

Board minutes from meeting 3/8/05

President called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. EST

Board members present:

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

Tami moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the 15 February 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

ALSA Checking	\$32,269.02
ALSA Investment	\$105,364.54
ALSA Scholarship	\$11,485.20
Total	\$149,118.76

Administrative Manager's Report

Members animal and Youth reports have been printed and mailed during this past month. There were over 19,000 pages of animal reports and about 700 youth reports. Reports mailed with errors have begun to come in and are being handled and documented. Youth Top Ten Awards are being calculated and will be published to the website. The office has helped to proof the ALSA Handbook and are continuing to facilitate new shows and new members. The office is also going over the suggestions supplied by the Membership Committee's Survey and doing one final renewal reminder and extending the deadline for renewals for directory as the directory will be delayed slightly due to the publishing, printing and mailing of the 14th Edition Handbook

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

No Report

Election Committee

The Election Committee is nearing completion of reorganizing our procedure notes. The bylaws changes from the last two election are being incorporated.

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

June Black and Fran Soukup have volunteered to update and organized all paperwork that would be helpful to use when putting on a Shorn Fleece Show. When it is

complete, they will pass all to the Fiber committee members for our review and then have the office start to include those forms with all Fleece sanctioning material. Sharon Beacham is working on the suri supplement class information that will be used at the Advanced Fleece Judging Clinic.

Finance and Budget Committee

No Report

Grand National Committee

No Report

Handbook Committee

The draft 14th edition of the handbook is now posted on the web and members are submitting corrections they have found. The BOD wants to thank those members who have taken the time to read the draft and submitted corrections. The handbook with the corrections will be going to the printer shortly.

Judges Committee

The following is the Judges' Committee report for March.

1. Jennifer Doran Lane has resigned from the Judges' Committee. The committee will recommend a replacement for Jennifer by the April Board meeting.
2. An Advanced Judging Clinic will take place March 18, 19, and 20 in Bend, OR. To date there are 11 participants scheduled for the clinic.
3. A Beginning Judging Clinic is scheduled for June 24, 25, and 26 in Colorado. Registration forms are on the website.
4. An Advanced Judging Clinic will be held late summer or early fall in New York. Dates will be finalized soon and publicity will be sent out.
5. The first fiber seminar for halter judges is scheduled for May 20 in Wisconsin. The seminar will be held in conjunction with an advanced fiber clinic. Information about this clinic will be communicated to the judges in the near future.

Membership Committee

The results of the survey with a synopsis of the replies were presented to the BOD. (see new business)

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is encouraging qualified individuals to run for the BOD now that it has been confirmed which regions are open to seat the last 2 BOD members.

Performance Committee

No Report

Policy & Planning Committee

No Report

Promotions Committee

The Committee will be meeting at the Celebrity in April for a face to face. They have been working on numerous ideas for ways to enhance ALSA publicity such as a booth at the National FFA convention this year. (See New business)

Protest Committee

The Protest Committee has completed the three outstanding protests and has submitted the reports with recommendations to the Board for their approval. The committee recommends the protest concerning misrepresentation of an exhibitors age be upheld and the party put on probation for one year. They recommend the protest concerning the awarding of a seventh place ribbon at the 2004 Nationals be upheld and the ribbon be awarded. The money for the submittal of these protests will be returned to the protestor and the details of these protests will be published in Showring. It is recommended the third protest be denied. There are no additional outstanding protests at this time. **Tami moved and Jeff seconded the Protest Committee's recommendations be approved. Motion passed.**

Publications Committee

The committee submitted a number of new ideas concerning articles and features to the ALSA Board of Directors. These ideas were for the most part approved and many of them will appear for the first time in the upcoming issue of Showring. Announcements concerning ideas for articles and calls for show requests are being responded to by the membership. The committee hopes to continue to have a strong interest by the membership in their magazine and to feature articles that will be helpful to the members.

Regionals Committee

The committee will be requesting information from the office on status of contracts signed by the different regions. Additional information may be needed to assist in taking a closer look at regional boundries. They will work with the liaison and the office to gather this info.

Show Management Committee

The committee is not in favor of offering cloned animals a place in the show ring and llama community. If ALSA were to accept cloned animals, we will become less of a "breed" organization and more of an organization where those individuals who have the money to spend on cloning, will be the winners. In a way, we are all limited by our budgets in that it affects the level and quality of the breeding stock we have. At least with the current rules and regulations, we have to rely on the almighty to some extent to see if what we are breeding for materializes. By offering cloning, we are eliminating the one piece of the puzzle that keeps us all on a somewhat level playing field.

The committee has similar feelings towards Embryo Transfers in that it is a practice reserved for those individuals with the means to perform them. However, at least with ET, there is still some degree of Gods Will playing it's part, albeit to a lesser degree then those of us who breed the old fashioned way

Website Committee

No Report

Youth Committee.

The Committee continues to work on the Youth Judging Manual and ways to replenish the Tony Rollins Scholarship funds.

Barb moved and Larry seconded that all the committee reports be approved as written. Motion Passed.

Old Business

Again 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. These guidelines when received should be sent to the other BOD members and the Office for keeping.

The agenda and time for a teleconference with the ILR is still being worked.

Spiral bound handbooks will be provided each judge and show superintendant free of charge for convenience purposes. The additional cost will be approximately \$1.75 each.

A memorandum was received from the ALSA lawyer on clarifying the terms of office for those elected in last years special election and has been posted on the website. Barb replaced Carol Ann Evans whose term expires in 2006. Larry & Penny replaced Joe Payne and Debi Garvin whose terms expire in 2007. Tami replaced Carolyn Meyers whose term expires in 2006.

New Business

Tami moved and Barb seconded to provide up to \$1000.00 for an information booth and llama exhibit space at the FFA National Convention per Promotions Committee request. Motion Passed.

Larry moved and Barb seconded to appoint Linda Heune-Solomon as the chairperson of the Website Committee. Motion Passed.

The Celebrity Sales has offered ALSA a space, free of charge, for setting up a display booth. Penny will look into the cost and feasibility of taking them up on this up this generous offer.

Regional and Grand Nationals Grand and Reserve winners will be posted in Showing regardless of the size of the division.

The "Shows and Events" page on the website will remain for the preceding year as well as the current years sanctioned shows. This will allow members and show superintendants to more easily plan the years events based on predicted dates since many shows occur on the same weekend each year. Superintendants are urged to notify the office immediately upon securing the dates of their shows even before they apply for sanctioning.

The survey results was discussed and sections will be sent to the appropriate committees for their responses. The BOD wants to thank those that took the time to respond and the work by the Membership Committee on this project.

After receiving input from the various committees, **Tami moved and Barb seconded that in the event cloned llamas or alpacas are ever introduced into the industry, they not be allowed to show in ALSA sanctioned shows. Motion Passed.**

In accordance with the handbook, committees will serve a term of one year beginning 1 April. The turmoil of the special election in 2004 caused this rotation to get out of sequence. Therefore, the BOD liasions will discuss with the current respective committee chairs the 1 April 2005 beginning terms for their committees.

Jeff moved, Barb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM EST. Motion passed.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Larry Crumrine
ALSA Secretary**