

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
November 10, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. EST.
by Vice President, Cathie Kindler

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

Cathie Kindler - Vice President
Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary
Tom Parsons-Treasurer
Bob LaMorte - Board Member
Keith Wattigney - Board Member
Ken Forster - Board Member
Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

Some difficulty with communications due to Hurricane Ida.

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Motion by Keith: approve Oct. 13, 2009 minutes
Seconded by Tom:
Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New ALSA System Application and Database, in the future will be committee report.
2. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates-Cathie will respond to ILR.
3. VP Corporate Book(Trish has minutes copied from web)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer
Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash:	\$ 39,802
Cash-Investment Account:	48,225
Cash-Memorials	<u>7,786</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	95,813

FIXED ASSETS	
Software	28,015
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$123,828</u>
EQUITY 4	
Retained Earnings	<u>\$123,828</u>

- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

Administrative Manager Report, November 2009

The office has printed and is organizing 1778 Membership Renewal forms, which should all be mailed by the end of this week. This includes 2009 and 2008 members for renewal.

We have asked MG-Softnet if they would put together a “running tally” on the website, of all National Qualifiers starting in January for the 2010 show season. This would include all of the existing and as they occur, Champion awards in all categories as well as Youth Grand and Reserves, Show Grand and Reserves, ALSA Grand and Reserves. Any Classes of Adult Showman, Produce-of-Dam, and Get-of-Sire with at least 3 in the class will also qualify for National if they receive 1st place.

Show Grand and Reserves do not count toward ALSA Champion awards, but I have also asked that they be posted on our website for members to see as there is confusion when there is not 8 in the division. The posting will have a description of the difference between a Show Grand and Reserve and an ALSA Grand and Reserve.

In addition, once the 2009 show season has been completely recorded, the previous years points and Grand and Reserves will be listed under llamas with recording numbers. This is something that was requested by members at the membership meeting and not a difficult request as it is something already seen on my screen which may be posted when uploading to the website.

We will be doing a certificate mailing later this week.

The office is working with several new shows which will be starting to show up on our website as we receive the information.

We are also still in the process of receiving credit card information and checks. We are working on a spread sheet which lists all of our shows and how much we have received from them in

recording fees which will be shared with the board when completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg
ALSA Office
Administrative Manager

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2010 Camelid Symposium Davis, California-request for sponsorship
Motion by Ken to be a \$100 sponsor.
Seconded by Trish
Carried
2. Committee's- Handbook changes by 12-31-09 FYI
3. Trophy Cups- Discussed costs
4. Regional Judges Issue-Tabled
5. Grand National Scoring-Discussed different scoring methods-tabled
 - a. Committee sends back recommendations.
6. Handbook
 - a. Section E Regional Championships D 6
Handbook says, "Notifications of animals qualified for Regional Championships will be posted on the ALSA web site.
Motion by Trish: deleting from the handbook the above section E, D6.
Seconded by Keith:
Carried
 - b. Summarize changes to handbook on January 1 and dates of changes.
Send email blast to all members of this information.
Motion by Tom: As of Jan. 1, 2010 post new additions and deletions
and/or changes to Handbook.
Seconded by Ken:
Carried
7. Website Help- discussed getting webmaster- office states about 1 hour per week.
8. Points-Animals in Division- need to help members with numbers and location in Handbook.
 - a. Office will do Email Blast on how points are awarded.
9. GN Task Force- Tom will head up a task force to look at costs, new venues, scoring etc.

- a. Liaison to GN will be Tom and Regionals will be Keith.
- 10. Review of Judges Committee motions.
 - Motion by Ken: Rescind entire Judges Committee Report and votes on 1,2,4,5,6,7.
 - Seconded by Bob
 - tabled
- 11. Regionals-
 - a. Discussion of locations and costs. Referred to Committee.
- 12. Membership Renewal-Letter usually included
 - a. Can OK letter by email
- 13 Youth Scholarship
 - a. Need Bio and picture for website. Youth committee to get info.
- 14. Sanctioning of shows with other show organizations.
 - a. ALSA show Insurance considerations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
 - Chair: Mary Reed
 - No Report
- 2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
 - Chair: Lougene Baird
 - No Report
- 3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish)
 - Chair:
 - No Report
- 4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)
 - Chair: Cindy Ruckman
 - No Report
- 5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)
 - Chair:
 - See Treasurer's Report above.
- 6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)
 - Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman
 - No report

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report as per Handbook chair

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE - REPORT TO BOD -

3 November 2009

ACTIVITY REPORT

MEETING at the GRAND NATIONAL - was attended by 14 Judges, including the 2 Fleece Judges; I personally met with each of the Halter and Performance Judges (5) later to pass the paperwork and share discussion.

ITEMS discussed included:

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR and appropriate attitude - HandOut Paperwork

Double Show sanctions – how to handle ALSA responsibilities, follow ALSA Rules and promote ALSA to Exhibitors and Apprentices

Specific Performance Show issues – passed to Trish for that committee

Combining Llama& Alpaca Fleece Training Clinics - POSITIVE

Possible **5-Day Combined Clinics** to offer all aspects of Certification - **POSITIVE**

CLINIC – 1st Combined Llama and Alpaca Fleece Clinic – was held at McFarland's in Ohio with

Instructors Lavona Fercho and Cindy Ruckman, and 8 attendees. This was a resounding success and the word is around the industry how well it was presented and how much was learned.

INSTRUCTORS and Attendees reported the **COMBINED Llama and Alpaca TRAINING** was invaluable and should be continued for all **CLINICS** for Shorn and Walking Fleece.

EXPENSES: 8 Attendee Fees will just cover the \$2000 expense and fee cost for Instructor Fercho Instructor Ruckman will use clinic for Certification; Lunch expenses only for ALSA.

CALIFORNIA FLEECE CLINIC – Nov. 20-22 is in progress as a Beginner\Owner Education Clinic

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION - Combining **LIGHT WOOL and CLASSIC LLAMA DIVISIONS** - This was pronounced a **POSITIVE IDEA for the BOD to consider as an adoption** to increase numbers in a Division which could then hold Championship Classes.

The Committee is working to provide expanded descriptions for Professional Appropriate and\or Negative Behavior, which may be attributed to Judges.

DOUBLE ALSA SHOWS - decision for presenting Oral Reasons.

F. Request APPROVAL for Change PART D. Sanctioned Shows, Section. 1, B. 2. (Pg. 16)

.. Printed Class List for Double Judge Show states Oral Reasons will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Judges for Educational purposes

*******DID NOT APPROVE THIS SECTION, NEED TO REVISIT***

Respectfully Submitted to the ALSA BOD

4 November 2009

Susan Tellez-Chair
ALSA Judge Committee

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Jim Rutledge

We spent time at ALSA Grand Nationals networking and recruiting members for this Membership Committee. We have found a great team. We look forward to bringing bright ideas to the BOD for recruitment, retention and improvement in the Youth area.

Holly Russell
Glenna Hinde
Bill Feick
Tabbethia Haubold

Nov. Discussion

1. Ideas for recruitment. If a member signs up 2 new members, they get a free membership. If this member is Lifetime, they would get a free animal recording number. The group thought this should be done in a six month time period for trial basis. Look at it again in May to see response.
2. Ideas for increase in Llama Recording numbers. Register two animals get one animal free. Again put this in a Jan to June trial basis to see what increase we have.
3. Have a new member use references to join ALSA. The group is not in favor of this at all.
4. Renew early for 2010. Probably too late in the year to make any announcements for enrolling by a certain date and getting something free. We think we should table this until 2010 and bring it back around toward the end of the summer. Then develop a plan for Oct., Nov., Dec early bird registration.
5. Youth Recruitment. Texas has been working with FFA Ag, Extension offices to get Youth numbers in the Llama area up. Idea to increase Scholarships, incentives for Youth throughout the year, end of year recognition. Maybe something per Region. Discussion about shows offering Halter and Performance with Youth Divisions in all areas. Some areas favor Halter only, or Perf only. This is a Show Supt decision that individual need to take on in their area. If a Youth can recruit 2 more, give them a free year. Again time frame Jan to June for tracking purposes.

We look forward to implementing any of these ideas. Just let us know what you need done next.

Jim

BOD will send back to committee with numbers requested.

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurry

No Report

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair:

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Leigh Snyder

email vote carried for new chair to be Leigh Snyder

17. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

Youth Committee Report November, 2009

Item 1. Elite Youth Award

Approved April 15, 2008 – to be effective Jan., 2009. Not in the 15th Edition Handbook.

Committee requests approval of the following for the Elite Youth Award and for the Handbook, p. 121:

H. Elite Youth Award –

Qualifying - Youth who have demonstrated outstanding achievement above the Ultimate Youth Award may qualify for the Elite Youth Award by winning at least:

10 first places in Showmanship

10 first places in either Obstacle or Public Relations

5 first places in either Obstacle or Public Relations – opposite class from item b.

5 first places in Pack

5 first places in Youth Judging

Point Accumulation

Points will be accumulated by the ALSA Point Chart

Points will be awarded to each qualified youth in any approved Youth class.

All points for the youth program will be tabulated in accordance with the official ALSA Point Chart.

Note: The Elite Award as approved in April, 2008 had requirements of:

6 Showmanship first places

6 Obstacle first places

6 PR first places

6 Pack first places

6 Youth Judging first places

This committee feels that additional placings in Showmanship and Obstacle above the Ultimate Award should be required for the Elite. (the Ultimate Award requires 6 Showmanship & 6 Obstacle) and therefore suggests the change to ten firsts in Showmanship and in Obstacle or PR.

Item 2. Ultimate Youth Award – p. 121

For the Ultimate Youth Award, 6 first placings are needed in Obstacle, and 2 firsts in PR or Pack. Some animals have more of a PR personality than Obstacle. We would like to update the qualifying of the Ultimate Youth Award to read:

a. Six first places in Showmanship

Six first places in Obstacle or PR

Two first places in Obstacle or PR – opposite class from Item b.

Two first places in Pack

Item 3. Annual ALSA Youth High Point Award –

The committee would like to award an annual Senior Youth High Point Award, Intermediate Youth High Point Award, and a Junior Youth High Point Award.

This award would be an accumulation of all the points earned during the current year and would

be tabulated from the Annual Top Ten High Point Awards. Committee feels that this will:
Give some purpose to the youth earning points as now only first placings are recognized for youth awards.

Encourage youth to attend more shows in order to earn more points. More \$\$ to ALSA.

Enable youth who do not obtain first placings to still achieve recognition in the ALSA youth award system.

Encourage more youth to attend Regionals and Nationals where double and triple points are awarded.

Give added recognition to our ALSA Youth Program and encourage youth to become and stay involved.

After Annual Top Ten High Point Awards are posted by the Office in the new year, the Youth Committee will tabulate the three Annual High Point Awards. Therefore not causing any further work to the Office.

The Committee would like to award an embroidered show chair to the 2009 annual recipients and will take care of collecting funds if ALSA financials do not permit this at this time.

Youth attending the Youth Meeting at the Nationals, 2009 were in great favor of this proposal and would like to see it approved.

For Handbook: p. 121

ALSA Annual Youth High Point Award.

An annual Youth High Point Award will be awarded to a Senior, Intermediate, and Junior youth who have the top ALSA show point accumulation for the current year.

Points will be calculated from the following classes: Showmanship, Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, and Youth Judging.

Points for these awards will be calculated using the ALSA Point Chart.

(Handbook – p. 121 Current C would become D

Current D would become E – Ultimate Youth Award

Current E would become – Elite Youth Award – as listed above

Current E would become F, current F would become G, current G would become H)

Item 4. Approved in the Show Management Committee report in minutes of December 9, 2008 is the awarding of the Top Ten Regional Awards for youth only. This was to encourage more show attendance during the year and also more attendance at Regionals. And to give more importance to our ALSA regions.

Item 5. In 2008 the BOD approved the National Lama Youth Association and 2009 membership cards included the name of this association. Committee would like approval to add the following to the Handbook: p. 113

Section 1.

National Lama Youth Association

All youth who join ALSA and pay the \$25.00 annual ALSA youth

membership fee are automatically members of the National Lama Youth Association. The purpose of the National Lama Youth Association is to promote youth interaction with llamas and alpacas by serving youth involved in ALSA, 4-H, and FFA. All ALSA members will receive an annual Lama Youth Association membership card from the ALSA Office, an ALSA Handbook, an ALSA Youth Judging Manual, and a copy of the ALSA Showing.

A youth steering committee will be elected to work with members of the ALSA Youth Committee and/or Youth Association Advisor to determine and promote Youth Llama activities, programs, and benefits.

Report: The Youth Committee met with the youth at the National Show, 2009 and formed a youth steering committee for this year and received input from the youth regarding what they would like to see from their association. Youth Committee will continue to meet with this new Youth Steering Committee for future plans to our ALSA youth program.

The ALSA BOD needed more time to review. Therefore this will be handled in email vote by next tuesday.

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

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

1. Letter re: Complimentary letter-Julie acknowledged receipt
2. Letter re: Wool vs. fiber-sent to judges, fiber and show management committees.
3. Letter re: Show postings-Ken will answer this.

Motion to adjourn by Trish
Seconded by Ken
MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:36 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Brandt-Robuck
Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

1. Motion by Bob:
 - a. Allow 72 hours for BOD approval unless circumstances dictate immediate action, and shorter approval.
 - b. And 48 hours on business days to approve email blasts.

Seconded by Ken:
Carried

