can certainly plan on being entertained as well as being able to see the finest llamas that our country has to offer. Many of our Regionals are being very innovative in planning exciting events. We are creating individual labels for judge cards and envelopes for premiums, created a new result sheet to handle our Master and Novice classes, Mailed supers their initial expense checks and sent contracts for our judges. All Insurance Certificates have also been mailed out to our supers at a savings of over \$4,000 from last year.

We have emailed and mailed pertinent information to all directors regarding past financials, total membership data, liability insurance coverage and so on.

Additionally, I have studied HOW-TO and completed two email blasts to be approved by the board to send to members. I have also made changes to the .NET side of our website by removing all discussion board news, adding information regarding regionals and changing the judge list for Nationals. The directors will be changed once the new slate has been voted in.

Cheryl Ryberg

Cheryl Ryberg left since she is no longer needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Regionals
  - a. Western Regionals change of judge to Bill Feick since Margret Henry is unable to make it.Motion by Ken: Approve Bill Feick as Western Regionals Judge.  
Seconded by Keith:  
Carried unanimously
2. Cheryl would like to address Adding Llama awards to the ILR Registrations at the Camelid Community meeting since ILR and ALSA will be there. She will bring it up at the Open Forum.

Motion by Tom: Have Cheryl address the Open Forum regarding  
ILR Certificates with ALSA awards on them.

Seconded by Trish:

Carried unanimously

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

The General Election for 2009 was completed with the counting of ballots on Monday, June 8. The Ballots contained three Sections: 1. Election of Directors, 2. Acceptance of the CLR as an optional Registry, and 3. Approval of an ALSA Bylaw change.

The Committee was directed to hold the election results pending the ALSA Board of Directors' decision regarding a challenge received by the Election Committee. Following the Board's, request the Committee released the results to its Board Liaison.

Three members of an independent Certified Public Accountant firm certified the election. None of the CPA's counters were ALSA members or otherwise associated with ALSA.

Section I. Board of Directors' election

Elected to the Board of Directors are:

Tom Parsons – Great Lakes – 171 votes

Keith Wattigney – Central – 148 votes

Ken Forster – Great Lakes – 132 votes

The Alternates to the Board of Directors are:

Bill Feick – Central – 127 votes

Marilyn Nenni – Buckeye – 126 votes

Ulin Andrews – Great Lakes – 82 votes

Kathy Peterson – Southeast – 64 votes

Malinda Norman – Central – 62 votes

Section II.

To accept or not accept the CLR as an optional registry for ALSA shows

Yes (Accept) – 93 Votes

No (Do not Accept) – 238 Votes

Abstained – 4 Votes

Section III.

To approve or not approve the ALSA Bylaw changes

Yes (Approve) – 264 Votes

No (Do not Approve) – 53

Votes

Abstained – 18 Votes

Congratulations to the ALSA membership! 335 ballots representing 40.6% of the 824 ballots mailed to the membership were returned. This is higher than the 2008 election and will stand as the highest percentage returned for an election in ALSA history.

Again, the Election Committee would like to thank the ALSA Board of Directors for working with it to facilitate making this year's election most transparent. The Committee worked with the Nomination Committee by keeping it informed of the number of Petitions received by each potential Nominee during the Petitioning process.

The Committee would also like to thank the ALSA office for the speed and accuracy with which all information requested by the Committee was delivered. The office was a major contributing factor to the success of the Committee meeting all deadlines for the election.

Last but certainly not least, the Chair appreciates the continued team work of committee members Jerry Dunn and Sherry Adamcyk. These members round out the committee making a solid, dedicated and thinking team that has strong knowledge of the ALSA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair:

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fiber Committee's current discussion points.

Old Business:

1. We continue to work on the National Llama Fleece Show to be held in conjunction with the 2009 ALSA Grand Nationals. Lee Ann King, Show Superintendent, is finalizing show information for the ALSA website and securing show sponsors. As in the past, all sponsor money will be used to pay out premiums. This year we will need premiums for both shorn and walking fleece classes.

2. In conjunction with the *Judges Committee* and the *Alpaca Committee* we are exploring the possibility of two combined 2009 Llama and Alpaca Fleece Clinics (Beginning and/or Advanced). One to be held in California and one to be held in Ohio. If we do not offer a combined clinic, we would like to offer a stand alone Llama Fleece Clinic (Beginning and/or Advanced).

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

Motion by Cathie: Approve GN request to move Lora Crawford  
from Performance Judge to Halter Judge.  
Gayle Woodsum to be the performance judge.

Seconded by Trish:

Discussion: Linda Rogers unable to make the show.  
carried unanimously

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

Handbook Committee Report: ALSA Board Meeting, July 14, 2009

Committee has completed current ALSA Handbook updates, as provided by the Election Committee ensuing from the bylaw change passed by the membership during the June 2009 election. Updates are attached with this report for board review and website posting.

The above handbook edits are the only official updates received for year 2009. As previously mentioned to the ALSA Board, with the exception of the aforementioned bylaw change, other handbook changes can only be made when formal board approval and acknowledgement are noted in board meeting minutes - including specific language and Handbook Part and Section. This process enables the handbook committee to keep current on organizational guideline changes as they occur, as well as providing a means to verify and maintain accuracy of subject amendments before documenting in the handbook.

**2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:**

ALSA Bylaws:

ARTICLE III - Board of Directors Section 3. Elected Representation

(a) The Board of Directors should represent the membership from as many different regions as possible.

(b) A maximum of 2 directors from within any one region shall be allowed to serve concurrently. **The Regional Show Committee shall specify the regions within the Continental 48 states at the time of election. Alaska will be attached to the Northwestern Region, Hawaii will be attached to the Southwestern Region and Canadian Provinces will be attached to their common boundary Region of the 48 states.** (6/05/09 - ALSA Election - ALSA Handbook page 160)

ARTICLE III - Board of Directors Section 6. Election

(a) Directors shall be elected annually by a written ballot from the

membership in good standing. Ballots **may** be received by mail through the United States Postal Service, even though they may originate from a postal service outside the United States, such as Canada Post in Canada. **Ballots may also be faxed to the entity tabulating the results as described within the balloting information.** (6/05/09 - ALSA Election - ALSA Handbook page 161)

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Susan Tellez

ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE REPORT - JUNE ACTIVITIES -  
30 June 2009

- I. Judge (Re-) Certifications ... a letter has been sent to the judges who will need to re-certify their License by attending a Clinic or furnishing CEC information.
- II. PROPOSED CLINICS ... Committee recommends the approved Fall ALSA Beginner\Advanced Llama Halter Clinic and the delayed 2008 ALSA Fleece Clinic (Hosted by LANA organization) be held, if there is sufficient number [minimum 10] of (Non-auditing) Judges or Apprentices attending to cover the expenses.  
This Fleece Clinic is being requested by Maryan Baker, a LANA BOD member to be held in Northern California on 2 Host Farms and will include training for both Llama and Alpaca Walking Fleece, as well as a share program for Owner Education in Fleece.  
Instructors would include Cindy Ruckman and Mary Reed.

A letter requesting notice of intention or interest to attend either Clinic is being sent to all ALSA Judges and Apprentices to determine the feasibility of hosting these Clinics at this time.

- III. Proposed Apprenticeship\Training practice - ALPACA Fleece and Walking Fleece  
**The Committee requests APPROVAL** of an Apprenticeship Alpaca Fleece Training Exercise to be held in the Findlay OH Area the weekend of September 18-20, 2009, where an optimal number of Alpacas will be available .  
Due to the lack of available Alpaca Show Apprenticeship opportunities, this would provide Alpaca Judges and Apprentices experience and practice in judging Fleece and observe an Alpaca Show event.  
Instructors involved would include Lavona Fercho, Deb Yeagle, Mary Reed and Susan Tellez.  
If a sufficient number of persons request Certification, there could be an added Testing Period.  
This opportunity is also being announced to all Judges and Apprentices to determine the level of interest and potential participation.  
a. Cathie will verify no cost to ALSA and email vote will follow.

IV. The Judge Committee welcomes the new Board of Directors and wishes them well.

Please contact us with any concerns or requests. We appreciate your efforts and time devoted to ALSA.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair:

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair:

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Gail Woodsum

a. Mailing the Showring would cost less with non-profit status Bulk rate.

b. Gayle needs from each BOD member

. short bio

. picture

c. Anyone with an idea for article can email Gayle and she will help make it happen.

17. Regional Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

a. One Regionals will be combined with the Tulsa State fair.

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

Tabled from June meeting

The Show Management Committee is submitting the following items for Board approval.



Items 1a, 1b and 1c address conflicting rules in ALSA Handbook 15<sup>th</sup> Addition.

Item 1a)

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the [removal of section D on page 43, Part I, Section 1, Item D](#). This change removes the contradiction with rule C-3 in this section and would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

*Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas*

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.
2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.
- 3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.**
4. Age divisions
  - a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
  - b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
  - c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
  - d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class. On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

**D. With respect to the Suri Wool division, at show management's discretion, if there are fewer than three (3) llamas in any age division, age divisions may be combined: that is, if there are fewer than three (3) juvenile females, they may combine with yearling females, and so on. Under no circumstances will males and females be combined.**

**Item 1b)**

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the removal of verbiage [pages 38, Part H, Section 1, Item D-2 & page 44, Part I, Section 2-C](#). Remove the verbiage: **These division may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division**. This statement contradicts with the above rule and its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part H. Llama Show Classes

*Section 1. Approved Llama Halter Classes*

D. Age Divisions:

1. Males/Females – Breeding. The following divisions for males and females may not be combined in any way.
  - a Juvenile
  - b. Yearling
  - c. Two-Year Old

- d. Adult
- 2. Non-Breeder. **These division may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division.**
  - a. Yearling
  - b. Two-Year Old
  - c. Adult

*Item 1c)*

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules between page 111, Part P, Section 11, Item b-3 and Part P, Section 11, Item D; we suggest the acceptance of the change of Part P, Section 11 and remove item D. Item D contradicts with Section B-3 in this section. Its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Section 11. Miniature llama classes

Halter classes:

A. Wool Divisions.

- 1. There is no separate division for wool classes at this time.

B. Sex and Age division

- 1. Male classes are for intact males.
- 2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.
- 3. Sex and Age divisions may not be combined in any manner.**
- 4. Age divisions:
  - a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
  - b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
  - c. Two Year old – 24 to 36 months
  - d. Mature – 36 months and older

**\*\*Motion by Tom:** Not accept combining of age divisions as recommended by Show Management Committee.

Seconded by Ken:

Roll call: Bob=yes, Cathie=no, Trish=yes, Keith=no, Ken=yes, Tom=yes.

Motion Carried

*Item 2)*

In order for large shows to have the ability to divide classes we suggest the addition on page 43, Part 1, Section 1, Item C- 4-e & page 44, Part 1, Section 2, Item C-4. This rule change would allow large shows to sub divide age classes thus allowing more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

*Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas*

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.
2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.
3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.
4. Age divisions

- a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
- b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
- c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
- d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class. On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

e. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve.

## *Section 2. Non-Breeder Halter Classes*

### *A. Requirements*

1. These classes are for geldings, vasectomized males and spayed or non-reproductive females that are suitable for other purposes.
2. Non-Breeders do not have to be registered, but must have a vet certificate. If Non-Breeders are not registered and wish to be in the ALSA award system and wish to show in halter, they must show in the adult Non-Breeder halter class.

### *B. Sex and Wool Divisions*

There are no sex or wool division in this class.

### *C. Age Divisions*

1. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
2. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
3. Adult – 36 months and over
4. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve.

**\*\*Motion by Cathie to approve section 1, 4, e. and Section 2, C, 4.**

Seconded by Tom

Carried unanimously

**Item 3)**

Per page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B, Youth Showmanship classes already have the ability to split age groups. We request the change in verbiage to page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B to allow Youth Performance classes to also split age groups. **This rule change would allow more youth to receive the “FIRST PLACE” that is needed for the new Youth Awards System and allow more youth to qualify for Regional Show competition.**

*Section 4. Age Categories:*

All ages are as of January 1 of the calendar year of the show except a Youth who turns 8 during the calendar year, who is at that time considered eligible for ALSA shows.

A. Junior: 8 years through 11 years

B. Intermediate: 12 years through 14 years

C. Senior: 15 years through 18 years. Youth who turn 19 after January 1 but before the Grand National of their final showing year, may complete the year as a Youth in the Senior division.

*Section 5. Age Divisions*

A. All three age divisions may be offered in Level I shows, but all three age divisions must be offered in Level II and III shows. The age divisions at any show may be combined if there are fewer than 8 total entries in any two of the age divisions. This applies to Youth Alpaca classes as well.

**B. Should the number of entries in a** Youth Showmanship &/or Youth Performance class exceed 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by exhibitor age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.

**Item 4)**

We request the following be added to page 69, Part L, Section 4-C.

Thus allowing more exhibitors to qualify for Regional Show competition.

**C.** If Adult Showmanship class exceeds 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class and run two or more identical classes. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.

**\*\*Motion by Cathie: to accept B under item 3, and C under item 4.**

Seconded by Ken:

Carried unanimously

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)  
Chair:

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)  
Chair:

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Larry Llewlyn
2. Carlos Mendosa
3. Ken Forster
4. Marilyn Nenni

Motion by Cathie: to adjourn

Seconded by Keith

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:03 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Secretary  
July 31, 2009

MINUTES APPROVED: August 1, 2009