

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
June 14, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm EST by President, Ken Forster

Roll Call:

Members Present:

President Ken Forster
V. President Cathie Kindler
Treasurer Tom Parsons
Secretary Keith Wattigney

Board Members:

Allen Davis
Trish Brandt-Robuck
Stacie Forshee

Office Manager:

Cheryl Ryberg

Absent:

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 8:00pm EST

Proceedings:

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2011

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 20,683
Investment Account	67,738
Cash – Memorials	2,836
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 91,257</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 91,257</u>
 Equity	 <u>\$ 91,257</u>

Tom provided a detailed Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for May 31, 2011.
Above is a summary of the Balance Sheet.

The show revenue is down about \$5,000 compared to last year at this time.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

Office Business:

Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

Office Report:

Administrative Manager Report, June 2011

Due to the cancellation of 3 shows directly related to the horse Virus, the Kokopelli, Grand Mesa and LOCC Spring, the office is offering to deduct the show fees as reported in 2010 from the office contract over a 3 month period. The total of these 3 shows is \$1050.

We also had 2 shows cancel due to attendance. It is unfortunate that 5 shows within a few states were scheduled on the same date.

We, once again same show 3rd year in a row, have a situation where the show super has paid in advance for their show and has not provided any results or statistics as to how the money was applied that was sent. It can be noted on the chart, I would like to discuss this.

12 shows arrived at ALSA Office within a couple of days, we are not entirely caught up getting them posted to the ALSA Website, but should by the end of the week.

The office has had no correspondence from Regional Committee other than a request to send ribbons to Texas which was done and received, I contacted Jim Doyle and Craig Swindler personally for information, so we could get those regionals posted onto the Show Calendar.

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Cheryl Ryberg
ALSA Office
Administrative Manager
607 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202

Due to the cancellation of 3 shows directly related to the horse Virus, the Kokopelli, Grand Mesa and LOCC Spring, the office is offering to deduct the show fees as reported in 2010 from the office contract over a 3 month period. The total of these 3 shows is \$1,050. The BOD suggested that Cheryl do a donation to ALSA for this amount. The BOD did not feel it was correct to deduct from salary.

After completion of the Office Report, Cheryl dismissed herself from the call.

1. Allen motioned for two items under New Business to go into Executive Session. Keith seconded. Motion passed. The BOD entered into Executive Session at 8:04pm. The BOD exited the Executive Session at 8:14pm when a Allen motioned to exit from the Executive Session, seconded by Trish and motion passed.
2. Keith motioned not to sanction any ALSA shows that are held in conjunction with an ILR-SD show. Allen seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Cathie-No; Trish-No; Allen-Yes; Tom-No; Keith-Yes; Stacie-No. Motion failed.

Committee Reports:

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

Hi Cathie,

The Alpaca Committee has received a request from Kevin Sullivan to be replaced on the Alpaca Committee. The committee has approved his request. We ask that he be replaced with Cynthia Ernst, 8935 Wiggins Rd., Howell, MI 38855. Phone 517-861-9328, e-mail cynthiaernst@sbcglobal.net Cindy attended the March 2011 Alpaca Halter Judging Clinic and is entering the apprentice program, pending approval by the board of the June ALSA Judges' Committee report.

Thanks,

Mary

The Alpaca Committee report can be found under the Judge's Committee report.

Cathie pointed out that at the next month meeting, a new BOD will in place. The liaison and chair might be changed along with the committee members. She suggested that the BOD hold off on their approval pending the July meeting. The BOD agreed with Cathie on this point.

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

Aloha Ken!

The election results are being sent to you as the primary recipient because the Election Committee liaison was a candidate.

The election results are being copied to the liaison because STANDING RULES ARTICLE II- Election, Compensation, Employees Section 1: Election (e) states ...”The designated CPA will tally the ballots. Upon notification of the election results, the Election Committee will then inform their liaison of the results....”

By making you, as President, the primary recipient and the liaison as secondary recipient the Election Committee has removed any perception of inappropriate reporting.

Members of the Election Committee are always copied on Committee reports, etc.

Please notify the candidates as well as the ALSA office or whoever is in charge of posting items to the ALSA website. If you would like for me to notify the office , please let me know as I will help you anyway I am able.

Attached is the Election Committee Report AND the Letter of Certification from the CPA to be placed as permanent record in the ALSA records.

Respectfully,

Lougene A Baird, Chair

ALSA Election Committee

CC: Liaison Kindler

CC: Election Committee members Dunn and Adamcyk

Election Committee Report – June 6, 2011

ALSA 2011 General Election results were received today from McCall Scanlon & Tice, LLC., the CPA firm counting the ballots. Ballots were counted by three independent counters, none were ALSA members or otherwise associated with the organization. The signed certified results will be forwarded to the ALSA Board for inclusion in the records of the organization.

The membership has elected two new Directors and three alternates. The following are the certified results in alphabetical order as reported.

Maryan C. Baker	111 votes	<u>Elected</u>	Southwestern Region
Trish Brandt-Robuck	58 votes	3 rd Alternate	Southwestern Region
Cathie L. Kindler	96 votes	<u>Elected</u>	Southeastern Region
Larry Lewellyn	87 votes	1 st Alternate	Rocky Mountain Region
Marilyn Nenni	74 votes	2 nd Alternate	Buckeye Region

As required by the ALSA Bylaws, ballots were mailed the second week of May to all eligible members. 227 ballots were voted. Two ballots were returned to the Committee as not deliverable as addressed, indicating the members had not corrected their address with the ALSA office. The voted ballots represent 39 percent of the ballots sent.

Per the ALSA Bylaws, all ballots will be retained by the Election Committee until midnight October 15 at which time they will be destroyed. If a challenge is issued, the ballots will be maintained until said challenge is acknowledged as resolved by the Board of Directors, at which point they may be destroyed.

The Committee once again appreciates the team work on the part of the ALSA Board of Directors and the ALSA office in successfully completing this year's election process.

Congratulations to those members who participated in this year's General Election as candidates for election and a grand thank you to the members who showed their concern for this organization by casting their votes.

Lougene Ann Baird
Chair, ALSA Election Committee

McCALL SCANLON & TICE, LLC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

June 6, 2011

Lougene Baird
Alpaca and Llama Show Association
P.O. Box 385403
Waikoloa, HI 96738

Dear Lougene:

Following are the certified results of the ALSA 2011 Board of Directors election.

Listed below, in alphabetical order, is each candidate's name and the number of votes received.

Baker, Maryan - 111 votes
Brandt-Robuck, Trish - 58 votes
Kindler, Cathie - 96 votes
Lewellyn, Larry - 87 votes
Nenni, Marilyn - 74 votes

Three independent counters tallied the votes. None of the counters were ALSA members or otherwise associated with ALSA.

The quorum (or total number of ballots) is 227.

We, the undersigned, certify that we were the counters present for the vote tally, the results listed above are accurate and that we are not associated with ALSA.


Richard P. Kovach, C.P.A.


Date


Joyce K. Bestwick


Date


Joseph J. Diani


Date

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- Ethics Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Barb Parsons
No Report

Tom stated that Barb has not received anything from the BOD concerning Ken voting as the tie breaker vote on the approval of the Grand National Judges.

- Fiber Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
- 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 committees report for June, 2011:

The Grand National committee is continuing to work to make this Grand National show a very special show. Everything has been ordered and hotels have been arranged.

Please plan to make hotel reservations early—home game same weekend as Grand Nationals.

Malcolm & Carol Ann Tallmon

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

Hi Allen,

First I sent in a request a few weeks ago to get Eran McCarty approved as a ALSA Halter and Performance Judge. She passed the Clinic and it was error on my part for not sending it with the last JC report. I'm just checking to see if she was approved.

Allen motioned to approve Eran McCarty as an ALSA Halter and Performance Judge. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Here is the Judges committee report.

SR Llama Fleece Judge. She has accomplished more than all the requirements of the criteria established in the Nov 2009 BOD Minutes.

Allen motioned to accept Joy Bishop-Forshey as a SR Llama Fleece Judge. Cathie seconded. Motion passed.

Attached are the recommendations of the Alpaca Clinic from the Clinic at Mary Reeds.

To: Doug Overman, Chairman, ALSA Judges Committee
From: Mary Reed, Anthony Stachowski, DVM, ALSA Alpaca Halter Judging Clinic
Instructors
Date: May 19, 2011
Subject: Beginning & Advanced ALSA Alpaca Halter Judging Clinic certification
recommendations

A Beginning and Advanced ALSA Alpaca Halter Judging Clinic was held at Stachowski Alpacas in March, 2011. The instructors were Mary Reed and Anthony Stachowski. Attendees were Deb Yeagle, Emily Stoops, Kevin Sullivan, Cindy Ernst and Kim Rassi. Deb Yeagle is seeking re-certification as a Senior Alpaca Halter Judge. Emily Stoops and Kevin Sullivan are seeking certification as Level Alpaca Halter Judges, this being their final clinic. Cindy Ernst and Kim Rassi are seeking acceptance in the apprentice program. In addition, Kim, having completed the majority of the AOBA Alpaca Halter Judging Program, is seeking accelerated completion of certification with ALSA.

The halter judging clinic was held over two days, March 19th and 20th. 9 classes of Huacaya alpacas were placed with complete oral reasons required from all participants. The group traveled to a nearby suri farm on Sunday afternoon and evaluated a dozen high-end Suri Alpaca. Showmanship and performance rules and judging procedures were presented, without testing, as performance alpacas were not available. As such, the instructors are only recommending initial certification of clinic participants in alpaca performance in instances in which the apprentice has completed the required number of performance apprenticeships and has been tested on scoring performance classes in prior clinics. All participants were tested on Alpaca anatomy and conformation in two written tests.

The basis for scoring was weighted 75% on accuracy in Halter class placing and presentation of oral reasons, 25% on Anatomy and Conformation test scores.

Paragraphs have been omitted from this report.

In addition, the clinic instructors request recertification as Senior Alpaca Halter and Performance Judges for 3 years.

Sincerely,

Mary Z. Reed

Anthony Stachowski, DVM

Hi Allen,

The judges committee recommends to pass Kevin Sullivan from the Alpaca Clinic.

Judges Comittee
Doug Overman
Deb Yeagle
Cindy Ruckman
Barb Harris

Based upon the above recommendations:

Allen motioned to accept Deb Yeagle as a Sr. Judge, Emily Stoops as a Level Judge, Kevin Sullivan, Cindy Ernst and Kim Rassi as Apprentices. Trish Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Allen-Yes; Trish-Yes; Keith-Yes; Stacie-No; Tom-No; Cathie-No. Ken-No. Motion Failed.

Based on the above recommendations:

Cathie motioned to accept Deb Yeagle as Sr. Judge, Emily Stoops as a Level Judge, Cindy Ernst and Kim Rassi as Apprentices. Tom Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Cathie-Yes; Tom-Yes; Keith-Yes; Allen-No; Trish-No; Stacie-Yes. Motion carried.

It was recommended that Kevin Sullivan be reevaluated by the Judge's Committee and sent back to the Board for a review.

From Doug's Committee report:

*The ALSA Judges' Committee has been given the responsibility of educating and certifying **ALSA Judges**.* (emphasis added; Part S, page 130)

We, the Judges' Committee, recommend that the BOD address this omission by adding "and Instructors" after "ALSA Judges" to the Handbook as it is appropriate.

Allen motioned to accept the above Judge's Committee recommendation to be effective immediately. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Numerous complaints have been received by Doug Overman, Chairman of the Judges' Committee on the actions of two ALSA Judges: The Judges' Committee determined that investigation was necessary in both instances. The Chair of the committee informed both Judges of the complaints, including copies of written complaints, and requested a response. The Committee has received a response from each judge and has completed their investigation, making the following recommendations to the ALSA Board of Directors.

Susan Tellez – Complaints on lack of professionalism and improper behavior while instructing an ALSA Judging Clinic in Oregon, May 2010 and violations of ALSA rules and ethics governing certified judges. In response to the complaints, Ms. Tellez has voluntarily offered her request to be removed from the "Active ALSA Judge List."

The committee recommends that the ALSA Board of Directors accept the resignation of Ms. Tellez as a Senior Alpaca Halter and Performance Judge, and Senior Llama and Alpaca Fleece Judge, effective immediately. The committee recommends that the ALSA Board of Directors remove Ms. Tellez from the official list of ALSA Judges. The committee also requests that the ALSA Board of Directors remove Ms. Tellez from the list of approved clinic instructors. The committee recommends that the investigation into the complaints on Ms. Tellez be closed with the Boards' acceptance of the above committee recommendations.

Allen motioned to accept her resignation. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Next portion of report excluded due to being handled in executive session.

Allen motioned to go into Executive Session. Trish seconded. Motion passed. The BOD entered into Executive Session at 9:10pm. The BOD exited the Executive Session at 9:24pm when Allen motioned to exit from the Executive Session, seconded by Trish and motion passed.

Below motion made during Executive Session:

Trish motioned to suspend Cathie from judging and instructing for a period of two years and after the two year suspension to be recertified as a judge and instructor by attending and passing an advanced clinic. Keith seconded. Roll call vote: Cathie-No; Tom-No; Stacie-No; Allen-Yes; Trish-Yes; Keith-Yes. Ken-Yes. Motion passed.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Need to fill
No report
10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Carolyn Myers
No Report
11. Performance Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Melanie McMurrey
No Report
12. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris
No Report
13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Need to fill
No Report
14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Ulin Andrews
No Report
15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Leigh Snyder
No Report
16. Regional Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Cheryl Jutilla
17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Bill Schultz
18. Web Site Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Steve Katzakian
19. Youth Committee: (liaison: Staci)

Chair: Penny Davidson
No Report

There being nothing further to discuss, Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:27pm EST.

E-Mail Motions:

BOD approved May Minutes.

Subsequent E-Mail Motions:

06-15-2011

Motion by Tom:

I move to immediately rescind last night disciplinary action taken against Cathie Kindler.

Seconded by Stacie.

Votes: Allen-No; Cathie-Yes; Keith-No; Stacie-Yes; Tom-Yes; Trish-No.

Yes votes-3 & NO votes-3; Motion tied. President votes NO. Motion failed.

Subsequent Items that were addressed:

Barb Parsons received the information pertaining to Ken voting as the tie breaker on the approval of the Grand National Judges.