

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. EST.
by Vice President, Cathie Kindler

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

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, October 13, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Motion by email to approve minutes
Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New ALSA System Application and Database
 - a. System group will keep BOD updated weekly.
2. Conference call with OPG.
 - a. comments made and Tom sent report to BOD
3. Task Force
 - a. Tabled till October 13 meeting.
4. Year End Statements
 - a. needed for all committees-Drop dead timeframe is October 1, 2009
5. Committee Updates for Website
 - a. In progress
- 6.. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates:
 - a. ILR Board will make decision at next BOD meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash:	\$ 6,408
Cash-Investment Account:	98,022
Cash-Memorials	<u>7,767</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	112,197
FIXED ASSETS	
Software	21,190
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$133,387</u>
EQUITY 4	
Retained Earnings	<u>\$133,387</u>

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

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

There is great interest among members about qualifiers for this year's Grand National.

A double show, the Florida Open has applied for the free liability insurance. They have a new location and even though they canceled for 2009, are planning on a double show in 2010. That information has been submitted to our insurance company.

We are also receiving much interest for the fiber clinic in California.

Website Committee lists were updated last Thursday as scheduled.

Very busy here working with National and Regional Committees getting ready for the season, which is rapidly coming upon us.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Office Contract

Motion by Trish: Extend existing agreement for 2 years with the contingency in the 4th quarter of 2010, ALSA will renegotiate Contract fee for 2011. ALSA can terminate on 12/31/2010 if no agreement.

Seconded by Bob:

Roll call vote: Tom-Yes, Keith-Yes, Bob-Yes, Ken-Yes, Trish-Yes

Carried Unanimously

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

No Report

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

No Report

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, has finalized show information and it is now available on the ALSA website. She continues to secure 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. We would like to commend the work done by LANA, host organization for the ALSA Fleece Clinic to be held September 11-13 in Grass Valley, CA. We expect an excellent turnout of participants. In reference to inquiries from Non-ALSA Members wanting to attend and enter the ALSA Apprentice Judging Program midyear, would the Board consider a reduced - midyear membership and Apprentice dues fee for those joining ALSA to attend the Clinic. Our suggestion is a combined \$50.00 for midyear ALSA Membership and ALSA Midyear Apprenticeship dues.

3. An Advanced Llama Fleece Clinic is scheduled for October 30-November 1, 2009 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio at McFarland's Llama Farm. We are currently working on information and a registration form to be posted on the ALSA website.

New Business:

1. Letter for discussion dated 8.28.09.

As a note, the Llama Fiber Committee continues to work diligently

to follow the 15th Edition of the ALSA Handbook. As we work hand-in-hand with the Judges Committee, we want to ensure that the criteria for ALSA Llama Fiber Clinics, the Llama Fiber Judging Clinic Manual and Clinic Instructor Materials be approved and maintained by our Committee. It is our recommendation that ALSA not proceed with their tentative plans to certify/recertify Llama Fleece Judges at the ALSA Grand Nationals.

Motion by Ken: Not to accept #2 a reduced midyear membership and Apprentice dues fee.

Second: Tom

Comments:Not fair for those who pay entire fee and/or dues.

Carried

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

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

Everything is running right on schedule. Of course, we won't know anything definite on sponsors until....Everything that has to do with the clerking is completed, i.e. numbers, tickets for both the dinner and the separate dance, etc.

The ribbons for the Regionals are done and the National ribbons are starting to be printed now.

The trophies (youth also) are taken care of and will be transported to Lincoln by Norris to save on shipping. (Kathy is bringing the youth trophies with her.)

We have 6 confirmed vendors with 2 more in the talking stages and Dee has a couple of more in mind to contact.

I have not seen a list of those that have committed to sponsor or the ones that have said maybe. I really would like to see the entire list and it has been requested, but so far no success. It might be that I could have a word with the maybies and see what I can do.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:

The following four (4) current guidelines preclude the combining of divisions respective to sex and age of animals. However, the handbook contains a number of conflicting rules to these directives:

Part H - Approved Llama Show Classes (Page 38) Section 1 Approved Llama Halter Classes

C. Sex Divisions

The following divisions may not be combined in any way

1. Male
2. Female
3. Non-Breeder
- 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

Part I - Approved Llama Show Classes (Page 43) Section 1 Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas

C. Sex and Age Divisions

3. Sex and age divisions may not be combined in any way

Part P Optional Classes (Page 110) Section 11 Miniature Llama Classes

B. Sex and Age division

3. Sex and Age divisions may not be combined in any manner

The following three (3) changes were made for consistency with the aforementioned guidelines regarding not combining divisions based on sex and age of animals.

Part H - Llama Show Classes Section 2. Non-Breeder Halter Classes

C. Age Divisions (Page 44)

(Delete) The following age divisions may be combined at Show Management's discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in any age division.

1. Yearling - 12 to 24 months
2. Two-Year Old - 24 to 24 months
3. Adult - 36 months and over (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

Part I - Approved Llama Show Classes (Page 43) Section 1 Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas

D. (Delete) 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 male and females be combined. (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

Part P Optional Classes (Page 111) Section 11 Miniature Llama Classes

D. (Delete) 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. (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

Section 1.

C. Sex and Age Divisions (Page 43)

4. e. (new)

Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entries, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etc.

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 championship. (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

Part I - Approved Llama Halter Classes

Section 2 -

C. Age Divisions (Page 44)

4. (new)

Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entries, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etc. 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 championship. (Revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

Part L - Showmanship

Section 4. Adult Showmanship (Page 69)

C. (new) 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. (Revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

Part Q - Llama and Alpaca Youth Program

Section 5. Age Divisions (Page 115)

B. (revision) Should the number of entries in a Youth Showmanship and/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 premium ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes. (Revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

The ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE submits to the ALSA BOD the following:

[1]. REQUEST APPROVAL - TO EXTEND DATE FOR RE-CERTIFICATION to 2010 Clinic

JUSTIFICATION - These judges are scattered from East Coast to Central to West Coast.

There are too few to justify the expense to accommodate all named. Extension to apply to these Named Judges:

Level Halter, Youth, Performance - Allen, Edmunds, Neal, Nenni, Yates

Level Performance & Youth - Sykes

Senior Judge - Feiner, Gordon, Harris

Llama Fleece - Ishman-Lynch, Miller

Motion by Trish: Accept recertification till 2010 clinic.

Seconded by Keith:

Carried

REPORT

[2]. The ALSA Judge Committee is working with the Llama Fleece Committee to determine a possible

Llama Fleece Certification Clinic\Testing situation to accommodate the 2 judges for Re-Certification

and 4 Apprentices requesting Certification Testing. Tentative Date is Oct. 31, 2009 in Mt. Vernon, OH.

REPORT

[3]. The ALSA FLEECE CLINIC - combined Llama and Alpaca Fleece & Walking Fleece Training - will be held September 11-13, 2009, in Grass Valley California in conjunction with the LANA Organization Fiber Education Day.

Coordinator: Maryan Baker

Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Cindy Ruckman

**** REQUEST APPROVAL FOR** either

A 50% Discount for combined ALSA and Judge Dues for end of year New Members

OR
Full ALSA & Judges Dues Pd for this Clinic will carry through to end of 2010.

Motion by Ken: Not approve discount and not approve any dues paid for these clinic to carry through 2010.

Second by Bob.

Discussion: Not fair to those who have paid all fees already.

REPORT

[4]. ANNUAL JUDGES MEETING - scheduled for THURSDAY at 6:00pm - during the 2009 ALSA GRAND NATIONAL SHOW. A notice has been sent to all Judges and Apprentices and a Reminder will follow.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Jim Rutledge

Motion by Ken: Approve Bill Feick on committee.

Seconded by Keith
Carried

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Carolyn Myers
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian
Questions on Jan.1. 2009 rules, from prior BOD, need to check on BOD approval date.

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

Chair: Penny Davidson
For Committee consideration and research

1.. 2010 Grand National Champion Auction. the concept has been received with a strong approval across the country. It could work in the following manner Fri. night 10 Llama's sell that would show on Sat. the remaining 20 would sell Sat evening, going in the show ring on Sun. this concept would generate \$money for premiums for the Nationals. The commission would go to the following years Grand Nationals. It would be up to the committee to sort through the details. It ought to create excitement, and give Show people an opportunity to bring Champion blood lines into their breeding programs.

2. Send to committee: for a East Coast -West Coast Nationals.

3. Representation from every Region, The Election committee has in the past recommended this to the board it was not acted on at the time. again I continue to receive from member their support for such a proposal being sent to the membership.

#2 and #3 would have to be approved by the board after coming back from committee and then sent to the members for ratification, next spring.

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:
No Report

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman
No Report

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Gail Woodsum

Motion by Trish: Have Showring mailed electronically, and discontinue the hard copy.

Seconded by Bob:

Discussion: Expensive to mail and expensive to create a hard copy magazine. ALSA can save money by sending it electronically like so many other organizations do. Advertisement would be seen by more people.

Carried.

17. Regionals Committee:

Chair: Sharon Carrier

All regionals have finalized the arenas, judges, volunteers & etc. Ribbons are being completed & should be sent out shortly.

The Supers are beginning to receive entries. After talking with the Supers, we have one Region that has already past last years animal count & is still receiving entries. All of the Supers have done a great job planning this year. Each & every Region has many different things planned to make it enjoyable & fun for the Exhibitors.

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

Motion by Trish: Approve Chair Steve Katzakian, and committee members Les Flynn and Joy Petroni.

Seconded by Bob:

Discussion: BOD would like a new design, better for marketing and to capture new members.

Having all computer work combined can save money in hosting and make transitions of information easier.

Carried

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

Section 16. Qualifying for Grand National page 122

The Youth qualifying criteria for ALSA Grand National shall be as follows:

A. All youth exhibiting at ALSA Grand National Show must be a Youth Member of ALSA.

B. The Performance Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at any sanctioned ALSA show held after the previous year's respective ALSA Grand National Show ~~Regional~~. They will qualify in Youth Obstacle, Youth Public Relations and Youth Pack classes.

C. Youth Showmanship and Youth Judging qualify for the ALSA Grand National Show ~~Nationals~~ by placing 1st at any ALSA sanctioned show (held after the previous year's respective ALSA Grand National Show) with a minimum of three in the class.

D. Youth who have earned a Superior award may show in the class for which the award was earned, using any animal they choose.

E. Youth who have earned an the Ultimate Youth award may show in all the Youth classes offered, ~~using~~ at any ALSA Grand National Show, using any animal they choose.

F. Youth who have earned the Elite Youth Award may show in all Youth classes offered at ALSA Grand National show using any animal they choose First, second and third place in all Youth Showmanship and Performance classes at any ALSA ~~an approved class~~ at Regional show ~~as defined in Part B3-B9., at any sanctioned ALSA show.~~ Fourth place in Youth Showmanship and all Performance ~~an approved class~~ of at least 15 entries at a ~~any~~ ALSA Regional Show Fifth place in an approved class of at least 25 entries at a Regional.

G. The Youth may use any animal to compete at the Grand National Show in Youth Showmanship. ~~In this class the Youth, not the animal, is judged and the points go to the Youth.~~

H. In all Youth Performance classes, the Youth must use the same animal that was used in the qualifying show(s). In the event of ill health, death, or sell of animal outside the control of the youth, the youth may substitute an alternate animal. ~~The Youth may petition the ALSA Board to use a substitute animal if the qualifying animal is unable to be shown.~~

~~I. All Youth exhibiting at the Grand National Show must be a Youth Member of ALSA.~~ (move to the top as point A)

J. At any ALSA Regional(s) Show, the top ~~four~~ six placing in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions in Youth Judging

~~qualify to attend the Grand National Show.who are able to attend the Grand National Show, will receive invitations to the Grand National to represent the Region. The goal is to have full teams representing each Regional at Grand National.~~

Also, the committee feels that there are other concerns with the handbook. I would like to bring it to the boards attention and see if we could recommend some changes at the next board meeting.

The ALSA youth committee would like to thank the board at looking at the changes that we feel should be made. Until next time, have a good evening,

Christie Stewart
ALSA Youth Committee Chair

Motion by Ken: Approve youth committee report, and
recommendations.

Seconded by Tom:
Carried.

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

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

1. Nenni-Trish will respond
2. Pearson- Cathie will respond

Motion to adjourn by Trish
Seconded by Bob
MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:07 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Brandt-Robuck
Secretary
September 9, 2009

MINUTES APPROVED:

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

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

1. Accept Alpaca Handbook changes
2. Accept Protest committee
 - Chairperson Doug Overman
 - Past Board Member: Ulin Andrews
 - Senior Judge Alan Davis
 - An Exhibitor Deanna Sexton
 - Exp Show Supt Patti Wattigney
3. Accept Novice at GN without Qualifing