

**MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2003**

Present

**Dick Sheehan, President
Dwayne Flinn, Vice President
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Carolyn Myers, Secretary
CarolannEvans, Director
Sandy Wickham, Director
Niki Kuklenski, Director
Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary
Tom Hayden, ALSA Attorney**

CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Sandy Wickham, to approve the October minutes as written. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$ 67,549.00
Investment Account	\$ 55,638.00
Scholarship Account	\$ 9,638.00

Executive Secretary's Report

**41 new shows in 2003
99 shows have increased in number of animals
80 shows have decreased in number of animals
40 historic shows were not renewed**

**Over 250 additional animals showed in 2003
Over 200 new members in 2003, but lost approximately
200 members, so the 2003 total remains about the same
Youth memberships were down by 37; however, several
youth members became adult members**

**Cheryl Ryberg made a proposal for a retail store on the
ALSA website to sell items with the ALSA logo on llama
and alpaca-related items. Following discussion and
consideration, the Board approved the proposal. Cheryl
will draw up a contract to implement the store. (See
motion below.)**

Old Business

A. Communications

- 1. Mary Jo Miller , Tami Lash & Ron Baird sent e-mails to the Board concerning the increase in ALSA fees. President Sheehan communicated with each of them explaining the reason for the increases. This information will also be sent to the entire membership and included in the renewal packets. In addition, this information is on the ALSA web site.**
- 2. Phil Feiner sent several ideas for making the Regionals more successful. This information was forwarded to the Regional Committee for consideration and will be considered by the Board for future changes to the Regionals.**
- 3. Mark Taylor sent an e-mail to the Board regarding a judge's attendance at a regional banquet. This information was forwarded to**

the judges committee.

4. **Kathy Lamphear's petition to replace her grandson's animals due to aggression was denied. President Sheehan responded and pointed out that the handbook only has a provision to replace llamas that have died or have been sold.**
5. **Larry Llewellyn sent several e-mails to the Board expressing concerns and making suggestions regarding regional shows. He also expressed concerns regarding the ALSA 2002-2003 financials. President Sheehan covered each of Mr. Llewellyn's concerns in some detail at the open membership meeting at Nationals, which was attended by Mr. Llewellyn.**
6. **Lisa Saunders' request to approved a triple-point show was approved. (See motion below.)**

New Business

- A. **2004 ALSA Budget deferred until next Board meeting.**
- B. **Regionals Financial Report**
 1. **Cut \$1000 per region. (See motion below.)**
 2. **Because the 2003 Regionals as a whole did not not lose money this year, we will try one more year without any drastic changes.**
 3. **Total number of judges at regionals will be determined by the number of performance**

entries.

4. **Kathy Geyer will replace Joe & Sandra Payne as superintendents of the Central Region show. (See motion below.)**
5. **Great Lakes Region request for \$100 extra for Beth Meyers was not approved. (See motion below.)**
6. **Great Lakes petition and letter written regarding their 2004 regional show was considered; need a cost proposal for facilities, volunteers, etc.**
7. **Need to back up the date for regionals to allow the superintendent and secretary for Nationals at least a month to prepare entries, stalling, etc.**
8. **Regional Championships 2003 financials.**

Eastern	Income	\$ 10,409
	Expenses	<u>11,529</u>
	Loss	(1,120)
Southeastern	Income	20,935
	Expenses	<u>18,386</u>
	Profit	2,549
Central	Income	18,885
	Expenses	<u>17,076</u>
	Profit	1,809

Western	Income	17,335
	Expenses	<u>15,555</u>
	Profit	1,780
Rocky Mount	Income	11,672
	Expenses	<u>14,238</u>
	Loss	(2,566)
Great Lakes	Income	16,775
	Expenses	<u>15,505</u>
	Profit	1,270
Buckeye	Income	11,130
	Expenses	<u>13,707</u>
	Loss	(2,577)
TOTALS	Profit	\$ 7,408
	Loss	<u>6,263</u>
	Net Profit	\$ 1,145

C. Handbook

- 1. New suri class needs to be organized and added to the handbook.**
- 2. Need committee changes submitted to the Board by December 15th, 2003, in order to have changes approved to be reprinted in the handbook January 2004.**

D. Randall Lawsuit

ALSA attorney Tom Hayden reported that the lawsuit was progressing very slowly. It may take as long as a year before the case goes to trial. To alleviate any concerns members may have regarding the expenses of the lawsuit, the expense of defending the lawsuit is being covered by ALSA's insurance company and has cost ALSA members no money to date.

E. Executive Secretary's Contract

Current contract was renewed for 2004. The Executive Secretary will submit a 2005 renewal contract to the Board by July 2004.

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Sandy Wickham, to renew Cheryl Ryberg's contract. Following a vote, the motion was adopted.

F. Showring

- 1. Treasurer Jeff Jones submitted a proposal from Able Publishing to publish Showring. Jeff will relay the Board's concerns regarding advertising rates to Doug Able and report back to the Board.**
- 2. Back up CDs of Showring were given to Cheryl Ryberg for safekeeping at the ALSA office.**
- 3. Cheryl Ryberg will research the recorder expense**

re: Mark Smith

- 4. Vice President Dwayne Flinn will convey to Gayle Woodsum that the Board is considering the proposal from Able Publishing.**

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

60 entries participated in the Alpaca Championship show; the Board is awaiting a recap from Penny Davidson, who served as the show superintendent. A check in the amount of \$1081 has been mailed to the ALSA office.

Education Committee

No report.

Elections Committee

No report.

Ethics Committee

No report.

Fiber Committee

The National Fleece Show, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Regional show, received 37 entries. Buckeye region will be asked if they would like to host the 2004 national

show. (See motion below.)

Grand National Committee

Jeff Jones requested that there be at least 30 days between the regionals and grand national shows.

Handbook Committee

All changes should be organized by the January 14, 2004, board meeting for review.

Judges Committee

The judges committee submitted several pages of instructions for the Board's review regarding the new suri class, to be presented to the judges at their annual meeting.

Membership Committee

The Board discussed the fact that the membership committee needs to be restructured. The new liaison, Carolann Evans, will get started right away.

Also looking into the possibility of welcome letters to new members and exit interviews for members who choose not to renew. Carolann will work with the ALSA office on this most likely beginning in 2004.

Nominating Committee

No report.

Performance Committee

- 1. The driving committee is working on presenting some changes and have requested another conference call.**
- 2. Jeff Jones expressed concerns regarding liability issues which could possibly result should someone be injured by driving carts, due to an incident at the Southeastern regional show. Jeff suggested that llamas and carts be led to the arena by exhibitors and only driven in the arena.**
- 3. Wally Baker has requested, and is putting together, a formal proposal for a conference call for his committee.**

Planning & Policy Committee

No report.

Protest Committee

Two protests are still being investigated.

Publications Committee

No report.

Regionals Committee

No report.

Show Management Committee

No report.

Youth Committee

The youth committee has had their recommendation for adding youth judging as a point earning class approved.

Youth judging should have year-end high points and a superior award.

The youth committee's recommendation is to have youth judging handled like all other youth classes.

Per the rules of the ALSA handbook, there should be at least three youth entered in a judging class in order for first or second place to count toward the judging superior. Once a youth earns a superior, they will automatically qualify for Grand Nationals in judging every year until they are no longer in the youth category.

This program will begin in January 2004 and will not be retroactive to previous placings and wins prior to this date.

Suri Group

No report.

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski, seconded by Sandy Wickham, to adopt the following motions:

- 1. That the Board approve Lisa Saunders'**

request for a triple show; however, a criteria needs to be established for future shows to be approved by the Board for any show with more than two judges.

- 2. To cut \$1000 per region from premium money at regionals, with the exception of youth premiums; to allow an additional judge, hired on a one-day basis, in regions with a large number of performance classes; to approve Kathy Geyer as Superintendent for the Central Region regional show.**
- 3. To deny the Great Lakes region request to pay Beth Meyers an additional \$100.**
- 4. To approved Cheryl Ryberg's request for an ALSA store to be posted on the website and in Showring magazine, to be managed by Cheryl, who will present a written contract at the next Board meeting.**
- 5. To approve a National Fleece Show, moving the location to another region for 2004.**
- 6. Beginning with the 2004 show season, youth participating in the Youth Judging Program will earn points and awards the same as other youth classes.**
- 7. In order to receive points in the Adult Showmanship class, members will have to purchase a recording number from the ALSA office, the same as if they were recording an animal. Members who do not obtain a recording**

number may still compete but will not collect awards or points.

Following a vote, the motions passed.

Motion made by Sandy Wickham , seconded by Jeff Jones to adjourn. Following a vote, the motion passed.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th, AT 8:00 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Myers, Secretary**