

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
August 9, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm EST by President, Ken Forster
(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

Roll Call:

Members Present:

President Ken Forster
V. President Maryan Baker
Treasurer Tom Parsons – Resigned 8:32pm
Secretary Keith Wattigney

Board Members:

Allen Davis
Cathie Kindler
Stacie Forshee – Joined 8:25pm
Larry Lewellyn – Joined 9:13pm

Absent: Office Manager: Cheryl Ryberg

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 8:00pm EST

Office Business:

Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

There seems to be misunderstanding regarding my statement of working with MGSoftnet and the office for future contracts. We are trying to come up with a solution that would save ALSA money on office expenses, by adding software that would automatically reply and not require a person to sit in the office for 40 hours a week.

We are continuing to get many show numbers purchased that want to pick up back points free. There used to be a charge of \$20 per animal per show. This was brought up before to be reviewed but I never heard back. This is like selling a candy bar for \$1.00 that you have paid \$10 for. There are hours of work to pick up back points and it puts show recording and other member interests on delay. The ALSA is a volunteer organization, but also a business, you cannot keep giving "products" away and expect it to be successful.

Judge contracts have been mailed and insurance policies for Regionals that needed them have been applied for.

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Cheryl Ryberg
ALSA Office
Administrative Manager
607 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2011

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 14,915
Investment Account	67,794
Cash – Memorials	2,843

Total Current Assets \$ 85,552

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Equity \$ 85,552

Proceedings:

Old Business:

1. 07-24-11 Motion by Allen to have Larry Lewellyn as chair of the Ethics Committee. Seconded by Keith.
Allen=yes; Cathie=no; Keith=yes; Maryan- ; Stacie=no, Tom=no
07-27-11 Maryan called for discussion.

After the discussion, Maryan votes yes; Ken – Yes. Motion carried.

After this motion passed, Tom Parsons resigned from the BOD effective immediately. (8:23pm)

The remaining BOD called for a Fifteen (15) minute recess so Ken can place a call to Tom Parsons for his reconsideration.

Ken called the meeting back to order (8:45pm). Tom will not reconsider resigning.

Allen motioned to accept Tom's resignation. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

The BOD would like to thank Tom for his time and professionalism as Treasurer.

Ken established contact with Larry Lewellyn to join the meeting. Ken reported that Larry accepted the position and will be joining the meeting shortly.

Larry Lewellyn joined the meeting at 9:13 pm.

2. With respect to the Cathie Kindler sanctioning, the ALSA attorney has not responded to any inquiries or messages sent by Ken Forster

Maryan motioned to table the sanctioning until the BOD hears from the ALSA attorney. No second. Motion failed.

Ken will resend a certified letter to the ALSA attorney to try and get a response to the BOD's inquiry.

Ken recommended to postpone the sanctioning until a special meeting that will be held on August 23rd at 8:00pm EST. The BOD agreed.

New Business:

1. *The now vacant Treasurer's position will be addressed at the special meeting.*

Committee Reports:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Stacie)
Chair:
2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Lougene Baird
3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair:

*Allen motioned to have Larry replace him as the Ethics Committee liaison. Maryan seconded.
Motion carried.*

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Maryan)
Chair:

To: ALSA Board of Directors

Subject: ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Report for the August 2011

ALSA BOD Meeting

Date: August 4, 2011

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fleece Committee's current discussion points.

Old Business

The GN Fleece Show Committee continues to communicate with the GN Show Committee to confirm plans for the 2011 Grand National Llama Fleece Show. We truly appreciate all members of the committees and the ALSA Board who are working so diligently to make this year's show a great success. At this point, we are recommending a conference call between the members of the GN

Committee and the GN Fleece Show Committee (Geri Rutledge) so that final show details can be made. We are pleased to report that the judges and their arrangements have been completed.

On a sad note, the Llama Fleece Committee would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Sharon Beacham. A pioneer within the llama fiber community, a founding member of the ALSA Fiber Committee and one of the first ALSA Fiber Judges, Sharon passed away on July 31, 2011. She was a tireless worker, a wealth of information and a true *ALSA Fleece Show* supporter. A woman of many talents, her "llama fleece legacy" is and will live on as the *ALSA Llama Fleece Show*. In lieu of a memorial service, her family asks that we help to honor her by spending a few moments cherishing her in your thoughts on Saturday, August 13th at noon, MDST. Also, anyone who would like to share a favorite story, remembrance, or thought about Sharon, please send it to the following address, and they will be collected into a memory book for the whole family to share. (Lynne von Plutzner at: P.O. Box 21501/Boulder, CO 80308/ marianlynne@hotmail.com)

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: TBA)
Chair:
This was covered by Tom under Treasurer's report.
6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Malcolm and Carol Ann Tallmon

The Grand Nationals report for August, 2011.

The Grand National committee have been planning a great show this year.

1. Show program will be on line August 20, 2011.
2. Costume contest Friday morning after opening ceremonies. Get those costumes ready.
3. Sub-junior showmanship classes again this year. (ages 4 yrs to 7 yrs)
4. Llama bean drop game.
5. Versatility class again this year—The animal must be entered in 1 halter class; 1 fiber class & 1 performance class
6. Dinner on Saturday night.

This is just part of fun that has been planned. Vendor spots are filling up & don't forget to make your hotel reservations early because this is a home game weekend.

Carol Ann Tallmon
Malcolm Tallmon

Committee chairs

The BOD received a request from the Grand National Committee to make an exception for the Northwest Regionals and to allow the Northwest Regional show to coincide with another show organization on a trial basis.

The BOD suggested that any other Regional Show interested in having a Regional Show or National Qualifier to coincide with another show organization, it must submit it's request in writing to Cheryl Juntilla for a BOD evaluation.

Maryan motioned to accept. Cathie seconded. Roll call vote: Allen-abstain; Cathie-yes; Keith-no; Larry-no; Maryan-yes; Stacie-yes. Motion carried.

The BOD gave Keith the approval to contact Cheryl Juntilla before the minutes are posted so she can notify Marilyn Milton of the decision.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Maryan)
Chair: Wally Baker
No Report
8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Doug Overman
9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair:
No report
10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair:
No Report
11. Performance Committee: (liaison: Maryan)
Chair: Melanie McMurrey
12. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris
No Report
13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair:
No Report
14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair:
15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Maryan)
Chair: Mary Adams

Mary Adams is working on different venues for a Showring publication and Membership directory with advertising to cover most of the cost. Mary will need a membership list from the ALSA office.

It was noted to Maryan to have Mary Adams contact Leigh Snyder to get the program that she has in her possession.

16. Regional Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

Regional Championship Committee Report for August 9, 2011 Board Meeting

It appears that the "new email blast" referred to in the July 19, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes which was to be sent out by the ALSA office has not yet been sent. That e-mail was to clear up some of the confusion regarding the criteria for qualifying for the Grand National this year. When it is sent, we request that it also include a statement that information and entry forms for the Regional Championships can be found on the ALSA website, especially since the Rocky Mountain Regional (which is less than one month away) is still not listed on the ALSA Show Calendar.

Inquiries regarding the proposal for Great Lakes and Buckeye Regional Championships continue to be received and a FaceBook page has been established by backers of the proposal. Members who contact the Committee Chair with questions are referred to the Board's meeting minutes. One member who had already read the minutes wanted to know why the Board "deemed it inappropriate to . . . ask exhibitors from the Great Lakes to travel to another region to hold their Regional Championship show" but apparently feels it is appropriate for exhibitors from the Great Lakes Region who want to qualify for the Grand National to have to travel to another region to attend a "national qualifier." (The Badgerland "national qualifier" show was held on the same weekend as another ALSA show in the Great Lakes region, so it only benefitted a few of the members in that Region.) The Committee Chair has suggested that members with questions contact Board members directly. Most do not seem to feel that would be a productive use of their time, but do wish the Board would reconsider its decision on this proposal.

Cheryl Juntilla
Regional Committee Chair

Maryan motioned to accept Bob LaMorte's proposal for a double regional show, the Great Lakes Regional and the Buckeye Regional, with a minimal cost to ALSA due to Bob LaMorte's Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) sponsorship. Cathie seconded. Motion carried.

The BOD authorized Keith to contact Cheryl Juntilla before the minutes were posted so she can notify Bob LaMorte of the approval to have a combined Regional.

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Bill Schultz
No Report

18. Web Site Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair:

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

There being nothing further to discuss, Cathie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Maryan seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:50pm EST.

E-Mail Motions:

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

- 1) 07-25-11 BOD approved July Minutes
Allen-yes, Cathie-yes, Keith-yes, Tom- , Trish-yes & Stacie-yes
July minutes approved.
- 2) 07-25-11 Motion by Maryan to approve Mary Adams as Chair of Publications
Committee. Seconded by Cathie.
Allen- yes; Cathie-yes; Keith-yes; Maryan-yes; Stacie-yes; Tom-yes
Motion carried
- 3) 8/11/11 Larry motioned to approve Jim Doyle as the new Ethics Committee Chair.
Allen seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) 8/21/11 BOD approved August Minutes.

**ALSA Special Meeting
August 23, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm EST by President, Ken Forster
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Roll Call:

Members Present:

President	Ken Forster
V. President	Maryan Baker
Treasurer	
Secretary	Keith Wattigney
Board Members:	
	Allen Davis
	Cathie Kindler
	Stacie Forshee
	Larry Lewellyn

Proceedings:

1) Sanctioning of Cathie Kindler:

Maryan motioned to accept Tom Hayden's, the ALSA attorney, recommendation to postpone the censoring of Cathie Kindler till the next meeting and to rescind the previous motion on Cathie Kindler's sanctioning. Cathie seconded. Roll call vote: Allen-No; Cathie-Yes; Keith-No; Larry-No; Maryan-Yes; Stacie-Yes; Ken-Abstain; Motion died.

Maryan motioned to table the censoring of Cathie Kindler until the BOD receives the written opinion from Tom Hayden, a reevaluation by the Judge's Committee and an evaluation by the Ethics Committee. Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Allen-No; Cathie-Yes; Keith-Yes; Larry-Yes; Maryan- Yes; Stacie-Yes. Motion Carried.

- 2) Maryan motioned for Larry to act as the liaison for the Finance Committee and Patti Wattigney to be the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and the non board member Treasurer. Allen seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Maryan motioned for Patti Morgan to act as the Chairperson of the Fleece Committee. Larry seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) Larry motioned for Paul Schwartz and Margaret Henry to be added to the Ethics Committee. Maryan seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on September 13, 2011, at 8:00pm.

There being nothing further to discuss, Maryan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:36pm EST.