

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
July 20,2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:09 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
 Allen Davis
 Staci Forshee

Office Manager-Cheryl Ryberg

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, August 10,2010 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

* signifies a change to Handbook needed by that committee.

PROCEEDINGS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Officers

 Motion by Keith: Nominate Cathie Kindler for President

 2nd by Bob:

 Discussion: Declines nomination

 Motion by Trish: Nominate Ken Forster for President

 2nd by Keith

 Carried Unanimously

 (Bob left meeting)

 Ken now presiding;

 Motion to have Cathie continue as Vice President

 2nd by Allen Davis

 carried Unanimously

 Motion by Trish: Nominate Tom Parsons for treasurer.

 2nd by Cathie

 carried Unanimously

 Motion by Cathie to have Trish remain as Secretary.

2nd by Tom
carried Unanimously

2. Review of Committee Liaisons

The following committees will have the new liaison name.

3. FFA Conference request for funds of \$800 up from last year.

When funds are requested the ALSA Procedure is *(minutes May 2008)* A statement of complete budget for an event must be presented along with all future financial requests.

Motion by Allen: Not send monies, since no accounting of past donations or budget for new request.

2nd by Tom

Discussion: How were monies used in the past, how much spent in the past.

carried

4. IMLF Mini Llamas standards and information from Father Ryan.

BOD- Send to Policy and Planning.

5. OPG would like \$1,500 to reopen our ALSA information.

Motion by Trish: Not to open OPG and terminate any further expenses.

2nd by Keith

Discussion: We have already spent \$28,000 for a program that no one will use, since it is too difficult, cumbersome and does not work.

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2010

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$ 18,958

Cash-Investment Account: 92,047

Cash-Memorials 5,463

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 116,468

FIXED ASSETS

Software 28,015

TOTAL ASSETS \$144,483

EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings \$144,483

- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

The Quickbooks issue is being resolved with a company that is subcontracted by Intuit, (Quickbooks), They will provide a free copy of 2010 Quickbooks to upgrade and we will sign a 6 month contract for internet credit card services, guaranteed to be less expensive than the company that we are currently using.

By using their internet service the credit card data goes immediately into Quickbooks and does not have to be copied or entered again. This is a very nice win win for ALSA. They are also going to work with us on a program of referrals. I do not have the details on that yet.

Contracts have been mailed for this years Regional and National Judges. An addition has been made to all contracts that the judges must sign an IRS Form W-4 and the W-4 form has been provided to them with their contracts.

All Regional and National Certificates of Insurance have been requested. We have again saved over \$4,000 on our liability insurance costs as well as continue to have the capability to offer ALSA Sanctioned, stand alone shows, FREE Liability Insurance.

Last Friday, we put together an "Event" for the ALSA Grand National on Facebook. At this point we have 30 members that have confirmed that they will be attending and 33 that have said "Maybe".

Work on the Regional Packets has begun and we have only 3 shows at this point to post to the website which should be up by this weekend.

I do not have a report from Grant as he is on vacation but he has been working on the issues previously submitted to the board.

All requests for website updates have been completed.

1. Camelid Community Conference in Kansas in August.
 - a. prefer to go to GALA conference in November
 - b. Gala has invited Sherry Lynch to discuss fiber, Cheryl to discuss showing, and Cathie.

Motion: by Tom: Attend GALA conference, and ALSA will pay for Travel

and room for all 3 members.

2nd by Allen:

Discussion: The Camelid Conference was in the budget, so those funds can be used for the GALA event.

Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Stacie)
Chair:
No Report
2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Lougene Baird
No Report
3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair:
No Report
4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair:
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

July, 2010 Grand National Report

The Grand National committee is in full swing & have great plans for our National show.

1. Since this is Halloween weekend, we will be having a costume contest. There will be no entry fee nor premiums for this class, the committee has a sponsor for special awards for this class.
2. Another new thing to National this year is the Versiality Jackpot class. LANA is sponsoring this class. LANA will be scoring and handling all

entries for this class. The entry fees will be sent to LANA & LANA will pay all premiums from monies collected.

3. The committee has discussed changing the scoring program. After much discussion, we think that we should use the program that Dan Milton uses at Celebrity Show. We have talked with Dan about using the program, and is willing to show us how to use the program. The scoring program works as follows:
 - a. If the judges score an animal 1, 2 & 3, the 3 will be tossed and the score 1 & 2 will be used.
 - b. If an animal is placed 5, 14 & 15, 5 will be tossed out, 14 & 15 will be used to score the animal.

We believe by using this scoring method, it would easier for the exhibitors to understand.

Motion by Tom: Accept the 3 judge format used by Celebrity for the 2010 Nationals.

2nd by Cathie:

Discussion: See if members prefer this system, to the system used in 2009 which is complicated to understand .

carried

4. The Grand National committee has signed the Yikes Band from Hasting, NE.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

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

2 members requesting chair Trish and Cathie

Roll call vote: Cathie-Cathie, Keith-Cathie, Allen-Cathie, Trish-Trish, Staci-Cathie, Tom-Cathie

Chair: Doug Overman

Motion by Cathie to have Doug Overman be the new chair.

2nd by Allen

carried

ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE

BOD REPORT

JULY 2010

ITEMS for REVIEW and APPROVAL ...

POLICY & Procedure for Implementing Judge Certification Requirements:

REQUIREMENT – Achievement Level - Apprentice (75%), LEVEL (85%), SENIOR (90%)

Approved: Judges will be Certified at the Level of Achievement attained at a Judge Clinic,

regardless of Prior Judge Status or designated Level.

PROPOSAL: ALSA will provide, through the Judge Committee, support for a Mentor to supervise current Judges under Probationary Status, for completion of future Contract Show Judging Assignments. Expenses for this support to be included under this support.

* Motion by Cathie: To accept mentor program with expenses to be pre-approved by the BOD.

2nd by Tom

Roll call vote: Tom-Yes, Cathie-Yes Keith-yes, Allen -yes, Staci-yes, Trish - No carried

.REQUEST BOD APPROVAL ... for above Recommendation to Judges Program as a supplement to the Clinic Certification.

Justification: New Certification Achievement % Levels may not be adequately met during the Advanced Clinic completion, and Individual Judges, with future Judging Contracts, may require the Supervision and Mentoring through Judge Committee Members, or approved Senior Experienced Judges, to complete those assignments with Fairness and Accuracy considerations for Show management and Exhibitors.

SUGGESTIONS

Judge Committee Goals and Visions:

2010 SHORT TERM GOALS ACCOMPLISHED -

Approved - JUDGE CERTIFICATION CRITERIA – to provide Fair Unbiased Criteria with Integrity and Respect for the ALSA Organization, the ALSA Judge Program, Exhibitors and Owners.

Approved - 2 JUDGE CERTIFICATION CLINICS – to meet the requirement for all Individual Judges to Certify their Judging License every 3 years, or to fulfill first-time Apprentice Judge Certification.

2010- Oregon Llama Judge Clinic completed; 9 Judges – Evaluated \ Re-Certified

... 1 -Limited (25) Alpaca; 1 Fleece Apprentice

2010 - Colorado Llama Judge Clinic – APPROVED and SCHEDULED for SEPT. 1-4,2010

– Potential 9-12 Judges to Recertify; Limited Alpaca Session is offered

BOD approved Instructors for Colorado Clinic Sept 2010, as Barb Harris and Susan Tellez . Cathie will be an observer.

Development, Implementation and review of an **updated JUDGE CLINIC FORMAT** and Materials to meet the demand for evaluation of Judges under current requirements for the License of ALSA SENIOR or LEVEL JUDGE. This includes all activities stated in the ALSA HANDBOOK for Halter, Youth, Performance, Alpaca and Fleece Judges. The completed activities at the MAY 2010 Clinic were well received as more interactive for all Judges Re-Certifying their Licenses.

2011 CLINICS ...

***REQUEST APPROVAL NOW – INDIANA Llama Judge Clinic Scheduled-March 25-27, 2011**

... Potential 13-18 Judges to Re-Certify; Clinic Hosted by Glenn and Margo Unzicker

Motion by Tom: Approve clinic date and place for March 2011.

2nd by Cathie:
carried

**** ALPACA & FLEECE CLINIC Dates TBA** - 9 Fleece Judges to Recertify; 6 Judges\4 Apprentices to Certify Alp

SEPARATE CLINICS for ALPACA HALTER and ALPACA FLEECE will be scheduled for Spring 2011

REQUEST from CA ... ALSA FLEECE and LLAMA JUDGE CLINIC .. Rick and Mary Adams

DATE to be Arranged for Spring 2011

2011 LONG TERM GOALS .

Judge Clinics - Halter, Alpaca, Fleece for JUDGE Certification

GOAL: PROVIDE Minimum of 2 Halter Judge Clinics, 1 Fleece, 1 Alpaca per year to include

Owner Education, Beginner and Advanced Judge Certification

.* REQUEST CONSIDERATION For increase in JUDGE CLINIC FEES to \$300.00 per person to offset the increase in Instructor Expenses for Travel and Lodging in preset economy. There has been no increase for

more than 5 years.

Motion by Cathie: To increase fees to \$300 in 2011.

2nd by Allen:

Roll call vote: Stacie=yes, Allen=yes, Keith=yes, Trish-No, Cathie=yes Tom yes carried

REQUEST CONSIDERATION for PROPOSAL: To Certify Judges for each Specific (requested) Category of Judging i.e. Halter ONLY, Performance & Youth ONLY, or the current combined H, Y, P Category.

* Motion by Keith: Certify judges for specific categories, Halter only, Performance only, and Youth only, or combined H,Y,P category.

2nd Trish

Discussion: Some judges only want to judge specific categories, and do not care or want to judge other areas. Present system does not allow for judging classes that judge is not interested in.
carried

Provide Owner \ Judge Education Opportunities and Instruction –

2 Beginner & Owner Education Clinics - Halter and Fleece in Planning INDIANA\MICHIGAN Area (Hunzicker\Minto) and California

(Adams) March 2011

Offer Owner Education Opportunities to Regional Organization

Michigan Llama\Alpaca Breeders

CAL-ILA Llama\Fleece Interests REPLACE Canceled 2009 Clinic

Encourage the enhancement of ALSA membership and increase the frequency of ALSA Shows and attendance with FAIR , RESPECTFUL and POSITIVE Judging Evaluations and Professional Judge Demeanor.

Maintain and Promote the ALSA Image with Integrity of Judges and Respect for OWNERS and Exhibitors through the ALSA Judge Program and activities.

JUDGE CERTIFICATIONS - following completion of the MAY 2010 OREGON ADVANCED LALMA JUDGE CLINIC

The Oregon Clinic was held for 9 Judges, all for Re-Certification . We included 17 **Halter** Classes covering all Wool Divisions (with 2 special classes to Identify each division), 10 **Classes** for Notes on Terminology and Conformation and Oral Reasons; Non-Breeders and Groups; Showmanship Discussions and Driving Demos, plus all Performance Classes; we required each judge to organize and manage a class, either for Youth, Open or Youth Judging. We had discussions on the importance of the Youth Judging program.

SCORING was done according to the ALSA Judge Program Clinic & Certification

criteria, which included 40% Halter & Notes , 30% General Knowledge [Terminology, Conformation & Anatomy Traits Identification, Organization, attitude, Participation and Class Management], 30% Performance of the 2550 Total Points. No Oral reasons scores were counted, and the lowest Halter scores were excluded, at the request of the judges who had not attended a recent clinic, and had not presented Oral Reasons for 3 years, due to the past Rule not allowing Oral reasons in Double Judge shows.

THANKS to the BOD for amending that Rule at the request of these judges and the Judge Committee. The change will be appreciated by all Exhibitors, and now off opportunity for Judges to present Oral Reasons.

Certification for Limited Alpaca (25 or Under Shorn Alpacas) was completed for Type and Conformation as agreed by the Alpaca Committee) on 2 Classes each of Huacaya and Suri Alpacas on Farm Locations **Only x** completed this with satisfactory achievement. y attended unsatisfactorily; z did not attend Alpaca portion. a attended satisfactorily !

Certification for FLEECE Apprentice ... (awaits final confirmation from Fleece Committee) was **completed only x and y Overall-**Incomplete, only wants Llama Walking Fleece*** . Two other Judges did not show up and other attendees were owner\exhibitors. y did not attend the Alpaca portion for handling and Alpaca Walking Fleece.

The Session for Certification for Judging the Limited Alpacas was requested by 4 Judges, attended by 3, and successfully completed by 2 Judges -

. REQUEST APPROVAL for Certification of Limited (25) Shorn Alpaca for a and b.***

Motion by Tom: Approve Judges committee recommendations of Jan Gordon and Cathie Kindler.

2nd by Keith

Discussion: Comments regarding attendance and participation.

Roll call vote: Allen=yes, Tom=yes, Trish- No , Staci=yes, Keith=yes, Cathie-abstain

The Fleece Clinic was requested by 3 Judges, attended by 2 and successfully completed by only 1 Judge, **JAN GORDON, for Approval as an ALSA FLEECE APPRENTICE**

. *REQUEST APPROVAL for JAN GORDAN as a FLEECE APPRENTICE*

* Motion by Cathie: to accept Jan Gordon as Fleece apprentice.

2nd by Allen:

carried Unanimously

BOD-Check with Fiber committee for clarification on reasoning for Llama and Alpaca Fiber Judging certification to be in one combined group. Certifications for individual and/or combined?

ADVANCED LLAMA CLINIC CERTIFICATIONS:

A.

RECOMMEND: Deny Certification as LEVEL Judge, or Approve on a Probationary Condition ONLY ... with following requirements:
MUST APPRENTICE 1 SHOW with Committee Approved Judge and MUST ATTEND and successfully (85%) complete a Llama Judge Clinic in 2010 or 2011, before being Re-Certified as a LEVEL Judge for H, Y, P
May not accept future Judging assignments until these requirements are successfully completed

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B.

RECOMMEND: Approve Mentor with 2010 Judging assignments (CA and GA); LEVEL Judge (Probationary)
MUST Attend and successfully (85%) complete a 2010 or 2011 Llama Judge Clinic to Re-certify as Level Judge for H.Y.P., and MAY NOT accept future 2011 Judging assignments until successful Clinic completion

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C. -

RECOMMEND: SENIOR JUDGE status for H,Y,P

D-

RECOMMEND: LEVEL JUDGE Status for H,Y,P,

E.

RECOMMEND: Approve Mentor with future Assignments; LEVEL Judge Status – (Probationary)
MUST Attend and successfully (85%) complete a 2010 or 2011 Llama Judge Clinic to Re-certify as Level Judge for H.Y.P., and MAY NOT accept future 2011 Judging assignments until successful Clinic completion

F-

RECOMMEND: SENIOR PERFORMANCE; LEVEL Halter;

G -

RECOMMEND: SENIOR JUDGE – H,Y,P,

H-

RECOMMEND: SENIOR JUDGE – H.Y.P.

I -

RECOMMEND: LEVEL JUDGE – H,Y,P

J - Did not attend clinic, based on completed CEC reports with extensive Performance Judging

RECOMMEND: SENIOR PERFORMANCE ONLY

* Motion by Cathie: Accept Judges Committees recommendations for all 10 candidates, with 7 passing and 3 on probabation.

2nd by Tom:

Roll call vote: Cathie-yes, Trish-No, Tom -yes, Keith-yes, Allen-yes, Stacie-yes

K – - based on Instructor accomplishments and extensive Senior Judging Experience RECOMMEND: SENIOR JUDGE – H, Y, P

*Motion by Keith: Approve Cathie as Senior Judge

2nd by Tom

Discussion: No rule stating instructors automatically get passed.

Roll call vote: Keith-yes, Allen-yes Stacie-yes, Tom-yes, Cathie-abstain

Trish-No

L – based on Instructor accomplishments , extensive experience and Knowledge RECOMMEND: CERTIFICATION - SENIOR LLAMA JUDGE

INSTRUCTOR

CERTIFICATION - SENIOR FLEECE JUDGE\INSTRUCTOR

*Motion by Cathie: approve Susan as fleece judge and instructor.

2nd by Allen:

carried

The Judge Committee Thanks you for the time and effort involved in all these decisions.

We appreciate your continued support for the Judge ‘s Program and Committee activities.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison:)

Chair:

No Report

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair:
No Report

11. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurrey

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

Chair:
2 members requesting liaison position Bob and Ken
Roll call vote: was tied therefore Ken voted for Ken.

13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:
No Report

14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:
No Report

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Leigh Snyder
Congratulations Leigh, the new magazine is going out after all the trials and tribulations with new software. The BOD previewed the first edition. It looked terrific.

16. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

Attached is an updated spreadsheet with estimated budget numbers.
incorporated the corrected numbers from last year.

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair:
No Report

18. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian
No Report

19. Youth Committee: (liaison: Staci)

Chair:

July 2010 Youth Committee Report

The Youth Committee has addressed a show award concern from a youth parent and has given recommendations to the BOD.

ALSA Scholarship applications have been received (deadline July 1) and are being prepared to be sent out to the Selection Committee for review and selection. All names and items of identification are removed before being submitted to the Selection Committee.

The Committee is in the process of reviewing parts of the Youth Program and sending in recommendations for revisions for the next updated ALSA Handbook. We also are making plans for youth activities at the 2010 Grand National and have plans for a Silent Auction to support the ALSA Scholarship program.

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

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

1. Letter re: ILR Letter

Motion by Trish: ALSA already has an established Grand Nationals. Therefore at this time we are not interested in combining with another organization.

2nd: Allen

Carried

Letter will be drafted and reviewed by BOD before being sent.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Tom

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:17 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