

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
May 10 ,2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m. EST.
by President, Tom Parsons

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

President Tom Parsons
V. President Cathie Kindler
Secretary Trish Brandt-Robuck
Treasurer
Board Members
 Bob LaMorte
 Ken Forster

Office Manager-Cheryl Ryberg

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

PROCEEDINGS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BOD recommends paying Show Insurance Policy.
2. Proposed Amendments for Article III, Section 8 from Cheryl Juntilla.
 Motion by Ken: Not to accept ALSA Bylaw changes Article III section 8.
 2nd by Cathie:
 Discussion: Some aspects will be extremely difficult to achieve
 and go against other bylaws i.e. Article V section I. But BOD
 needs to update and change some rules according to our
 incorporation documents.
3. Letters written and sent.
 Letters were presented to the BOD as stated in April minutes.
4. Web Cast for Grand Nationals Show
 Motion by Cathie: ALSA will be going with a Web Cast of 2010 Grand
 Nationals providing we obtain sponsors for this.
 2nd by Bob:
 carried
 Bob and Cheryl will be working on this.
5. BOD Policy for email Blast for shows.
 Any ALSA show can go to website link and/or Facebook for added
 disemination of Show announcements. Call the office if help is

needed to accomplish this task.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 Website Database proposal to update the look and feel of Show information from MGSoftNet.

email vote

Motion by Bob to accept proposal

2nd by Cathie

carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$ 12,076

Cash-Investment Account: 106,702

Cash-Memorials 5,445

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 124,224

FIXED ASSETS

Software 28,015

TOTAL ASSETS \$152,239

EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings \$152,239

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

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT: monthly report of shows.

Our Facebook site now has 542 fans and the site has been active and very positive.

We are current with posting shows that have been received in our office.

There was a server problem with the internet and I worked with MGSoftnet last week to resolve several website issues. The website server that we contract for changed servers. We believe that all issues are settled with

the exception of Novice Grand and Reserves showing up on the website, that is being worked on and they are still being recorded in the office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report – May 7, 2010

Statements of Candidacy submitted by three Nominees were received by the deadline May 1, 2010 12:00 PM (noon) Eastern Standard Time. There are no By-laws changes on this year's General Election Ballot. The three Candidates are R. Allen Davis from the Buckeye Region, Staci Forshee from the Central Region and Larry Lewellyn from the Rocky Mountain Region. One opening exists in each of the Candidate's Region.

The Balloting material has been printed and was mailed from Castle Rock CO on Monday, May 10. A ballot will be mailed to every member entitled to vote. 665 Ballots were mailed, 10 percent of the ballots, or 66, must be returned to establish a quorum. Election of Directors shall be by a plurality vote.

All Ballots must be received by the CPA, McCall Scanlon & Tice, LLC, by Saturday, June 5, 2010. The tally of votes will begin on Monday, June 7, 2010 – the first business day following the close of balloting. If all goes as scheduled, results should be received by the Election Committee and forwarded the Committee's Board Liaison later that day.

As Chair, I would like to thank the Committee members, the Nominations Committee, the Board and especially Cathie Kindler, The EC Board Liaison and Cheryl in the ALSA office for another outstanding year of team work and cooperation. It takes a good number of members to meet all deadlines as set aside in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Thanks also to all three Candidates who are willing to serve this organization. The Election Committee appreciates your cooperation in meeting all deadlines. Good luck to you all.

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Bill)

Chair: Margaret Henry

No Report

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman
May 4, 2010

1. Lee Ann King, ALSA National Fleece Show Superintendent since the 2nd ALSA National Fleece Show, has resigned as Show Superintendent. Geri Rutledge has accepted the position of 2010 ALSA Grand National Fleece Show Superintendent. We thank Lee Ann for her work over the past 6 years. Her talent, dedication and hard work have built an incredible legacy.

2. Pursuant to the ALSA BOD minutes from the April 13 BOD meeting, on behalf of the Grand National Fleece Show Committee, a subcommittee of the LF Committee, we respectfully request that the Board rescind their decision to allow fleece entries at the Grand Nationals without qualifying. Our reasoning is as follows:

- a. This decision was made without consideration of the GN Fleece Show Committee's recommendation
- b. It appears that performance entries and halter entries will continue to require prequalification for their respective classes;
- c. There is no current pre-qualification for shorn fleece entries. Only walking fleece entries at this time;
- d. Pre-Qualification for the Grand Nationals is a key element to the "specialness" of the ALSA Grand Nationals and creates a competitive environment like no other ALSA Show;
- e. Pre-Qualification for WF entries allows the GN Fleece Show Committee to schedule and organize a successful show;

For clarification, we have attached a document that itemizes the division of labor for the Grand National Fleece Show.

The BOD discussed this issue and has asked the Fiber committee for comments and recommendations. Consider tiered judging for sign in and times, priority listed below.

1. Qualified
2. entered for Versatility
3. anyone else if time and judge is available.

BOD will now pay for Ribbons and Judge's fees since this is now and integral part of the Show Associations Classes.

1. The BOD requests recommendations for a Fleece judge for GN.
2. What does the Fleece committee need, and how can the BOD help to make this all happen at this years GN

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

Chair:
See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

The plans for the 2010 Grand Nationals are in full swing. A lot of new things are being planned for this year.

1. The ribbons left from last year have been returned to Royal to be reworked for this year. Royal has the class list for this year & are now working on the ribbons for Nationals.

2. All trophies have been ordered.

3. **HOTELS**

This year the Grand Nationals will have two host hotels. This is a home game weekend, so reservations need to be made early.

a. The Staybridge hotel, phone # 402-438-7829, has a block of 20 rooms

b. Holiday Inn Express at 3939 N. 26th Street, phone # 402-477-1100, also has a block of 20 rooms.

To make reservations tell them the Grand National Llama Show & the rate will start @ \$80.00 per night for each hotel.

4. The exhibitors do not have to qualify for the walking fiber class.

5. Other things are being planned for a fun time on Halloween weekend at the Grand Nationals.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

BOD Discussion referring back to Wally's April Committee report, and his Letter of March 30th, still needing some committee's information.

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE – REPORT to the BOD – MAY 2010

(I). The ALSA Judge Committee, with the Chairs of the Alpaca and Fleece Committees, respectfully

REQUEST :

(A). Any Proposed Guideline or **RULE CHANGES**, coming from other individual Committees to The Board of Directors for APPROVAL, which affect or relate to the Judges Program or the actual Judging of ALSA sanctioned shows for Halter, Youth,

Performance or Fleece in Llama and Alpaca Classes, be passed to the respective Judges, Fleece and Alpaca Committees for their review, comment and approval for the appropriate implementation of these actions, prior to BOD approval.

Motion by Trish: Delete the words (~~and approval for the appropriate implementation of these actions,~~)

2nd by Bob

Discussion: BOD approves items, since elected by the members.

Carried Unanimously

(B). POSTED BOD MINUTES for APPROVED Recommendations or Rule Changes coming from the respective Judge, Fleece and Alpaca Committees, **be copied directly with accuracy** from the committee reports as specifically stated to eliminate any misunderstanding of said approved actions.

BOD-Back to committee for clarification.

(C). CONSIDERATION for REMOVAL of JUDGE NAMES from the Approved Active Judge List for reasons of Non-Compliance with completion of Judge requirements according to the ALSA Judges Program.

The Following names have not submitted the Annual Reports, CEC Reports or required Book Test for the years 2008-2009, and therefore do not qualify for active Judge status. Letters, including the Forms, have been sent requesting fulfillment of the requirements with the missing documents. Since they were granted extension from the required 2009 Certification **REQUEST APPROVAL for Removal of Names from the Active Judge List if requested Documentation and Clinic Attendance are not completed and submitted to the Judge Committee by ~~June 1, 2010.~~**

BOD - by final 2010 clinic.

(II). CLARIFICATION to the BOD - RE- CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - PART S, Section 2. - this section is under complete revision and clarification by the respective Judge, Fleece and Alpaca Committees. Recommendations for approval for Certification will include, but not be limited to, the following Judge Clinic Achievement Levels:

APPRENTICE – 75%, LEVEL JUDGE – 85%, SENIOR JUDGE – 90% ; INSTRUCTORS must be recommended for Apprenticeships by prior Instructors or Committee Chairs, and have achieved the minimum 90% Achievement Level at an Advanced Clinic Level.

NOTE: Judges will be RE-CERTIFIED at the Level of Clinic Achievement and Completion of

current specific Level or Senior requirements, regardless of their prior status.

BOD- Committee only recommends, the BOD approves

(III). REQUEST for EXTENSION of Certification Clinic from 2010 to 2011

The Committee has received Letters of Request with explanation, from the following Judge Names to be submitted for Extension of Judge Re-Certification in 2010 until the Llama Judge Clinic scheduled for June 2011, due to Judging Assignments or Personal Conflicts:

Miller, Mary Jo

Schultz, Bill
Sykes, Esther Sue and McCarthy, Eran (appr.)
Weaver, Tracy
Jensen, Pam
Stoops, Emily

REQUEST BOD APPROVAL for Extension of Certification applied to the above names.

Motion by Bob: to approve extensions
2nd by Cathie
carried

Motion by Trish: Immediate removal of present Judges committee
including Chair and Liaison.

2nd by Ken:

Roll call vote: Cathie-NO, Trish-Yes, Bob-NO, Ken-YES, tie vote
Requires President to vote; Tom- NO

Motion Fails to carry

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

BOD Discussion: Review of Standing Rules for BOD recall, possible
relocation to Bylaws required.

13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

No Report

14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman
No Report

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Leigh Snyder

16. Regionals Committee:

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

BOD information report, committee on hold. Marilyn will work with OPG to try and get program to work efficiently.

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair Steve Katzakian

Joy Pedroni Webmistress

In an effort to reduce the posting time of show results and improve their reported accuracy, the website committee would like to purchase a software tool (DreamWeaver) to aid in the importation and display of data. Second to this is the development of a simple, standardized spreadsheet which can be populated by show superintendents/clerks with show data and sent to the office for importation into the website system. Even though this will reduce time to get results displayed, it will still be reliant on show superintendents/clerks to enter correct data and it will also be reliant on office staff to verify data and make the appropriate calculations for ROM's, Champions, etc. It will not correct existing errors but will allow for shorter turnaround time for corrections.

We will have this up and running by July 4, with website changes also taking place on or before this date. We can also change the face of our website by using this software.

This is a very small step that should yield significant results to the membership but can no way be construed as a long term solution to the many issues surrounding the website and it's operations.

BOD- will all BOD members and others send mistakes or updates to the office with the URL (copy the http: address)

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Marilyn Nenni

No Report

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

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

1. none

Motion to adjourn by Ken

Seconded by Trish

MEETING ADJOURNED:10:p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Secretary

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.