

Board Minutes From Meeting May 31, 2006

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

Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion that the minutes from the April 10, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

ALSA Checking:	\$44,988.58
ALSA Investment:	\$97,454.11
ALSA TR Scholarship:	\$11,600.57
Total:	\$154,043.26

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

I have contracted with a new long distance provider that will save us a few cents per minute on all long distance service. This will include our main phone line as well as the fax line. The best news is that we will have a new service for our conference calls that will save 80% which is usually the biggest chunk of our phone bill.

I am working with a local bank that is offering us 4.25 % or as much as 4.50% interest on our savings as well as our checking account. This should add up to an additional 4-6 thousand dollars a year and the accounts are completely liquid and the bank is not far from here.

We are continuing to work with the Regional Committee and hope to have all Regional Paperwork up on the website by July 1st. All information that goes out to members as well as all information and packets that go to the supers were sent a couple of months ago, to all supers as well as to the chair, Betty Moe. Hopefully we will come up with paperwork that helps the supers more significantly this year by utilizing their input.

Grant is consolidating all of the regional individual (region) qualifiers in our data base so we should just have a single alphabetized list of animals that qualify for GN and Regionals that will appear on the site about the

same time as the Regional paperwork. They will be updated no less than twice a month and once a week as Regionals gets closer.

Cheryl Ryberg
Administrative Manager

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

No report

Election Committee

Due to an inadvertent error on the general ballot recently mailed to the membership, a corrected ballot has been completed and will be mailed to the membership within the next couple of days.

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

Committee requested to add the following committee members: June Black, Lee Ann King and Geri Rutledge.

Barb moved and Jeff second a motion to add the new members to committee.

Motion passed.

A request was made for clarification regarding if a \$3.00 entry fee for fleece classes is in addition to the \$5.00 show entry fee. A \$3.00 entry fee will also be required when a llama or alpaca is entered in fleece classes.

Committee is working on the Grand National Show format for fiber classes.

Finance & Budget Committee

No report

Grand National Committee

1. The chair of the committee requests board approval for the following committee members: Norris Berg, Sharon Carrier, Dee January, and Kathy Geyer. The chair also recommends Sharon Carrier as Halter Superintendent, and Norris Berg as Performance Superintendent.
2. The Committee confirms that the date of the Grand National for 2006 will be November 10, 11, and 12. These dates are essentially set due to previously existing show schedules. Dates earlier in the year might be preferable but must be phased into over a one or two year period so that show schedules can be adjusted.
3. The committee requests board approval to re-implement the so-called "majority

judging system.” This is the scoring system that had been in place prior to utilizing the averaging system that has been used for the past several years.

4. The committee requests board approval to award National Class Champion, and National Class Reserve Champion ribbons in addition to the traditional National Grand Champion and National Reserve Grand Champion ribbons.
5. Information:
 - a. There is no contract for the Lancaster Event Center. This will be negotiated over the next couple of weeks.
 - b. The committee has solicited proposals from Lincoln hotels to serve as the “host hotel” for the event. This is not a “homecoming weekend” so we may have additional options.
 - c. The committee will have a slate of performance judges to propose to the board very shortly.
 - d. The committee has decided to offer Class Sponsorships at this year’s Grand National. The sponsorship will be \$250.00 per class. The Class sponsors will have their business cards published in the show program and will be announced during the class. This is in addition to the traditional Gold and Silver sponsors. Debbie Shellabarger has agreed to help the committee secure Gold, Silver and Class sponsors.
 - e. The committee is at work lining up the long list of volunteers that are required to operate this show and will report to the board as key volunteers are secured.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded motion to add requested members to Grand National Committee. Motion passed.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to have Penny serve as board liaison to Grand National Committee effective immediately. Motion passed.

Jeff moved Barb seconded a motion to approve remainder of committee report. Motion Passed.

Handbook Committee

Rulebook changes are on the website. Members may download changes for hard copy. Members not having website access, may contact ALSA office and changes will be sent to them upon request.

Judges’ Committee

1. The committee recommends that Toni Knie be promoted from Level II to Level III llama judge. This is based on the large number of shows that Toni has judged since her promotion from Level II.
1. The committee understands that the board has approved the Advanced Judging Clinic in CO for June and the combined show and beginning Judging Clinic in GA for July. We are currently working on another clinic for this fall.
2. Debbie Ullrich attended the Advanced Judging Clinic held last spring in OR and should have been recommended for certification as Level I Judge. Since her certification was still in effect (through 2006) her name was inadvertently omitted from the committee's recommendation at that time. The committee now recommends that her certification be extended through 2007.

Subsequent to this report, Board discussed that the Advanced Judging Clinic scheduled for June 2006 has been cancelled.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve Judge's Committee Report. Motion passed.

Membership Committee

Committee recommended that ALSA brochures will be provided free of charge to show superintendents.

Barb moved and Jeff seconded a motion to provide a packet of 25 ALSA brochures for show superintendents free of charge. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee

No report

Performance Committee

Committee made the following recommendations:

1. Make a Driving Championship separate from the Performance Championship (Obstacle, Pack, PR) at the Grand National level beginning in 2006. The current rules for a division will apply (8 exhibitors in a division for a championship. The pleasure and obstacle driving are the classes that comprise a division).
2. There be ROM'S earned in advanced and novice performance.
3. The Performance Committee is requesting that the Board consider offering Novice ROM points at shows where Advanced and Novice classes are already offered.
4. The Disabilities Showmanship and Performance classes be offered at Regionals and Grand National Show as an exhibition class again this year.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to amend Committee's Cart Driving Championship recommendation by adding Regional Shows in the following addendum and rule guideline: Motion passed.

A Cart Driving Championship (Pleasure Driving and Obstacle Driving) will be added at the 2006 Regional Shows and the Grand National Show. The other performance championship will consist of Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations classes. In order for the Cart Driving championship to be counted as a separate Performance Division, a minimum of eight (8) entries must be entered in the Cart Driving Division for an ALSA Championship and for a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion to be awarded. The combined number of entries in both the Pleasure Driving class and Obstacle Driving class will be counted as the total number for the division. For example, if there were four (4) entries in Pleasure Driving and four (4) entries in Obstacle Driving there would be a total of eight (8) entries for the division. If less than eight (8) entries are entered in the two combined cart driving classes, when applicable, llamas earning points in the cart driving competition will have their respective points added towards the Championship standing in the Performance Division competition. ROM points earned in each cart driving class will be calculated under the present ROM award system. Continuance of a separate Cart Driving Championship will be evaluated following the 2006 Grand National Show.

Jeff moved and Lora seconded a motion not to adopt committee's recommendation to provide ROM points or ROM awards in Novice Performance classes. Motion passed.

Policy and Planning Committee

No report

Promotion Committee

Committee is awaiting National FFA input on National Convention this year. Committee is planning on working together with ILR, LANA and ICI with establishing information booths at the convention. The new ALSA brochures will be a positive addition to the ALSA presentation at the convention.

Protest Committee

Jeff read Protest Committee Report regarding protest filed against two ALSA Judges and an exhibitor regarding them dining together during the time of an ALSA llama and alpaca show. One judge was judging the Alpaca segment of the show; the other Judge was judging the llama segment. The exhibitor was showing llamas for the judge judging the alpaca show. Protest Committee upheld the protest, citing ALSA rule violations Part D, Section 1. A.11 and Part U Section 4. Committee had made recommendations on appropriate penalty resulting from the upheld protest. Regarding the recommended penalty on one of the judges, the board decided to postpone a decision on any administrative action pending clarification on the penalty phase affecting this judge.

Jeff moved and Lora seconded a motion to uphold the protest against the three involved parties. One judge will receive three months suspension from judging in ALSA shows and the exhibitor will receive three months suspension from exhibiting in ALSA shows. In addition, both will be placed on a one-year probation period. The second judge's penalty determination will be considered upon further inquiry into the Protest Committee's report. Motion passed. Upheld protests will be posted in the next issue of *Showring*.

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

Board resumed normal session.

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion to vote on whether or not to eject a member from the ALSA Board of Directors for unethical behavior. The Board member would also be prohibited from holding an ALSA Board of Directors position for a period of 36 months from time of dismissal. Yeas: Barb, Jeff. Nays: Tami, Lora, Wally. Motion failed to pass.

Wally moved and Lora seconded a motion to censure the same member of the ALSA Board of Directors for unethical conduct. In addition, a board probation period of 36 months would be in effect. Yeas: Jeff, Barb, Lora, Wally. Nays: Tami. Motion passed.

Publications Committee

No report.

Regional Championship Committee

Region ribbons have been ordered.

Show Management Committee

Committee submitted a recommendation for considering ALSA approval for having other llama organizations holding shows in conjunction with ALSA shows. Committee recommendation will be evaluated further.

Committee requested to add Danielle Wagoner, CA to the committee.

Wally moved and Barb seconded a motion to add Danielle Wagoner to committee. Motion passed.

Youth Committee

No report.

Website Committee

Committee Chair requested authorization to enter only the ALSA website area in order to keep information updated to the membership in a precise and timely manner. The Website Chair does not desire to have any input into the ALSA data bank or to conduct changes to the ALSA data bank

Barb moved and Wally seconded a motion that the ALSA Webmaster is the appropriate authority for website data access for the purpose to make any information changes. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

- **Directory**
Membership directory will be posted on ALSA website. Youth contact information will not be included.
- **Upheld protest**
Copy of board findings has been sent to ALSA member. Summary of one outstanding upheld protest will be obtained from Protest Committee for publication in *Showring*.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Grand National Trophy**
Board will adhere to original decision not to award an additional Grand National Trophy to exhibitor that had protested co-Grand Champion winner in same division.

**Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion to adjourn meeting 10:05 p.m. EDT
Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**