

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
July 19, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm EST by President, Ken Forster

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Ken Forster
Cathie Kindler
Tom Parsons
Keith Wattigney
Allen Davis
Maryan Baker
Stacie Forshee

Office Manager:

Cheryl Ryberg

Absent:

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 8:00pm EST

Election of Officers:

President	Ken Forster Allen motioned – Maryan seconded – Motion passed.
V. President	Maryan Baker Allen motioned – Keith seconded – Motion passed
Treasurer	Tom Parsons Maryan motioned – Cathie seconded – Motion passed
Secretary	Keith Wattigney Maryan motioned – Allen seconded – Motion passed
Board Members:	Allen Davis Cathie Kindler Stacie Forshee
Office Manager:	Cheryl Ryberg
Absent:	

Office Business:

Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager
Office Report, July 19, 2011

Reminder for committee and members to use my lamas@alsashow.org or cheryl.ryberg@gmail email address as I am not using the Nauticom account.

I requested that Marilyn Nenni contact the .net account to change her email address to lamas@alsashow.org, I have not heard back from her. We had a problem with that account which was "down" for about a day, we cannot get email responses without Marilyn contacting them and changing that email address as she set it up. We will have to do it here at the office and Alan would have to come over at an expense that we could avoid.

I am working with Alan and Grant at MGSoftnet on a proposal for 2012 ALSA Office Contract. We are working on ways to cut the cost of maintaining office and database for the ALSA as well as helping getting results and so on faster. They have a staff which could help with data entry, answer phones and learn to take over the various duties that are currently contracted here. They would automate duties that now take a great deal of time. (Membership cards could be turned into receipts for example, animal numbers automatically generated) I would consult and train with them for at least the first full year to make sure a transition would go well and not disrupt banking and many contacts that we have with the office. The office would become more virtual, than actual. Having an actual office has outlived its purpose and most business here is done by mail and internet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg

Assignment of Committee Liaisons

1. Alpaca Committee (Stacie)
2. Election Committee (Cathie)
3. Ethics Committee (Allen)
4. Fiber Committee (Maryan)
5. Finance and Budget Committee (Tom)
6. Grand National Committee - Changes in Dec
7. Handbook Committee (Maryan)
8. Judges Committee (Allen)
9. Membership Committee (Ken)
10. Nomination Committee (Allen)
11. Performance (Maryan)
12. Policy and Planning Committee (Ken)

13. Promotion Committee (Keith)
14. Protest Committee (Keith)
15. Publications Committee (Maryan)
16. Regional Committee - Changes in Dec
- 17 Show Management Committee (Allen)
18. Web Site Committee (Ken)
19. Youth Committee (Stacie)

Cheryl Ryberg dismissed herself from the call at 8:48 pm EST.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2011

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 17,393
Investment Account	67,738
Cash – Memorials	2,841

Total Current Assets \$ 87,972

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Equity \$ 87,972

Proceedings:

Old Business:

1. Printing of the Handbooks was readdressed.

New Business:

1. Letter for support of 2011 Pack Llama Festival was received. Maryan motioned for the ALSA office do an email blast for the promotion of the Pack Llama Festival. Allen seconded. Motion carried.
2. Letters from Members – Will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Stacie)
Chair:

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report – July 7, 2011

The Committee has completed the tasks following the announcement of the election. Candidates were notified in writing of the outcome of the election. Ballots are stored by the CPA until further notice.

The Standing Rules Article III – Election – (e) require the Election Committee to forward a copy of the results to SHOWRING by the next publishing date. The Committee is not aware of a deadline date for SHOWRING nor who to send the information to. Therefore, all information concerning the announcement of election results was published on the ALSA Website.

Please notice that the Standing Rules contain several items concerning the election process that are out of date or have outlived the rules. The Committee will review the Standing Rules over the next few months and make suggestions for the ALSA Board to correct the rules.

Regards,
Lougene Ann Baird, Chair
ALSA Election Committee

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair:

If not already done so, the Ethics Chair will send the response information concerning Ken voting as the tie breaker vote to the person of inquiry.

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

To: ALSA Board of Directors
Subject: ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Report for the July 2011
ALSA BOD Meeting
Date: July 12, 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Ruckman~
ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Chair

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

This was covered by Tom under Treasurer's report.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Malcolm and Carol Ann Tallmon

The Grand National Report for July, 2011

1. The computer program will be on line by the end of August. (This is the date the computer co & Sharon had setup, if it needs to be sooner—that can be arranged.)
2. A new game is being planned for the exhibitors to play during the show, the Bean drop.
3. Again this year we are having the costume contest—which will start right after the opening ceremonies. The showmanship classes will be held at a different time and shouldn't be a problem this year. So everyone get those costumes ready.
4. Also, LANA will be hosting the versatility class again this year. Last year was a big success and look forward to the fun again this year.
5. The judges for the fiber classes are Joy Bishop Forshey & Karen Kinyon. The deadline dates will be posted in August report. Looking forward seeing all of those beautiful animals in the show ring for the awards.

Malcolm Tallmon
Carol Ann Tallmon

Several different options were discussed about the qualifying criteria for animals to participate in the Grand Nationals. Will send to the Grand National Committee, the Show Management Committee and the Regional Committee.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Maryan)
Chair: Wally Baker
No Report
8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Doug Overman

The Judges Committee Report

1. The JC committee recommends that Mary Reed and Anthony Stachowski, be recertified Senior Alpaca Halter and Performance Judges for 3 years.
Doug Overman be recertified as an ALSA Halter and Performance Judge through CEC Credits.
Kevin Sullivan be approved as an Alpaca Halter and performance Judge

2. Also the Judges committee would like to see the portion of our last Committee report that was omitted put into the minutes

Thank you for your time
Judges Committee
Doug Overman

Deb Yeagle
Barb Harris
Cindy Ruckman
Mary Reed

In response to Item 1 above:

Cathie motioned to approve Mary Reed, Anthony Stachowski and Doug Overman's recertification. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Cathie recommends that Kevin Sullivan's certification be sent back to the Judge's Committee to await the receipt of the 2011 Show Superintendent report and extra funds required to balance what he sent before the show to the number of participants, animals, member fees and nonmember fees.

In response to Item 2 above:

The portion that was omitted in the June 2011 minutes can not be included in the July minutes. This portion was discussed in executive session and therefore can not be included in the minutes.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair:
No report
10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair:
No Report
11. Performance Committee: (liaison: Maryan)
Chair: Melanie McMurrey
No Report
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:

A Protest Committee report was received.

Keith motioned to send it back to the Protest Committee and tabled until the BOD receives response from the ALSA attorney. Maryan seconded. Motion carried.

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Maryan)

Chair:

No Report

16. Regional Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Cheryl Jutilla

Regional Committee Report for July 19, 2011 Board Meeting

First, we want to express our thanks to the superintendents in regions that are not having championships this year for sending their ribbon inventories to the current Regional Superintendents so they can be refurbished and used for the 2011 Regional Championships. We also want to thank the volunteers who are doing extra work on the ribbons this year to help keep costs down. Everyone's cooperation and teamwork is much appreciated.

Information and entry forms for each Regional Championship are being sent to the office and we hope to see them posted on the website soon.

It has been brought to our attention that the April 28, 2011 e-mail sent out by the ALSA office contains confusing information regarding "national qualifier shows" and the Regional Championships. Near the beginning of the e-mail there is a statement "NEW THIS YEAR: Grand National Qualifier Shows: All Classes qualify for Grand National to sixth place." (emphasis added) However, at the end of the e-mail there is a paragraph which states that "placing 1-6 within a division at a Regional show would qualify for the National." (emphasis added) We assume that the Board did not intend to make it more difficult for animals entered in a Regional Championship to qualify for the Grand National than it is for those entered in a "national qualifier" and request that this point be clarified so that Grand National qualifying criteria is the same for everyone.

We have received several inquiries from members wondering why the Board rejected the proposal submitted for the Great Lakes and Buckeye Regional Championships. There is still a volunteer willing to serve as superintendent, an available facility and a sponsor willing to make a substantial donation, so we would greatly appreciate an explanation as to why the ALSA Board rejected this proposal.

Cheryl Jutilla

Regional Committee Chair

In reference to the above last paragraph:

The BOD deemed it inappropriate to combine two regions and ask the exhibitors from the Great Lakes to travel to another region to hold their Regional Championship show.

The Great Lakes have been approved to host a National Qualifier show.

In reference to the second to last paragraph:

A new email blast will be send by the ALSA office clarifying this paragraph.

2011 ALSA Regional Championship Shows

Regional Show Superintendents and Regional Show Dates Region	Date, Location and Judge	Superintendent
Buckeye	N/A	
Central	September 23 -25, 2011 Oklahoma City, OK Judge: Maryan Baker	Jim Doyle jdoyle@marikollamas.com
Eastern	N/A	
Great Lakes	N/A	
Rocky Mountain	September 3 & 4, 2011 Castle Rock, CO Judge: Patti Morgan	Barb Harris wildcatllamas@aol.com
Northwestern	N/A	
Southeastern	October 1 & 2, 2011 Gainesville, GA Judge: Margaret Henry	Craig Swindler cswindler@caroline.rr.com 704-575-5513
Southwestern	N/A	

The Great Lakes and the Buckeye are to hold National Qualifier Shows.

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

Letters from Members:

The BOD acknowledges receipt of your letters. The matters are under review.

There being nothing further to discuss, Maryan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Keith seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:57pm EST.

E-Mail Motions:

1. 6/21/2011 - BOD approved June Minutes Draft #2
Allen-yes; Cathie-yes; Keith-yes, Stacie-yes, Trish-yes, Tom-yes

