

Board Minutes From March 1, 2006 Meeting

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

Members present:

Penny Davidson – President
Barb Laux – Vice President
Wally Baker – Secretary
Tami Lash – Board Member
Lora Crawford – Board Member
Julie Heggie – Board Member
Cheryl Ryberg – Administrative Manager

Julie moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the February 21, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

No Report

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

No Report

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Committee requested a rulebook change reference alpacas regarding unregistered non-breeding alpacas being allowed to show in performance classes. This rule change proposal would be similar to guidelines covering llamas under the same circumstances. **Tami moved and Barb seconded a motion to provide a provision in the handbook for unregistered non-breeding alpacas to show in performance classes. Motion passed.**

Rule Change: Part C. Section 2. Add: With the exception of animals in Youth Classes, Novice, Advanced, or Open Performance classes and Non-breeders class with vet certificate. If Non-Breeders are not registered and wish to be in the ALSA award system and wish to show in halter, they must show in the adult Non-Breeder halter class. Rule amendment will be forwarded to Handbook Committee.

Election Committee

Committee advised that there have been a number of amended 2006 candidate petition forms posted on the website for the upcoming general election. Committee will accept submitted petition forms irrespective of posted version. Members do not have to resubmit petition forms that have been amended during the period of open petition filing. The nomination period will close April 10, 2006.

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

Based on the new rulebook changes that included fleece exhibits as an ALSA show class, Board discussed rulebook change that would include a \$3.00 per fleece exhibit fee at future shows. Proposed rule change is as follows:

Part D. Section 1-A: Delete There is no show fee per Llama or Alpaca fleece exhibited...

Add: A **\$3:00** fee per Llama or Alpaca fleece exhibited will be charged.

Barb moved and Lora seconded that the above rule change be approved. Motion passed.

Finance & Budget Committee

Board discussed the ALSA 2006 budget.

BUDGET 2006 WITH A 3 YEAR COMPARISON

EXPENSES	2003	2004	2005	BUDGET 2006
Shows	247,852	261,561	202,709	200,000
BOD	18,085	17,113	13,252	14,500
Office	78,296	95,396	95,318	97,000
Membership	4,184	8,846	6,402	6,500
Directory	11,471	16,757	13,219	5,000
Bank/CC Fees	6,881	6,929	5,117	5,500
Website	2,229	4,670	10,882	4,500
Insurance	5,814	8,568	9,929	11,000
Handbooks	16,420	4,764	17,347	5,000
Professional Fees	1,385	8,990	4,229	6,000
Judge Clinics	6,552	5,275	21,214	15,000
Committees	34,485	14,481	9,321	14,500
Misc	2,022	2,699	1,855	2,200
Telephone	7,146	12,498	6,159	6,200
Totals	442,822	468,547	416,953	392,900

REVENUE

Shows	316,628	362,358	297,458	275,000
Member Fees	61,759	77,369	79,052	80,500
Recording/Research	25,869	24,675	21,230	19,000
Judge Clinic Fees	14,415	10,830	14,350	12,500
Website/Webshop	4,205	3,955	11,892	12,000

Misc	4,868	5,739	2,995	4,000
	427,744	484,926	426,977	403,000

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion to approve the budget. Motion passed.

Grand National Committee

No Report

Handbook Committee

Committee recommended that red lettering will be used instead of bold print to denote rulebook changes. Barb will check on printing cost regarding the red lettering.

Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion to make January 1, 2006 the effective date for ALSA Recognition of Merit amendment referencing Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion point awards. Motioned passed. The effective date will be noted under Part G, Section 3.A

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion for Board to approve this year's handbook rule changes. Motion passed.

Judges Committee

No Report

Membership Committee

ALSA color brochure is being finalized. Bids for printing of the brochure are being sought.

Nominating Committee

No Report

Performance Committee

Committee advised that the Performance Manual is at the printers and will be available soon to superintendents, judges, and all interested exhibitors. Manuals can be purchased through the ALSA office.

Committee recommended that Pleasure Driving be held outside whenever possible. Committee is also evaluating Cart Driving class format. The Board discussed that the primary consideration should be safety when deciding location for Driving Classes. The decision will be left to show management, judges and exhibitors to choose the safest location with appropriate surface for driving classes.

Committee is evaluating ROM points for novice classes.

Committee requested that the Board consider continuing with the Exhibitors with Disabilities classes as an exhibition segment for 2006. Financial support has been offered for continuing of the classes.

Policy and Planning Committee

No Report

Promotion Committee

No Report

Protest Committee

No Report

Publications Committee

Committee is working on an accountability system, mission statement and SOP. When finalized, information will be forwarded to Board and also publicized in *Showring*. During the time committee information system is being developed, Committee requested that if any member would like to submit items to *Showring* for publication, please send request to Publications Committee Chair, Nelson Leonard.

Committee has been in touch with Able Publishing to discuss production of *Showring* and is presently working on upcoming magazine issue. Next issue of *Showring* submission dead line date for advertisements and editorial content is March 17, 2006. Anticipated mailing date is April 16, 2006.

Two-year contract for Able Publishing to continue publishing *Showring* was discussed. Able Publishing advised that four issues per year would be accomplished. Specific magazine distribution months are: January, April, July and October.

Wally moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve the Showring contract for 2006 and 2007. Motion Passed.

Regional Championship Committee

Show ribbons will be ordered 1st through 5th place for this year's Regional Shows. There was a surplus of 6th place ribbons left over from last year's shows that will be used when possible for 2006 Regional shows. Because of the recent regional realignment and a surplus of ribbons being left over from last year's Regional Shows, show ribbon ordering criteria will be reevaluated at a later time for the 2007 Regional Shows.

Committee stated that stronger emphasis should be placed on Regional Championships in regard to qualifying for the Grand National Show. The Board will request clarification from committee as to any suggested requirement.

Committee requested an explanation as to why animal registration paperwork had to be included with show entry information. The board agreed registration paperwork is essential to ensure correct documentation at shows.

Show Superintendents believe the present honor system of providing information in time for animals for Regional Shows is inadequate. The regional qualifying cards used in the past seemed beneficial. The board discussed that a number of shows held just prior to the Regional Shows not always had show results submitted to the ALSA office in time to be posted on the website in time for Regional Shows. The current qualifying notification process will remain in place.

Effective communications between committee and the Board was discussed. The committee liaison will contact the committee chairperson relative to overall communications.

Show Management Committee

Committee has developed a new Regional map detailing the revised eight (8) Regions. The map will be included on the website to make the various state distinction in each Region easier to follow.

Youth Committee

Committee is working on updating the Youth Judging Manual.

Committee will review the Tony Rollins memorial fund to possibly include other memorial recognition to other members that have passed away.

The Tony Rollins Scholarship criterion is also being reviewed for overall requirements.

Website Committee

Committee discussed methods of website reorganization and including a web link for downloading show forms and other related material from the ALSA Show page. Committee and ALSA office will continue to work on development of the revised ALSA website.

Committee advised they are working on a membership survey of exhibitors attending last two Grand National Shows regarding class Champion awards at the Grand National Show. ALSA office will assist with compiling names and distribution of survey forms.

Upon Board request Website Committee will ascertain if directory can be put in a secure site for members only. Committee will also be checking on printing directory options in the event a member wants to download directory information. In the future, members will be able to download directory information that will be a cost savings to the organization. Others that do not have personal computer access may request a written copy of the Directory for the ALSA office.

A website link for members to down load show information from the ALSA website was discussed.

Tami moved Julie seconded a motion to offer ALSA sanctioned shows listed on the events and shows page a free link to access their show information. Motion passed.

Old Business

Grand National Show award recognition.

The Board had previously received a petition from a segment of the membership regarding changing the award system at the Grand National Show. A member had pointed out that the 1st and 2nd place class Grand National awards was referenced incorrectly in the January 10, 2006 ALSA Board meeting minutes. The correct terminology when referencing the award change proposal should be as follows:

- 1st and 2nd place winners in each class at the Grand National Show would be awarded National Champion and National Reserve Champion. The National and Reserve Champions in their respective class then would be judged for National Grand Champion and National Reserve Grand Champion of the Division.

GN date movement request

A steering committee will be established to evaluate Grand National Show date, location and other show related matters. Committee representation from each region will be sought.

Survey results

Overview of previous membership survey results was discussed. The following membership concerns are presently being addressed or have been resolved.

- Division of Yearling Classes.
- Grand National Award system
- ROM change for Grand and Reserve Champions
- Website revision.

Combined ALSA/ILR meeting

Penny will put together an agenda and contact ILR to schedule meeting.

New Business

Non-voting membership

A member made a request to have an additional membership as a non-voting membership. The board discussed that there is no provision under membership guidelines or in the bylaws for such a request.

Novice points for Performance ROM

A member requested that ROM points be awarded in Novice Performance Classes. The Board discussed that the Performance Committee had recently addressed this issue and is in the process of examining the ROM system again.

Llama Champion Status

A member questioned the Champion status of another member's llama. The time in question covered a period of five years. The board believed that because of the extensive

time frame involved, a reasonable statute of limitations had expired for a record check of this nature.

Board Member Representation

Barb moved that a bylaw change should be considered regarding that each Region should have a maximum of one Board member representation. No second received. Motion failed to carry.

Julie moved and Barb seconded meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m. EDT. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**