

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 10, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm EST by Vice-President, Cathie Kindler

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

President

V. President           Cathie Kindler

Treasurer               Tom Parsons

Secretary               Keith Wattigney

Board Members:

Allen Davis

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Office Manager:

Cheryl Ryberg - Absent

Absent:

Ken Forster

Stacie Forshee

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 8:00pm EST

**Proceedings:**

**Old Business:**

1. No old business needed to be discussed.

**New Business:**

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2011

Current Assets

Cash                               \$ 23,824

Investment Account           67,625

Cash – Memorials             2,836

Total Current Assets                               \$94,285



Committee Reports:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Staci)  
Chair: Mary Reed  
No Report
  
2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Lougene Baird

Election Committee Report – May 6, 2011

May 1, 2011, was the deadline for the Committee to receive Statements of Candidacy. Statements were submitted by five Nominees. The Candidates are Maryan Baker and Trish Brandt-Robuck from the Southwestern Region, Cathie Kindler from the Southeastern Region, Larry Lewellyn from the Rocky Mountain Region and Marilyn Nenni from the Buckeye Region. There are no By-laws changes on this year's General Election Ballot. Two Candidates will be elected.

The Committee requests the attached Statement of Candidacies by posted on the ALSA website.

***BOD approves of this request.***

The Balloting material has been printed and is scheduled to be mailed from Castle Rock CO Tuesday, May 10 to all members in-good-standing. 595 Ballots will be mailed, 10 percent of the ballots, or 59, must be returned to establish a quorum. Election of Directors shall be by a plurality vote.

Ballots must be received by the CPA, McCall Scanlon & Tice, LLC, by Sunday, June 5, 2011. The tally of votes will begin on Monday, June 6, 2011 – the first business day following the close of balloting. Results should be received by the Election Committee and forwarded to the Committee's Board Liaison later that day.

Well into this year's election process, within the last couple weeks, the committee has received suggestions from two ALSA members for ways to streamline the election process as well as offer the members an avenue to seek more information from Candidates. Trish Brand-Robuck has suggested voting by electronic ballot be considered and Barb Parsons has suggest a Town-Hall type meeting to allow members to communicate openly with each Candidate. The committee finds both of these ideas interesting and worthy of consideration and has asked each person to further explore these ideas with the Committee after the completion of this year's election.

As Chair, I would like to thank the Committee members, the Board and Liaison Cathie Kindler, Tom Parsons for help in validating an accurate list of members in-good-standing and coordination with Cheryl in the ALSA office for another outstanding year of team work.

Thanks also to all five Candidates who are willing to serve this organization. The Election Committee appreciates your cooperation in meeting all deadlines. Good luck to each of you.  
Respectfully submitted,

Lougene Ann Baird, Chair  
ALSA Election Committee

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Allen)  
Chair: Barb Parsons  
No Report
4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Cindy Ruckman

To: ALSA Board of Directors  
Subject: ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Report for the April 2011  
ALSA BOD Meeting  
Date: April 5, 2011

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fleece Committee's current discussion points.

**New Business**

The Grand National Fleece Show Sub-Committee requests approval for Karen Kinyon and Joy Forshey to be judge the 2011 Grand National Fleece Show.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ruckman~

ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Chair

*Trish motioned to accept the above request. Allen seconded. Motion carried.*

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 Tallman

The Grand National Committee report for May, 2011.

1. Trophies has been discussed and ordered from the same supplier. The price of the trophies will be the same as last year, but with a totally different look.
2. This year is again a home game for Nebraska, so hotels are going to be hard to find. Some of the hotels that we have talked with are already all booked for that weekend.

The Grand National host hotel will be the **New Victorian Suites**. We have been able to block 40 rooms, so make your reservations early. The web site is: [www.newvictorianinn.com](http://www.newvictorianinn.com). The room rate is \$89.99 for a King Suite, which also has a sleeper sofa, or a double queen suite.

3. This year the Grand National show will have an online entry system. The exhibitor will be able to enter online and also pay with credit or debit card at the time of entry. This should make entering the show much easier for everyone.
4. Ribbons have been ordered.
5. The Grand National committee would like to thank the website committee & Trish for updating the ALSA website with the current 2011 Grand National information.

The Grand National committee continues to work very hard on plans to make it a fun time for the exhibitors.

Carol Ann Tallmon

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

The Judges committee seeks the BOD's approval for a Llama Fleece Clinic on November 18th, 19th and 20th 2011 at McFarland Llama Farm with Deb Yeagle and Cindy Ruckman as Instructors.

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After successfully completing the Unzicker clinic the JC committee asks for approval to certify

Marilyn Nenni as a Llama and performance Judge

And to recertify through CEC credits for Llama Fleece

Maryan Baker  
Patti Morgan  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Judges Committee  
Doug Overman  
Deb Yeagle  
Cindy Ruckman  
Barb Harris  
Mary Reed

*The BOD approves all of the above.*

Subsequent to the above vote, Eran McCarty was also approved to be added to the Judges' List.

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

### **Regional Committee Report for May 10, 2011 ALSA Board Meeting**

1. The Central, Rocky Mountain and Southeastern Regional Championships remain on track with dates, locations and judges as previously approved.
2. Leigh Snyder has volunteered to serve as superintendent for the Buckeye and Great Lakes Regional Championships to be held on October 8 and 9, 2011, at the Porter Country Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Valparaiso, Indiana. There are no other shows on the ALSA calendar for that weekend and we have confirmed it will not conflict with the date of the Hoosier Llama Association's Fall Show. The cost of the indoor arena is \$350 per day and the

cost of stalls in the horse barn is \$10 per day. The location of this facility makes it easily accessible for exhibitors from both regions and would give them the unique opportunity to enter either one or both championships. We believe this could be a very successful event if we can start promoting it as soon as possible.

*The BOD voted no to this proposal.*

*Tom motioned to accept the proposal from the HLAA to hold a National Qualifier show in Noblesville, the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Cathie seconded. 5 Yes; 1 No. Motion Carried.*

3. Marilyn Milton has volunteered to serve as superintendent of the Northwestern Regional Championship to be held in conjunction with the Fiber and Flock Show in Canby, Oregon, on September 24 and 25, 2011. The superintendent of the Fiber and Flock Show is ALSA member Dr. Hal Koenig. This is a big event which gets a lot of public exposure. ALSA's share of the facility cost would be \$700 and all stall rental expense would be covered by the Fiber and Flock Show. The Fiber and Flock Show is an ILR show, so this proposal includes a request that the Northwestern Region be granted an exception from Part E, Section 1 (B) of the 16th Edition of the ALSA Handbook. Major exceptions to longstanding Handbook provisions relating to regional championships have already been made for the benefit of members in other regions. The stated purpose of those exceptions was so that members could qualify for the National show without driving long distances. Strict enforcement of the new provision in Part E, Section 1(B) will unfairly impact members in the Northwestern Region and require them to drive long distances to Regional Championships or qualifying shows outside of their Region. Members in the Northwestern Region have been very supportive of and well-represented at the National show in the past and last year only three other regions had more animals entered in the National show. Making it more difficult for members in the Northwestern Region to qualify at the same time that it has been made easier for members in other regions to qualify is unfair and makes no business sense.

*The following letter was submitted to Marilyn Milton.*

Hi Marilyn,

At the ALSA Board of Directors meeting last week we discussed your request for an exemption regarding the ALSA rule that ALSA Regional and National Qualifier shows will not to be sanctioned if held in conjunction with a competing show association event (Fiber and Flock Show). The ALSA Board is aware that ALSA members in the Northwest have limited opportunities to qualify for the ALSA National Show. The Board is also aware that the Northwest ALSA region strongly supported the 2010 ALSA National. The Board has concluded that it is in the best interests of ALSA and ALSA members to grant the exemption with the following caveats:

As with all Regional shows the Judge for the show will be selected from the ALSA Judges Committee approved list. The contract will be entered into by ALSA and the Judge. ALSA will pay the judge and related reasonable travel expenses along with Regional ribbons and the facility rental. The ALSA Regional is to be held on separate day from the Fiber and Flock Show. (stand alone show)

Marilyn, the Board would like to have a Northwest Regional show and hopes you are willing to accept our proposal.

Sincerely  
Tom Parsons  
Treas. ALSA

*This was her reply.*

Hello Tom,

I appreciate ALSA's consideration of our request, and thank you for your time and effort to accommodate the ALSA members in the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the event we will be unable to hold the ALSA Regional on a separate day. The OFFF is a two day event only. There is not enough time or space to have these shows on separate days due to the amount of classes and participants. The only way to accomplish both shows is to run them simultaneously like you would any double show, which went very smoothly last year.

I regret that we cannot meet your terms. I understand from the letter I received from Cheryl Juntilla, that the Southwest Regional has also been cancelled. I fear that cancellation of both Regional events will have a major impact on the Grand Nationals.

I am in possession of the Northwest Region ribbons. Would you like me to take them back to the ribbon contractor in case she can re-work them for another region?

Best Regards,

Marilyn Milton

4. The offer by the Hoosier Llama Association to host the Buckeye Regional Championship in conjunction with its Fall Show has been withdrawn.

5. The proposal to hold the Southwestern Regional Championship in conjunction with the Harvest Fair Show has been withdrawn.

*They want to hold a National Qualifier show.*

6. The Regional Committee is still waiting to hear whether a decision has been made about using a different ribbon vendor and would appreciate a response from the Board on this question as soon as possible. Once we are certain which regions will not be holding championship shows this year, we can distribute the leftover ribbons from those regions to be refurbished for use at this year's regional championships and further reduce costs by only having to purchase replacement streamers.

*The National ribbons have been ordered from the previous supplier. The Regional ribbons can be ordered from whatever vendor is chosen*

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 9:23pm EST.