

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
April 12, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm EST by President, Ken Forster

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

President           Ken Forster  
V. President       Cathie Kindler  
Treasurer          Tom Parsons  
Secretary          Keith Wattigney

Board Members:

Allen Davis  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Stacie Forshee (joined late)

Office Manager:

Cheryl Ryberg

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 8:00pm EST

**Proceedings:**

**Old Business:**

1.

Handbook Committee completed the minor handbook change reflected in the March 8, 2011 board minutes reference fleece two judging levels. Revision has been sent to the ALSA office to post on website.

Per Board request, below is an ALSA Handbook printing cost estimate for current edition and distribution to the membership.

700 copies

\$4,760.00 – Printing (190 pages; specs on materials available upon request) (\$6.80 per handbook)

\* \$210.00 - Handling setup charges, labeling, seal, barcode, presort, delivery

\* \$290.00 – Postage

Total:     \$5,260.00

\*(based on current postage rates and other handling fees).

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Baker, Chair

Handbook Committee

*The Board accepts the above report, but would like the postage budget to be investigated as to what it entails.*

**New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2011

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 26,564
Investment Account	67,625
Cash – Memorials	<u>2,836</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 97,025

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Equity \$ 97,025

Tom provided a detailed Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for March 31, 2011.

Above is a summary of the Balance Sheet.

*The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.*

**Office Business:**

Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

Although we finished our Youth Top 10 for 2010 in March, we recently received 2, 2010 Sanctioned Shows that have youth participants, as soon as they are entered into the database, we will recalculate the Top Ten Results. There are other issues with the youth Top Ten that make the calculations difficult. Youth that enter into Combined youth classes have to be extracted into their correct division, it is not possible to automate when mixing classes. The Youth Top Ten clearly favors youth that are privileged to attend Regional or Grand National as well as youth in large clubs. I suggest that the Youth Committee review these awards, and perhaps come up with an award that highlights youths accomplishments. Shows are continuing to come in and results posted. We are working with the Election Committee as to the membership of all the Nominators and Nominees,

this is the first year that all were current members of ALSA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg  
ALSA Administrative Manager

*The Board accepted the above report and would have the Youth Committee to look over the above issues.*

1. Keith motioned that after the office report is given that Cheryl discontinue with the meeting. Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Roll Call Vote: Tom-Yes; Keith-Yes; Trish-Yes; Allen-Yes; Cathie-No; Stacie-Yes  
Motion Carried
2. Allen motioned that all members of the Board of Directors shall sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion Carried
3. Keith motioned to replace the liaison for the judges committee. Trish 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Roll Call Vote: Tom-No; Keith-Yes; Trish-Yes; Allen-Yes; Cathie-No; Stacie-No  
Tie Vote – Ken-Yes  
Motion Carried
4. Trish motioned to nominate Allen Davis as the new liaison. Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carried.
5. The ALSA Website is to be changed to posting the Grand National 2011 information.

#### Committee Reports:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Staci)  
Chair: Mary Reed  
No Formal Report was received, but they did have the clinic. 3 judges recertified, 2 will recertify by instructing, plus 2 new apprentices.
2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Lougene Baird

#### **Election Committee Report – April 1, 2011**

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Petitioning segment of the 2011 General Election will be complete. The Committee has active files holding petitions for four possible candidates. At the close of the Petition process, a list of persons submitting petitions and receiving petitions will be submitted to the ALSA office to verify that 2011 dues have been paid by each. Following verification, each member who has received at least five valid petitions will be notified and a Statement of Candidacy will be requested from each.

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). Members who are not in Good Standing may not petition or receive petitions.

We request the ALSA office e-mail each ALSA member 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.

The Day of Record for the 2011 General Election is April 22. Dues must be paid by this date to receive a ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Lougene Baird, Chair

ALSA Election Committee

*The Board accepts the above report.*

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Allen)  
Chair: Barb Parsons  
No Report
4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Cindy Ruckman  
No Report
5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)  
Chair:  
This was covered under the Treasurer's report.
6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)  
Chair: Malcolm and Carol Ann Tallman
7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)  
Chair: Wally Baker  
See #1 Under Old Business
8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)  
Chair: Doug Overman

The Board received the following report with revisions.

We would like to report that the Alsa Judges Clinic at Glen and Margo Unzickers was a great success.

We have had lots of positive feedback and thank you cards from clinic attendees.

The Unzickers went far above and beyond what was expected. They fed everyone in attendance for the entire time we were there. And went out of their way to make sure we had everything that was needed and then some ,to put on a successful clinic.

For the Llama Clinic already approved at the Pearson's on June 15-16-17, 2012 we are asking for approval of instructors for the clinic. Cathie Kindler, Deb Yeagle and Doug Overman.

*Trish motioned to send back to the committee for new list of instructors. No second received. Motion died.*

*Tom motioned to accept the above list of instructors for the Pearson's clinic. Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.*

After successfully completing the Unzicker Llama Clinic we ask for the BOD's approval for the following to be Llama apprentices

Tricia Schneeberger  
Joy Bishop-Forshee  
Evan Snyder  
Robin Sturgeon  
Leigh Snyder  
Cheryl Ryberg  
Terese Evenson  
Tor Sorenson  
Denise Fherenback

The JC committee asks for approval to recertify the following judges after successfully completing the Clinic

Rick Neal  
Bill Shultz  
MaryJo Miller

*Trish motioned to accept the above apprentice list and judge's recertification list. Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.*

We are also working along with the Llama Fleece Committee in preparation for an ALSA Llama Fleece Judges Clinic at McFarland's Llama Farm during the last quarter of 2011. Deb Yeagle and Cindy Ruckman are scheduled to be the Instructors. The goal is that all Llama Fleece Judges due to recertify in 2011 and 2012 will be able to attend this clinic.

Thank You for your time

The Judges Committee  
Doug Overman  
Deb Yeagle  
Cindy Ruckman  
Barb Harris  
Mary Reed

*Tom motions that the Board will continue to support the judges committee by supporting former decisions by allowing the use of CEC credits for fleece and will consider the use of separate CEC credits for Llama Fleece when they are drafted. Trish 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.*

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)  
Chair: Need to fill  
No report
10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Allen)  
Chair: Carolyn Myers  
No Report

11. Performance Committee: (liaison: Trish)  
Chair: Melanie McMurrey  
No Report
12. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)  
Chair: Barb Harris  
No Report
13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)  
Chair: Need to fill  
No Report
14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)  
Chair: Ulin Andrews  
No Report
15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)  
Chair: Need to Fill  
No Report
16. Regional Committee: (liaison: Keith)  
Chair: Cheryl Jutilla

The Board received the following report with revisions:

1. Judges that have been selected for Regional Championships to date are: Eastern - Phil Feiner; Rocky Mountain - Patti Morgan; Southeastern - Margaret Henry
2. Buckeye Region - The Hoosier Llama & Alpaca Association will submit a proposal to hold the Buckeye Regional Championship in conjunction with its Fall Show. Two locations in Indiana are being considered, with the final decision to be determined by cost. The date will either be the last weekend in September or the first weekend in October. Details will be submitted to the Board for approval as soon as they are available.
3. Central Region - A proposal has been submitted by Joy Swihart to hold the Central Regional Championship in conjunction with the Oklahoma City State Fair llama show, which will be held on September 23 - 25, with Jim Doyle serving as superintendent. This is a nice new facility and there would be no charge to ALSA for the arena. Stall fees would be \$30 per stall and exhibitors would have to pay \$20 for Fair admission. We have confirmed that this date will not conflict with the Dallas State Fair which is the following week and request that the Board approve this proposal for the Central Regional Championship.
4. The Committee would appreciate confirmation on whether we can switch to a different ribbon company to cut costs. As discussed at the special meeting on March 24, we will be using our existing inventory and only purchasing ribbons as needed to fill in.
5. The Committee is considering awarding Top 5 certificates instead of ribbons to further reduce expenses. The existing inventory of Top 5 ribbons can be refurbished with new center streamers and used for Grands and Reserves.

6. The Committee requests that the Board approve a reduction in entry fees for performance classes to \$25 per class. Last year when Regional Championships were held in conjunction with other shows many performance exhibitors would enter the regular show but not the Championship because of the higher fees. Most performance animals are entered in three classes, which equals \$105 per animal. Lowering the performance class fee to \$25 would only reduce ALSA's income per animal by \$30, but could result in more animals being entered.

7. The Committee requests that the Board adjust the entry fee for youth classes to a flat fee of \$50 per youth exhibitor for all five youth classes - showmanship, judging, obstacle, pack and PR. This would make it easier for youth exhibitors to participate in all the classes and would be a help to families that have more than one child participating.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

Cheryl Juntilla

*The Board approved the above with the exception of #4. The committee would need to get a quote on ribbon prices to include the ribbons for the Grand Nationals.*

*Tom motioned for 2011 to authorize a National Qualifier ALSA show in those regions where the Regional Committee has been unable to schedule a regional show and superintendent. Trish 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call Vote: Tom-Yes; Allen-Yes; Cathie-Yes; Stacie-No; Keith-No; Trish-Abstain.*

*Motion Carried.*

*Tom motions that since the only presently scheduled ALSA show in Wisconsin for 2011 is The Badgerland to be held May 21<sup>st</sup>, that it to be designated as the Great Lakes National Qualifier show. Cathie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call Vote: Tom-Yes; Allen-Yes; Cathie-Yes; Stacie-Yes; Trish-Yes; Keith-No.*

*Motion Passed.*

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)  
Chair: Bill Schultz

18. Web Site Committee: (liaison: Trish)  
Chair: Steve Katzakian

19. Youth Committee: (liaison: Staci)  
Chair: Penny Davidson  
No Report

20. Keith and other BOD members would like permission to send to their Committee Chair information pertaining to their Committee so that they can start working on the items. The Board approves.

21. The Board approves an email blast pertaining to the lowering of class fees as noted in the Regional report

There being nothing further to discuss, Trish motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:20pm EST.