

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
August 18,2009**

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, September 8,2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST.

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Motion by Cathie to approve July minutes
Second by Trish
Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New ALSA System Application and Database
 - a. call with OPG is being arranged, to discuss realistic timelines and costs.
2. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates:
The ALSA proposal for awards to be printed on the ILR Certificates for a fee, needs to go to the ILR Board for decision.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer
Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$10,264

Cash-Investment Account:	97,894
Cash-Memorials	<u>9,254</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	117,412
FIXED ASSETS	
Software	21,190
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$138,602</u>
EQUITY 4	
Retained Earnings	<u>\$138,602</u>

a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

Motion by Ken to approve the treasurers Report.

Seconded by Keith

Carried

1. All the BOD members received copies of the Annual 990 Return, prior to mailing it. BOD reviewed it. We are very appreciative that Tom prepared our taxes at the last minute, since our regular tax preparers wanted a long term contract at the very last minute. Kudos to Tom.
2. Tom and Cheryl will be looking for a new firm for our taxes.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

The office is caught up with shows but have requests out for show information/fees not received yet.

Regional paperwork, judge cards with labels, premium envelopes with labels mailed to supers. Judge contracts mailed. We are also co-ordinating efforts with the Regional Committee to acquire free number shows for all shows at a significant savings to ALSA.

All Regional/Grand National Information has been posted to website. Request that the Website Committee review website and send the office the URL of any pages that are out of date/ need changed or removed. The ALSA Office is being trained and helped with all website requests by our current Webmaster and most requests have been accomplished within 24 hours or

less.

The Camelid Community meeting was another great opportunity to interact with leaders of the lama industry from across the country. The alpaca industry was heavily represented this year. The ILR Representatives have agreed to put our proposal regarding adding ALSA Awards to the ILR Pedigree Certificates on their BOD Agenda. The Camelid Community is very active in working together to help new and existing owners in a variety of ways, and make this information widely available.

I have not received any committee paragraphs for our year-end report. If we have one from the President, Office, Treasurer as well as a comprehensive report regarding our new software,

A simple request for these reports is a paragraph describing what was accomplished in 2008 and or what is being planned for 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Ryberg
ALSA Office

Cheryl Ryberg left since she is no longer needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ALSA Standing Rules and Bylaws:
 - a. Ken has some questions and is sending them to the correct committee for comment and/or review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

Following up on our telephone conversation I have attached a word file that contains the previously board approved draft of alpaca handbook parts J and K. I have made two changes to the draft that I was asked to submit to Kay Sharpnack in December 2007 for the 2008 Handbook.

I have changed the reference to Level I judge to Level Judge and Level II and Level III judge to Senior Judge, to conform with the Judge designation changes that were adopted last year.

I also included the handbook change that separated previously shorn yearling Suri from not-previously shorn yearling Suri Alpacas, approved by the board in 2008.

While there are numerous corrections that need to be made to the 2008 handbook, these two sections contain the most significant errors and will impact the management of Alpaca shows offered in 2009.

In Part J, Section 1, B. The handbook omitted the word **NOT** and would allow a show to combine all alpaca classes, Huacaya and suri, full fleece and shorn, into one class. This is totally incorrect and is tremendously significant to show management.

There are a number of minor corrections when you compare the previously submitted section J to that printed in the 2008 Handbook. It is apparent that the handbook committee never received the approved sections from the board liaison, Kay Sharpnack.

Section K details rules governing Alpaca Halter Classes, and is the most important Alpaca related section in the handbook. The errors include Section 1.A.2. Did not include Variegated Color in the Mixed Group, approved as a handbook change in 2007. This also affects C. Color Description Definitions, changed to include variegated light and dark.

In section 2 A 4., B.2. and C.2. corrections were made to the requirements for color groups and combining of color groups at level I, II and III shows. This is the most important correction being requested.

In Section 3, B. The Yearling Suri 2008 approved handbook change for previously shorn and not-previously shorn length restrictions were listed under Huacaya yearling in the new handbook. This change has been made to the Suri fiber length requirements in the attached draft.

Also in Section 3. 2. Shorn Class the 2008 Handbook duplicated g and h. and should instead allow for classes to be divided by color, following the same color divisions as in full fleece classes. This is a significant error, as the 2008 handbook rules do not allow show management to divide shorn classes by color. Shorn classes would only be divided by breed, sex and age. We added the division by color as a handbook change several years ago.

In Section 6. Negative Traits for judging - C. Negative Traits for Unshorn Huacaya and Suri Fleece - the approved changes were not included and this section is not consistent with our judge training materials.

Thanks for taking this request to the board for approval. It would be terrific if the on-line version of the 2008 handbook could be corrected to include these sections J. and K. We can defer the remaining corrections to the 2009 Handbook.

Mary Reed

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report – August 11, 2009

The 2009 General Election total expenses incurred by the Committee was \$1,434.07 or \$1.74 per member receiving a ballot.

Anticipating an increase in supplies and postage for the 2010 General Election, a budget of \$1.89 per member is being submitted. This final cost will be determined by the number of ballots mailed.

The Chair is requesting the Board approve the return of Jerry Dunn, Golden Colorado, and Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Colorado, be approved as Committee members. Their history of Committee involvement, understanding of urgency and timeliness, knowledge of the ALSA Bylaws and Standing Rules and ability to objectively think through issues presented to the Committee is outstanding. Their past service stands for their value to the Committee.

The Committee is requesting the Board of Directors supply the Committee with a table or booth in a common area at the Grand National Show. The Committee would be present for the purpose of answering questions regarding the 2010 General Election and call member's attention to where the Petition to Nominate Forms will be located on the ALSA website. This would be a positive opportunity for those attending the GN to begin thinking about running for the Board or who they might Petition to be placed on the Ballot. The table need not be available during the entire show.

Respectfully,

Lougene Baird

Chair, ALSA Election Committee

Motion by Cathie: Give permission to set up booth at Grand Nationals.

Seconded by Tom

Carried

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

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

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman
No Report

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:

None

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Susan Tellez

THE ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE respectfully submits the following Activity Report

ALSA FLEECE CLINIC - Grass Valley, California - September 11-13, 2009

Co-Sponsored by ALSA and the LANA organization will be held for the combined training

For Alpaca and Llama Fleece and Walking Fleece for Beginners and present Halter Judges.

Coordinator is Maryan Baker; Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Cindy Ruckman

ALSA ALPACA FLEECE - Apprenticeship Judging Activity – Findlay, Ohio – September 18-20, 2009

Apprentice Activity for Huacaya and Suri held in Findlay for fleece and Walking Fleece Instructional Practice for Apprentices and Halter Judges.

Coordinator: Deb Yeagle; Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Deb Yeagle

The following activities will be co-ordinated and supervised by Judge Committee members involved with respective areas and supervised during Nationals by Judges and Committee Chair Susan Tellez

ALSA LLAMA FLEECE CERTIFICATION Activity will be offered at the ALSA National Show

ALSA WALKING FLEECE APPRENTICESHIP and/or **CERTIFICATION** will be offered at the **ALSA Nationals**

ALSA JUDGE'S MEETING - at **ALSA NATIONAL SHOW** -
THURSDAY 6:00 PM – 22 October, 2009

ALSA ALPACA SECTIONS of RULES and GUIDELINES will be corrected and available through the ALSA Office for Show Management and Alpaca Judges or Apprentices. This Document will replace the present Alpaca Sections of the Handbook .

The Judges Committee has no proposals or recommendations for Judge Certifications at this time. The Committee has reviewed 2009 Recertification and will make a recommendation for future Halter and Fleece Judge Certification Clinics to accommodate the large number of up-coming renewals for 2010.

Respectfully,
Susan Tellez
Chair, ALSA Judge Committee

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Jim Rutledge
Motion by Ken: Approve Jim Rutledge as chair.
Seconded by Cathie
Carried

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Carolyn Myers
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

The Performance Committee recommends that the ALSA BOD change the weight requirement for a pack as specified in the 2008 ALSA handbook, 15th edition, (Part M, Section 14, Item A, Paragraph 2; Part M, Section 14, Item B, Paragraph 2; and any other sections which may designate a minimum pack weight for a Pack Performance class) be modified to remove the minimum weight requirement for all animals. In addition, it is also recommended that the language which specifies that the pack is "complete with fill material to simulate a full pack loaded for an actual packing trip" be added to reference all packs for all animals. Since the rules specify that "packs must be proper scale for the animal's size" it is likely that this will require a ruling by each judge prior to a competition. It is requested that the BOD make a recommendation to the Judges' Committee to provide appropriate training to judges to determine properly filled packs.

Since a performance class is meant to “simulate” conditions and demonstrate the intelligence and versatility of these animals, it is the founded opinion of this committee that removing the minimum weight requirement for packs will have no effect on those objectives and this change will address three areas of concern:

1) Health and Safety of handlers - We now have many handlers that have difficulty lifting 40 lbs. (due to age, or injury, or some other factor).

2) Health and Safety of animals - Many of these animals are not conditioned to carry such weight as the only time they actually carry that weight is during the pack class competition at a show. In addition, a smaller animal (e.g., mini llama or very small llama) may be overloaded with such weight.

3) Improving participation in Pack Class - Frequently, the pack class is lowest in participation. It is believed that the two above mentioned issues are key to this lack of participation. Removing the weight requirement will make it possible for more people and more animals to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Katzakian

ALSA Performance Committee Chair.

comments: BOD would like to have some weight carried, can this be resubmitted with consideration of some weight.

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

Chair: Penny Davidson

Motion by Bob: Approve Penny Davidson as chair.

Seconded by Tom

Carried

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Gail Woodsum

17. Regionals Committee:

Chair: Sharon Carrier

The following is the monthly update to the BOD for the Regionals shows:

1. All locations for the Regionals shows are under contracts & signed.
2. Ribbons are being finished in order by show dates & will be sent out accordingly.
3. All judges contracts have been sent out & are waiting on three to be signed & sent back to the ALSA office.
4. All plans for the Regional shows are being finalized.
5. Volunteers are being contacted.

After such a slow start, the Regionals Supers have done their job like no others. They have planned stud auctions, dinners and just plain good fellowship & fun. This year, thanks to the determination of one of the Regional Supers, they have even been able to tie the Regional show to a livestock show which is also a double show, to allow the exhibitors to show at three shows at one time, with an opportunity to earn four times the points.

At this time I would like to thank each & every Super for a great job & patience with a new Regional Chair.

Sharon Carrier

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

Barb Parsons

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

1. Bill paid for 1 year of housing website.

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

Report did not get to all BOD members

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Larry Llewellyn- Tom will contact him
2. Pearson- Idea for stickers regarding ALSA awards passed to Promotion committee for costs and review.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Trish

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:21 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Secretary

August 19, 2009

MINUTES APPROVED:

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

Motion by Ken: Approve Youth Committee

Seconded by: Tom

Chair Christie Stewart

members; Michelle Batt, Kim Kyst, Barb Parsons, Marilyn Nenni.

Carried July 30, 2009

Motion by Tom: Discontinue the Services of Piper Associates. Tom will prepare Federal 990 Return.

Seconded by Trish

Carried: August 8, 2009