

Board Minutes From Meeting October 19, 2005

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

Tami moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the August 30, 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Initial Discussion:

Board members have signed the ALSA Board of Directors' Confidentially Agreement and forwarded a copy to the ALSA office.

Treasurers Report

ALSA Checking:	\$40,402.91
ALSA Investment:	\$106,603.36
ALSA TR Scholarship:	<u>\$10,042.27</u>
Total:	\$157,048.54

The following fund information is handled as a line item through ALSA checking accounts.

Linda Pierce Memorial Fund:

November 2004, received from Kay Sharpnack:	\$1,000.00
2005, received from Michael Pierce:	\$1,500.00
2005, received from Dan Goodyear:	\$3,000.00
2005, received from Cookbook Sales:	\$510.00
2005, received from Kay Sharpnack:	\$2,100.00
<u>Totals:</u>	\$8,110.00

Paid Check #2972 to Dan Goodyear for 2004 LPM award: \$1,500.00

Balance: \$6,610.00

Penny moved and Barb seconded approval of Treasurers Report. Motion passed.

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

A year-to-date balance sheet has been faxed and/or mailed to each director. As of October 11, 2005, ALSA has a profit of \$27,291.68.

The ALSA office is currently working with the ALSA CPA and hopes to have the third quarter financials posted in the ALSA website by the end of October, 2005.

Per Board request, all Incoming and Outgoing balances are provided to all Board of Directors.

The office has only had about eight requests for Regional or National information that members could not download on their computers. Overall, the procedure of downloading show information appears to be successful.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Committee expressed that in support of overall interest and alpaca involvement in our show organization, additional alpaca classes at ALSA shows will be promoted.

Committee also requested that ALSA continue to receive alpaca pending registration through 2006.

Tami moved and Barb seconded a motion that pending alpaca registration be extended as requested by Committee. Motion passed.

Election Committee

Committee requested formal documentation for their record regarding current procedure in ALSA Standing Rules on counting general election ballots. Handbook Committee will handle request. Appropriate vote count protocol will also be documented in next ALSA Handbook revision.

In preparation for next general election, the Board confirmed there would be three ALSA Board seats open for election in 2006. Election information will be posted on the ALSA website around January of next year.

Ethics Committee

No Report

Fiber Committee

Committee is working on show procedures for upcoming Grand National Show Fleece competition.

**Finance & Budget Committee
No Report****Grand National Committee**

On October 7, 2005, Board members received the following requests from Grand National Committee for consideration:

- A one time only accommodation for this year to include any animal qualified at a Regional Show to be allowed to compete at the Grand National Show. No other qualification requirements would be required for Grand National Show.
- Animals to be awarded at least double, if not ROM triple points, at the Grand National Show.

Jeff moved and Lora seconded a motion to make the Grand National Show qualification requirement the same as Regional Shows on a one-time basis. Also, to double the ROM points at the Grand National Show.

The Board voted four against and three in favor to lower the qualifying requirements for Grand National Show. This portion of the motion failed to pass.

The Board was unanimous on doubling the ROM points at the 2005 Grand National Show. This portion of the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote

During the Board meeting, a roll call of the previous vote regarding changing the Grand National qualification criterion was requested. The vote went as follows: Nays: - Wally, Julie, Lora, and Penny. Yeas: Tami and Barb.

On October 26, 2005, Jeff confirmed his yes vote on both parts of the Grand National Show qualifying change proposal.

Vesicular Stomatitis alert:

On October 13, 2005, Committee notified the ALSA office of a Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) alert in Nebraska. Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nebraska were all identified as being affected by the VS outbreak. Health certificates issued within 48 hours of arrival at the Grand National Show were required from the aforementioned states affected by the disease. The ALSA office posted alert information on ALSA website.

**Handbook Committee
No Report**

Judges' Committee

1. The Committee requests Board approval for the recertification of John McDougall, Deb Yeagel and Simon Zadina. This request is based upon their performance at the recent advanced clinic in Stephentown, NY. Also as a result of that clinic the committee recommends that Debbie Shellabarger be certified as Level I, Llama Judge.
2. Committee requests Board approval for upgrading Darrell Anderson from Level II to Level III Llama Judge. This recommendation is based upon experience in judging shows as well as previous livestock judging experience. There are no adverse comments in his file.
3. Committee requests Board approval for upgrading John McDougall from Level I to Level II Llama Judge. This recommendation is based upon experience in judging shows and his recent performance at the advanced clinic in Stephentown, NY. There are no adverse comments in his file.
4. The Board of Directors has recently approved a new "Quad Show" to be held in March 2006. Two Level II judges have been asked to judge performance classes at this show. Even though this is a new show, the majority of the committee feels that these judges should be permitted to judge at the show. This is primarily due to the fact that Level II judges are permitted to judge performance classes at the Grand National Show.
5. Committee has received a number of complaints about the conduct of a Performance Judge at a recent show. A letter has been drafted to the Judge outlining the complaint and the Committee awaits direction from the Board regarding sending the letter.
6. Committee has received a complaint about the conduct of an ALSA judge while in attendance at a recent show. The committee awaits direction from the Board prior to beginning the investigation.
7. Committee has received a complaint about an underage llama being shown at a recent show and will begin an investigation into this matter.
8. Committee shared concerns with the ALSA Board regarding what seems to be a growing trend of ALSA Certified Judges engaging in public diatribe against ALSA and its representatives. It is the committee's feeling that such behavior is counter to the ALSA handbook requiring Judges to "at all times exhibit the highest standard of integrity and professionalism." Judges are representatives of ALSA and should serve as ambassadors of ALSA to the llama community, and not be engaged in destructive dialog aimed at interfering with the smooth functioning of the show association. The committee requests direction for the board in dealing with this problem.

The Board discussed the following items that required follow-up in the Committee Report.

- Item #5: During previous communication, the Board had approved the letter drafted by the Judges' Committee and the letter has been sent.
- Item #6: The Board agreed that further clarification is needed regarding potential investigation into the matter. Board will contact Committee for additional information.
- Item #8: The Board will send a letter to Judges' Committee outlining that the Board shares the same concerns regarding ALSA Judges' professionalism. The Board will request that the Judges' Committee provide options as how to approach the situation.

Tami moved and Lora seconded a motion to approve Judges' Committee Report. Motion Passed.

Membership Committee

Packets have been sent to each Board member regarding individuals nominated for show support awards. Board will select award recipients based on selection criteria provided by Committee. Award baskets have been prepared for award presentations at Grand National Show.

Nominating Committee

Committee advised Mary Jo Miller, committee chairperson, has left the committee. Committee requested that Trish Brant-Roebuck be considered for committee chair position. In addition, committee will solicit a new committee member from the Great Lakes Region to fill the vacated committee position.

Lora moved and Penny seconded a motion to appoint Trish Brant-Roebuck as committee chairperson. Motion passed.

Performance Committee

Committee is in the process of finalizing their proposed ALSA Handbook changes. Board members should have a copy of Committee's recommendations prior to the next Board meeting at the Grand National Show at which time final review rule evaluation will be completed.

Committee recommended beginning in 2006, that Llama Obstacle Driving be added to classes at Regional and Grand National Shows. A formal Board vote on the recommendation will be conducted at the Board meeting during the Grand National Show.

The committee recommended that Novice Performance Classes should be awarded ROM points. Board members exchanged dialog both in favor and in opposition to the recommendation presented by committee. It was agreed that further discussion is

warranted during the face-to-face board meeting at the Grand National Show. The Board requested that Committee develop a plan on how to monitor any Novice ROM point system if implemented.

Policy and Planning Committee

No Report.

Julie Heggie will serve as new Board liaison to the committee.

Promotion Committee

Committee is organizing the FFA convention being held later this month in Louisville, Kentucky. Membership Committee has sent ALSA Brochures to Promotion Committee for distribution at the convention.

Protest Committee

Committee is currently investigating a protest.

Publications Committee

There is shared concern within Committee, the Board and the membership in general regarding *Showring* not meeting circulation deadline date. Lack of paid advertisements in the magazine appears to be the biggest delay problem. Also, interpretation of policy regarding magazine content was discussed. The current issue of *Showring* is in the distribution process to the membership.

Board members stressed the importance of the magazine being circulated to the membership at scheduled times is of the utmost importance for future *Showring* editions. More discussion on the matter including remedies to preclude further untimely distribution of *Showring* will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Regionals Committee

This year's Regional Show attendance was discussed. Official regional counts will be tabulated as show results are finalized. Committee will provide a Regional Show summary for publication in *Showring*.

Regional Shows geographical review will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Show Management Committee

Committee submitted A ROM point proposal to the Board for review. The Board will examine the recommendation further at the next Board meeting.

Committee requested ROM double points for Grand National Show. A similar proposal was approved by the Board and is listed under Grand National Committee report.

Website Committee

Committee inquired as to the progress regarding implementing recommended changes on the ALSA website. Cheryl advised that the ALSA Webmaster has done work on the

website and will send revisions he has completed to the Website committee for their review. Once completed, the new site will be posted after the Grand National Show.

Youth Committee

Committee has sent Tony Rollins Scholarship candidate applications to the Board for final selection process. The Board expressed admiration over the exceptional qualifications of the youth applying for the scholarship award. Committee will develop additional candidate selection criteria for future scholarship award applicants.

Tami Moved and Barb seconded that all committee reports not previously approved above be approved as written. Motion passed

Business Resolved Between Meetings

A request was received on September 8, 2005, for approval to hold a quadruple llama show in the Reno, Nevada during March 2006. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Old Business

Show Management Software

Software continues to be evaluated.

ALSA Membership Survey

The Board discussed the following specific issues of the previous ALSA survey wherein membership input was provided:

- The Board approved awarding double ROM points at the Grand National Show.
- The Board is presently evaluating the ROM point award system.
- Alpaca Committee is working to generate interest to increase alpaca participation at ALSA shows.

Combined ALSA and ILR meeting

A combined ALSA/ILR Meeting is still in the planning stages and is tentatively scheduled for end of this year.

New Business

Face-to-face Board Meeting at Grand National Show.

Barb moved and Julie seconded the motion to invite committee chairpersons to the Board meeting at the Grand National Show. Motion passed.

Youth request to substitute animals at Grand National Show

A request was submitted to the Board requesting to make various alpaca and llama substitutions during the Grand National Show. Penny advised she had been in touch with the requester and the matter has been resolved in accordance with ALSA Handbook requirements.

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) concern at Grand National Show

ALSA is in communication with Grand National facility personnel regarding the VS alert. ALSA is requesting precautionary procedures such as sanitizing the penning areas to minimize any disease occurrence.

**Tami moved and Lora seconded meeting be adjourned at 10:10 PM EDT
Motion Passed.**

**The next ALSA board meeting is scheduled during the Grand National Show event,
November 10, 2005.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**