

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
September 14,2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. EST.
by President, Ken Forster

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

President Ken Forster
V. President Cathie Kindler
Treasurer Tom Parsons

Board Members

 Bob LaMorte
 Allen Davis
 Staci Forshee
 Trish Brandt-Robuck
 Keith Wattigney

Office Manager-Cheryl Ryberg

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, October 12,2010 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

- a.Face to Face at Nationals: October 28,2010 at 8:00 am.
- b.General membership meeting at Nationals:Oct 29,2010 at 7:30 a.m.
 - 1. Brief financial report
 - 2. Presidents Letter

* signifies a change to Handbook needed by that committee.

PROCEEDINGS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.Youth committee report from Aug. 9 withheld for New Youth committee w/
 new recommendations at Face to Face.
- 2.Number of BOD members
 Motion by Cathie: Spring 2011 BOD would go to 7. Therefore only elect
 2 members in 2011, and go from existing 8 down to 7. This
 would be returning to the traditional number.
 Seconded by Allen:
 Carried
- 3. Registration Requirements. At annual meeting discuss ILR registration
 and how members feel about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. member threat-discussed
2. BOD member behavior-
 - Motion by Keith:to go into executive session
 - Seconded by Cathie:
 - Discussed and resolved
 - Motion by Bob:to move out of Executive session
 - Seconded by Allen

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2010

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$ 19,001

Cash-Investment Account: 67,149

Cash-Memorials 5,469

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 91,619

FIXED ASSETS

Software

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 91,619

EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings \$ 91,619

- 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:

I am happy to report that as of the end of August, compared to same period in 2009, our show sanctioning and fees are up over 16% while the membership is down a little over 4% the youth membership has increased. These numbers need to be noted as the rumor is that we are down in show numbers, which may be the case in individual shows, it is not the case in ALSA as a whole.

The ALSA Office has completely replaced all of their computers, adding 3 Intel Dual-Core Processor computers, complete with 4 Gig RAM each with all acceptable peripherals including wide flat screen LCD monitors and 3 power backups. This became necessary due to the introduction of the 2010 Quickbooks which slowed down the system and would no longer work through the ALSA Owned Laptop. All of the transfer went fine but did slow down productivity at the office for at least a week while we slowly added each new machine. Note, this was at the Administrative Manager expense, not ALSA. ALSA has a laptop now that is virtually useless and has minimal value. We can strip the hard drive if the BOD decides to sell it, I can get an estimate of its value.

All shows received by the office should be posted to the website by this weekend

I submitted to the board an internet link to review "ShoWorks". This is an Access based software that has been specializing in software for livestock shows for 15 years. I am requesting that we purchase one copy of this software and have it customized for the Grand National 2011 while I work with ShoWorks regarding 8 licenses for our Regionals and how much for our individual shows. This software runs under \$1,000 has an 800 number for support and does every thing and more than was promised by OPG, with the exception of final integration into database, it is a very easy program to work with and that is a possibility in the future.

Here is a few highlights if you did not have time to review on their site.

For Supers:

Saves time managing exhibitors and entries (entries can be done online)
Speeds up operations by printing judging sheets, summaries, reports, press releases, entry tags, sale sheets, even 1099's.

Creates neatly formatted custom reports in seconds

Shares data easily across multiple computers with or without a network.

Tracks premium payouts without error, integrates accounting with QB or Quicken

Reduces costs and errors with online entries (optional)

E Blasts manager to quickly notify exhibitors by mass emails.

Has automated offsite backup to protect your data from disaster.

Most used software for fairs of all sizes.

Upload of our data and support at no extra charge.

Once Sharon and I start working with ShoWorks, we can negotiate with ShoWorks and come back with proposal to take care of all of our Regional and show supers that need software to help with their shows.

Last, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the ALSA Board of Directors and the ALSA Members for their kindness in sending flowers for my mothers funeral, and for the countless cards of sympathy. These were most gratefully appreciated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Stacie)

Chair: Mary Reed

Mary Reed is planning a halter clinic for the 2nd weekend in November (this information is also in the Judge's Committee report). She inquired as to whether or not she should be receiving reimbursement for the cost of conducting/hosting the clinic. She was unsure what the policy is toward reimbursement and wanted clarification.

Motion by Tom: Maintain recent policy for not reimbursing farms for hosting a clinic.
Seconded by Cathie

Another topic brought up was the separation of llama and alpaca fleece during fiber clinics. Mary stated that it would be possible to instruct beginners clinics with the combination of llama and alpaca, but for the sake of time, advanced clinics should offer either llama or alpaca, instead of both.

BOD- SEND TO FIBER AND JUDGES COMMITTEE

Mary also inquired whether or not it was possible for the A.L.S.A. office to offer packets to show superintendents, instead of merely putting the information on the website. These packets would also include forms for walking fleece.

BOD-CONTINUE POLICY -IF REQUESTED- OFFICE WILL SEND IT

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Lougene Baird
No Report
3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair:
No Report
4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Bob)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
see email- regarding Second Judge at Nationals
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
Liaisons should review by Oct 12 meeting.
8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
Chair: Doug Overman

Here is the list of our committee:

LLAMA - DEB YEAGLE

FLEECE - CINDY RUCKMAN

PERFORMANCE - BARB HARRIS

ALPACA - MARY REED

Motion by Trish: Accept committee members

Seconded by Allen:

Carried Unanimously

1. We would like to have an Alpaca Halter clinic at Mary Reeds farm for November 12-13th-14th, 2010

Instructors will be Mary Reed and Anthony Stachowski

Instructor fees will be minimized/ eliminated with both instructors using the clinic to recertify. All sessions will be on farm, no rental of hotel space for lectures. Several participants can stay on farm, reducing their cost of

attendance. No additional alpacas are needed to be trailered in. We have dozens of young huacaya and have arranged to carpool to a major suri farm 5 miles away to judge classes of suri alpacas, making the clinic a very valuable learning experience.

Motion by Trish: Have Alpaca Halter Clinic at Mary Reeds.

Seconded by Bob:

Carried

2. After a request to the Judges committee from a judge for an extension to the spring Clinic for job related reasons

the Judges Committee unanimously agreed to the extension pending BOD approval.

Motion by Allen: To reject the committees recommendation. BOD feels rules apply to all evenly, The judge waited till the very last day before the clinic for and extension. Therefore this request is denied.

The Judges Committee should inform the judge he may not accept any ALSA judging assignments for 2011 and beyond, until he successfully completes an advanced clinic.

Seconded by Bob:

Carried

3. Instructors:

If you are Recertifying by instructing a clinic you will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses only and you will not be paid the judges fees.

* Motion by Tom: When clinic instructors are recertifying, they may exchange 1 day of instructions fees for their cost of recertification.

Seconded by Cathie:

Carried

4. The committee is working on a list of instructors and will present it for the Oct BOD meeting

9. Membership Committee: (liaison:Ken)

Chair: Looking for Chair

No Report

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Carolyn Meyers

No Report

11. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurrey

No Report

12. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Barb Harris

Motion by Allen: Accept Maryan Baker, and Patti Morgan to
the committee

Seconded by Bob:

Carried

13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

No Report

14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Ulin Andrew

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Leigh Snyder

Congratulations Leigh, the new magazine is going out after all the trials and tribulations with new software. The BOD previewed the first edition. It looked terrific.

16. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

Attached is an updated spreadsheet with estimated budget numbers.
incorporated the corrected numbers from last year.

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: Bill Schultz

1. At the request of the Show Management Committee Bod liaison we the SMC have arrived at this recommendation for the following rule revision concerning oral reasons. We believe that the following revision closely mirrors the Bod's motion discussed in the June minutes regarding the judges committee request for oral reasons. As a committee we too believe that exhibitors desire to hear factual and forthright oral reasons. Therefore here is our revision.

Page 140 Section 1 One Judge System

In a one judge system, one judge is responsible for placing each halter class. They do so without discussion or consultation with any other persons. Oral reasons will be presented by the presiding judge at the conclusion of placing each class.

Page 140 Section 2- Multiple Judged Shows

A. This system employs two or more judges to judge simultaneously in order for two sets or more placings to be awarded. The show must pay two or more sanctioning, animal and nonmember fees and award two or more sets of ribbons and/or awards. Also encourages Judges and show superintendents to formulate a means to provide oral reasons at these multiple sanctioned shows. Different formats may include alternating judges to present oral reasons, therefore only one set of oral reasons will be presented on each class. However the final format to be used will be determined between the judges presiding and the show superintendent.

- * Motion by Allen: Accept Show management recommendation #1 changes for Handbook.
Seconded by Trish
Carried

2. The SMC would like to request a list containing the names, e-mail address, and phone numbers of the current show superintendents for 2009 and 2010 show season. We would like to start some communications with show supers to keep them abreast of rule changes and any other pertinent super information. Also we are looking for committee representatives from other regions.

BOD- will be sent

18. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

1. Need update of committee page on web.
 - a. List sent to Alan by next meeting.

19. Youth Committee: (liaison: Staci)

Chair: still looking

1. youth Scholarship winners
 - a. tabled till Oct 12 meeting.
2. Need Scholarship rules revised

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

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

1. Letter re:
Motion to adjourn by Trish
Seconded by Allen
MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:47 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Brandt-Robuck
Acting Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

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

1. Motion by Trish, Seconded by Cathie
APPROVE PAYMENTS TO ROYAL AWARDS FOR REGIONAL RIBBONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6473.11.
Carried
2. Motion by Tom, Seconded by Bob:
MOTION TO ADD A SECOND FIBER JUDGE AT NATIONALS, SPECIFICALLY LEE ANN KING.
Carried
3. Approved Fiber committee e-blast.