

Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA BOD Meeting Minutes: November 22, 2011

The regular monthly ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Ken Forster at 8:10 p.m. EST

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

Ken Forster – President
Maryan Baker – Vice President
Marilyn Nenni – Board Member
Larry Lewellyn – Board Member
Allen Davis – Board Member
Staci Forshey – Board Member

Members Not Present:

Keith Wattigney - Secretary
Patti Wattigney – Treasurer
Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

PROCEEDINGS:

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. EST

Approval Of Minutes: October 27, 2011

Minutes were approved by email and posted on the website.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Patti Wattigney

Current Assets	
Cash \$	31,997
Investment Account	58,002
Cash – Memorials	<u>\$ 2,852</u>
Total Current Assets	92,851
Total Assets \$	92,851
Equity	\$ 92,851

OFFICE REPORT: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

No Office Report Submitted

OFFICE BUSINESS:

1. Have the following been updated?
 - a. Location of Tape Recorder
 - b. Membership page on website
 - c. Indiana State Fair Show results
 - d. Lamafest Show results

- e. Celebration Classic Show results
- f. Top Ten Youth Awards 2009
- g. Database Disc
- h. Location of .org Server
- i. Delete old web pages from .org
- j. Half Price Hosting account

Above items were tabled because Office Manager was not present on the call.

Treasurer's Report:

Allen motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Maryan seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Standing Rules revision:

Marilyn presented a revision to the current ALSA Standing Rules for the 2012 ALSA Handbook. There are still some changes to be made to two sections so the completed copy will appear in the December minutes.

Larry motioned to accept the Standing Rules as presented. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

2. Office Manager Position:

Larry motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried. Maryan motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. Larry seconded. Motion carried

3. Rules on "class shopping".

A response has been received from the Policy & Planning Committee suggesting a Handbook rule to address the issue of "class shopping"

Add the following to p. 44, Part I, Section I, 10

An animal may NOT be changed to a different wool division after entry into a show unless moved by the judge. An exhibitor may not move their animal into a different wool division after making entry into a show.

Add the following to #5. on p. 43, Section 1, B. At the end of item #5

Animal wool division may not be changed after entry unless moved with the approval of the judge.

Allen made a motion to accept the suggested rule changes and include them in the 2012 ALSA Handbook. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

4. Regional Youth Fees:

Regional Show youth entry fees were discussed for 2012 Regionals. Youth fees will remain as published in the Oct. 27, 2011 minutes. \$20.00 per class or \$70.00 for all classes entered.

5. Show Works - Show Management Program

Fees were examined for use of Sho Works program for the 2011 Grand National Show. Annual use fee or purchase of new program is now due. Decision had been on hold until

3-year term ending June 2014

- Maryan Baker June 2014

The opening in each Region will be:

1. Northwestern 2
2. Southwestern 1 (+ Baker)
3. Rocky Mountain 2
4. Great Lakes 2
5. Central 1 (+ Forshee)
6. Buckeye 0 (Nenni and Davis)
7. Eastern 2
8. Southeastern 2

The Chair requests the continued endorsement of Jerry Dunn and Sherry Adamcyk as valuable members of the Election Committee. Their knowledge of the election process and history is invaluable to ALSA.

Bylaw and Standing Rules changes will be required should Directors wish to move in the direction of future elections processed by electronic voting. The committee will immediately begin to edit required changes for Board approval to be placed on the 2012 General Election Ballot for member approval.

Again, the committee requests the Board name a Committee Chair to Nominations and work to populate the committee with a member from each Region as required by the ALSA Bylaws.

Regards,

Lougene Baird, Chair ALSA Election Committee

Open positions for the 2012 ALSA Election and the BOD terms were approved.

3. Ethics & Protest Committee: *(liaison: Keith)*

Chair: Jim Doyle

No Report

4. Fiber Committee: *(liaison: Maryan)*

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

No Report

Marilyn motioned to have Larry serve as liaison to the Fiber Committee. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

5. Finance & Budget Committee: *(liaison: Larry)*

No Report

6. Grand National Committee: *(liaison: Ken)*

Chair: Carol Ann Tallmon

The Grand National Committee is happy to report that from our stand point the show was a success. We realize that the numbers were down but acknowledge that the economy this year played a large part. There were NO complaints reported to any of us and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Malcolm had talked to Ron at the facility while we were there and discussed dates but nothing was

decided then. He called Ron back yesterday and he was not available. It looks like the same weekend next year will be the date and that would put us one day earlier. I will let the Board know as soon as he and Ron get together.

At the beginning of January we will start making plans for the big "15th Anniversary" of the ALSA Grand National Show!

Carol Ann Tallmon

7. Handbook Committee: (*liaison: Maryan*)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

8. Judge's Committee: (*liaison: Allen*)

Chair: Doug Overman

Hi , Here is the report from Cindy and myself on the clinic recommendations. We had a wonderful clinic, lots of learning, fellowship and positive ALSA fiber talk. In addition to the recerts and new apprentices in both llama and alpaca we had two breeders for the first day and a half. We also have to thank the McFarlands for their wonderful hospitality. We had lots of wonderful food, treats, a birthday party, great llamas, alpacas and shorn fleeces provided by our hosts. We appreciate the opportunity to have the clinic and look forward to the next time we can get together with our fellow fiber instructors, apprentices and breeders.

Thank you for supporting our efforts,
Cindy Ruckman and Deb Yeagle

November 20, 2011

The ALSA Llama and Alpaca Fleece Judges Clinic held at *McFarland's Llama Farm* was a great success! We spent 2.5 days immersed in llama and alpaca fleece. We discussed, trained and tested on llama and alpaca shorn and walking fleece.

Following are the results and our recommendations* for the Combination Alpaca and Llama Fleece Clinic:

Cynthia Ernst – Certify as Llama Fleece Apprentice and certify as Alpaca Fleece Apprentice;

Terese Evenson - Certify as Llama Fleece Apprentice and certify as Alpaca Fleece Apprentice;

Joy Bishop Forshey - Certify as Senior Llama Fleece Judge and certify as Senior Alpaca Fleece Judge;

Lee Ann King – Re-certify as Senior Llama Fleece Judge and certify as Alpaca Fleece Apprentice;

Karen Kinyon – Re-certify as Senior Llama Fleece Judge and certify as Alpaca Fleece Apprentice;

Diane Kratville** - Certify as Llama Fleece Apprentice and certify as Alpaca Fleece Apprentice;

Judy Ross – Re-Certify as Level Llama Fleece Judge and pass one Alpaca Fleece Apprenticeship;

Tricia Schneeberger - Certify as Llama Fleece Apprentice and certify as Alpaca Fleece Apprentice;

Cindy Ruckman - Re-certify as Senior Llama Fleece Judge and certify as Senior Alpaca Fleece Judge;

Deb Yeagle - Re-certify as Senior Llama Fleece Judge and re-certify as Senior Alpaca Fleece Judge.

Respectfully submitted by Clinic Instructors: Cindy Ruckman and Deb Yeagle

*All recertification and apprenticeships be effective January1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

**Diane was originally registered for the Breeders Clinic and continued on. Diane will pay ALSA Judges Dues for 2012 and pay the remainder of the clinic fee on time. Once her clinic fee is paid in full.

Allen motioned to approve the recommendations for llama and alpaca fleece apprentices and certifications. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

The ALSA BOD sincerely thanks the McFarlands for their gracious hospitality in hosting this ALSA Fiber Clinic. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

9. Membership Committee: (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair:

No Report

10. Nomination Committee: (*liaison: Allen*)

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

Marilyn made a motion to have Maryan as liaison to the Nomination Committee. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

11. Performance Committee: (*liaison: Maryan*)

Chair: Eileen Ditsler

12. Policy & Planning Committee (*liaison: Ken*)

Chair: Barb Harris

I would like to submit the following ALSA member to the board for approval to the Policy and Planning Committee: Lora Crawford representing the West coast.

Marilyn made a motion to approve Lora Crawford to the Policy & Planning Committee. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

13. Promotion Committee: (*liaison: Keith*)

Chair:

No Report

14. Publications Committee: (*liaison: Maryan*)

Chair: Mary Adams

Dear ALSA Board,

These are the people I would like approved for my committee for the Directory. I'm very excited about this project and look forward to getting great ads for the directory and also start working on the Show Ring! Your support is greatly appreciated.

- Nick Hauptly in Iowa
- Cathy Spalding in Washington
- David Armer in Reno
- Dee January in Nebraska
- Karen Schwartz in WY
- Venesa Carter in MO
- Darrell Anderson in Indiana
- Suzann Penry in CA
- Sherri Tallmon in Oregon
- Marilyn or Dan Milton in Oregon
- Carol Reigh in Pennsylvania
- Sharon VanHooser in TX

Sincerely, Mary Adams

Larry motion to approve the members to the Publications Committee. Maryan seconded. Motion carried.

15. Regional Committee: (*liaison: Keith*)

Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

Regional Championship Committee Report for November 22, 2011 meeting

As previously reported, the dual Buckeye and Great Lakes Regional Championship were quite successful, thanks to the generous support of Bob LaMorte and other sponsors and the hard work of volunteers who pulled these shows together in a very short time. The facility is available for next year on the weekend of September 29 and 30, 2012, which should not conflict with any other shows. We hope that we can start promoting these and the other regional championships as soon as possible via e-mail blasts and other communications to the members.

We should get an e-mail out to the members as soon as possible to request proposals for the regions that did not have championship shows in 2011 and recruit volunteers to serve as superintendents, including new superintendents for the Buckeye & Great Lakes and Southeastern Regions. As of today, the superintendents for the Buckeye/Great Lakes and Southeastern Regions have refused to provide income and expense information to either the Committee Chair or the ALSA Treasurer. In addition, as of November 21, the superintendent of the Southeastern Region had not yet submitted the results of that show to the ALSA office. (The results of all other Regional Championships have been submitted to the office.)

The superintendent for the Buckeye/Great Lakes shows was identified as Linda Weber, but Cathie Kindler actually performed the work of superintendent and originally told me that she was going to open a separate bank account to handle all of the income and expenses for those shows. Last week, when I asked her for income and expense information for the final regional committee accounting, she refused to provide any information and claimed that the checks for entry fees had been made payable to one of the sponsors, which sponsor had then paid all of the expenses. However, the entry forms and information from another volunteer at that show both indicate the checks were to be made payable to "Buckeye & Great Lakes Regional Championships" and mailed to the show superintendent at Cathie's address. There does not appear to be any logical reason for Cathie's refusal to provide financial information, as ALSA did not lose any money on these shows and the income from entry fees and sponsorships was more than enough to cover all expenses and pay premiums to the exhibitors.

The superintendent for the Southeastern Region, Craig Swindler, told me that he was going to use all of the income from entry fees to pay expenses and premiums to the exhibitors and would only send the office enough money to cover expenses that had been paid in advance by ALSA. I was under the impression that the reason for his attitude was because he was unhappy with the way the board had treated the regional committee this year, but it appears that he is also retaliating against the board for other issues which have nothing to do with the regional championships. In his most recent e-mail on November 14, 2011, he stated that he will send the office a check for \$301.95 to cover the cost of ribbons, had paid all other expenses for the show and "will pay premiums to first thru third to the exhibitors," so it is unclear whether the exhibitors have actually received any premiums yet.

The ALSA treasurer and I have been both trying to come up with a final financial report, but it is difficult with regional superintendents who refuse to cooperate and appear to be concealing information. Once the results of all of the regional championships are posted we may be able to come up with some estimates of the actual entry fees. In the meantime, my best estimate is on the attached spreadsheet, which shows an overall net profit for the 2011 Regional Championships of \$3,550.

Looking forward to 2012, I hope the Board will support the Regional Championships in the following ways:

1. Get rid of the "national qualifier" shows. These only caused a lot of confusion and unfairly favored some regions over others. It does not appear that they achieved the intended goal of increasing attendance at the Grand National.

National Qualifying Shows were approved only for 2011. The BOD has already voted that there will be no National Qualifier Shows in 2012.

2. Put the qualifying criteria for both the Regional and Grand National Championships as stated in the 15th Edition of the ALSA Handbook back into the 17th Edition. See Part E, Section 2(D) and Part F, Section 2 (C) (5) thru (8). Also clarify that the Top Five in each Regional division qualify for the Grand

National. See Part E, Section 8(B).

The BOD is currently reviewing these various items.

3. Allow the Regional Championships to be break-even events, with all net income from entry fees and sponsorships in excess of expenses to be paid as premiums to exhibitors.

This item is tabled until a complete financial report is available.

4. Promote the Regional Championships via e-mail blasts throughout the year and allow the committee chair and members to be involved in the drafting of those communications.

All emails to the membership are accepted from any committee. All emails are subject to BOD approval before being sent out.

5. Communicate, communicate, communicate.

Thank you.

Cheryl Juntilla

The BOD has concerns that the entry fees for the Buckeye/Great Lakes Regional Show and the Southeastern Regional Show were not made payable to ALSA as specified in Regional materials. Fees and show results should be reported to the Office no later than December 15th.

Note from the BOD: The BOD has not approved any joint Regional Shows for 2012. The first priority is to have individual Regional Shows within each ALSA Region.

16. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Allen)

Chair:

No Report

14. Website Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair:

After some discussion regarding getting full benefits from this committee, Larry made a motion to change the name of this committee to Website & Communications Committee. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair: Susan Leslie

Motion was made to accept Tabbethia Haubold, Diana Collins, Anna Reese, Michelle Kutzler, and Heather Koenig as members of the Youth Committee. Motion carried.

BOD is researching to see if Scholarship Committee was set up as a sub-committee of the Youth Committee. To be addressed at next meeting.

Email Motions and/or Actions:

11-9-11: Approved National eblast

11-14-11: Approe Thank You eblast

Maryan made a motion to adjourn at 12:02 a.m. EST. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marilyn Nenni

Minutes approved at the December 1, 2011 meeting.