

MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 13, 2004

Present

Dick Sheehan, President
Dwayne Flinn, Vice President
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Carolyn Myers, Secretary
Carolann Evans, Director
Sandy Wickham, Director
Niki Kuklenski, Director
Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski to approve the November minutes as written. Seconded by Jeff Jones. Following a vote the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$ 32,787
Investment Account	54,388

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Sandy Wickham. Following a vote the motion passed.

Executive Secretary's Report

72 shows registered for 2004
13,002 animals registered
52 new memberships issued
3550 membership applications sent, including financial statement and new recording forms (from 2001)
1200 membership applications received and processed
168,363 hits on the ALSA web site (apx. 4500 hits per month)

Show Packet One has been reworked to fit 13th Edition Handbook, posted to web site. 200 letters were mailed to show superintendents to direct them to download at their convenience, and alerted the show superintendents to the new rules and fees that need to be incorporated into the entry forms. This has been extremely well received and will save ALSA printing and mailing fees. If the superintendent misplaces something, they have the

convenience of downloading. This has encouraged at least two potential show superintendents to put a show together.

Show Packet Two has been completely overhauled and updated and sent to the printer.

A request came into the ALSA office to post entry sheets to the ALSA web site. Grant (our web host) and I conferred and agreed that \$5 per page or \$20 per link would cover the expense to do so. This would enable show superintendents to send out postcards directing entrants to the ALSA web site and save them considerable mailing and printing expense. This will also continue to direct members to the web site.

Motion made by Sandy Wickham to adopt the practice of posting entry sheets on the ALSA web site, at a charge of \$5 per digitized page of \$20 per link to be posted. Seconded by Carolyn Myers. Following a vote the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Communications

- 1. Correspondence via e-mail was received from Joe Payne, Polly Huggins, Debi Garvin, Julie Heggie, Larry Lewellyn, Shawn Norman, Sharon Beacham, Barb Harris, Stan Jacobs, Pamela Wilson and Dawne Moore regarding awarding the Showring contract to Able Publishing. A reply will be drafted by President Sheehan and e-mailed. The entire membership will receive this information with the next handbook change mailing.**
- 2. Correspondence via e-mail was received from Mary Jo Miller with regard to ALSA providing financial statements to members. President Sheehan responded that the board is in the process of developing a Finance & Budget committee to make recommendations on a financial reporting system that will be more user friendly.**

B. Web Shop Contract

Motion made by Carolyn Myers to approve a contract for a web shop. Seconded by Carolann Evans. Following a vote the motion passed. President Sheehan will draft a contract.

C. Protest Committee Recommendations

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn to accept committee recommendations that protest was not valid. The motion did not receive a second.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Jones to reject the committee recommendation and accept that the protest was valid. The protestor will have their protest fee returned. The judges violated a handbook rule, but their actions were taken with the best interests of ALSA in mind. Nothing will be put in the files nor any disciplinary action taken on the judges involved. Motion seconded by Dwayne. Following a vote the motion passed.

Dwayne Flinn is to follow up on a second protest that is currently being considered.

D. Showring Contract

Able Publishing's proposal to produce Showring magazine was discussed via e-mail by the Board. Motion made by Jeff Jones on December 9th to accept Able's proposal. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Myers. The Board voted as follows: Aye, Jeff Jones, Carolyn Myers, Carolann Evans, Sandy Wickham. No, Dwayne Flinn and Niki Kuklenski.

On December 16th a special meeting was called by President Sheehan to discuss Able Publishing's contract. The contract was sent to the ALSA attorney resulting in several changes. President Sheehan was to contact Able Publishing to discuss the proposed change prior to the January board meeting.

E. National Committee

A recommendation is to be sent to the National Committee regarding youth judging team to be judged at nationals.

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn that this is to be the last time the youth will have to pay a youth judging fee year after year. After a one time \$10 fee youth will not have to pay this fee in future years. Seconded by Jeff Jones. Following a vote the motion passed.

A strategic planning committee was requested for the Grand National open meeting. It was determined that the Planning and Policy Committee already has this responsibility.

New Business

- A. Motion made by Jeff Jones to reestablish a Finance and Budget Committee. Seconded by Dwayne Flinn. Following a vote the motion passed.**

Motion made by Jeff Jones to have Joe Payne serve as the chair of the Financial and Budget committee. Seconded by Dwayne Flinn. Following a vote the motion passed.

On February 1, 2004, Jeff Jones moved to rescind the resolution relating to Joe Payne being the Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee adopted at the January 13, 2004, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dick Sheehan. Jeff Jones, Carolyn Myers, Sandy Wickham and Dick Sheehan voted yes; Dwayne Flinn, Carolann Evans and Niki Kuklenski voted no. The motion passed.

- B. Performance Committee**

The following rule book changes were submitted for consideration:

- 1. The same llama shall NOT be entered in two different performance divisions. (This was approved and shall be changed to read as follows:**

"Llama entries in performance classes are restricted in that a llama may be entered in a youth class or a non-youth class (open, advanced or notice classes), but not both.)"

Motion made by Carolyn Myers, seconded by Carolann Evans. Following a vote the motion passed.

- 2. Performing multiple obstacle requirements at one location. (This was approved and shall be changed to read as follows:**

If more than one obstacle requirement is performed at the same location, each obstacle must be clearly defined as a specific task. At the completion of each obstacle the exhibitor must pause and receive acknowledgement from the judge that the task was completed or attempted for the multiple obstacle sequence.)

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn to approve item #2. Seconded by Jeff Jones. Following a vote the motion passed.

- 3. Pack Class - All Divisions: Llama twelve-month-old minimum age. (This was not approved.) Llamas must be at least 18 months old to compete in Open, Novice or Advanced Pack Classes.**

4. **Obstacle accessories shall all be consistent in design for each competitor and llama. (This was approved and shall be changed to read as follows:**

All obstacles and obstacle accessories, i.e., leg wraps, poncho, llama blanket, hat, etc., must be consistent in design for all llamas and exhibitors.)

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski to approve item #4. Seconded by Dwayne Flinn. Following a vote the motion passed.

5. **Petting Rule: Return to previous rule. (This was not approved.) Crowd petting and touching. You can only use exhibitors or ALSA members as petters.**
6. **Rule Book Changes in ALSA Handbook: Where appropriate the previous rule should be included along with any amendment. (This was not approved.) Rule book change will be denoted by striking through the old rule in bold.**

The Board requested that the Performance Committee look into alpaca pack classes and make recommendations.

The National Performance Committee has made recommendations for next year at nationals. They are making every effort to have things run in a timely and professional manner.

C. Judges Committee Recommendations

A. Handbook changes recommended to accommodate the new suri division

1. Part E, Section 3, Paragraph A:

"All four halter wool division classes."

2. Part D, Section 2, Paragraph A(3):

"All four halter wool divisions as described in Part I.1.A and B."

3. Part F, Section 2, Paragraph A:

"All four halter wool division classes."

4. Part H, Section 2, Paragraph B:

1. Suri wool
2. Light wool
3. Medium wool
4. Heavy wool

5. Part I, Section 1, Paragraph A: Add:

"Suri llamas have a naturally balanced athletic type which may appear more narrow than llamas of other fiber types when viewed from the front or rear aspect. The fleece of a suri llama should have a natural luster and hang and drape over the llama's body, usually forming a natural part along the spine. The fibers are grouped into a very distinctive and well-defined lock structure, which is indicated by the many individual separate locks of fiber formed at the skin and carrying out to the ends of each lock. The fleece should be lustrous, the locks independent and consistent in size, and the degree of wave or spiral content throughout the neck and body."

6. Part I, Section 1, Paragraph B: Add subparagraph 8.

"The Suri wool division will be judged prior to light, medium and heavy wool. This is to permit animals that do not fit into the Suri division to be moved into the appropriate traditional wool division.

7. Part I, Section 1, Paragraph B: Add subparagraph 9.

"It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to apply the wool division descriptions in Part I, Section 1, paragraph A and enter animals in the most appropriate wool division. If an exhibitor is unsure of the wool division, the exhibitor should ask the judge at the exhibitors meeting what procedure will be used to move animals. It is the responsibility of the halter judge to determine whether animals have been entered in the appropriate wool division, and, if not, to move the animal to the appropriate division."

8. Part I, Section 1: Add subparagraph D.

"With respect to the Suri wool division, at show management's discretion, if there are fewer than three (3) llamas in any age division, age divisions may be combined; that is, if there are fewer than three (3) juvenile females, they may be combined

with yearling females, and so on. Under no circumstances will males and females be combined. After age combination, if there are too few to make qualifying classes, the suri llamas may be shown with the appropriate traditional wool division.

Motion made by Jeff Jones to adopt the recommended Handbook changes. Seconded by Sandy Wickham. Following a vote the motion passed.

D. Animal ID

Request for ALSA to have a liaison to the Llama Community Permanent ID Commission. President Sheehan will be the liaison.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Request made to accept show entries of alpacas with pending registrations. Due to DNA testing registrations are severely backlogged at ILR. The Board agrees to accept pending registrations on a temporary basis (2004 only). The situation will be revisited in 2005, if need be.

Education Committee

The education committee recommends a beginning fiber clinic be held May 21, 22 and 23, 2004, in Hudson, Wisconsin at the Phipps Center, hosted by Fran Soukup. The clinic has been approved by the judges committee.

Motion made by Dick President Sheehan to accept the committee's recommendation. Seconded by Sandy Wickham. Following a vote the motion passed.

Election Committee

No report

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

Permission requested to have a co-chair to the committee. Committee will still be limited to 7. Permission was granted by the Board.

Grand National Committee

The committee is gearing up for the 2004 Grand National and will have a meeting the week of January 12th. The Grand Nationals Performance Committee has made recommendations.

Handbook Committee

No report.

The committee will receive changes adopted by the board at this meeting.

Judges Committee

The following are items which the Judges Committee requests action by the Board:

1. New Judge Certification

The committee recommends the following certifications based upon the results of the advanced judging clinic held in October in New Braunfels, Texas. These recommendations take into consideration the opinion of the clinic instructor, apprenticeship evaluations and previous livestock experience. These certifications are for a period of three years.

Darrell Anderson	Level II
Bill Feick	Level I
Philip Feiner	Level I
Ken Forster	Level I
Margaret Henry	Level I

2. Judge Recertification

The committee recommends the following recertifications based upon the results of the advanced judging clinic held in October in New Braunfels, Texas. These certifications would be for a period of three years.

David Allen	Level II
Jan Gordon	Level I

The committee recommends the following recertifications based upon continuing education credits. Recertifications would be for a period of three years.

Penny Davidson	Level III
Patti Fischer	Level II
Mike Haumschild	Level III, Performance
Tami Lash	Level III
Mark Smith	Level III

3. Changes in Certification Level

The committee recommends granting the following requests for changes in certification level.

Terry Duespohl	From Level II alpaca to Level III alpaca
Tami Lash	From Level II alpaca to Level III alpaca
Sandi Wilson	From Level II llama to Level III

Motion made by Jeff Jones to approve the Judges Committee recommendations. Seconded by Sandy Wickham. Following a vote the motion passed.

4. Scheduling of Judging Clinics

It has apparently become the practice that the judges' training clinics are scheduled through the Education Committee. The Judges Committee suggest that the Board review Part B, Section 2, Paragraph G of the 13th Edition of the Handbook. This paragraph clearly states that the responsibility for the scheduling of clinics rests with the Judges Committee. The Judges Committee is requesting that the practice of scheduling clinics through the Education Committee be eliminated and the policy in the handbook be followed.

5. Unfilled Committee Position

It is requested that Jennifer Doran Lane be approved to fill the vacant position currently existing on the Judges Committee.

6. Increase in Judges Dues

At the judges' meeting held during the Grand National, many

judges expressed their dismay at the magnitude of the increase of a judge's dues. They also requested that they be provided with information about how judges' dues are used. The committee is therefore respectfully requesting this information so that it can be passed on to the judges. The judges committee also recommends that the term "judge's dues" be replaced with the more correct term "judge's license," and feels that the fees should be identifiable with the judging program.

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn to approve all requests of the Judges Committee, with the exception of #4, which should go back to the two committees for a resolution. Jeff Jones seconded the motion. Following a vote the motion carried.

Membership Committee

Carolann Evans is working on putting together a new membership committee.

Nominating Committee

No report

Performance Committee

No report

Planning & Policy Committee

Proposed changes to the bylaws and standing rules are in the committee parliamentarian's hands for review. Recommendations will be sent to the board soon.

Protest Committee

(See board action under Old Business.)

Publications Committee

(See board action under New Business.)

Regional Committee

\$500 received from Susan Gray.

Motion made by Sandy Wickham to approve Jefferson, Wisconsin,

facility for Great Lakes Regionals, with Bill Schultz and Kathy Brook as superintendents. Seconded by Carolann Evans. Following a vote the motion passed.

Show Management Committee

No report.

Youth Committee

No report.

Suri Committee

Judges recommendations regarding the new suri division have been forwarded to the Suri Committee. No response has been received to date.

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Jones. Following a vote the motion passed.

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 9, 2004, AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M. EST**

**Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Myers, Secretary**