

## **Board Minutes From February 21, 2006 Meeting**

President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT

### **Members present:**

Penny Davidson – President  
Barb Laux – Vice President  
Jeff Jones – Treasurer  
Wally Baker - Secretary  
Tami Lash – Board Member  
Lora Crawford – Board Member  
Julie Heggie – Board Member

**Lora moved and Barb seconded a motion that the December 6, 2005 Board minutes be approved. Motion passed.**

**Lora moved and Barb seconded a motion that the January 10, 2006 Board minutes be approved. Motion passed.**

**Barb moved and Jeff seconded a motion to enter executive session. Motion passed.**

**Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to leave executive session. Motion passed.**

**Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve the ALSA Administrative Manager's 2006 contract. Motion passed.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Fiber Committee**

Committee advised because of a misunderstanding as to a definite location where the March 2006 Advanced Fiber Judging Clinic was to be held, the clinic should be cancelled and rescheduled because of the late date.

**Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion that due to there not being enough time to organize the March 2006 Fiber Clinic, the clinic should be rescheduled for a later date. Motion passed.**

#### **Finance & Budget Committee**

Committee advised that the ALSA budget and financial reports would be forwarded to each Board member in time for discussion at the next Board meeting.

#### **Grand National Committee**

At the request of the Board concerning membership inquires regarding a number of Grand National Show issues, the Grand National committee submitted the following report and recommendations:

1. Grand and Reserve designations being given to first and second place class winners. This was voted on by the Grand National Committee, and all members voted against this issue.
2. Awarding correct colors through 5<sup>th</sup> place. Committee voted against this issue because it would eliminate the concept of the TOP Ten. This was voted on by the Grand National Committee, and all the members voted against this issue because it would eliminate the concept of the Top Ten. We feel that this concept continues to be very important to owners who wish to promote their wins by advertising their “Top Ten” animals.
3. Including sires and dams of all halter and performance animals in the show program. The Grand National Committee agrees unanimously that this is a good idea, but did not feel it should be implemented this year, due to new personnel being in charge of entries and clerking for the Grand National Show. We feel this is an extremely time-consuming venture and, with all the changes in 2006, this is not a good year to re-implement into this the show program. The proposal should be reconsidered for the 2007 show.
4. An alternate scoring system for the Grand National Show. The Grand National Committee agreed unanimously to change the scoring system for the 2006 show. We have discussed returning to the system that was used in years past for the Grand Nationals. Jim Nenni will be getting the software for this system so it can be tested prior to the show.
5. Wool Division movements to be done prior to or at the beginning of each class. The Committee unanimously supports wool division movements being done only by the judges at the beginning of each class. In 2006 we will have a committee member with the judges during this time, possibly making suggestions for the judges to reconsider an animal that was not moved. Since this seemed to be a problem at the 2005 Grand Nationals, we feel it necessary to take this action.
6. Splitting the yearling class to allow for more equal competition amongst ages. The Committee decided unanimously that this class should be split, with the age of groups being 13 months to 18 months; and 19 months to 24 months. The 13-to-18 month-old llamas will be judged first, followed by the 19-to-24-month-old animals. We will still bring the animals in the ring by entry number and the judges will ask the ages of the animals as they are being judged. This change means there will be 10 animals standing for Grand and Reserve Champion.

Regarding items 1 and 2 above, both of these issues have been presented to the Grand National Committee the last 3 years in a row. For 3 years, the Grand National Committee has voted unanimously against changing the ribbons awarded and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place

winner designations. Not once in 4 years has there been a suggestion put in the Grand National Suggestion Box to change the ribbons, for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place designations.

After review of Grand National Committee report, the Board decided the following:

1. Grand and Reserve designations being given to first and second place class winners  
ALSA will conduct an e-mail poll of ALSA members that have attended the last two Grand National Shows to ascertain if they want to change the class award system. Website Committee will coordinate the membership poll with the ALSA office
2. Awarding correct colors through 5<sup>th</sup> place. Committee voted against this issue because it would eliminate the concept of the TOP Ten  
**Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion to support this committee recommendation. Motion passed.**
3. Including sires and dams of all halter and performance animals in the show program  
This issue will be sent back to committee to ascertain if they can accomplish animal lineage information in the Grand National show program this year.
4. An alternate scoring system for the Grand National Show  
This issue will be returned to committee to examine other scoring system options.
5. Wool Division movements to be done prior to or at the beginning of each class  
The Board believed that only judges should determine wool division movement. Issue will be returned to committee.
6. Splitting the yearling class to allow for more equal competition amongst ages  
The Board accepted committee recommendation on a trial basis. Dividing the Yearling class will be reevaluated for feasibility as a permanent class distinction after the 2006 Grand National Show. **Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion to support this committee recommendation on a trial basis. Motion passed.**

### **Handbook Committee**

Committee is finalizing 2006 ALSA Handbook revisions. Revisions will be included as supplemental pages to the ALSA Handbook 14<sup>th</sup> Edition.

**Judges Committee**

February 2006 Committee Report:

Committee requests board approval for the re-certification of Mary Jo Miller. The committee has reviewed her evidence of Continuing Education Credits and judging record.

Committee requests board approval for upgrading Philip Feiner and Danielle Wagner from Level II to Level III Llama Judge. This recommendation is based upon their experience in judging shows. There are no adverse comments in either of their files.

**Barb moved Jeff seconded a motion to approve Committee's Judge status recommendations. Motion Passed.**

Committee requested Board approval to change the current system regarding whom apprentice judges may apprentice with. ALSA rules state that apprentice judges must serve their apprenticeship with only Level III Judges. In addition, one apprenticeship requirement must be with a member of the Judges' Committee. However, an apprentice judge may not fulfill this requirement with a judge that has instructed the Beginning Judging Clinic the apprentice attended. Currently, two of the three eligible judges that apprentice judges may apprentice with on the Judges' Committee have also instructed the same clinic. This requirement has limited the apprentice opportunities to only one Level III judge on the Judges' Committee.

Committee requested that additional opportunities for apprentices be accorded for. Committee requests permission from the Board to name two or three level III judges that can serve in lieu of Judges' Committee members.

The Board will send a request to Judges' Committee to develop a proposed list of Level III Judges for the apprentice program requirement.

**Website Committee**

Committee advised that Linda Heune-Solomon has stepped down as committee chair. She will remain on committee.

**Lora moved and Tami seconded a motion to have Marilyn Nenni serve as Website Committee Chairperson. Motion passed.**

A Board Meeting was scheduled for March 1, 2006 to address current issues not covered during this meeting.

**Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. EDT. Motion Passed**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wally Baker, ALSA Secretary**