

Board minutes from meeting 1/11/05

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. EST

Board members present:

Penny Davidson - President
Barb Laux - Vice President
Tami Lash - secretary
Jeff Jones - Treasurer
Larry Crumrine - Board Member
Cheryl Ryberg - Administrative Manager

Jeff moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the 7 December 2004 meeting be approved. Motion passed with Barb, Jeff and Tami voting yes and Larry voting no.

All BOD members were open to the idea of Larry becoming Secretary.

Barb moved and Jeff seconded to appoint Larry as ALSA Secretary. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

ALSA Checking	\$13,660.15
ALSA Investment	\$105,364.54
ALSA Scholarship	\$10,488.46

The BOD was presented the cash flow for the entire 2004 year. Additionally, a draft budget for 2005 was presented with 2004 budgeted amounts and actuals for 2004. With the exception of approximately \$2,000.00, all bills incurred in 2004 have been paid. The provided documents will be sent to the Finance Committee to work in conjunction with the Treasurer for putting into a publishable form for the members information on the web site.

Tami moved and Barb seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Administrative Manager's Report

The DSL Line, new server and updated network have been installed and are working in the ALSA Office.

Doug Able has been sent email address' of all ALSA members to be used only for official Showing business.

Year End Financials have been completed and are being prepared to send to the CPA for Audit, the January reconcile from the bank will have to be received before it can be finished. The office has looked at the possibility of using ILR numbers in the ALSA system. To date, we do keep track of all ILR numbers on animals that have "ALSA Numbers." We also issue "na" numbers to animals that qualify by placements for Regional and National. In total we have approximately 19,000 animals keyed into our system. In order to start to use ILR numbers we would have to differentiate between ALSA Recorded animals and "NA" or Non ALSA numbers. So, in addition to using the ILR number, we would also have to use a number already existing in our system. To get an idea of the complication of such, last year we had approximately 23,000 animals that entered into our show system. Of those animals in 2004, 19,580 pages were recorded with points or qualifying. To incorporate another 6 digit (ILR)number, it would cause our staff here to key in another 117,480 key strokes, I can only see as this causing unnecessary work and create possibilities of more errors.

To date we have 917 members renewed or new for 2004. 74 are NEW Members. Final Points for Animals will be mailed by the end of January.

Software for Show management being tested and slated to go out by the end of January.

Tami moved and Barb seconded to accept the Administrative Manager's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

The Alpaca Committee recommends the ALSA BOD approve changing the date in the handbook for alpacas eligibility to show from six months to five months to make them consistent with the llama classes.

Tami moved and Jeff seconded that the eligibility for showing alpacas in the handbook be changed to five (5) months. Motion passed.

Election Committee

The Election Committee is in the process of revising the nomination form and will have it on the web site shortly. They have revised their checklist outlining tasks and dates for actions required for planning the annual election and have provided that checklist to the BOD and to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee for their information. The Election Committee submits Sherry Adamcyk as a member for board approval.

Larry moved, Tami seconded the above member be approved. Motion passed.

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee is working with the Protest Committee at the present time to resolve a protest that was never finalized. They are also writing an article for Showring.

Fiber Committee

The Fiber Committee is in the process of finalizing future fiber clinics and looking into combining these with Judges Clinics by adding an extra day for fiber training. They will work together with the Judges Committee for recruiting qualified instructors for these clinics.

Finance and Budget Committee

No Report

Grand National Committee

Financial report from Grand Nationals was received and reviewed. Financial Reports from both the Grand Nationals and individual Regional Championships will be posted on the web after formatting correction for publication. Barb will ensure the Regional information and Jeff will ensure the Grand National information is provided to the office for posting. Jeff will provide items from the suggestion box to the BOD for discussion at the next meeting. Halter Judges Lavona Fercho, Darlene Vaughn, Beth Meyers and performance Judges Mary Jo Miller and Lougene Baird are submitted for approval for 2005 Grand Nationals. Still waiting for the final 2 performance judges.

Tami moved, Barb seconded that the nominated judges be approved. Motion passed

Handbook Committee

The Handbook Committee has been very busy putting the results of the handbook conference into a finalized version. They expect to have a disc ready and sent to all Board Members by next week for proof reading. Committee members submitted to the BOD for approval are: Margaret Henry, Greg Watson, Debbie Shallabarger, Debbie Gatskill, Sandra Jones.

Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the above members be approved. Motion passed.

Judges Committee

The following is a list of items for which the Judges' Committee is requesting Board approval. Also included on this list are items on which the Committee is working and providing to update the board.

1. The committee recommends the following changes to the suri wool description. Changes appear in bold:

*Suri Wool: Suri llamas have a natural balanced, athletic type body which may appear more narrow than llamas of other fiber types when viewed from the front or rear aspect. The fleece of a Suri Llama should have a natural luster and hang and drape over the llamas body, usually forming a natural part along the spine **and exhibit a cool, slick hand.** The fibers are grouped into a very distinctive and well defined lock structure, which is indicted by the many individual separate locks of fiber formed at the skin and carrying out to the ends of each lock. The fleece should be lustrous, the locks independent and consistent in size, and the degree of wave or spiral content throughout the neck and body. **The fiber is also characterized by absence of crimp and minimal loft.***

2. The committee requests approval of an Advanced Judging Clinic to be held in Bend, OR at Aloha Llamas. Sherry and Doug Sheridan are the hosts. This clinic will be scheduled early spring 2005.

3. The Chair of the Judges committee requests Board approval of Lougene Baird to replace Penny Davidson on the Judges Committee.

4. The committee continues to work on the Board's directive regarding fiber clinics/seminars to be held during 2005 to provide training for judges who lack fiber experience so that the Suri Wool Division can be more adequately supported. It is very likely that these clinics/seminars will be incorporated into fiber and/or judging clinics that are being offered during the year.

5. The committee acknowledges receipt of a lengthy list on concerns regarding show rules from the committee's Board liaison. The committee will prepare a response to these concerns and will present that response by the next board meeting.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded that the Judges Committee report be approved in total. Motion passed.

Membership Committee

The labels are prepared and being sent out to the chairman on 1/6/05 to get questionnaire ready for mailing. Questionnaire is ready except for the Board's final approval on one question - concerning ET's being shown. Once that issue is resolved, the questionnaire will be printed and mailed to all members. Committee is working on a listing of ALSA members to submit for special recognition at Nationals for outstanding work, commitment, etc. Committee will report on results of questionnaire, hopefully, at next Board meeting.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has filled their members in accordance with the handbook and submits their names for BOD approval. They are awaiting the answer to the question of the current BOD term of office so they can begin work on nominations for this years general election.

Larry voted for, Tami, Jeff and Barb against approving the names as submitted.

Performance Committee

The committee is currently examining the Manual for Designing Obstacles printed by ALSA. Some obstacles have already been identified that need to be deleted and others

revised. The format of the manual needs to be changed to be of greater help for those constructing obstacles for local shows. The committee will make available for consideration by the Board and on the website if feasible, detailed drawings relative to the construction of ALSA approved obstacles which are safe for the exhibitor and the llamas. The committee is also currently examining the 13th edition of the handbook for possible additions and deletions of obstacle measurements that are currently in use. The committee requests that judges send examples of original and safe obstacles that they might encounter when they are judging. It would be helpful if the show superintendent could provide the judge with a drawing/photograph of the obstacle. Members submitted for BOD approval are: Tom Rothering, George Clements, Norris Berg, and Mary Ann Baker. **Tami moved, Barb seconded that the committee members be approved. Motion passed.**

Promotions Committee

The Promotions Committee is still in the process of forming its membership. Penny proposed and all agreed to request this committee begin looking for corporate sponsors for the Grand Nationals. The BOD also requests the committee begin a dialog with LFA on possible combined promotional ideas. Committee member selected thus far is Bob La Morte.

Tami moved, Barb seconded that Bob La Morte be approved for this committee. Motion Passed.

Protest Committee

The committee is still working on trying to resolve one protest that has not yet been answered. There is no time frame yet on this protest but hope to resolve it quickly. Additionally, there is one other protest in the works at this time. Committee Chairman has selected Sue Davis as a member.

Barb moved, Jeff seconded that Sue Davis be approved for this committee. Motion Passed.

Publications Committee

All 2004 regional results along with photos where available of Grand and Reserve Champions will be included in the next issue of Showring. All Regional Superintendents have been advised to send results and photos to Able Publishing. 2004 ROM and Championships will be listed in the next issue and we are hoping to set a precedence to list these annually in the first issue of the new year. Able Publishing suggests to the BOD that we try going to 4 issues per year at this time. They are also proposing to offer 10% off advertisements for multiple issue advertisements over business card size. Able Publishing also requested advertisers be allowed to lock in prime spots for 1 year. The BOD agreed in principle, but had some concerns on how these might be allocated and is requesting additional information on how this might be handled. In order to save costs, the BOD has agreed inserts will not be allowed in Showring at this time and only 1 issue per household will be sent unless requested for a second copy for youth. The BOD wishes the Committee Chair to make clear to Able Publishing that the mailing list of ALSA members provided can only be used for official Showring publication purposes. The Committee is working on many ideas for future issues of Showring content.

Barb moved, Tami seconded that all the above initiatives, proposals and requests be approved. Motion passed.

Members submitted for BOD approval at this time are Rick Neal, Barb Baker and Lee Steiner.

Tami moved, Jeff seconded that committee members be approved. Motion Passed.

Regionals Committee

A letter was received from the LFA regarding conflicting dates for two of the ALSA Regionals and LFA in September. The two concerned Regionals have their dates locked in and cannot be changed. The BOD decided that although not a perfect solution, we would look favorably on an individual basis of allowing those members affected to attend a regional outside of their home region this year only. Penny will respond to LFA on the above decision. The BOD requests the Regional Chairman solicit prices for regional ribbons and subsequently order the ribbons from the lowest bidder.

Show Management Committee

The Show Management Chairman submitted member's names for BOD approval. **Larry and Barb voted for, Tami, Jeff and Penny against approving the names as submitted.**

Website Committee

The Website committee is starting work on the first cut at a review of the format and content to be followed up by recommendations. The following members are submitted for BOD approval: Linda Heuniqué-Soloman and Marilyn Nenni.

Jeff moved, Barb seconded that the members be approved. Motion passed.

Youth Committee

Chairman is working hard to get committee membership filled out. BOD requests committee look at recommendations previously sent and fund raising ideas for the Tony Rollins Scholarship fund. Additionally request the committee send the revised Youth Judging Manual to the office for posting on the website.

Tami moved and Barb seconded that all the committee reports unless otherwise noted be approved as written. Motion Passed.

Old Business

The office will provide each BOD member a disc with the proposed show management software on it to take a look prior to sending out to show supervisors. Cheryl will talk to the Show Management committee regarding this software.

Each committee is to be asked through their liaison to come up with written guidelines detailing what they do as a committee and how they accomplish their tasks. The purpose is to have a book that can be passed from chairman to chairman to allow a smooth transition as committees members and chairmen change.

A listing of what worked well and what didn't work so well at our last GN is being developed and will be forwarded to the GN committee for their response.

A letter of suggestions for improving aspects of ALSA was received from Niki & Jeff Kuklenski. The responses from the BOD and committees will be tabled until next meeting.

All committee chairmen are now approved and are posted on the website along with the liaisons. E-mail addresses will be added for those chairmen. All committee members will be posted under their respective committees once they have all been selected and approved.

New Business

prior to it becoming a possible issue, the board requests the Judges Committee and the Ethics Committee provide an opinion on how cloned llamas or alpacas should be handled in ALSA shows.

Judges, Regionals and Nationals Committees are requested to give their input on the possibility and requirements for providing a class at regionals and nationals for exhibitors with handicaps.

The comments from the open forum held at Grand Nationals were addressed and will be sent back to Kay Sharpnak. At her request, they will be posted on the website.

Changes to the standing rules received from the Policy and Plans committee to take out the inconsistencies between the bylaws, standing rules and handbook were reviewed.

Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the standing rules, revised 12/31/04, be approved. Motion passed.

A letter was received from Heather Bamford reviewing the experiences of the first year of offering a suri class. Letter will be sent to the Judges Committee for their review and comments. Jeff will answer Heather telling her of the letter's disposition.

the BOD requires a legal opinion on the terms of office that the current BOD was elected in the special election. Jeff will contact the ALSA Lawyer this week.

A letter was received from Norma Crocker concerning some exhibitors difficulty in lifting 20 lbs. when removing panniers. This letter will be sent to the performance committee for their recommendation.

Penny responded via e-mail to verbal request from the ILR to possibly establish a dialog between our organizations. ILR reported they hadn't received the e-mail, so Penny will resend it.

Larry moved, Jeff seconded a motion to open a dialog between ALSA and ILR. Motion passed,

Jeff moved, Larry seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 PM EST. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Larry Crumrine
ALSA Secretary**