

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
December 8, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. EST.
by Vice President, Cathie Kindler

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

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: January 12, 2010 8:00 PM EST.

PROCEEDINGS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of November Youth Committee Report
 - a. Report will be resubmitted.
2. Youth Scholarship winner
 - a. Need picture and Biography from Youth Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$ 44,621

Cash-Investment Account: 48,283

Cash-Memorials 6,795

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 99,699

FIXED ASSETS

Software 28,015

TOTAL ASSETS \$127,714

EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings \$127,714

Motion by Ken: Accept treasurer's Report.
Seconded by Bob:
Carried Unanimously

a. Tom provided monthly and an annual profit and loss statement .

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Julie Heggie resignation

a. Julie sent email to BOD on December 8, 2009 resigning her position on the BOD.

Motion by Ken: Accept Julie's Resignation as of December 8, 2009.
Seconded by Keith:
Carried

Motion by Ken: Appoint next person eligible for 6 and 1/2 months to fill Julies position on the BOD.

Seconded by Keith:
Carried

Motion by Bob: Elect Tom Parson's to the President's position.
Seconded by Ken
Carried

Motion by Trish: Elect Keith as the treasurer.
Seconded by Bob:

Roll call vote: Ken - yes, Keith - yes, Trish- yes, Cathie- yes,
Bob abstain.

carried

2. GN Task Force:

Sharron Carrier added to the Task Force.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

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We are currently involved with:

Ending the year in the ALSA Database. This involves having all shows recorded and accounted

for in the database. Once the final show has been entered we can turn the database to begin recording for 2010. This is a slow process to make sure that all members and animal receive their correct points and ultimately receive their certificates.

Processing 2010 memberships. This involves careful documentation into the ALSA Database and making sure that the Quickbook entries match with the same name as the member. During this process we also “clean-up” our members information by using new information that they have supplied to us when returning their membership renewal application, or in the case of a member having moved and we get that envelope back, we re-enter new addresses if supplied by the post office or do what we can to find members new information so we can forward to them. Most all of our members that have used the mail system used the addressed envelopes that we supplied to them., so far we have 9 members that have renewed that had not renewed since 2008. We are working to finish up all bills that need to be paid for 2009 before the end of December so we have an accurate accounting of moneys that have come in and are owed for 2009.

We realize that the board would like to see email blasts every two weeks. We are extremely busy but would be glad to post any notice that the board or committee would like to send if forwarded to the office.

The Membership committee has requested 5 years, by the month comparison of memberships. I have not had time to compile this information yet. All of the data can be accessed in Quick books. I do know that if they are looking for trends that the largest surge of membership renewals is in November and December then most members renew right before a show. I will get to that project when time permits, right now it is most important to deal with the database, memberships and upcoming shows which is taking up most of our time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg
ALSA Administrative Manager

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Mary Reed

BOD tabled report, need to send to Fiber Committee for review.

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Motion by Trish: To increase BOD in 2010 to 8. Therefore electing 2 members in the 2010 election.

Seconded by Bob:

Carried Unanimously

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

No Report

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

No Report

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

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

The Grand National Show was the best ever!!! The stalls were decorated beyond belief. Thank you for making this year fun & be sure in your ideas for Themes for next year. The Lincoln Event Center did a great job on the Dinner Buffet and of course the Martha White Band was the high light of the evening.

The Photo Contest was a success. Thank you Marilyn for a job well done. If you didn't get to the youth party, you really missed a lot of fun. The games & the fellowship were fantastic. This year was the first year for the National Youth Committee. The Committee gave each youth a sports bag when they check in. Thank you Youth Committee. The Youth worked very hard competing at the Skillathon. If you haven't stop by the Skillathon – next time you might want to stop by & take the test along with our youth.

Plans are for the 2010 Grand Nationals are now starting. Some of the things that are up for discussion, preparing a check list for our needs as we look at other locations. Also explaining how the scoring is done at Nationals, so it is easier for exhibitors to understand. A meeting is planned in January, 2010 at the Fort Worth Livestock show for the GN Committee. Another item on the agenda for next year is to make sure that the stall walls are cleaned before they are setup.

Prepared by Sharon Carrier for Malcolm Tallmon

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

The ALSA Judge Committee thanks the ALSA BOD for Approval of the basic new format for the APPROVAL for SENIOR JUDGE STATUS.

ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE - REPORT to the ALSA BOD - November 23, 2009

*The ALSA Judge Committee thanks the ALSA BOD for Approval of the basic new format for the APPROVAL for SENIOR JUDGE STATUS, and further submits these Revisions [**NOTED IN RED**] for review and APPROVAL.*

[L.] 2009 with minor REVISIONS for Change to the current ALSA Judge Program –

[A]. REQUIREMENTS for ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS [H,Y,P & FLEECE Requirements stated separately]

The JUDGE COMMITTEE, as Justification for the Suggested Major Revisions and Additions to the prior limited criteria approved in March 2009, and to the New Format approved in October 2009, re-states these Judge Certification Goals :

- 1. Maintain Integrity and high capability of ALSA Judges for exhibitor confidence.**
- 2. Assure capable judges are Qualified and provide Exhibitors/Owners with quality, accurate and professional evaluations, especially where economic value may be involved, such as in the unique ALSA Regional & Grand National Shows**
- 3. Assure that all Senior Judges have sufficient experience and training to handle all situations in a professional manner in public venues to maintain the prestigious image of the ALSA Organization and its programs**

NOTE: All committee members are judges and feel responsible for assuring the ALSA BOD , Superintendents, and the Owners/exhibitors that ALL JUDGES are trained, have experience and qualify to uphold the above stated Goals. Our combined years of experience provides each and all of us with solid decision-making ability to evaluate the individuals requesting this Advancement to the SENIOR STATUS as an ALSA Judge.

SUGGEST INSERTION TO HANDBOOK – Part. S. [Judges and Apprentices} to

Section 3. C. APPROVAL for SENIOR JUDGE STATUS – Halter, Youth, Performance, or Fleece

ALSA Judges must meet these GENERAL minimum requirements, since the most recent Certification, prior to making application for APPROVAL for ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS in Llama or Alpaca. Approval by both the Judge Committee and ALSA BOD will be based on, but not limited to, these general and specific items.

Part.S.Sec.3.C.1.The ALSA Level Judge (Llama or Alpaca) must have :

- a. Maintained current ALSA Level Judge Status in good standing for a minimum of 3 yrs
- b. A minimum of 3 positive Evaluations from Show Superintendents.
- c. Completed a current 3-year comprehensive CEC Report with Request to Advance
- d. Completed all preceding Annual Judge Reports since last Certification
- e. Successfully completed an **Advanced Judges Clinic, with a score of 90% or above**
- f. Extensive experience and knowledge to apply for a waiver of any requirements
- g. NO repeated Negative reviews or comments from Show Superintendents regarding any unprofessional behavior in individual's file.**

ALSA BOD- g was now acceptable.

Question where 90% came from, past was 85%. Please check.

C. 2. The ALSA Level HALTER, Youth, Performance Judge must have:

- a. Completed all C. 1. Requirements
- b. Judged a minimum of 7 ALSA Shows since the most recent Certification
 - c. Judged a minimum of 2 Full Halter \ Performance Shows with more than 85 Individual llamas\alpacas entered in Halter Classes
- d. Judged a minimum of 3 Full Shows with 55-85 Individual Entries in Halter and Performance Classes
- e. Judged 2 shows which included multiple entries in Youth Judging & Driving

C. 3. The ALSA Level LLAMA FLEECE Judge must have:

- a. Completed all C. 1. Requirements
- b. Completed an Advanced Llama Fleece or a Combination Alpaca\Llama FLEECE Training and Clinic with a Certification score of 90% or above
- c. Judged a minimum of 4 shows with a total of 100 or more Fleece Entries (Shorn and\or Walking Fleece) which include:
 - a minimum of 50 entries in Shorn, 30 entries in Walking Fleece for Llama
 - a minimum of 25 Suri, 25 Huacaya and 50 Walking Fleece for Alpaca

ALSA BOD- Question 90% , 85% was past score. Please Check.

NOTE: ALL Current SENIOR JUDGES for Halter, Youth, Performance and Fleece in both the Llama and Alpaca Divisions meet the above stated Criteria for Advancement.

II. NAMES of SENIOR JUDGES QUALIFIED for ALSA REGIONAL and NATIONAL SHOWS.

QUALIFICATIONS for ALSA REGIONAL and NATIONAL SHOW JUDGES

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APPROVED by the BOD – OCT. 2009

An ALSA Member and Judge in current good standing, with no repeated negative reviews, comments or reports from Show Superintendents 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.

II. (A) ALSA SENIOR JUDGES holding major positions with Policy-making Authority In Other Show Organizations

McDougall	Kauffman	Jensen	Morgan
Shellabarger	Myers	Miller(BOD and Committee)	--

II (B) . SENIOR JUDGE NAMES for REGIONAL \ NATIONAL Judge Consideration

HALTER - Baker, Davidson, Davis, Feick, Feiner, Fercho, Howard, Kindler, Moser, Yeagle

FLEECE – Fercho, King, Ruckman, Baker, Rutledge, Yeagle, Reed

ALPACA - Fercho, Reed, Stachowski, Yeagle

PERFORMANCE – Haumschild, Wally & Maryan Baker, Nenni, Forster, Nenni

SUGGEST Judges may be selected to judge **in different Categories** (i.e. Halter, Performance, Fleece) in one Regional AND in the Grand National in the same year.

ALSA BOD felt this was an Incomplete list, please resubmit with all names applicable. Separate for Regional from National.

[III.] SUGGESTED CHANGE to HALTER SHOW FORMAT

Justification for:

... increasing the number of entries balanced in the Classic , Light and Medium Wool

Divisions of Llama Halter Classes, allowing for Championship Classes

... increasing the consistency of appropriate phenotypic and fiber appearance of the entries

within each Division, creating a more equivalent evaluation

COMBINE CLASSIC \ LIGHT WOOL into one DIVISION .

[IV] . REQUEST for PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Judge's Committee has representatives for all aspects of the ALSA Show Program, and most are a member or chair of that respective committee. Unfortunately, I was unaware we had no direct link to the Performance Committee. I request that Mike Haumschild, the JC Rep for Performance, be appointed to the ALSA Performance Committee to act as our liaison for any rules and issues related to Performance. Thank You... Susan Tellez, JC Chair

ALSA BOD--Performance Committee considering this request presently. (IV)

[V.] REQUEST for APPROVAL ...

Recommendations from the Judge Committee for Certification of Judges recently completing the Combination Alpaca and Llama Fleece Clinic:

APPRENTICES who had completed all Llama Fleece Apprentice requirements:

Lisa Blidar - Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge – Alpaca Apprentice

Judy Ross . Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge – Alpaca Apprentice

CURRENT JUDGES:

Joy Bishop-Forshey . Re- Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge;

Certify as Level Alpaca Fleece Judge

with completion of final Apprenticeship 5 Dec. 2009

**Beth Myers - Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge -Restrict to 25 walking fleece-
upon completion of a Walking Fleece Apprentice at a Show**

Present Status: Senior Llama Halter, Youth, Performance

Level Alpaca Halter Judge; Alpaca Fleece Apprentice

Mary Jo Miller - Re-Certify as Senior LLAMA Fleece Judge – No Restrictions

Certify as Level Alpaca Fleece Judge – with completion of 1 Show Apprenticeship

Present Status: Senior Llama Halter, Youth, Performance Judge;

Senior Llama Fleece Judge, Level Alpaca Halter Judge; Alpaca Fleece Apprentice

Cindy Ruckman – ASST. INSTRUCTOR\ Clinic HOST

Re-certify as Senior LLAMA Fleece Judge – No Restrictions

**Certify as Level Alpaca Fleece Judge - with Waiver of 3rd Apprenticeship by
credit as recent Combined Alpaca\Llama Fleece Clinic Instructor and Host**

Present Status: Senior Llama Fleece Judge (10 yrs); Approved Fleece Instructor

Lavona Fercho – PRIMARY FLEECE CLINIC INSTRUCTOR

Re-Certify for Senior Llama Fleece Judge -

Re-Certify as Senior Alpaca Fleece Judge -

**Present Status: Senior Judge\Instructor – HALTER and FLEECE for LLAMA and
ALPACA**

**There are no additional Requests for Approval of Senior Status for Level Judges who have
completed all requirements and are prepared to handle the responsibilities and image of
a Senior ALSA Judge.**

ALSA BOD-

Motion by Cathie: to Approve above Judges from Alpaca and Llama Fleece Clinic (#V).

Seconded by Trish

Carried

Judge Committee Report Submitted 2 December 2009 ... Susan Tellez, Chair

ALSA BOD needs some parts resubmitted since not everyone had identical copies prior to meeting due to lack of electricity by HURRICANE IDA.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Jim Rutledge

The Committee sent an email to Youth Comm about the idea for Youth Membership retention and recruitment. There has not been a response yet.

The Membership Committee would request the BOD approve a "Youth Membership Recruitment and Retention" from the time period of Jan 1 to June 30th, 2010.

The committee would then bring back in June 2010 a new idea for an Adult Membership drive. This would include the idea of recruiting and offering free animal numbers that may or may not have a limit.

membership committee is requesting information from the office.

1. annual total membership numbers for the past 5 years
 - * Tom can give them 2 years easily. BOD thinks this will meet their needs.
2. breakdown of how many memberships are renewed in what month
3. how many lifetime members have been submitted annually for the past 5 years.
4. How many lifetime members bought animal numbers last year and of those that did buy numbers how many animal numbers did they buy?
5. What's the average amount of animal numbers the annual members buying?
6. How many annual members are not buying animal numbers at all?
7. Can we get a breakdown of youth numbers by region for the past couple of years?

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Carolyn Myers
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurry
No report

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
No Report

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Leigh Snyder

Having been approved as the Chairman of the Publications Committee, I would like to get some input/ideas on what you as the Board would like to see in Showring. It was my understanding that you were wanting to go with an email version.

So I have a few questions that I'd like to have some guidance on before I select the rest of

my committee. It is my intention to select 4 committee members from all over the U.S. in order to have someone 'responsible' for getting the 'scoop', show results, farm info, member info, etc. in that section of the llama country.

Name: What do you want to call this version.....'Showing E-Style'.....???????

Do you think we still need a paper/published version? I'm sure I can get it published locally for far less than what Able was doing it. Cheryl has told me that we are no longer under contract with them.

Advertising and rates: This can be much cheaper by doing the E version and with local publishing. Being here on the University of Illinois campus, I have resources to get quality printing jobs done reasonably. Also, can we include members ads for various animals, items, events, etc.

BOD would like to see cost for printing and sending 800 hard copies before making decision to go with E mail.

17. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

As the year comes to end, all of the regional results have been turn into the ALSA office. The expenditures & income also have been reported. The year has brought many different ideas on how to improve the different Regional Shows & to make them more profitable.

One idea that was tried this year & worked really well was to join a Regional Show with a Livestock show. A few minor problems arose, but were handled at the time. Also, this year we joined two different regions together, and that also worked really well.

My suggestion for next year, is to continue what we started this year, but add another change for next year. If possible, I would like for the BOD to consider combining The Buckeye & The Great Lake Regional into one region. This should help cut costs and should help on the class sizes, also.

Thank you.

*Sharon Carrier
Regional Chair*

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

No Report

19. Web site Committee/ Computer System (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

The team is working on their overall plan and a proposal to go before the BOD. The proposal is designed to outline what work is to be addressed and what deliverables are to be produced along with what commitments we will need from the BOD. We have our plan in a "draft" version now and we are refining it. Due to holidays, illnesses, storms, and various other issues, we have been delayed in getting this complete. We are currently targeting completion by the end of 2009. Any questions, please refer to me.

Thanks,
Steve K.

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. Letter re: election challenge

Tom will write letter with changes being implemented by ALSA.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Ken

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:44 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.

none