

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
October 13,2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 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: Face to Face

Thursday, October 22,2009 at 8:00 a.m. EST.

Lancaster Event Center-Nebraska Room

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Motion by email to approve minutes

Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New ALSA System Application and Database

a. System group submitting BOD weekly reports.

b. Extensive details on what we have and recommendations on how to proceed at Face to Face.

2. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates

a. E-mail from Mark Smith wanting formal request for ALSA. ILR was concerned about authenticity of request even though it was presented verbally at Camelid Community Conference. And ILR BOD member was called by ALSA BOD member.

b. Due to ILR's recent action of stickers on ILR certificates, ALSA no longer interested in requesting similar sticker or printing on Certificate.

c. Trish will write response to ILR's email.

3. Task Force

a. Decision to no longer have Presidents Task force.

4. Committee Updates for Web site

a. All committees have been updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Youth Placements :
 - a. Qualifications due to class size will be similar to adults.
Motion by Cathie
Seconded by Ken
carried
Cheryl will send out an email Blast with these new rules.
2. Youth Scholarships
Motion by Cathie to approve the scholarship person who is very deserving of this award and to have her picture on our web site.

Seconded by Trish
Carried
3. Complying with regulations therefore ALSA Corporate Bylaws were sent to all BOD members
4. Corporate Bylaws also require all minutes be kept.
Trish will copy the past minutes from the web site and put them on Zip drives. These can be archived.
5. Flow Chart (Tom) BOD responses to emails
 - a. Chart contained info. on email to BOD, mass emails, and time requirements for responses.
 1. A Letter or email to BOD:
 - a. BOD will now be responsible for final reply, regardless of who writes reply. All BOD members to receive copy.
 2. Letter or email to BOD will be directed to a committee if required. Final response, and by whom, will be determined by BOD.
 3. Letter or email to Chairperson only.
 - a. Chair responds with copies to BOD and Office
6. Board Meetings (Tom)
 - a. proposal to have more than one meeting per month. Will discuss this at the face to face meeting.
7. Regional/National for 2010 (Tom)
 - a. Will discuss at face to face meeting.
 - b. But it is OK to put down a deposit for 2010 venues.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash:	\$55,202
Cash-Investment Account:	48,146
Cash-Memorials	<u>7,777</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	111,125

FIXED ASSETS

Software	28,015
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$139,140</u>

EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings	<u>\$139,140</u>
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- 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:

Finalizing Annual Report for Members, will make 75 copies.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed
No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report - October 4, 2009

This report is a revised Election Committee report and replaces the report forwarded earlier.

On September 30, 2009, the Election Committee received a challenge to the General Election 2009 from Marilyn Nenni. The Election Committee comments on the challenge have been delivered to the committee's Liaison on this date. The committee has also forwarded to the Liaison the challenge and all backup documents that were received with the challenge. Nenni was notified by the committee that the challenge and backup documents were received. The Election Committee respectfully requests the Board review all documents and make a decision on this challenge at its next Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lougene Baird, Chair
ALSA Election Committee

A. Cathie will write response to Election Challenge

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

No Report

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

Need to have the Alpaca committee look at everything effecting their committee.

Motion by Ken Not to accept fiber committee report in Judges committee report. Needs Alpaca committee review also.

Seconded by Cathie
passed

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

Handbook Committee Report – October 13, 2009 Board Meeting

Committee has completed current ALSA Handbook updates in accordance with August 18, 2009 and September 8, 2009 board meeting minutes. Handbook recommendations were submitted by Alpaca Committee and Youth Committee and approved by the Board. Above revisions are attached with this report for board review and website posting.

Wally Baker

Handbook Committee, Chair

2009 ALSA HANDBOOK REVISION (8-18-09)

Part J & Part K handbook revision from August 18, 2009 ALSA Board Meeting. In addition to below changes, terminology reference "fleece" has replaced "fiber" in the majority of Parts J & K. These changes are reflected in the updated ALSA Handbook.

PART J. ALPACA SHOW CLASSES

Section 1.C (page 49)

C. Sex Divisions: The following divisions may **not** be combined in any way.

1. Male
2. Female
3. Non-Breeder

PART K. APPROVED ALPACA HALTER CLASSES

Section 1.A.2.d (page 52)

d. Variegated (Dark and/or Light)

Section 1.C.3 & 4 (Pages 53 -54)

3. **Mixed:** Any animal that does not fit into solid or gray color definitions. **Pinto exhibits two colors, one of which is always white. The secondary color occurs in large solid patterns, typically on the blanket, neck and extremities.** Fancy are multi colored alpacas which do not fit into the other classes. These are alpacas with three or more colors, pinto-gray, appaloosa etc.

4. **(Previous #4 becomes #5) Variegated (Dark and/or Light):** **Variegated color definition includes those alpacas that have an easily recognizable white or light fawn fiber in a dark fleece (dark variegated) or a brown or black fiber in a light (beige or white) fleece (light variegated).**

Section 2.A.4 & 7 (Page 54)

4. May offer three Color Groups: **Mixed (all grays and multicolored, pinto, fancy and variegated); Dark Solid (medium fawn, dark fawn, light brown, medium brown, dark brown, bay black, true black); Light Solid (white, beige and light fawn); and or combine to one Color Group with limited number of entries.**

7. May use an **ALSA Level Alpaca Judge** for Halter classes.

Section 2.B.2 & 8 (Page 54 - 55)

2. May offer four Color Groups: **Mixed (all grays and multicolored, pinto, fancy and variegated); Dark Solid (medium fawn, dark fawn, light brown, medium brown, dark brown, bay black, true black); Light Solid: (white, beige and light fawn); White Solid; or combine to two Color Groups: Solid (dark, light and white) and Mixed (gray and multicolored) if fewer than 6 alpacas per class.**

8. Must use an **ALSA Senior Alpaca Judge** for Halter Classes.

Section 2.C. 2 (Page 55)

2. May offer all seven Color Groups: **Gray (all grays); Mixed (pinto, fancy, variegated); Black (bay black, true black); Brown (light brown, medium brown, dark brown); Fawn (medium fawn, dark fawn); Light (beige, light fawn); White: and or combine to four Color Groups: Mixed (gray and multicolored); Dark Solid (browns and blacks) Light Solid (fawns and beiges); and White Solid if fewer than 6 alpacas in a class.**

Section 3.B.1.a.b (Page 56-57)

B. Class Descriptions:

1. Full Fleece

(a) **Huacaya Fleece** Length

(1) **Juvenile:** Minimum of 2 inches and no maximum

(2) Yearling: **Minimum of 2 inches on blanket and a maximum of 7 inches on the blanket, neck and leg.**

(3) Two-year old and older: Same as Yearling.

b. Suri Fleece Length:

(1) **Juvenile: Minimum of 3 inches and no maximum. (2) Yearling:**

(a) Previously shorn: Minimum of 3 inches and maximum of 9 inches.

(b) Not previously shorn: Minimum of 3 inches and no maximum.

(3) 25 months and older: Minimum of 3 inches and a maximum of 14 inches or length to knee at the longest point, whichever is greater.

Section 3.B.2.g (page 57)

g. At the discretion of show management, shorn classes **may be divided by color following the same color divisions as in full fleece classes.**

Section 5.C. (page 62)

11. Staple length

Section 6.C. 1-13 (page 63)

1-13 (minor changes not affecting overall content noted in updated handbook) # 5 below is addition.

5. Excessive guard hair

Section 8.A.C.7 (page 64)

7. Multicolored: Mixed, **variegated**

Section 8.A.3.c (page 65)

c. Color groups should be made in each age division following full fleece color group division criteria. (1) Black

(2) Brown (3) Fawn (4) Light (5) White (6) Gray

2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:

ALSA Handbook revision from September 9, 2009 ALSA Board Meeting. **PART Q LLAMA AND ALPACA YOUTH PROGRAM 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 ALSA Grand National Show will qualify in Youth Obstacle, Youth Public Relations and Youth Pack.

C. Youth Showmanship and Youth Judging qualify for the ALSA Grand National Show by placing 1st at any ALSA sanctioned show (**held after the previous year's 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 Ultimate award may show in all the Youth classes offered **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 with at least 15 entries at any ALSA Regional Show; Fourth place in Youth Showmanship and Performances classes with at least 15 entries at any ALSA Regional Show; or Fifth place in Youth Showmanship and Performance classes at any ALSA Regional Show with at least 25 entries.

G. The Youth may use any animal to compete at the Grand National Show in Youth Showmanship.

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 sale of animal outside the control of the youth, the youth may substitute an alternate animal.

I. At any ALSA Regional Show, the top six placings in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions in Youth Judging qualify to attend the Grand National Show.

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

**ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE - REPORT to the ALSA BOD -
September 2009**

*The ALSA Judge Committee submits these Items [I. thru IV.] for review and APPROVAL
[I.] REQUEST APPROVAL FOR:*

**2009 PROPOSAL - for Change to the present Judge Program -
REQUIREMENTS to ADVANCE to ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS**

**ALSA Judges must meet these minimum requirements prior to making application for
Advancement to ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS.**

The ALSA Judge must have :

Maintained current ALSA Judge Status in good standing for a minimum of 3 years

A minimum of 3 positive Evaluations from Show Superintendents

NO Negative reviews, comments or unprofessional behavior noted on file

*[Unprofessional behavior may be documented by negative or derogatory

Comments regarding other judges, exhibitors, Superintendents or ALSA shows
and/or activity]

Judged a minimum of 7 Shows since the most recent Certification

Judged a minimum of 2 Full Shows with more than 85 Individual llamas\alpacas entered in Halter
and Performance (this does not mean 85 total entries)

Judged a minimum of 3 Full Shows with 55-85 Individual Entries

Judged 2 shows which included multiple entries in Youth Judging & Driving

Completed a current CEC Report

Completed all preceding Annual Judge Reports

Completed a Clinic which includes training for basic Walking Fleece Trait evaluation

Successfully completed an Advanced Judges Clinic, with a score over 85%
Extensive experience and knowledge to apply for a waiver of requirements.
Those Judges desiring Certification for Combination Judging of the minimum number (25) of
Alpacas, Fleece, or Walking Fleece entries, must complete all 10 points above, plus must Pass
with a score over 85%, a Training and Certification Clinic covering Alpacas and Fleece.

[III.] REQUEST APPROVAL for Change

QUALIFICATIONS for ALSA REGIONAL and NATIONAL SHOW JUDGES

An ALSA Member and Judge in current good standing with no negative reviews, comments or reports in the files

Not be a member of the BOD or Major Committee Chairperson with policy-making authority within another SHOW organization.

Have ALSA SENIOR JUDGE Status with a minimum of 5 years judging experience

Have judged a Regional Show before selection as an ALSA Grand National Judge

Have attended or audited a recent Advanced Judge Clinic and/or attended Annual Judges Meeting for knowledge of current update, guidelines and rules.

[III.] Recommendation APPROVAL for the following Changes to WALKING FIBER \ FLEECE Criteria and Judging guidelines

PART H. Llama Show Classes

Section 3. Approved Llama Fiber Classes

A.2. Walking Fiber

ADD c. Walking Fiber Length Divisions

PRIMARY - a minimum of 3"length of Fiber over the body, to include the prime fiber area, OR a PATCH [6"X 6"] of 3"long Fiber on the Mid-side.

SECONDARY - a minimum of 3"length of Fiber over the extended neck, shoulder, hip and leg areas; prime body area may be shorn

PART O. FIBER

Section I. Llama Fiber

B. Llama Walking Fiber Class

.....(Page 100)

1. The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Llama Fiber Judge, **OR a Senior Halter Judge with Certification for judging the Minimum number (25) of Llama Walking Fleece or Alpacas\ Alpaca Walking Fleece.**

2. Use the same age and fiber divisions as for shorn fiber class, **and then Divide by PRIMARY or SECONDARY for the appropriate Prime Fleece Length**

Section 3. Alpaca Walking Fleece Class

The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Alpaca Fleece Judge, **OR a Senior Halter Judge with Certification to judge the minimum number (25)**

Of Alpaca or Llama Walking Fleece

[IV.] Request **APPROVAL** for the following:
CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

This Proposed Format below is to accommodate the 37 judges and Apprentices scheduled for Certification Clinics in 2010; these are split half\half for WEST and EAST location.

This will require 3-4 Instructors, for llama, alpaca and fleece presentations

Could include Beginner Information and Owner attendee Session if requested

[A.] **ALTERNATIVE ADVANCED (or Combo) JUDGES CLINICS** will include Training and Testing \Certification for both Llama and Alpaca in an extended 5-Day Format, in Western and Eastern Locations, to allow Judges and Apprentices to participate in all aspects of ALSA judging

1. Halter – Llama and Alpaca

Performance – including Driving
Youth and Youth Judging
Walking Fleece – Llama and Alpaca
Shorn Fleece – Llama and Alpaca

[B.] **BEGINNER and EDUCATIONAL THEORY PRESENTATIONS** and **UPDATED Rules and Guidelines** may be presented to Judges Apprentices and Owners in a combined session, at an Advanced Judges Clinic, if there is demand and a Host in that location

[C.] **ALSA FLEECE CLINICS** - will include Training and Certification for both Llama and Alpaca Fleece, and may incorporate Owner Education Portions when there is demand.

There will be an East and West Fleece Clinic for 2010 to accommodate the Apprentices (ALL due in 2010 to complete 3rd year Apprentice requirements) and Judges. Most Fleece Judges will not be due for a Recertification Clinic until 2011

Alpaca and Llama Fleece Committees will coordinate with the Instructors for the training Materials and Formats for these combined ALSA FLEECE CLINICS, as well as be prepared to present and test during the 5-Day Combined Advanced Judge Clinics East and West.

[D. The **Prior 3-Day Halter, ADVANCED\BEGINNER JUDGE** Clinics for Halter, Youth Performance and\or Fleece for (Llama \ Alpaca) may be held for locations unable to accommodate the 5-Day Combo Format.

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Respectfully Submitted to the ALSA BOD

5 October 2009

Susan Tellez-Chair

ALSA Judge Committee

Minutes of March 11, 2008 have new judges criteria, BOD requesting

set of present rules to minimize changes.

Motion by Trish to not accept the report at this time and wait till Nationals and face to face.

Seconded by Ken
carried

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Jim Rutledge

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurray

Eileen Ditsler

Steve Katzakian

Ellen Goldsmith

Barb Harris

Brock Royal

Motion by Trish to accept members of performance committee

Seconded by Tom

carried

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

Chair: Penny Davidson

No Report

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

No report

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair:

17. Regionals Committee:

Chair: Sharon Carrier

No report, too busy working on Regionals and Nationals.

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

No Report

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

No Report

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

No Report

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

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

#1. Tom will contact Superintendent to resolve this issue.

Bob will write letter indicating no refund was made.

#2. Regarding Estes Park

Trish will write Thank you for information

#3. Youth Placements

Cheryl will write response

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Keith

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:34 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

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

1. Motion By Trish to have Treasurer Pay Lancaster Event Center Bill.

Seconded by Ken

carried