

Board minutes from meeting 12/07/04

President called meeting to order 8:20 p.m.

Board members present:

Penny Davidson - president

Barb Laux - vice president

Tami Lash - secretary

Jeff Jones - treasurer

Larry Crumrine - board member

Discussion was held concerning the amount of work Cheryl Ryberg has performed over and above her contract.

Barb moved, Larry seconded to pay Cheryl Ryberg \$6500 in overage for 2004 – motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Ryberg, executive secretary, joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Cheryl Ryberg's title will be changed from executive secretary to administrative manager.

Larry spoke of his 3 concerns with the minutes from the last meeting. Changes had and were made.

Jeff moved, Barb seconded to approve the 11/11/04 Board minutes – motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers report: All major bills have been paid. Checking: \$34,897.87; Investments: \$105,100.38; Tony Rollins' Scholarship Fund \$11,421.18. Total: \$ 151,419.43

Finance committee will look into possible place to move investments for more interest paid. Barb requested more of a treasurers report. Needing budget for 2005, and Jeff assured to have this by mid Jan. first of Feb. at the latest.

Tami moved, Barb seconded to approve treasurers report – motion passed unanimously.

Committees:

Ethics committee: will be keeping the current members, and will be looking into possible conflict of interest between TLC & BOD members.

Publicity committee: The showing is finalized and to the printers. This should be a great issue. ALSA has worked well to comply with the memberships wishes on this issue. We still need a chair for this committee. Barb will check with Doug Able to see about the upcoming issues to have the 2004 Regional results posted in them.

Finance committee: no report, but more members are needed on this committee

Alpaca committee: no report

Election committee: nothing new, we need at least one more member on this committee. Members of this committee may not be candidates for office.

Fiber committee: Have judges committee look into clinics to offer alpaca & llama fleece together. Also possible grandfathering of alpaca fleece judges into llama fleece judges.

Grand National committee: Suggestion box notes to be sent out to BOD. Contract tied up for 2005, and GN will remain in Lincoln Nebraska for 2005. Will look into possible new facility for 2006. Concern not having enough level III judges willing to judge performance at the GN. The GN committee asked for us to consider qualified level II judges being able to judge performance at the GN.

Barb moved, Jeff seconded that qualified level II judges can be considered to judge performance at the GN – motion passed unanimously.

Current GN officials need to be looking for their successor's if they will be stepping down after 2005, so these folks can learn from them this year. Those replacements need to be chosen now. We also need to look into a site coordinator for future Grand National facilities.

Handbook committee: meeting weekend of Dec. 11th to have a face to face meeting to get this handbook finished and ready for 2005.

Judge's committee: Recommends rectify on CEC credit's Lavaona Fercho for her llama & alpaca license

And Terry Duesphol level III alpaca.

Certify Patti Fischer level III – llama

Once time extension for Kim Yates and Johanna Edmunds for their judging license until the next available recertifying clinic.

Look into approving spring clinics at farms of Phil Feiner, NY and Patti Morgan, KS.

On the issue of Kay Sharpnack's request to hold another clinic, at this time the BOD feels it is important to give the option to other farms on the west coast and move clinics around instead of holding repeat clinics at the same farms.

Advanced fleece clinic May 21 – 22, 2005, at Fran Soukup's, WI

Approve qualified level I judges to judge shows up to 130 animals.

Approve an apprentice's 3rd apprenticeship to be at a double judged show.

Give alpaca apprenticeships approval to have one apprenticeship with a qualified llama judge at a llama show, but this is not to take place of their needed 3 alpaca apprenticeships.

Approve Mary Reed & Anthony Stakowski to be reinstated as level III alpaca judges.

Replace all ALSA judges pins as the logo is now changed and the need for replacement pins.

Three maximum, two minimum judges training clinics to be held and mandatory judges without alpaca education required to attend if they will be accepting shows that hold suri divisions.

Revise and update clinic format. Allow for two instructors. The need to add more instructors.

Tami moved and Jeff seconded to approve judge's committee requests in their entirety – motion passed unanimously.

Membership committee: discussion was held on upcoming membership survey. They are working on new members letter to go into exhibitor's packets at shows.

Larry moved and Barb seconded to send our revised membership survey – motion passed unanimously.

This will be sent out by committee chair, and to be sent out mid January.

Performance committee: committee chair and members will be looking at obstacle manual and looking into safety first with our obstacles.

Protest committee: taking care if current issues. Letters into lawyers for him to draft and send.

Policy & Planning committee: looking into getting copies of standing rule changes and bylaw changes on the ballot.

Regional committee: Reports on dates and contracted judges up to now. Two regions have already requested 2nd judge to be hired. In the case of this the second judge can only be on standby and has to be contracted so. Only will allow second judge if 150 + entries in performance. Discussion held on multiple regional show supers.

Barb moved and Jeff seconded to allow only one show superintendent per Regional – motion passed unanimously.

Show management committee: no report

Youth committee: ideas for scholarship and silent auctions were discussed. Up to individual regions and youth to have their own involvement with these silent auctions and not up to individual regionals to set up, and run these.

Barb moved and Tami seconded for Becky Raber to chair this committee.

Website committee: needed new committee with new verbiage. Larry moves and Barb seconded to add website committee to our list of committees. – motion passed unanimously.

Nomination committee: Committee almost full. They will begin working on nominations.

Promotion committee: Darrell Anderson has agreed to oversee this committee for now, but would rather not continue to chair. They will be looking into corporate sponsors.

Old Business:

Tami moved and Barb seconded alpacas 36 months and over will carry 10 lbs. of weight in their pack systems, 5 lbs. on each side. They will carry a double cinched pack system, proper scale for the animal. If they carry pack systems with removable panniers (this is not required for the alpacas) they are not required to remove the panniers during pack removal. – motion passed unanimously.

The ALSA Office will make Software available for all show supers by the end of January.

Regionals boundaries: Regional committee will look into number of animals within a geographical area. They may look into new written guidelines for these and also have show management committee evaluate these as well.

Discussion was held concerning our suri division, and animals fitting into this division. This has been turned over to the judge's committee for their input.

Discussion on Lessons learned regarding Grand Nationals was tabled until the Board's January meeting.

Tami moved and Barb seconded for all committee's, liaisons, chairs, etc to be listed on the website. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Showmanship more detailed in the handbook. Letter of concern from Karen Fenker was discussed.

The Board had discussion about ET's and it's effects in the showing and we are looking into this issue.

Barb moved Jeff seconded ALSA is the administrator for the Linda Pierce memorial house money Their committee will be in charge of this. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had to combine fiber clinics with judges fiber seminars, this will be sent to the proper committees.

Discussion was held and Penny will address letters to the BOD from Larry Lewellyn and Marilyn Nenni.

Discussion was held concerning the topics given to us by the membership at the forum held at the GN prior to the open membership meeting. We will look into this further.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded to adjourn at 1:45 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Tami Lash - secretary

ADDENDUM TO 11 NOVEMBER 2004 MINUTES

Fiber Committee

There were two beginner level llama fleece clinics held this year with 14 people attending. Plans for new fleece shows in 2005 are taking place. A fleece show management guide was updated and is now included in all fleece show sanctioning material. Committee has set goals for 2005 to include an Advanced Fiber Judging Clinic, encourage more shows to offer the walking fleece class and include it as part of the fiber show, and hold the National Llama Fleece show at the Grand Nationals.

Youth Committee

The committee recommends that llamas that show in Youth Performance classes should receive points the same way llamas in Open Performance earn their points and titles. **The Board did not approve this specific request but will continue to address these and other youth concerns.**

Membership Committee

a revised version of the questionnaire has been submitted to the BOD for their approval and subsequent printing and mailing to members. Hopefully this will give the BOD some further guidance as to what the membership feels are important issues to consider. **The Board sent it back to committee for additional revisions.**

Election Committee

The ALSA 2004 special election followed the guidelines set forth by the ALSA attorney since the bylaws are not specific regarding this type of election. For the same reason, the election committee will follow the rules for a general election as far as the number of days a member may challenge the results. Therefore, if a challenge is not received by February 15, 2005, the ballots will be destroyed on March 1, 2005.

Publicity Committee

We have worked closely with Able Publishing for the past two issues of Showring. ALSA allowed for the special mailing of the last issue, which worked very well for all members to receive this issue by the end of the year. We are working with them to publish four issues per year. The current Showring publishing contract runs through the end of 2005. The committee continues to work with editor to seek possible ways to lower the ad rates and add discounts for multiple ads. Members are encouraged to advertise in our publication, and to write articles or stories for future issues.

Alpaca Committee

Discussion was held about the emails of concern from Debbie Shellabarger concerning alpaca fees, keeping alpaca offerings within ALSA alpaca friendly to encourage more alpaca participation. The need for alpaca apprentices to utilize some other venues offered through ALSA for them to become certified.

Jeff moved, Barb seconded to approve all reports in entirety motion passed unanimously.