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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Howard at 8:05 p.m.

Present were Ray Howard, Paige McGrath, Polly Schofield, Jeff Jones, Carol Hicks, Joanne Shook and Carol Ann Tallmon.

The minutes of the September 12, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections. Jeff moved, Carol Ann seconded; motion carried.

The General Managers report indicated as of October 16, 2000 there were

2,612 memberships, 3905 members, 698 Youth members and 5,912 llamas Recorded

Treasurers Report: Jeff stated that ALSA is in the midst of a big

change-over, plus Regionals and nationals; it would be difficult to bring in

an auditor now and accomplish anything. Suggested that we take the books

for 2000 directly to an auditor after 12/31/00 for the audit. There is no

advantage to doing it at this point, as it would hinder the operations of

the office. Polly moved and Joanne seconded that we delay any audit until

after 12/31/00 and then arrange for an exit audit. Motion carried.

Judges Committee: Due to health reasons, Donna Dickson, Level I ALSA Judge

who is due to recertify at the end of this year, requests an

extension of her judging license until the first available Advanced Llama Clinic in 2001. This recommendation includes no acceptance of any judging assignments until she successfully completes an Advanced Llama Clinic.

Due to business commitments, Basil Marshall-Inman, Level II Llama Judge who

is due to recertify at the end of this year, requests an extension of his

judging license until the first available Advanced Llama Clinic in 2001.

This recommendation includes no acceptance of any judging assignments until

he successfully completes an Advanced Llama Clinic.

The following Apprentice Judges have completed their requirements and are asking to be certified as Youth & Performance Judges. Their files have been reviewed and are in order with good apprentice evaluations.

Mike Haumschild Youth & Performance Judge Donley Gardner Youth & Performance Judge

Carol moved and Joanne seconded that the recommendations be approved. Motion carried.

Election Committee: Jeff moved and Joanne seconded, that Bobra Goldsmith & John Beacham be appointed to the Election Committee. The motion carried.

Jeff noted that the membership must be paid by Dec 31, 2000 in order to vote or to be nominated. and stated that this should appear on the membership renewal form and on the election material including the ballot.

Handbook Committee: Polly reported that some proposed

changes are being sent to the Handbook Committee Chair Cris Jennings. She asked that the Board Liaisons remind their committees that any proposed changes are due by October 25. The Board should receive these changes by November 1 so they can be reviewed at the November board meeting.

Ethics Committee: ALSA Member Joan Mellott has been observed selling llamas weaned at 2 months and bottle babies at ALSA sanctioned shows. Jeff moved and Carol Ann seconded that the Ethics Committee send a letter to Mellott ordering them to cease selling these animals at ALSA Shows. A letter will also be sent to show superintendents on the East Coast alerting them to this situation. Motion carried.

Note: Propose adding a rule in the handbook: crias under 5 months of age shall not be sold at ALSA Shows.

Youth Scholarship: Applications are in and have been distributed to the Board. Board members are to send a list of their top 10 candidates, in order from 1 to 10, to Paige no later than 23rd of October. Those selected will receive their awards at the Nationals.

There was brief discussion on Regionals premium monies. The matter will be turned over to the Regional committee for their input and recommendations.

Old Business: Executive Secretary Report. Carol Ann moved and Carol seconded that Cheryl Ryberg be selected for the position of Executive Secretary. The motion carried with Paige abstaining from voting. A letter will be sent from Ray to each of the applicants advising them of the selection and thanking them for their interest. A contract will be written by Carol, Ray & Jeff. Carol will send copies of the original contract to all board members.

Carol Ann moved and Carol seconded that ALSA pay 100% of Cheryl's

transportation, motel & \$35.00 per day for meals for up to three days for

training at the ALSA office in Kansas City. A Nondisclosure and

Confidentiality Agreement are to be signed before any training takes place.

Non-compete clause for three years after termination will also be signed.

Motion carried.

AOBA: Carol moved and Carol Ann seconded that discussion on AOBA be tabled until the Nationals. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the alpaca judges clinic being held in

December. Carol noted that the Fleece Judging portion of the clinic was

never approved by the board and that beginner and advanced judging clinics

are not to be combined. The board was in agreement that costs should be

kept to a minimum and the clinic should at least pay for itself.

Jeff moved and Carol Ann seconded that Ray send Susan a letter stating that no clinics are to be held without approval from the ALSA Board. ALSA will not fund these clinics unless they go through the proper channels. Carol, Jeff, Joanne & Paige, and Carol Ann voted yea; Polly abstained. The motion carried. New business:

Carol moved that the fiber committee be put back into the judges committee. Carol Ann seconded. Carol, Carol Ann voted yea, Joanne, Jeff, Paige and Polly voted no. The motion failed.

Jeff moved that the discussion of the fiber class and committee be moved to a later date. Joanne seconded. Motion carried.

Carol Ann moved and Jeff seconded that Foreign memberships in ALSA other than Canada should be increased to \$55.00 due to expense of overseas mailing. Motion carried.

It was also noted that the cost of any show sanctioning overseas (other than Canada) should be increased. This will be revisited at a later date.

Jeff reported that the costs of ILA conference calls are prorated on a percentage basis with ILR and AOBA paying the largest percent. ALSA's percentage is lower. Jeff moved and Carol Ann seconded that ALSA pay \$35.00 every other month toward these calls. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Nationals on Thursday November 9 at 1:00 p.m. and Friday November 10 at 10:00 a.m..

Board members were reminded to send in their registration form for the National conference but to not include the registration fee.

Jeff moved and Joanne seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.. Respectfully submitted:

Polly Schofield, Secretary