

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
November 16, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:08 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:

Bob LaMorte
Allen Davis
Staci Forshee
Trish Brandt-Robuck

Office Manager:

Cheryl Ryberg

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 8:00pm EST

Proceedings:

Old Business:

1. Web site committee reports that all the corrections were sent, but it hasn't been posted as of yet.
2. The Associate Youth Membership was approved by the Board, March 14, 2007. Nothing has been implemented or put into the handbook. Bob motioned to add the Associate Youth Membership to the book. Cathie seconded. Motion Carried.
3. Cathie motioned that the Board go into executive session to discuss the ILR Registration requirement. Tom seconded. After completion of the executive session, Allen motioned to rescind previous motion and leave registration requirements as stated in present ALSA handbook. Keith seconded. A roll call vote was made: Cathie, yes; Tom, yes; Keith, yes; Bob, no; Allen, yes; Staci, yes; Trish, yes. Motion carried.
4. Scholarships: Tom motioned that based on additional information received by the BOD, that it is our decision to reevaluate the scholarship applicants including the 3 candidates whose applications were disqualified for technical reasons. Cathie seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. A question arose as to why ALSA requires a permission to show form. Allen will get with his Chairperson, Bill Schultz and will have information for the next meeting.
2. The letter from an ALSA member will be addressed by Ken.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2010

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 49,870
Investment Account	52,305
Cash – Memorials	<u>5,480</u>
Total Current Assets	\$107,655
Total Assets	<u>\$107,655</u>
Equity	<u>\$107,655</u>

Tom provided a Second Draft Budget for next year.

Office Business:

Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

Cheryl sent a spreadsheet listing all of the 2010 shows with details on the date the sanctioning fees were paid, the date the results were received, if the results had been posted on the web site, the amount and date the fees were paid and the judge for that show.

Committee Reports:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Staci)
Chair: Mary Reed
No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Lougene Baird
No Report
3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Barb Parsons

From: theparsons@prodigy.net
To: allendavisllamas@hotmail.com
Subject: Ethics statement
Date: Tue, 16 Nov 2010 07:00:39 -0600

Hi Allen,

After reviewing your request for the Ethics committee to review the placement of our recent "policy and procedure" I have found that according to the present handbook all ethics violations should be forwarded to the Protest Committee Chair and for any further action to take place a protest fee of \$250 must be filed. (top of page 141) Part U. Ethics.

Part V. Violations & Protest

If you go to B. Filing and Contents: it outlines the time line in which a protest must be filed (10 days) Filing fees etc.

I will need more direction from you regarding this matter. The Ethics committee can certainly make a recommendation but if all complaints/violations are subject to the requirements under Part V. then any violations not filed within 10 days will not be considered and not taken up w/o the \$250 fee.

How would you like the committee to proceed? Should there be the ability of the membership/judges/exhibitors to report violations without the filing fee? Please advise.

Thanks,

Barb

The Board thanks the Committee for the report. No additional Committee action is required.

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Bob)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman

To: ALSA Board of Directors

Subject: ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Report for the October 2010

ALSA BOD Meeting

Date: October 5, 2010

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

Old Business

1. The current Llama Fleece Committee listing on the ALSA website is missing member Patti Morgan (CO-Central Region). We respectfully request that she be added to our member list. In addition, we request that the proper Liaison be listed for our committee.

2. The ALSA Grand National Fleece Show is on schedule and we look forward to a fantastic event.

New Business

1. In response to a member letter regarding "wool divisions" for halter classes, the Llama Fleece Committee has no recommendation since the issue is specific to halter classes.

a. Of note, when used correctly, both terms may be used within our industry. Llamas are fiber producing animals and what comes off of a fiber producing animal is called a "fleece". We judge the "fleece of the llama" in our "fleece classes". The term "wool" for llama products may also be correct when used for end product content identification. According to the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939, the term wool includes the fleece of a sheep, angora goat, undercoat of a cashmere goat, and specialty fibers of alpaca, llama, vicuna, and guanaco. (Anything else is referred to as "fur".)

b. While we are not making a recommendation regarding ALSA halter class descriptions, we would be opposed to changing the ALSA llama fleece class descriptions.

2. Regarding any upcoming Llama Fleece Clinics, we are happy to work with the Alpaca Committee to combine clinics in a way that is educational and affordable to ALSA Judges and ALSA Members. It should be noted that Llama Fleece Clinics, Manuals and Instructor Materials are the responsibility of the Llama Fleece Committee and that, per the ALSA Handbook, 15th Edition, any combined instruction or materials should be approved by our committee

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ruckman~

ALSA Llama Fleece Committee Chair

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the report as written.

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)
Chair:
This was covered by Tom under Treasurer's report.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)
Chair: Malcolm and Carol Ann Tallman

All information is not in regarding the Grand National Income and Expenses. A lot of members stated that the judging system used created a problem and that they would like to see a change next year. The Board of Directors needs to reevaluate the judging and scoring system. They will talk to ALSA members to get feedback on different thoughts and let the members decide by a vote. It was decided to table any further discussion until the January 2011 meeting.

Bob chose to discontinue with the BOD meeting at this time, 9:41 pm EST, and hung up.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)
Chair: Wally Baker

Handbook Committee Report: November 16, 2010 Board Meeting

Dear ALSA Board;

In a matter of less than two months, we will be entering the third year without an updated ALSA Handbook for our membership.

The 2009 ALSA Handbook has been updated, finalized and submitted to the Board in accordance with all ALSA Board approved changes and specific handbook reference for some time. According to board meeting minutes, there are 2010 handbook changes being considered at this time.

As a recommendation to help with the final handbook edition process, rather than creating two separate handbook revision publications - 2009 and 2010 - to be posted separately on the website, consolidating both revision years would be the most efficient and easiest to follow. Any handbook revisions made at this point in the year or before January 1, 2011, would be included in the 2010 updates.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Baker
Handbook Committee, Chair

Trish motioned to combine the 2009 and 2010 revisions as stated, Allen seconded,

Motion passed.

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Doug Overman

1. We would like to request to the BOD. For their approval, to schedule a Beginner's and Advanced Llama Clinic At Jack and Tracy Pearson's in June of 2012.
Jack and Tracy Pearson:
Pearson Pond Ranch & Llama Co.
Ellijay, GA

2. Here is the Instructor list. Could you please present it to the BOD with a request for their approval. This list is taken from the October 2007 list approved by the BOD. With the addition of 1 new Assistant, Barb Harris, as per the Handbook page 136. Section 5 -Judging Clinics. #s 2,3,4,5.

Alpaca

Mary Reed
Anthony Stachowski
Deb Yeagle
Lavona Fercho - Checking with her to see if she is interested
Susan Tellez

Alpaca Fleece

Mary Reed
Anthony Stachowski
Lavona Fercho - Checking with her to see if she is interested
Deb Yeagle
Susan Tellez

Llama Fleece

Cindy Ruckman
Deb Yeagle

Llama

Lora Crawford
Penny Davidson
Lavona Fercho - Checking with her to see if she is interested.

Cathie Kindler
Judie Moser

Assistants

Danielle Wagoner
Gayle Woodsum
Deb Yeagle
Barb Harris

Thank You
Doug Overman
Chair, Judges Committee

In addition to #1, the alpaca clinic that was to be held at Mary Reed's was cancelled. Mary would like to reschedule for March 18, 19 & 20th, 2011.

Cathie motions to accept #1 above and to reschedule Mary Reed's clinic to 2011.
Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Revisions were made to #2, the Instructor list. Trish motioned to approve the revised instructor list. Allen seconded. 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

Performance Committee Report for November 2010:

1. Masters classes will consist of 10 obstacles.
2. Master's Pack class should be removed from the optional class section of the handbook.

Thank you,

Melanie McMurry MD
Chair

Trish motioned to accept the above report. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

12. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris

ALSA Policy and Planning Committee
Report date: 20 October 2010

The ALSA Policy and Planning Committee was asked to review and if needed provide guidelines for two items.

The first item dates back to 12 November 2008 and was a recommendation by the ALSA Youth Committee on a proposed ALSA Youth Organization. The committee discussed this recommendation and took in to consideration the economy and dwindling numbers of youth in various regions when making our decision. At this time we would like to ask that this recommendation for an ALSA Youth Organization be tabled until a future date when youth numbers begin to rebound across the country. In its stead we would like to make the following recommendation that the members of the ALSA Youth Committee include two youth from different ALSA regions. This would be referenced in Part B. Section 2. T. d and this would be changed to read:

d. Committee must contain two youth each from a different ALSA region.

Our second item was to evaluate the Standing Rule regarding the removal of a director through a recall vote of the membership. We were asked to determine if this rule would be better suited by being moved to the By-Laws. After a thorough evaluation our recommendation is that the Standing Rule under Article II Section 1 (g) be left in the Standing Rules.

Our reasons are as follows:

The Bylaws are the forum where the ALSA Board of Directors can remove another Board Member.

The ALSA Membership possesses another method for removal of a Director. This is an excellent "back-up" in case the Board does not take action deemed necessary by a majority quorum of the Membership.

The Standing Rules provide a method for the General Membership to remove any Director.

The Standing Rule as written appear to be a reasonable percentage number as a special election is a costly endeavor for ALSA - however if a Director's conduct was outrageous enough for a recall, and 25% of the membership signed the petition this would seem like a valid reason to warrant the cost for a special election call for a vote by the membership.

The Board of Directors currently possess a far more direct and cost effective route for removal of an Officer through the ALSA Bylaws

However this is an area where the Board needs to accurately document unauthorized activities. Prior to ejecting any elected officer the Board should thoroughly review and reference Roberts Rules of Order regarding Trials. The accused should be informed of the allegations of misconduct and be provided sufficient time to prepare a defense. If the director is found guilty by the Board following Trial Procedures as outlined in Roberts Rules of Order the Board should:

- 1. Document the action leading to the censure in writing in the official ALSA Board Meeting Minutes.*
- 2. Admonish the subject Director in writing of the potential ramifications of unauthorized activity and that a second offense of the same nature could result in suspension or ejection by the Board.*
- 3. Prior to any removal of an elected Officer the Board should contact the ALSA Attorney so that the organization is not subject to a lawsuit for failure to exercise progressive discipline within the Board prior to removal.*

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Harris
ALSA Policy and Planning Committee Chair

Trish motioned that the first section regarding the youth committee be sent to the ALSA Youth Committee and to approve the second part as stated. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

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

Trying to get my committee to send me show results, pictures, info, etc.

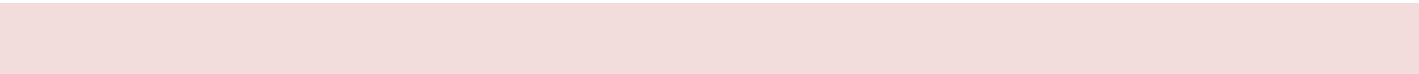
The next issue which I hope to get out this month will be March thru September. Then around Christmas or NY's will be the last one for the year.

Thanks to you and the BOD for being patient with me this year. Next year will be on a more regular schedule.

Oh yes, the advertising rates. I have attached. They will be in the March thru Sept. issue so if anyone wants to advertise for the final issue, they will have the costs.

Leigh Snyder
 Ralejay Dachshunds & Llamas
 Custom Shearing
 8059 E. 2525 Rd.
 Metcalf, IL 61940

OLD		RATES		Special Ad Promotion Rates for 2010 !!	
COLOR		BLACK & WHITE			
Inside Cover	\$450			Not really available with style of publication	
Back Cover	\$400			Not really available with style of publication	
Full Page Inside	\$275	Full Page			
Half Page	\$190	Inside	\$190		
1/3 Page	\$170	Half Page	\$150		
1/4 Page	\$150	1/3 Page	\$130	Not really available with style of publication	
Business Card	\$50	1/4 Page	\$100	Not really available with style of publication	
		Business Card	\$25		



NEW		RATES		After completing the first edition of the newly formatted Showring to tabloid style, due to reduced cost of publishing the committee has chosen to reduce advertising the below amounts.	
COLOR		BLACK & WHITE		These prices are per publication. If publication is a combined issue of more than 2 months, it is still only a one-time fee.	
8 x 10	\$90.00	8 x 10	\$65.00		
5 x 7	\$70.00	5 x 7	\$50.00		
Wallet size	\$40.00	Wallet size	\$35.00		
Business Card	\$25.00	Business Card	\$15.00		

Tom motioned to approve new advertising rates as stated in report. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

16. Regional Committee: (liaison: Keith)
Chair: Cheryl Jutilla
This report will be diverted until next month.

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Bill Schultz

Allen will look into the Permission to Show Form and will present it at next month's meeting.

18. Web Site Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Steve Katzakian
Trish will check on the corrections

19. Youth Committee: (liaison: Staci)
Chair: Penny Davidson

Here are the names I have for the Youth Committee for the board's approval.

Chair: Penny Davidson
Michele Batt
Tabbethia Haubold
Michelle Kutzler
Kim Kyst
Susan Leslie

Staci motioned to approve the Youth Committee list. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

There being nothing further to discuss, Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathie seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 11:00 pm EST.