

## Board Minutes from Meeting July 11, 2007

Acting President Dan Milton called the meeting to order at 8:02PM EST.

### Members Present:

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

**Kay moved and Julie seconded a motion** to go into Executive Session at 8:03PM EST.  
**Motion passed.**

**Julie moved and Kay seconded a motion** to leave Executive Session at 8:50 PM EST.  
**Motion passed.**

### Election of Officers:

**Wally moved and Ken seconded a motion** to go into Executive Session at 9:02 PM EST.  
**Motion passed.**

**Wally moved and Julie seconded a motion** to leave Executive Session at 9:09 PM EST.  
**Motion passed.**

New Officers elected for the 2007-2008 ALSA year:

President:	Wally Baker
Vice President:	Ken Fenley
Secretary:	Debbie Shellabarger
Treasurer:	Wayne Rankin (None of the acting BOD Members wanted to fill The Treasurer's Position.)

Next Board meeting will be held at 7:30PM EST on August 8, 2007

There will be a special meeting on Handbook changes at 7:30PM EST on July 31, 2007

**Approval of Minutes for June 27, 2007 - Tabled**

### Treasurer's Report: Wayne Rankin

Balance Sheet (6-30-07) Abbreviated	
ALSA Checking Account	\$ 22,828.54
ALSA Capital 1 Investment Account	121,134.95
ALSA Capital 1 Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund	12,857.43
ALSA Capital 1 Linda Pierce Memorial Fund	4,962.87
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$161,783.79</b>

**Administrative Manager Report:**  
Monthly Statistics:

2008 ALSA Sanctioned Shows	2
2007 ALSA Sanctioned Shows	144
Animals Entered into ALSA Shows	8,217
Animals Transferred	39
Memberships	1,140
Youth Memberships	425

ALSA Office is very busy helping the Regional and National Committee get their entry and information posted to the internet and working with existing shows to get the posted to the internet during our busiest season.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Ryberg  
ALSA Administrative Manager

The BOD has asked Cheryl to let us know when she sends items to be uploaded to website. The BOD then would like the Webmaster to let us know when it has been done so we can keep track of things being put up.

**Committee Reports:**

**Alpaca Committee**

Chair: Vacant  
New liaison will be Kay Sharpnack  
No Report

**Education and Show Clinic Committee**

Chair: Vacant  
New liaison will be Lora Crawford  
No Report

**Election Committee**

Chair: Sherry Adamcyk  
Wally Baker will remain the liaison  
Nothing new to report

**Ethics Committee**

Chair: Isabella Markle  
**Ken moved and Kay seconded a motion** that Isabella Markle be the new chair to the Ethics Committee. **Motion passed**  
Ken will remain the liaison  
No Report

## **Fiber Committee**

Chair: June Black

Julie Heggie will remain the liaison

1. The Fiber Committee requests that Julie Heggie continue as our ALSA Board of Directors' Liaison for the next term.
2. Today we had a conference call with the Judges' Committee to facilitate communications between the two committees. Attendees were Julie Heggie, Lavona Fercho and June Black.
3. As a result of #2 above, we recommend our committee name be changed to the 'Llama Fiber Committee'. We will include this change in our recommended Handbook revisions (for the 15<sup>th</sup> Ed.) to be sent to the Board before the Board's Handbook Revision Meeting (date to be announced, but should be before the end of August 2007). **Kay moved and Julie seconded this motion. Passed.**
4. Fiber Committee recommendation: There be NO more grandfathering of one type (alpaca or llama) fleece judges to the other type (llama or alpaca). ALSA needs to make sure all fleece judges have the proper education and have gone through the procedures in place to become certified. **BOD accepts recommendations.**
5. Fiber Committee recommendation: To continue judging llama fleece shows, the alpaca fleece judges who were grandfathered as llama fleece judges in June 2005 must complete the usual re-certification protocol (attend and pass an Advanced Level Llama Fleece Judging Clinic, be recommended by the Clinic Instructor, be in good standing, and recommended by the ALSA BOD) to remain certified as llama fleece judges.
6. Does the ALSA Board want the Fiber Committee to cover all ALSA fiber issues, both alpaca and llama, or just llama? Currently the Handbook has us covering both. If we are to cover only llama, we recommend a name change to 'Llama Fiber Committee', and that ALSA form a new committee named the 'Alpaca Fiber Committee'.
7. What is the status of the ALSA 15<sup>th</sup> Edition Handbook? **BOD is working on this.**
8. Please confirm: Will the 2007 ALSA GN Fleece Show still be a stand-alone show? This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> annual ALSA GN Fleece Show. Are we responsible for getting all our own sponsors? Will ALSA pay for a separate Show Book where we can list our exhibitors and sponsors, or will they be listed in the show book that is already published for all the other classes? **Ken moved and Kay seconded a motion that the ALSA GN Fleece Show become a part of the GN Show. Motion passed.** Julie is to get with the GN Committee and talk about the best way to make this happen.
9. The Fiber Committee survey has been emailed to the ALSA membership, and will be distributed with the next *Showring* magazine as an insert. We look forward to using the information gathered from survey results to help us plan

future Llama and Alpaca Fleece Clinics.

10. Establish a plan for a Continuing Education point system for fleece judges to stay current - we're still working out the details.
11. Ongoing planning for the 2007 ALSA Grand National Fleece Show. Both shorn llama and shorn alpaca fleece will be included the show.
12. Work on llama and alpaca fleece judging clinic materials – currently being edited.
13. Update fleece show forms – this is on our “to do” list.

### **Finance and Budget Committee**

Chair: Craig Swindler

I reported last month “We (Wayne Rankin and I) observed that the ALSA database has the potential to be further developed to better serve our members”. Grant Miller developer of the database also put together a program for the Show Superintendents to report the show results to ALSA. After recording the results in the program, hit "send to ALSA" button to send the file to ALSA. IF email is setup it will automatically go to the ALSA office.

Errors in the reporting of Show results in the ALSA Database can be split into three groups: Exhibitor, Show Superintendent, or Office data entry. Using this program would eliminate the office data input errors since the results would come directly from the Show Superintendents. The BOD has previously turned down the use of this program I am told because it is not all encompassing? It is however available now. I recommend the BOD reconsider the use of this program at this time. Wait – I know we are all waiting for the ILR Show Module. But not to use what we already have reminds me of a story my father told me. Back when washing machines were first introduced a lady friend of the family did not want to get one unless it was the latest model. Several years passed and she was still doing the laundry by hand waiting for the latest model to come out. Let's use what we have and get the Show Superintendents used to computer input of show results data.

### **Grand National Committee**

Chair: Norris Berg

Kay Sharpnack will remain liaison

Added one item which I sent to you.....contract with the Lancaster Event Center has been signed.

Update for GN Liaison

Sponsorship list sent to Cheryl and Dan about 10 days ago and waiting to see on the ALSA website. Registration packet for the GN show is in final review and should be to Cheryl, Dan and copy to you this week.

Haven't seen the minutes from the June 27th meeting so not aware of any action items for our committee from that meeting.

I sent the revision to the GN section to you several months ago with no additions.

**Handbook Committee**

Chair: Helen Feick  
New liaison will be Debbie Shellabarger  
Nothing new to report

**Judges Committee**

Chair: Lavona Fercho  
New liaison will be Lora Crawford  
No Report

**Membership Committee**

Chair: Pam Jensen  
New liaison will be Julie Heggie  
No Report

**Nomination Committee**

Chair: Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Liaison will remain Lora Crawford  
No Report  
Lora stated that the Rocky Mountain Region and the Great Lakes Region are not represented on the committee. She will talk with Trish about this.

**Performance Committee**

Chair: Melanie McMurray  
Liaison will remain Wally Baker  
Nothing new to report

**Policy and Planning Committee**

Chair: Jerry Miller  
New liaison will be Debbie Shellabarger  
No Report

**Promotion Committee**

Chair: Mandy Gerken  
No Report

**Protest Committee**

Chair: Jim Nenni  
Liaison will remain Ken Fenley  
Ethics Committee Chair is currently Acting Protest Committee Chair on 006-2007, 007-2007, 008-2007 and 009-2007.

006-2007 and 007-2007 are submitted to the ALSA Board with a majority committee recommendation of Not Valid. No notifications have been made on 007-2007 due to the concerns expressed to the committee by the BOD liaison regarding 006-2007.

In 008-2007 the matter is still pending responses from all committee members.

009-2007, Part A and B has been received within time frames. All documents require re-typing, as they were submitted via mail only from the Protesters. It should be ready to go to committee as soon as Acting Chair has time to put it all together in a Word document format to send out via e-mail.

Acting Chair has forwarded all of the e-mail communications to BOD liaison regarding concerns expressed from members of the Protest Committee regarding discrepancies in the New Protest Rules. The Protest Committee Member concerns expressed so far were regarding #3, #4, #5 and #6 of the New Protest Rules. **Lora moved and Kay seconded a motion that protests 006-2007 and 007-2007, as submitted and clarified by the chair, be considered not valid as per the protest committee's recommendations. Motion passed.**

**Debbie moved and Ken seconded a motion for a roll call vote on said vote. Motion passed. Kay yes, Lora yes, Julie yes, Dan yes, Debbie no, Ken no, and Wally no.**

#### **Publications Committee**

Chair:

New liaison will be Debbie Shellabarger

No Report

**Kay moved and Debbie seconded a motion that Deb Gaskill be named the new chair of the publications committee. Motion passed.**

#### **Regional Committee**

Chair: Betty Moe

Liaison will remain Kay Sharpnack

Nothing new to report

#### **Show Management Committee**

Chair: Phil Feiner

Liaison will remain Wally Baker

Report Tabled until August 8, 2007 meeting

#### **Website Committee**

Chair: Marilyn Nenni

Tabled

#### **Youth Committee**

Chair: Barb Harris

Liaison will remain Julie Heggie

No Report

## New Business

1. New Board Members Notebooks - Cheryl would like a list from entire BOD about what needs to be in the notebooks, then she will update.
2. Discussion of protocol and procedure regarding Committee members responding to inquires involving Board decisions - **Wally would like committee members made aware that any and all decisions made by the BOD should be followed up by the President of the Board only.**
3. Request by a member to be reimbursed for an airline ticket purchased to judge a Regional Show he had not been approved to judge. **Ken moved and Kay second a motion that we do not reimburse said member. Motion passed.** Request by same member that member be reimbursed for judges fees already paid for 2007. **Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion that judges fees for 2007 be reimbursed to member. Motion passed.**
4. **Debbie moved and Kay seconded a motion that no BOD member shall be on chat lines discussing Board discussions or business. Motion passed.**
5. Information on generic Regional Information page on website. Once completed, Cheryl will run by the BOD for approval before it goes into effect and is put on the website.
6. The BOD received several letters from various people unhappy with the way things were handled at a specific ALSA sanctioned show in June. It is the opinion of the BOD that we have no control over how each superintendent runs their shows as long as the follow the rules in the ALSA handbook.
7. The BOD repeatedly gets letters from 2 individual ALSA members addressing the same issues over and over. It is the opinion of the board that the President will write these individuals letters letting them know that we will not continue to spend Board time addressing these issues.
8. The BOD will send a request to the GN Committee for them to have their judges in place every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. The Regional Committee's will then know which judges may be hired to judge the regional shows. Once a Region has their judge secured they are to contact Cheryl and have her send that judge a contract.

**Kay moved and Lora seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 AM EST on July 12, 2007. Motion passed.**