

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 12,2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. EST.  
by President, Tom Parsons

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

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

Board Members

Bob LaMorte  
Ken Forster  
Bill Feick

Office Manager-Cheryl Ryberg

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

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Motion by email to approve minutes December minutes.

Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Youth committee report: See Youth committee, since this a continuation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$18,780

Cash-Investment Account: 88,338

Cash-Memorials 6,803

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 113,861

FIXED ASSETS

Software 28,015

TOTAL ASSETS \$141,876

EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings \$141,876

- a. The monthly profit and loss statement was provided and a year end report.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

The office is busy getting membership cards out to renewing and new members and working with superintendents that are getting ready to sanction 2010 shows. We will be printing final awards for 2010 and will post 2010 awardees onto the website. Letters to supers will be going out shortly to thank them for their support in 2009 and with the 2010 Show Sanctioning Application.

We are also working on 1099 forms as well as a comprehensive spread sheet for 2009 and 2010 which will include all shows and what is received/owed, show dates and so on.

The "Buy 3 Get One FREE" Recording Number offer is taking off. Mostly by word of mouth, I would encourage directors to tell their friends, we can extend the offer to pick up 2009 points through the end of February. If members do not have 4 animals to record, they may still purchase the numbers and supply the animal information later.

The email blasts have been warmly received by the memberships as noted by several encouraging comments to the office. I hope that the committees take advantage of this to inform members of the positive and creative work being done for 2010.

COMMITTEES CAN ALSO SEND IN EMAIL BLASTS

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Ryberg  
ALSA Office Administrative Manager

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report – January 3, 2010

The Petition to Nominate Form for the 2010 General Election has been submitted to the ALSA Board for approval and posting to the ALSA Website. The Election Committee is requesting an e-mail blast be sent to the membership announcing the beginning of this year's petitioning process. The EC will be available to work with the manager of the website to help with that

task.

BOD-Motion by Ken: Accept Election 2010 new Petition .

2nd by Trish

Carried Unanimously

### **Two Directors will be elected**

Regional positions open

Buckeye - 1 open, Central – 1 open , Northwestern – 2 open , Great Lakes – NONE

Eastern – 2 open , Rocky Mountain – 2 open , Southeastern – 1 open , Southwestern – 1 open

Cheryl will do a website change with the new form for election.

### 3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Bill )

Chair:

### 4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

January 5, 2010

The ALSA Llama Fleece Committee will begin the New Year by evaluating the progress made in 2009, completing unfinished business and working with the appropriate committees to create consistent criteria for all Level and Senior ALSA Fleece Judges. The ALSA BOD can expect a complete list of these items and the progress that has been made in our February Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ruckman,

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

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

### 6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

Meeting will take place at Fort Worth show.

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

Chair: Wally Baker

All handbook changes indicated in ALSA Board Meeting minutes through the October 22, 2009 meeting have been reviewed. I am currently going through the last few Board Meetings for any additional handbook updates.

Unfortunately, some recommendations are not specified by handbook Part and Section number. Other handbook consideration changes submitted by

committees are approved in part or sent back to committee for further information or clarification, which creates some uncertainty as to their final status.

To help Handbook Committee facilitate its responsibilities in a most efficient and precise manner, it would be most helpful if, as rule book changes are finalized by the board, the board secretary could submit changes, with appropriate Part and Section number to Handbook committee. This process would facilitate handbook documentation and minimize any oversights as well as preclude handbook misinterpretation. The membership will also be able to review changes in final format in subsequent meeting minutes prior to being posted in the handbook.

I will be in touch with Handbook Committee Board liaison regarding handbook questions.

Wally Baker

BOD: Trish will work with Wally.

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

**ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE REPORT to BOD**

**JANUARY 2010**

**(I). JUDGE CLINICS – for 2010**

Clinics to be held .....

A. EAST - 1. Fleece (Alpaca & Llama) + Alpaca Halter .... FALL 2010

2. Llama Halter .... SPRING 2010

B. WEST - MAY 2010 ..... Fleece and Halter may be combined in Location to decrease Travel costs for Instructors

Number of Judges to Recertify in 2010 ... West (12), Central (4), East (12) = 28  
Apprentices to Certify = 5-7 ....

Probable Dates for 2010 Clinics ..... **April, May, September 2010** .....

We will attempt to utilize Judge/ Instructors who can recertify and thereby reduce costs, but not all are qualified Instructors. We are trying to coordinate activities to minimize expenses.

**(II). CERTIFICATION of JUDGES & APPRENTICES .....** The ALSA Judges Training and Certification Materials for Judges Clinics have maintained (for approx. the past 10 yrs.) the following successful minimum completion criteria for approval as:

Apprentice – 75% ; Level Judge (Halter and Fiber) – 85%; Senior or Instructor - 90%.

Motion by Cathie: ACCEPT (II) AS WRITTEN BY COMMITTEE  
for CERTIFICATION OF JUDGES AND APPRENTICES.

2nd by Bill

Roll call: Ken-No, Trish-No, Cathie-yes, Bill-yes, Bob-No, Keith-yes

tie vote: President votes yes

carries

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Jim Rutledge  
No Report

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Bill )

Chair: Carolyn Myers  
January Nomination BOD Report

I will be starting a big show season shortly. Beginning with the Fort Worth Stock Show. Therefore, will be seeing a lot of llama people to find about people running. Most of the people don't let it be known that they want to run until a month or two before the election. It is definitely a process that starts the closer to election time.

Already have one nominee who emailed his intention. There will probably be more nominees popping up the latter part of February and first of March.

I will be check with people who would know of someone who would like to run.  
Carolyn

11. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurrey  
January 2010 Performance Committee Report

1. The committee recommends that the pannier weight requirement for llamas and alpacas be removed. Panniers, however, must be fully filled out (filled out being defined as filled to the extent that there is no lax pannier material, representative of a pannier packed for an extended pack trip). All llamas 36 months or older must continue to be outfitted with a full pack system, consisting of saddle and two removable panniers.

Motion by Cathie: Total weight for packs will be 20 pounds.

2nd by Bob

ROLL CALL; Cathie-yes, Trish-yes, Keith-yes, Bob-yes, Ken-yes, Bill -yes.

Carried Unanimously

2. The committee recommends the approval of the Grand National Performance Criteria as previously written for the 2009 GN .

Motion by Trish : ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA DEVELOPED FOR GRAND NATIONALS, AND INCORPORATE THIS IN THE HANDBOOK.

2nd by Ken

Carried Unanimously

## **SHOW PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:**

### **\*Novice Performance Division**

**Once an animal has won 4 ALSA Performance Grand Champions or 3 ALSA Performance Grand Champions and 2 ALSA Reserve Grand Champions in Novice or Open Divisions, the animal will achieve the ALSA award of ALSA Novice Performance Grand Champion. That animal must now move into Advanced Performance classes.**

### **\*Advanced Performance Division**

**Open to all ALSA Performance Grand Champion animals, or those who chose to skip Novice and go straight to Advance Performance.**

**Once an animal has won \*\*4 ALSA Performance Champions or 3 \*\*ALSA Performance Championships and \*\*2 ALSA Reserve Performance Championships in Advanced or Open Performance Classes, the animal will be awarded ALSA Advanced Performance Champion. However, this animal has the choice of moving to \*Masters Performance Division or continuing in Advanced Performance Division until a maximum of 6 ALSA Performance Grand Championships have been achieved. This option is to satisfy the requirement for the Elite Champion Award (6 ALSA Performance Grand Championships, along with other requirements).**

### **\*Masters Performance Division**

**This is for all animals that have completed the requirements for an ALSA Advanced Performance Champion as described above.**

\* It should be noted that reference to Novice Performance Champion, Advanced Performance Champion and Master Performance Champion, these are newly established awards that are currently being finalized to replace existing Performance awards in the next edition of the ALSA Handbook.

\*\* ALSA Performance Grand Champion and ALSA Performance Reserve Grand Champion: Animals that have won an ALSA Grand Championship or ALSA Reserve Grand championship at an ALSA sanctioned show with a minimum of 8 entries in Obstacle Class. Effective 1-1-2009, animals must compete in all three performance classes in the division in order to be awarded ALSA Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion.

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

**Chair: Debra Perry**

Motion by Bob: to accept Debra Perry as Chair  
2nd by Trish  
carried unanimously

13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Keith will do some Marketing with Cheryl doing email blasts.

14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman  
No Report

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Leigh Snyder  
add to committee Harvey Poole and Michele Kutzler  
Committee is receiving quotes for printing hard copy.

16. Regionals Committee:

I am going to have to resign from the Chair. I will help anyone that takes the position & do what I can in the future.

We might have to go back to SW Regional & NW Regional or just Western Regional. I haven't studied the locations as of yet, I know that there is quite a few people in California that want to show in the Regionals, but Fernley is too far to drive.

Sharon

\*The ALSA BOD would like to thank Sharron for a job well done as Chair of the Regionals Committee. ALSA is not losing her, just moving her. Sharron's extensive knowledge and valuable time will continue to be utilized in the Grand National Committee.

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

The committee would like to recommend to the board that the rule for the number of llamas in the division to qualify Grands and Res. Champions for ALSA Halter and Performance Championship awards be changed from 8 in the division to 6 in the division. At the present time members are getting there ROM points but are having a hard time getting there halter champions to count because most shows are smaller and don't always have 8 in the division.

Motion by Trish: Accept committee recommendations for

Division number reduction in Halter and Performance.  
This rule will apply as of January 1, 2010.

2nd by Ken.

Roll call vote:Cathie-No,Trish-yes, Bob-yes,Keith-No, Ken-yes,Bill-No  
Tie vote, President votes -yes  
Motion Carries.

Motion by Ken:Accept new Point Chart as of Jan. 1, 2010.  
2nd by Bob.

Roll call vote:Ken-yes,Keith-No, Bill-No, Bob-yes,Trish-yes, Cathie-No  
Tie vote, President votes-yes  
Motion Carries

ALSA POINT CHART

# of entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2	1									
3 to 4	2	1								
5	3	2	1							
6	4	3	2	1						
7	5	4	3	2	1					
8 to 15	6	5	4	3	2	1				
16 to 23	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
24 to 31	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
32 to 39	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
40 and over	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1



18. System Program for ALSA (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

The ALSA Computer System committee has been working on draft plan to identify the appropriate needs of ALSA. The high level plan is attached. We are asking for the ALSA BOD to take “ownership” of this project. This is the only way it will be successful. We will provide all of the information along with the decision points and ask the BOD to make the “business” decisions. Our committee will make the “technical” decisions. Please review the plan and feel free to call on us to elaborate anything in the plan. Our approach is to be very systematic in our process and keep the BOD informed at each step of the way.

Respectfully Submitted:

ALSA Computer System Committee

Stephen Katzakian, Chair

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

The office will no longer be doing the web site, it will need a new person as the WEB MASTER.

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

Resubmitted January 12, 2010

The Youth Committee members have reviewed and discussed the items below that were previously submitted to the ALSA BOD. The committee’s recommendations are stated below to be included in the 2010 ALSA show system.

Item 1. Elite Youth Award

Committee resubmits this item keeping requirements at six first places for each youth class.

H. Elite Youth Award –

Qualifying - Youth who have demonstrated outstanding achievement above the Ultimate Youth Award may qualify for the Elite Youth Award by winning at least 6 first places in all Youth classes.

Motion by Trish: Eliminate the Elite Youth Award, never implemented.

2nd by Cathie:

Roll call vote: Trish-yes, Cathie-yes, Bob-No, Ken-No, Bill-yes  
carries

Item 2. Ultimate Youth Award – p. 121 Section 14-D

Motion by Ken- to accept Ultimate Youth Award as top youth Award with the rules as printed in the present handbook.

2nd by Cathie

Carried Unanimously

Item 3. Annual ALSA Youth High Point Award –  
Committee resubmits this item as requested:

The committee would like to award an annual Senior Youth High Point Award, Intermediate Youth High Point Award, and a Junior Youth High Point Award.

Motion by Trish: Not to accept item 3 the Youth High Point Award. It rewards areas with many shows and hurts areas with fewer shows.

2nd by bill

Carried Unanimously

Item 4. In minutes of December 9, 2008 is the awarding of the Top Ten Regional Awards for youth only.

Committee has reviewed and resubmits this item as requested. This committee is in favor of these youth awards for each Region and feels that it will increase excitement and Regional Show attendance. Realizing the complications with the previous approved time frame, we suggest that the points for this award be accumulated from shows held between January 1 to September 15. Awards would then be awarded to youth at each annual Regional Show. Committee feels that award should be awarded during the same year in order to be effective and appreciated.

Motion by Trish: rescind item 4, no time to put this in place before Regionals.

2nd by Bob

Carried

Item 5. In 2008 the BOD approved the National Lama Youth Association and 2009 membership cards included the name of this association.

2nd by Cathie

Carried Unanimously

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

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

1. Letter re-NONE

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Keith

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:57 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.

1.NONE