

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting
January 10, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm EST by President, Ken Forster
(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

Roll Call:

Members Present:

President Ken Forster

V. President

Treasurer (Non Board) Patti Wattigney – Joined 8:07pm; Dismissed herself – 9:30pm

Secretary Keith Wattigney

Board Members:

Allen Davis

Marilyn Nenni

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Larry Lewellyn

Office Manager: Robin Turell – Joined 8:07pm; Dismissed herself – 9:30pm

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 8:00pm EST

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager

The new Office is receiving the boxes from the prior Office Manager.

The layout for the 2012 membership cards have been approved and the membership cards are being processed and mailed to the members.

Larry motioned to use the services of Site Street to get the .org up and running not to exceed 8 hours. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Larry motioned to have Site Street host both the .org and the .net websites for the cost of \$15.00/month. Keith seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Patti Wattigney, Treasurer

Treasurer Report for the Month of December 31, 2011

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled.

- 2) The 2011 Gross Income was down 31% compared to 2010. The 2011 Expenses was down 38% compared to 2010. (The program write off in 2010 was not used to determine this percentage).
- 3) There was a slight net loss for the year 2011, but compared to 2010 (without using the show program write off) it was a much better year for ALSA.

Balance Sheet
As December 31, 2011

Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 12,270	
Investment Account	58,084	
Cash – Memorials	<u>\$ 3,857</u>	
Total Current Assets	74,211	
Total Assets	<u>\$ 74,211</u>	
Equity	<u>\$ 74,211</u>	
Cash Balance on Hand November 30, 2011		\$ 88,359
Receipts		
Membership Revenue	\$ 5,292	
Show Fee Revenue	1,490	
Grand National Revenue	1,270	
Judge Revenue	650	
Regional Revenue	0	
Other Revenue	<u>118</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 8,820
Disbursements		
Membership	\$ 0	
Grand Nationals	13,517	
Committee Expenses	0	
Judge Expenses	2,012	
Regional Expenses	0	
Other Expenses	703	
Office Expenses	5,866	
BOD Expenses	<u>870</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 22,968</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 2011		<u>\$ 74,211</u>

Allen motioned to approve the Treasurer Report. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Proceedings:

Old Business:

- 1) By email: *Keith motioned to accept Maryan Baker's resignation. Allen seconded. Motion passed.*
- 2) *Allen motioned to accept the December 13, 2011 minutes with the noted corrections. Keith seconded. Motion passed.*
- 3) *Allen motioned to accept the December 29, 2011 minutes with the noted corrections. Keith seconded. Motion passed.*

New Business:

None

Committee Reports:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair:
2. Election Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)
Chair: Lougene Baird
3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Jim Doyle
4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Larry)
Chair:
6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallmon

ALSA Board of Directors,

a)

Having been approved by the Board of Directors the Grand National Committee has begun with ideas for the 2012 Grand National. We are currently getting prices for ribbons from the company that provided our trophies last year that is located in Lincoln. We are hoping that having the order for our trophies this year would give us a break in pricing. Currently we are relying on the Miltons to bring the ribbons from

Oregon to save on shipping. The ribbon cost this past year was extremely expensive. Our thought is that we could have one of the streamers denote the 15th anniversary. Obviously our theme for this year is the anniversary of the Grand National. We will be needing a complete list of the judges very soon so that we can get them under contract. Hopefull our list will include many more experienced judges than in the last couple of years. The best judes should be hired to judge the Grand National and Regionals.

Carol Ann

b)

The Grand National Committee has discussed the pros and cons on the suggestion of a "Classic Llama Class". Our feelings about this addition led to a list of concerns. We believe that adding a class this year should entail continuing this class in the future years. Although the offer of Trish's sponsorship is greatly appreciated the amount of premiums being more in any one class would not be fair. Premiums should be the same across the board. I think all of the Board knows our thoughts on the collection of sponsorships. If someone designates their donation go for a specific purpose, such as premiums, that's where it should go. In this regard, soliciting money for the Classics would not be fair to the donor to apply it elsewhere.

This leads to the matter of future Grand Nationals. We might have the sponsorships for this year but what about the future? If this is a onetime donation it will seriously dip into the premium monies and be a deficit for ALSA in the upcoming years.

The committee has contacted several members that have Classics to get a definitive description. The one constant in this survey was that the fiber is different. Because the halter classes at an ALSA show are not to be judged on fiber but on conformation, does this class really differ greatly from the Light Wool Class?

Just a suggestion from the committee - how would it work if we added a fiber class for the Classics and left them showing in a Light Wool class? Once again, the premium money collected would have to be distributed equally in the fiber classes. It would keep our payout for halter classes the same but offer more in the fiber division and give the members a way of showcasing their Classics.

The Committee welcomes your thoughts on the matters submitted.

Carol Ann Tallmon

Chair

Keith motioned to accept the Committee report. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair:

Trish motioned for Larry to be the liaison to the Handbook Committee. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

ALSA Handbook: 17th Edition - 2012

ALSA handbook changes approved by the Board in 2011 have been completed through recently posted December 1, 2011, board minutes and ALSA office contact information change. I had anticipated making any additional handbook edits resulting from the December 13, 2011, board meeting and submit to committee for finalization to close out this year's handbook revision; however, those meeting minutes have not been posted for inclusion into the handbook.

As I previously mentioned to Ken Forster, I was experiencing trouble with my Adobe InDesign CS2 program I have used over the past four years for updating the ALSA Handbook. I did receive Adobe InDesign CS4 software used by another ALSA committee from the ALSA office this month. I did not attempt to use this software because of a possible unauthorized user conflict as described in accompanying software documentation.

I was able to convert the ALSA Handbook 17th Edition work version due out to the membership in time for the start of the new show season this January to an editable Microsoft PC word program. Any future handbook changes needed to be made can be accomplished in this format. I have mailed a CD copy of this text to Ken with the above Adobe software for his attention.

I had intended to wait until all 2011 amendments were included in this handbook before final page, table of contents and index formatting was done and then reviewed by Handbook Committee for final proofing. We are at the close of 2011 and, because of upcoming family and other personal commitments, any additional handbook revisions completed on my part at this late date in the year would not be possible within any certain time period. Consequently, I am going to discontinue my participation on the Handbook Committee upon submission of this report.

Wally Baker

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Allen)
Chair: Barb Harris

Doug Overman resigned as the Chairman

Barb Harris was approved as the new Chair by the BOD by an email motion.

Judges Report 12-29-11

The judges committee has completed its investigation on the 2 judges the BOD was informed about on 10-21-11.

The JC is recommending one judge to attend the next Judging Clinic for further education. And the other judge we found nothing wrong.

Are the handbook changes coming soon for us to review?

Thank You

Judges Committee

Doug Overman

Allen motioned to accept the Judge's Committee report. Larry seconded. Motion passed.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)
Chair: Ruby Heron

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Carolyn Myers

Allen motioned for Trish to be the liaison to the Nomination Committee. Keith seconded. Motion passed.

11. Performance Committee: (liaison: Trish)
Chair: Eileen Ditsler

Allen motioned for Trish to be the liaison to the Performance Committee. Keith seconded. Motion passed.

I have heard back from all but one of the performance committee members.

We are unanimous of opinion = No splitting novice classes.

Various reasons were brought up.

There is concern about show management having to supply extra ribbons for another class which may or may not be needed. Adding extra show costs seems counterproductive in our current economic times.

Also splitting the class presents another concern of how the splitting gets done. Unless there is a predetermined way splitting the novice, there would always be cries of unfair. Or even the possibility of "class shopping".

I can think of other options that might be considered. In large classes points are given to 10th place. If an individual show knows they'll have a larger novice class they can order more ribbons to give out. If a ribbon is all that is needed, how about participation ribbons. If easier competition is desired, show management is welcome to create any sort of fun classes such as maiden performance.

We all agree that the challenge of winning over a certain competitor or llama is what drives us to try harder, even if it takes years.

Eileen Ditsler

Trish motioned to accept the Committee report. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

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

Chair: Barb Harris

13. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Need to fill

14. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Robin Sturgeon

15. Publications Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair:

Allen motioned for Marilyn to be the new liaison to the Publications Committee. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

Mary Adams resigned as the Chair of the Publications Committee. Marilyn will contact her to reaffirm that she does want to resign.

16. Regional Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

17. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair: John Maddy

18. Web Site Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair:

19. Youth Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair: Susan Leslie

Need an eblast notifying youth of scholarship application deadline date.

Larry motioned to give the approval for the Youth Committee to come up with an eblast and other pertinent information to be published on the website (to be approved by the BOD). Trish seconded. Motion carried.

Any Other Business:

Larry motioned that Cathie Kindler's protest money not be refunded because she failed to follow the proper procedure to file a protest. Keith seconded. Motion passed.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

01-08-12 Larry: I motion to approve Barb Harris as the Chair of the Judges Committee.
Seconded by Keith.

Larry-yes, Keith-yes, Allen-yes, Trish-yes, Marilyn-absent, Stacie-absent.
Motion Carried

Trish motioned to adjourn. Keith seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 10:55pm EST.