

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 8, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. EST.  
by President, Tom Parsons

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

President	Tom Parsons
V. President	Cathie Kindler
Secretary	Trish Brandt-Robuck
Treasurer	Absent

Board Members

Bob LaMorte
Ken Forster
Bill Feick

Office Manager-Cheryl Ryberg

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Motion to approve January minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Email voting procedures-

a. Ignoring or not voting for an email motion will be considered an abstention.

2 Add to Communications Flow Chart-

a. Letters, emails, etc. sent to the ALSA Board of Directors from members that include copies sent to other ALSA members and/or other interested parties will not be answered by the Board. The Board's position is that such letters are more of a public statement of a political position rather than an inquiry of the Board.

b. Cheryl will add this to the web site.

3. Sharing of Board Decisions

a. If a committee needs to know information from BOD meeting before minutes are posted, then liaison needs to ask BOD permission.

4. Continuation of buy 3 ALSA numbers get one free program.

Motion by Trish: Continue offer until April 15, 2010.

2nd by Ken.

Carried Unanimously

5. Let Show Superintendents decide on classes for their shows. Do away with Level I, II, and III, since they have predetermined class requirements.

a. Send to Show Committee via liaison.

6. Use of ALSA numbers for Show entries.

a. Send to Policy and Planning via liaison.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$ 25,848

Cash-Investment Account: 88,409

Cash-Memorials 5,311

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 119,568

FIXED ASSETS

Software 28,015

TOTAL ASSETS \$147,583

EQUITY

Retained Earnings \$147,583

a. The monthly profit and loss statement was provided and a comparison with last year. .

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

This has been a busy month working with new shows, getting insurance policies, organizing and publishing to website Youth Top Ten Awards.

The Alpaca Youth Top Ten will be up later this week.

We have worked on a spread sheet for supers to enter their show results and email them rather than snail mail.

We have sent the President's message by email blast and have organized another email blast to announce our new shows.

Additionally we have negotiated with Comcast for a package to

combine our phone/fax lines, cable for a one year contract which should save around \$1,200 per year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Ryberg  
Administrative Manager

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed  
No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report – February 8, 2010

The Petition to Nominate Form for the 2010 General Election has been approved by the ALSA Board. The Petition is now posted on the ALSA Website. The Committee appreciates e-mail blasts to the membership reminding all members to participate in the upcoming election process. Members of the Committee are Jerry Dunn and Sherry Adamcyk. All members have paid their dues and are members in good standing.

As of this writing, no Petitions to Nominate have been received.

Regards,

Lougene A Baird

Chair, Election Committee

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Bill )

Chair: Margaret Henry  
Email vote  
Carried Unanimously

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

Date: February 2, 2010

1.Fiber characteristics should be taught in order to properly place llamas into their Halter classes. We do not believe that Walking Fleece evaluation should be a required portion of Sr. Halter Judges training.

Motion by Cathie: In order to judge fleece, a judge needs to go through the ALSA Fleece Judging Program.

2nd Bill

Carried

2. Our Committee is in agreement with the Judges Committee regarding the format of ALSA Fleece Clinics.

BOD: Combine Llama/Alpaca Fleece instructional clinics.

3. New Business

We recommend the following change in the ALSA Handbook: Page 21. D, Section 1, J, 8: Eliminate "Alpaca Fiber Show". Classes listed only Llama Fleece Classes

BOD- Can not find the above (3), please check.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Ruckman~

ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Chair

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

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

Budget for 2010 sent to each BOD member.

Motion by Cathie: Accept 2010 Budget

2nd by Ken

Carried Unanimously

I have audited the recording of membership dues received by the office for the period September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. The cash receipts (both checks and credit card) were compared to a newly created paid membership listing created from the data base. In all cases the records were in agreement.

Based on the results of this activity I am of the opinion that the record keeping changes that were made earlier in 2009 are functioning properly and membership lists generated from the data base can be relied upon to provide accurate information.

Tom Parsons

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

Motion by Trish: Accept Committee recommendations for GN Judges.

2nd by Ken

Carried Unanimously

2. Budget for Nationals give to BOD for review and comment.

Motion by Trish: Accept Grand Nationals Budget

2nd by Cathie

Carried Unanimously

3. Venue for Nationals discussed

Motion by Ken: Accept dates October 29, 30,31 2010

for 2010 Grand Nationals at Lincoln, Nebraska.

2nd by Bill

Carried Unanimously

4. Discussion regarding having an auction at Grand Nationals.

Motion by BOB: To have Grand Nationals Auction of Champions in 2011.

Details worked out by Policy and Planning.

2nd by Trish

Roll call: Cathie-no, Trish-yes, Bob-yes, Ken-yes, Bill-no.

Carried

#### 7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

Need to Correct handbook error.

Page 74 Part M; Section 7- A-1

1. Minimum width 30" for Youth; Open and Novice divisions.

Page 116 Part Q; Section 9-B-6

6. All the Obstacle rules and guidelines listed in Section M. 7 apply to Youth Obstacle classes.

A. I don't believe I will not be able to complete handbook changes as indicated in below message time frame. There are still many unanswered questions regarding updates as I have indicated in previous messages to the board. I also have to go through the entire handbook and review/reconfigure because changes can create different alignments to part, section and page setups. I won't begin this final editing process until all changes have been included in the handbook. In addition, I have been waiting for any handbook changes approved from last month's board meeting, yet there are no posted meeting minutes on the website from that meeting.

Let me know.

Wally Baker

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

1. List of Judges sent, those who have paid dues, and those who have not.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Jim Rutledge

No Report

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Bill )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

11. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurrey

No Report

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

Chair: Debra Perry

No report

13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

No report

14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman

add to committee

Tammie anders

No Report

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Leigh Snyder

DATE: February 8th, 2010

RE: SHOWRING

I have submitted thru Ken Forster 3 bids for a paper publication of **Showring**, 2 in magazine format, and the 3rd in newsprint format.

I strongly urge the Board to accept and approve the last – newsprint – quote. From what I have received in emails, the membership wants something tangible – they can hold it in their hands, refer back to it, give it to new llama/alpaca owners with a sale, see themselves in print, something they can run ads in.

I just do not feel and E-Blast version will fly. Some members still do not have computers let alone email accessibility. An E-Blast could very well jam/fill up a member's mailbox and,

let me assure you, that doesn't make a person happy to receive a little message that 'your mailbox is over its limit' regardless of what email caused it!

I have already received show results, Grand National results, a farm to be showcased, and lots of encouraging emails and offers of help. We have enough to go with this type of publication and I feel our membership deserves it. It is included with our membership fees and we haven't gotten them on a regular basis for quite some time. I am trying to get everything together so that I can get the 'my' first edition out the first weekend in March – January/February Edition. I am going for the layout training this Saturday (weather permitting).

Motion by Ken: Accept bid for newsprint copy of Showing

2nd by Cathie:

Carried

16. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

No Report

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

No Report

18. System Program for ALSA (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

No Report

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair Steve Katzakian

Joy Pedroni Webmistress

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

Motion by Ken: ALSA must be added to the name as stated in January 12, 2010 minutes, and the ALSA National Youth Lama Association Mission Statement needs to go back to Youth Committee to be reworded as an ALSA Youth association.

2nd by Trish

Carried Unanimously

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

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

1. Letter re:from Wally Baker, inserted into Handbook report.

Motion to adjourn by Trish

Seconded by Cathie

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:58 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

**EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:**

BOD policy:

1. email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.
  2. Ignoring or not voting for an email motion will be considered an abstention.  
From Dec 2009.
    - a. Allow 72 hours for BOD approval unless circumstances dictate immediate action, and shorter approval.
    - b. And 48 hours on business days to approve email blasts.
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1. Motion by Bill: to approve Margret Henry as Chair of Ethics  
2nd by Ken  
Carried
  2. Motion by Keith: to approve Cheryl Juntilla as Regionals Chair.  
2nd by Trish  
Carried