

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
April 13,2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:11 p.m. EST.
by President, Tom Parsons

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

President	Tom Parsons
V. President	Cathie Kindler
Secretary	Trish Brandt-Robuck
Treasurer	Keith Wattigney
Board Members	
Bob LaMorte	
Ken Forster	
Bill Feick	

Office Manager-Cheryl Ryberg

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, May 11,2010 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

PROCEEDINGS:

Subject: April Mtg Agenda

1. Jackpot proposal for the 2010 National by LANA
- 2 review judges who requested promotion
3. Offer for pay for view of the 2010 National (discuss within National Committee)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Picture and Bio of Scholarship winner for Showring
 - a. Ken will check on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Event coverage Insurance by ALSA will be continued

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Keith Wattigney, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$ 12,433

Cash-Investment Account:	106,604
Cash-Memorials	<u>5,438</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	124,475
 FIXED ASSETS	
Software	28,015
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$152,490</u>
 EQUITY 4	
Retained Earnings	<u>\$152,490</u>

- a. The monthly profit and loss statement was provided and a comparison with last year.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

We have had many more shows sanction since last month. Add to those the North American which came in yesterday.

Numbers are up at the shows and there is a general enthusiasm regarding showing and recording their animals that reflects in the financials.

We have a draft from the web cam people regarding the Grand National for the board to review and to send on to GN Committee.

I forgot to mention at the Board meeting that our Facebook page has been very successful and very nice comments and photos. We are now up to 470 "fans" and that is in a little over one month time. We have some "fans" from several countries.

I have forwarded the requested information from Grant Miller regarding database/website proposal.

The BOD agrees to accept a proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

April 2010

The Petitioning segment of the 2010 General Election is complete. The Committee will contact each Petitionee after the below information has been received.

From the ALSA office: The Committee is currently verifying that 2010 dues have been paid by each Petitioner and Petitionee.

From the Board of Directors: The Committee is requesting the Board notify the committee of any member that is not in Good Standing with the organization as described in the ALSA Bylaws, ARTICLE II Membership Section 6. Member in Good Standing (b) and (c). (2008 Handbook, Page 159).

The Committee will contact each Petitionee after the above information has been received. At that time the Petitionee will be asked to submit a Statement of Candidacy or notify the Election Committee in writing their decision not to be placed on the ballot. Again this year, we are requesting an e-mail to all members urging each to take an active part in the election process by verifying with the ALSA office that their member information, including accuracy of mailing address is correct.

An e-mail to the membership reminding all that The Day of Record is April 22, 2010. Dues must be paid by this date to receive a ballot.

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Bill)

Chair: Margaret Henry

No report

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

No report

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

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

Bank accounts have been reconciled for the month, cash receipts and disbursements have been reviewed.

The cash position remains strong.

Sanctioning Fees 2010 are slightly ahead of 2009 .

No unusual expenses were recorded in March.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

Grand National Committee for April, 2010.

The LANA Association has offered to score & furnish the ribbons for an additional class. This class will be the Versatility Class. To qualify for this class the animal will have to be entered in a Halter class, a performance class & a fiber class.

Motion by Trish: Accept LANA's offer for the Versatility Class.

2nd by Ken

Carried Unanimously

Also the committee would like to ask if the Fiber Class is open, with no qualifying for Nationals.

Motion by Bob: No Qualifying for Fiber classes at Grand Nationals in 2010.

2nd by Cathie

Carried Unanimously

The Grand National Committee would like to report the following:

1. The Grand National Show Dates are: Oct. 29-31, 2010
2. The judges have been approved.
3. Ring Stewards volunteering this year are Jeff Rucker & Barb Harris. Sally Rucker is volunteering as Gate Keeper.
4. Royal will be handling the ribbons again this year. Doris Schlemmer will be sending the left over ribbons back to Royal to have dates changed.
5. As of this report the Staybridge is the host hotel, but we are trying to have two different hotels for the exhibitors.
6. Block parties are planned again this year. The theme is "Parade of States". The decorations will represent the exhibitors state.

7. Contract has been signed for the Event Center.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

Report for April 13, 2010

Also, Handbook changes (Fleece & Performance) referenced in March 12, 2010, board minutes have been completed.

Handbook Committee Report

Re: April 13, 2010 ALSA Board Meeting

Handbook Committee is completing edits for this year's ALSA Handbook - 16th Edition. Committee will finalize this handbook edition upon receiving Board's reply to committee's March 30, 2010 letter regarding questions on various rule(s) status.

BOD has assigned members to double check areas where they are liaisons.

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

No Report

BOD discussion regarding letter from a judge. The BOD then added names of others who have commented they should be promoted.

1. All will receive a letter from Judges Committee regarding what is needed for consideration for promotion.
2. Each letter will be signed by; Susan Tellez (Chair), Cathie Kindler (liaison), and Tom Parsons (President).

BOD feels equal consideration to all Judges for promotion should be adhered to.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Jim Rutledge

No Report

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Bill)

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

11. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurrey

Subject: April Performance Committee Report

1. The Handbook states in the definition of Elite Champion as:

Section 5. The ALSA Elite Champion

3. To qualify for the title of Elite Champion Breeding Class, the llama must win:

- a. Six Grand Championships at Halter.
- b. Six Performance Championships, and
- c. One first place Get of Sire/Produce of Dam (with a minimum of four get/three produce in the class).

4. To qualify for the title of Elite Champion Non-Breeding Class, the llama must win:

- a. Six Grand Championships at Halter, and
- b. Six Performance Championships

The committee feels that the definition should specifically state that the Performance Championships specifically exclude Novice. The current definition could be construed as to include all Performance Championships, including Novice.

BOD recommends: Write The elite Champion exactly how it would be written for the Handbook change. Section, paragraph etc. This will be for the 2011 Handbook

2. The costs and work involved with each new class in a show must be taken into consideration in these economic times. Given this, we feel that until Masters Classes are able to build up more entries, show superintendents should have the option of combining Advanced and Masters.

BOD recommends: Show superintendents chose what is best for their show.

3. The Handbook states that "The packs must be proper scale for animal's size." Members of the committee have heard multiple complaints from judges that many home-made packs are very small and flimsy, and often the panniers "wouldn't even hold a sandwich." The committee feels that there needs to be education of participants and judges as to what is "proper

scale." Judges should also consider proportion while judging Pack Classes. While it would be almost impossible to define proportion in the Handbook, so we feel an educational program, possibly through photographs, should be implemented.

4. The total pack weight for mini llamas should be 10 lbs., as it is with alpacas.

BOD recommends

Performance committee write up an email blast on performance rules, what filled out pack means etc. It will then become an email Blast for all ALSA members.

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

Chair: Debra Perry

No Report

13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

No Report

14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman

No Report

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Leigh Snyder

Had to purchase new software so coincide with publishers system. Learning new software.

16. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Cheryl Juntilla.

Subj: ALSA Regional Report

Regional Committee for ALSA Board meeting.

1. The Buckeye Region requests approval of Allen Davis as judge for its 2010 Regional Championship show.

2. The Southeastern Region requests approval of Wally Baker as Judge for its 2010 Regional Championship show.

Motion by Ken: Accept committee recommendations for Buckeye (Davis) and Southwestern (W. Baker) Regional judges.

2nd by Bob

Carried Unanimously

3. The Eastern, Central, Rocky Mountain and Western Regions are still working on getting judges. I will let you know as soon as I receive any updates from those Regions. (Ken Forster was already approved as judge for the Great Lakes Region.)

4. Top Five Ribbons - There has been a lot of discussion and thought among Committee members about whether to do away with the Top Five ribbons in order to save money. Most regions have a lot of ribbons left over from last year, so the total cost for ribbons this year should be lower than 2009. Royal has agreed to give us the same prices as last year, even though their prices have gone up. Each region was asked to calculate their actual estimated savings if the left over Top Five ribbons were refurbished and used for Grand and Reserve. After doing so the Committee voted on whether to award Top Five ribbons in 2010 and the majority voted "Yes." The actual savings for this year would not be that great and with so many Regions sharing facilities with other shows, we should do better overall financially than last year. We recommend that the Regional Championship shows still award Top Five ribbons this year to use up our existing inventories and that a switch to Top Five certificates be considered for next year.

Motion by Bob: Allow top 5 ribbons for 2010 and Certificates for 2011.

2nd by Ken

Carried Unanimously

One clarification regarding Top Five ribbons would be helpful. The 2009 Regional Class list indicates Grand/Reserve and Top Five for Produce of Dam and Get of Sire. Since these are one-class divisions, is it really necessary to give Grand/Reserve and Top Five ribbons?

BOD recommends Have Grand, and Reserve, then 3,4,and 5 ribbons. It is obvious who number 1 and 2 are, so no need for duplication.

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

Motion by Cathie: Classic and Mini's will be ALSA approved Classes.
They can be added at the discretion of the show superintendent.

2nd by Ken:

Carried Unanimously

18. System Program for ALSA (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian
No Report

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair Steve Katzakian
Joy Pedroni Webmistress
Had to purchase new software to update web pages. Learning new software as rapidly as possible.

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: ~~Christie Stewart~~

Motion by Ken: to accept Christie's Resignation regrettably. The BOD thanks Christie for all her time and effort. She worked very hard making changes and implenting items for the youth at Nationals.

2nd by Cathie

Carried Unanimously

Motion by Ken: Have Marilyn Nenni as Chair of Youth Committee .

2nd by Cathie:

Discussion: Pros and cons with reminder that new Board in June can change liaisons and chairs. But we can not leave position vacant due to Youth scholarship deadlines.

Roll call vote: Ken-yes, Bob-yes, Trish-no, Keith-yes, Bill-yes, Cathie-yes.
Carried

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

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

1. Letter addressed in Judges Committee.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Bill

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:12 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Brandt-Robuck
Secretary

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

BOD policy:

1. email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.
2. Ignoring or not voting for an email motion will be considered an abstention.

1. Motion by Cathie: OK Judges Clinic in Colorado with Susan and Cathie as instructors.

2nd by Bob
Carried