

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
June 9, 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
Marilyn Nenni - Secretary
Ulin Andrews - Board Member
Trish Brandt-Robuck - Board Member
Larry Lewellyn - Board Member

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST

PROCEEDINGS:

1. **Julie called for motion to go into Executive Session.**
Motion by Cathie: To enter Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.
Seconded by Trish
Motion carried
Motion by Ulin To exit Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.
Seconded by Trish
Motion carried.

2. **ALSA Attorney Letter regarding Mr. LaMorte.**
 - a. ALSA attorney recommended Bob LaMorte be reinstated, and "his replacement be removed contemporaneous with Mr. LaMorte's reinstatement".
Motion by Ulin: To reinstate Bob LaMorte to the ALSA Board as recommended by the ALSA attorney.
Seconded by Trish
Roll call vote: Cathie, no; Trish, no; Larry, no; Marilyn, yes; Ulin, yes.
Motion not carried
Motion by Cathie: Per our previous agreement, to accept the recommendation of our attorney.
Seconded by Trish
Motion by Marilyn: to divide the question.
Seconded by Larry
No vote taken-Question can not be divided.
Roll call vote: Trish, yes; Ulin, yes; Marilyn, no; Larry, no; Cathie, yes.
Motion carried
Larry was asked to leave the BOD meeting.

3. **2009 Election**

Comments: The election was carried out exactly as in 2008, and previous years, therefore the challenge has no validity. Motion by Ulin: to accept election results as run this year, and the Election Committee look into possible ways to make it more exact.

Seconded by Cathie

Roll Call vote: Cathie, yes; Marilyn, yes; Trish, yes; Ulin, yes.

Motion carried unanimously

Julie will instruct the Election Committee to release the results of the election.

Meeting continued at 10:17 pm. EST. after brief recess to contact other members to join the Board meeting.

Tom Parsons – Treasurer

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

Bob LaMorte – Board Member

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Letter/LaMorte - See above.

2. Database

The committee working with data migration has received diagrams and mapping from the contractor. Meeting is scheduled with contractor.

3. Year End Statement

Comments: All committees will be requested to send in a report for the 2009 Year End Statement. Final version issued at October Membership meeting.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash \$16,010

Cash-Investment Account: 112,592

Cash-Memorials 9,227

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 137,829

FIXED ASSETS

Software 21,190

TOTAL ASSETS \$159,019

EQUITY

Retained Earnings \$159,019

- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.
- b. Each Regional Superintendent is to submit a budget for their Regional Show.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

1. There are requests to please add a Juvenile Non Breeder Class.
Comments: An RMLA study does not recommend gelding at such an early age.
2. The transition to GO TO MEETING has been seamless. conference calls saving money.
Committees need to be aware there are no quantity or time limits for calls, call Cheryl to have a call set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Regionals
 - a. Regional Committee is in charge of making decisions for Regional requirements.
2. Youth Scholarships:
 - a. Youth scholarship information is on the web site.
3. Regional Ribbons/National Ribbons
Motion by Trish: Pay a Regional/National ribbon deposit of \$6,000.00.
Seconded by Bob
Motion carried unanimously
Cheryl will send check.
4. Shorn and Walking Fleece at Regionals
Motion by Cathie: Shorn & Walking Fleece classes not required this year, but if the classes pay for themselves, then Regional can add them at will.
Seconded by Bob
Motion carried
5. ALSA Discussion Board
Motion by Cathie: We do not put the ALSA Discussion Board back up.
Seconded by Bob
Discussion: Lack of overall use, not as successful as intended.
Roll call vote: Ulin, yes; Bob, yes; Trish, abstain; Marilyn, no; Cathie, yes.
Motion carried

Tom left the meeting, no longer need treasurer input.
Cheryl left the meeting, no longer need office input.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Mary Reed
2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Lougene Baird
 - a. To enhance the voting procedure the committee has made

some recommendations.

- b. BOD comments-Lougene Baird and her committee are to be commended for the professional and ethical job on this election.

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Margaret Henry
No Report

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

- a. Geri Rutledge and Deb Yeagle have agreed to judge the 2009 ALSA Grand National Llama Fleece Show.

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

Chair: Tom Parsons

See Treasurer's Report above. Balance Sheet included in the minutes.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

- a. We have a commitment from Holiday Inn Express--3939 N. 26th St. for \$80.00 per night. This hotel is in the vicinity of 27th & Cornhusker.
- b. Need approval for National Judge David Allen
Motion by Trish: Approve David Allen for the National Judge Performance replacement.
Seconded by Cathie
Motion carried
- c. Class list has been submitted to the BOD for approval.
Comment Committee approves class list.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker
No Report.

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

- a. ALSA JUDGE CLINICS
submit a more appropriate name other than "Experts" if title of Chair is to be replaced.
- b. The Committee requests the BOD approve a Llama Halter clinic (Advanced & Beginner if necessary)
For the 2nd weekend of November 13-15, 2009
McFarlands Farm in Ohio.
approved- the Judge's Clinic November 13 - 15, 2009.
- c. JUDGE CERTIFICATION Recommendation

The Judge Committee requests the ALSA BOD to approve Mary Reed as a certified LLAMA JUDGE
The committee requests a WAIVER of the 3rd Apprenticeship, and immediate approval as a Llama Halter, Performance and Fleece Judge.

Motion by Cathie: Mary Reed be approved as a certified llama judge.

Seconded by Ulin

Discussion: It was discussed that anyone applying to be an ALSA judge should complete all the requirements as stated in the ALSA rules.

Roll Call Vote: Trish, no; Bob, yes; Marilyn, no; Ulin, yes; Cathie, yes.

Motion carried

d. Shannon McConnell, Alpaca Judge

The Committee requests approval of inactive status and dues payment for 2009, for Shannon McConnell, Alpaca Judge, due to Family Medical emergency Care situation.

approved- to put Shannon McConnell on inactive status.

9. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Carolyn Myers
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

a. The Performance Committee recommends that the ALSA BOD change the weight requirement to remove the weight requirement for all animals.

Comments: BOD suggests the consideration of reducing the weight requirement rather than eliminating it altogether.

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

Chair: Lora Crawford
No Report

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Ulin)

Chair:
No Report

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Ulin)

Chair:

approved- Leigh Snider for Chair of the Protest Committee.

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Gail Woodsum
No Report

17. Regional Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

- a. All Regional Superintendents are in place.
- b. All regions except Central have their locations & dates locked in.
- c. ALSA office has contracts for The Western & The Great Lakes Regions, with the deposit being sent to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. I have requested as of this date (06/03/09) that all contracts be sent to the ALSA office asap & Cheryl will fax copies to me.
- d. All regions except Central & Rocky Mountain have their Judges approved.
- e. I have contacted Royal about the ribbons & have requested a deposit be sent to them. (This deposit will cover the Regional & National ribbons.)
- f. Each Regional Super has sent in their ribbon inventory.
- g. I have attached a Regional Class list for BOD approval, with exceptions to changes that need to be made.
Comment Committee approves class list.
- h. Waiting on the BOD for the amount of premiums that ALSA is going to pay at each regional.

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)
Chair: Bill Schultz

Comments: Not all BOD members had the May Show Management report.

Motion by Marilyn : Table this report until the July meeting.
Seconded by Trish
Motion carried unanimously

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)
Chair: Mike Hoopengardner
No Report

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)
Chair: Michele Batt

- a. Michele Batt requested replacement for position of Chair. approved - Christie Stewart as Chair of the Youth Committee.
- b. Michele Batt may still serve on the committee.

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

Member's letters were reviewed by the BOD.

Motion by Cathie: to adjourn
Seconded by Ulin
MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:32 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted by Trish Brandt-Robuck

MINUTES APPROVED: