

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting of ALSA  
BOD Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2007**

**The regular monthly ALSA BOD Meeting was called to order by President, Wally Baker, at 7:32 PM EST. Secretary, Marilyn Nenni, notified the BOD that this meeting and all future meetings will be recorded.**

**BOD Members Present:**

Wally Baker – President  
Ken Fenley – Vice President  
Marilyn Nenni - Secretary  
Lora Crawford - Board Member  
Julie Heggie – Board Member  
Larry Lewellyn - Board Member  
Kay Sharpnack – Board Member

**Others Present:**

Cheryl Ryberg – ALSA Administrative Manager  
Wayne Rankin – Treasurer (only present through Treasurer’s report and Office report)

**Guests:**

Jan Wassink – ILR, Registrar  
Grant Miller – ALSA Webmaster

**Proceedings:**

**Next BOD Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 EST**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Minutes of October 27, 2007:**

*Kay made a motion to approve the BOD minutes of October 27, 2007. Julie seconded.  
Motion carried.*

**Minutes of July 31, 2007:**

*Wally will amend and send out for email approval.*

**WEBMASTER: Grant Miller**

Grant had been consulted on the decision of the BOD at the Nov. 27 BOD meeting regarding having another person use the FTP to keep the ALSA website, alsashow.org, updated. Grant informed the BOD that if another person had access to the FTP to update the website, neither the ALSA database nor the Office information would be secure. Kay made a motion to re-address and accept the original proposal of Marilyn Nenni to keep the general information and lists on another website, alsashow.net and link to the database information on alsashow.org. Julie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ILR REGISTRAR: Jan Wassink**

Jan presented updates and details on the new ShowManager program. The ShowManager program will be available to all shows and will enable show superintendent to do entries, print programs, and enter and print results. With some configuration of the ALSA database, show results can be simply rolled right into the ALSA database for viewing. This would guarantee consistent information coming into the office and points will be updated almost immediately. Jan made an offer to work with our webmaster to program the ShowManger to work with our current ALSA database and indicated it would not be a difficult task. The fees to shows using

the ShowManager will be a \$50.00 base fee plus \$1.00 per animal. In order to encourage show superintendents to take advantage of this new ShowManager and help obtain accurate information and points, Wayne Rankin has made an offer to pay \$25.00 of each show's fees for every ALSA show held in 2008. The ShowManager is currently in the final stages of testing and is expected to be up and running fully by mid-January.

Marilyn made a motion to have Grant work with Jan to ascertain what steps are needed to have the ALSA database "ShowManager ready". Lora seconded. Motion carried. Report of necessary changes are to be given at the January meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Wayne Rankin**

I have added a comparative balance sheet to show you last year on the 5<sup>th</sup> as compared to this year. If questions, call or email please. Please understand some of the accounts have changed location since 2006.

ALSA BALANCE SHEET  
As of November 30,2007

**Nov 30, 07**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
ALSA Checking	20,553.07
ALSA Money Market Account	20,161.85
ALSA Cap 1 Investment Account	82,993.89
ALSA Memorial Youth Scholarship	13,128.39
ALSA Linda Pierce Memorial Fund	<u>5,047.17</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b><u>141,884.37</u></b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>141,884.37</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>141,884.37</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity Funds</b>	
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>141,884.37</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>141,884.37</u></b>

Financial accounts of ALSA were reviewed and Cheryl reported all bank signature cards have been finalized with the banks. Cheryl will request and send certificates of validation as to signatures of who is on all accounts for our records. To keep our organization's financial status reported accurately, all requests for financial information must go to the Treasurer. Treasurer is happy to answer any calls or emails concerning ALSA finances.

ALSA OFFICE REPORT: Cheryl Ryberg

2007 Work by ALSA Office Not on Contract

1. Help Judge Committee create format for current Judge List for show supers and website.
2. Help Judge Committee create new scoring cards.
3. Help Judge Committee with developing new Judge Pins.

4. Help Treasurer and Finance Committee by installing and data transferring new copy of Quicken.
5. Spent time in ALSA Office with Wayne Rankin and Craig Swindler, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair going over office procedures, showing how space is utilized as well as looking at ALSA Software, Network and Backup Methods.
6. Help Treasurer and BOD request to abandon new Quicken Software and install, learn and transfer data to QuickBooks Program.
7. Send Treasurer monthly or when requested backup copies of financial software.
8. Worked with GE Finances and Board to set up 3 new investment and scholarship accounts per Board Requests.
9. Worked again with GE Finances to reset up 3 investment accounts as the accounts set up per Board requests could not be utilized due to naming problems. Resubmit monies to these accounts.
10. Added Dan Milton to Signature Card on all accounts.
11. Subtracted Dan Milton to Signature Cards on all accounts and added Kay Patterson.
12. Researched and set up Money Market account that is joined to ALSA Checking account at 4.75% interest to maintain a minimum balance in ALSA Checking of \$20,000 or less so all other monies will be earning interest.
13. Created new judge card labels to save Regional Supers time from hand writing these cards. These labels will be sent to other supers in 2008 to reduce their paper work for submitting judge cards to ALSA Office.
14. Developed by using a MS Publisher Program new scoring sheets for all performance classes, youth as well as open/advanced/novice and posted to the website for easy download.
15. Developed by using a MS Publisher Program updated result sheets for Regional as well as for use by 2008 show superintendents. This was done so the supers may organize their paperwork at their leisure rather than wait for the office to mail it. It will also save postage for ALSA in 2008.
16. Answering members questions created by master blast emails
17. Answering members and superintendents questions regarding handbook issues due to the fact that they do not have hard copy handbooks.
18. Sending Director members' names with emails each time we have a new member as well as periodically updating when a member changes emails or we get a new member.
19. Developed " Ambassador's Program"
20. Agreed to initiate " Ambassador's Program" due to lack of interest or understanding from committee.

Tracking for the BOD errors that were created by Office, Members or Supers

Cheryl Ryberg, Administrative Manager

### **Office Topics:**

1. Office Manager Contract. The ALSA Administrative Manager's contract expires as of December 31, 2008.  
***Discussion:** The contract will be reviewed as to necessary duties required of the ALSA Administrative Manager. Further discussion was tabled until the January BOD meeting.*
2. Three Year Membership & Show Comparison Chart for BOD:  
***Discussion:** Numbers for a three-year membership and show comparison were requested. Cheryl was unable to provide these figures for the BOD at this time.*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. ALSA Purpose – By-laws – Article 1

*Discussion: Issue will be sent back to committee for promoting shows & llamas.*

### 2. Handbook Status – Timeline for member distribution

*Discussion: Most sections of the Handbook have now been reviewed, revised, and corrected and are now in the hands of the Handbook Committee to format for publication. Completed sections will be placed on a DVD for proofing as soon as completed. This project is a priority to get out to the membership.*

### 3. Part B. Committees, B.2 Committee member terms.

*Discussion: Election Committee purpose was discussed.*

### 4. 501C3 Status:

*Discussion: John McDougall has recommended that we proceed with an attorney. Estimated cost may be \$1000 to \$1500. This has a potential to contribute to ALSA project and off tax deductions.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Alpaca Committee:** (liaison: Kay Sharpnack)

Chair – Mary Reed

No Report

### **Education Show Clinic Committee:** (liaison: Lora)

Chair:

*Dawn Moore of Montana has volunteered to be Chairperson. Kay moved to accept Dawn Moore as Chair of this committee. Ken seconded. Motion carried.*

### **Election Committee:** (liaison: Wally)

Chair – Lougene Baird

No Report

### **Ethics Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair – Cindy Ruckman

*Discussion: The procedures for the new grievance policy will be sent to the Protest Committee to format for the Handbook.*

### **Fiber Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair - June Black

1. Completed planning and management of the 2007 ALSA Grand National Fleece Show. Both shorn llama fleece and shorn alpaca fleece were included in the show. Lee Ann King and June Black co-superintended. Judy Ross was responsible for our sponsor donation campaign. Susanne Smithers and Karen Kinyon were our judges. Geri Rutledge was Facilities Manager.

Ribbon design by Kay Sharpnack. Show clerks were Mitzi Ross and Eunice Cernohlavek. All exhibitors were given a show program which listed the exhibitors, fleece entries, fleece entry placings, judges, sponsors and volunteers for the show. *This file is attached and we request it be posted on the ALSA web site.* Ribbons were awarded and premiums paid through 10<sup>th</sup> place.

*File will be posted on the ALSA website.*

2. Plans are in the beginning stages for the 2008 GN Fleece Show.
3. We are in the process of updating the llama fleece show forms. Once updates are completed we will submit them to the ALSA office for posting on the ALSA web site.
4. Reference BOD Minutes, August 7, 2007, GN Committee Report, Item 2, where it states, "The National Fleece Show has always been part of the Grand National Show." For historical accuracy, the Grand National Fleece show has *not* always been part of the Grand National show. The first year of the GN Fleece Show (2003), it was held in CO at the Rocky Mountain Regional Show. The second year (2004) the GN Fleece Show was held at the Buckeye Regional Show in OH. There was an area set aside at the GN Show these years to *display* the fleeces, but the judging and initial display were at the respective regional shows. In 2005 for the first time the GN Fleece Show was held in Lincoln, NE, in conjunction with the rest of the GN Show, and has been there since (2005-2007).
5. The Recap form as posted on the ALSA website needs corrections. There should be no \$5 fleece fee. The \$3 fleece entry fee is only applicable when the animal is not concurrently being exhibited in the halter and/or performance show.
6. The recently updated ALSA Llama Fleece Judging Clinic Manual is being further revised by the Llama Fiber Committee before sending it to all ALSA Llama Fleece Judges and Apprentices. The Llama Fiber Committee is waiting for input from Lavona Fercho and Fran Soukup to be evaluated and folded into the Llama Fleece Judging Clinic Manual as appropriate.
7. Answered several questions from the general membership.
8. **Request:** Please make the following correction: Change ALSA Committees website page committee title from "Fiber Committee" to "Llama Fiber Committee" to reflect change made earlier this year (2007).

*Kay made a motion to approve this report. Julie seconded. Motion carried.*

**Finance and Budget Committee:** (*liaison: Kay*)

Chair - Craig Swindler

No report.

**Grand National Committee:** (*liaison: Kay*)

Chair - Norris Berg

Grand National Committee Report for October 2007

1. The 10<sup>th</sup> Grand National Show (GNS) is now history. Some comments and suggestions for future shows were received and will be reviewed, considered and shared with the BOD.
2. The financial status is about complete with only one known bill to be received. It now appears the show will meet all expenses and will not have a negative impact on the ALSA treasury. A complete summary of show activity and financials will be available to the ALSA BOD within two weeks.

3. Initial review of class entries, etc indicates the Yearling Class which has been split (13-18 Months and 19-24 Months) since the 2006 GNS has not met the desired results. The Grand National Committee (GNC) recommends the return to one class after review and approval of the Show and Finance Committee.

*Discussion: Julie motioned to accept the committee's recommendations to eliminate the split yearling class at the 2008 national show. Ken seconded. Motion carried.*

4. The ALSA BOD has approved the show dates of 24-26 October 2008 to be held again at the Lancaster Event Center. All previous and future exhibitors should be aware that the event center plans to double its size prior to the 2008 show. This is also a Nebraska Cornhusker football weekend so room reservations should be made as soon as possible.
5. The GNC requests approval for a conference call in December for the purpose of selecting judges for the 2008 show.

*Discussion: BOD approves conference call.*

6. The success of the 2007 show was a direct result of the outstanding group of volunteers, all of our generous sponsors (list on the ALSA website) and to the individual members of the GNC. Please take time to thank them all as you attend upcoming shows. Thanks to each of you!!!

*Julie made a motion to approve the Grand National Show report. Larry seconded. Motion carried.*

**Handbook Committee:** (*Liaison: Larry*)

Chair - Helen Feick

No Report

**Judges Committee:** (*liaison: Lora*)

Chair – Lavona Fercho

1. All members of the Judges' Committee discussed the procedure of Judges being asked to Judge two Regionals in one year. They came to the resolution that while it would be nice if each judged only one show, it is the right of the superintendent to choose the judge they think would be most appropriate for their Regional show any given year. This has happened occasionally in previous years. The Judges' Committee do not think it appropriate nor warranted to change a rule or add an addendum to prohibit this from happening.

2. There has been a lot of concern and discussion regarding the youth judges entering the Judges Program. Currently, when they turn 18, they end youth judging and have to wait until they are 21 before they can enter the Judges Program. During the three-year wait, they lose interest with llamas and alpacas and ALSA is consistently losing the next generation as judges and camelid owners. The recommendation from the committee is to request changes made to allow the Youth Judges to enter the Judges program at 19 years of age. They would proceed through the Judge and Apprentice program in the same fashion as all Judge participants of 21 years or older. With this in mind, the Judges' Committee would like to add an addendum to Handbook rules.

Judges' Committee report for December:

1. The committee recommends the following Handbook rule change.

Change Part S, Section 2, A1 from: "Persons must be at least 21 years old and be members of ALSA":

to:

“Persons must be a member or ALSA, at least 21 years of age, or a youth at least 19 years of age who has completed 4 years in at least 8 shows, in the ALSA youth judging program. “

Then in Part R of the handbook add the following Section13:

“Youth that are at least 19 years of age, have completed 4 years, in at least 8 shows in the ALSA youth judging program, may enter the "ALSA Judge and Apprentice Program" as defined in Part S of the Handbook.”

2. Following the Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Halter Judges Clinic, September, 2007 in Ohio, having attained appropriate achievement scores or audited, the committee recommends the following participants be approved as Alpaca Halter Apprentice Judges: Maryan Baker, Toni Knie, Emily Walter, Cheryl Palmentera and Valerie Attina, and Deb Yeagle be re-certified as Alpaca Halter Judge for three years.

3. The committee requests board approval for the re-certification of Karen Kinyon as Llama Fleece Judge, and Adrienne Hochee as level III Llama Halter judge for three years based on substantial Continued Education Credits.

4. Based on substantial CEC reports of shows judged and programs participated in, the committee recommends the Judge level upgrades from Level II to Level III for Bill Schultz and John McDougall.

**ALSA Judges Committee Rule Changes (tabled): Refer August 6, 2007 report**

*Kay will re-send the BOD the Judge's Committee Handbook rule changes.*

***Discussion:*** *Julie made a motion to approve the Judge's Committee Report. Lora seconded. Motion carried.*

**Membership Committee:** *(Liaison: Marilyn)*

Chair - Pam Jensen

The Membership Committee report is very simple ---- we have been rather quiet. After Grand Nationals, and the hard work of the committee, we have simply taken some time off. The members were worn out from the collection of items for the gift "tubs". They needed to get ready for the winter season on their respective farms, and the holiday season approaching - we decided to give it a major push after the first of the year. So basically, no report. All is quiet on the membership front.

**Nomination Committee:** *– (Liaison: Lora)*

Chair – Deb Garvin

ALSA NEEDS YOU!!!

ALSA is currently seeking volunteers to run for the Board of Directors. By volunteering your time and expertise, you can help launch ALSA to a higher level. In order to run for the BOD you must:

- A current ALSA member in good standing as of January 1, 2008
- At least 19 years old
- Serve a three year term from July - July
- Be willing to devote at least 15 hours a week to ALSA activities
- Be a liaison to 3-5 committees

- Be able to participate in a 3-5 hr. teleconference at least monthly
- Be able to participate in a face to face meeting at the ALSA National Finals
- Be willing to put the needs and future of ALSA above any personal desires or objectives

Ideally, each region should be represented. Currently the following regions have members on the BOD

- Northwestern- 1
- Southwestern – 2 (both are open at this election)
- Rocky Mountain – 2 (no one else from this region can run this year)
- Central – 1
- Great Lakes – 0
- Buckeye – 1
- Southeastern - 0
- Eastern – 0

Each nominee must have a nomination petition submitted by 5 ALSA members in good standing, submitted to the Elections committee by April 10. For further information or if you are willing to run, please notify someone from the Nominations committee.

***Discussion:** After discussion, it was decided to return this report for further clarification for the membership as to who is eligible to run for the BOD. Reference Nominating Committee meeting.*

**Performance Committee:** (*liaison: Wally*)

Chair - Melanie McMurray  
No Report

**Policy & Planning Committee:** (*liaison - Larry*)

Chair - Jerry Miller  
No Report

**Promotion Committee:** (*liaison - Ken* )

Chair - Mandy Gerken  
No Report

**Protest Committee:** (*liaison – Ken*)

Chair - Jim Nenni

The Protest Committee is reporting back to the ALSA BOD with committee member's comments on the following topics: Grievance Procedure and Open Protests.

**Comments:**

This committee will not be handling the Grievance Procedure. We were not contacted for input or informed of details as to how the Grievance Procedure is to work and it is not a procedure that we feel will benefit our organization.

In addition, the Protest Committee stills feels strongly that the protest process should be open as we proposed in the previous month's report *and* that the fee should be reachable – the recommended \$150.00 instead of the \$250.00 that the BOD raised it to. If the BOD had questions or recommendations as to our committee's decisions, why weren't those questions



directed back to us for further discussion? Committees and BOD members should be working together with maximum input to achieve the best decision for the ALSA membership.

Discussion: The committee member's list of quoted comments pertaining to the Grievance Procedure will be referred to the Ethics Committee for their further review. This may help the Protest Committee and the Ethics Committee to work on the format for the Grievance Procedure. The committee's comments were also reviewed and again considered for the Open Policy and fees. With considerations to past history, it was decided that it was in the best interest of our membership, the members of the Protest Committee, and the BOD to keep the Anonymous Protest Policy in place. In addition it was decided to keep the filing fee at \$250.00 to encourage only serious protests.

**Publications Committee:** (*Liaison – Larry*)

Chair: Deb Gaskill

Show Ring:

1. Stories for the Winter 08 issue of Show Ring have been edited and submitted to Able Publishing. I still need the president's message and Cheryl's Office Talk column.
2. The list of stories are as follows:
  - a. New Llama Barn at the Noblesville, Ind., fairgrounds, site of the Indy Open Llama Show.
  - b. Several articles and photos from youth on showing llamas and alpacas and basic training tips.
  - c. An article from Dr. Jeff Lakritz, director of the International Camelid Institute regarding the respiratory virus that's going around.
  - d. An article on driving equipment.
  - e. An article on the LOCC's fiber clinic, held in September.
  - f. An article from the Elections Committee chair Lougene Baird on tips on getting on the ALSA Ballot.
3. Deadlines:
  - a. Deadlines continue to be a problem, as indicated in the last report. After some discussion with board members, it was suggested that deadlines be changed. After speaking with members of the committee, we discovered that the deadline issue has been around for some time. It is our position that changing the deadlines will not do any good until membership learn to get their ads/stories in on time. We recommend that the current deadlines be strongly enforced at least for the next year and then we can revisit the issue.
  - b. As a way to help members remember approaching deadlines, we would like to request that a mass e-mail be sent out to gently prod people to get their stuff in on time.

**Discussion:** *The deadlines problem in the Publications report was discussed. This seems to be an on-going problem and it was agreed that deadlines must be adhered to, as Chairperson has stated, in order to get our publication out on time and benefit our membership. Discussion also occurred as to why articles submitted as long as one year ago are just now scheduled for publication when it appears articles are always needed. This results in outdated material being published and these particular articles were pulled by person submitting. Problem seems to be that space for submitted articles is relevant to the advertising space taken.*

**Committee Report Format:** Discussion then addressed the concern that some Committee Reports are not submitted in the required format and are not useable as submitted. Committee Reports should be submitted in Word Document and be a total workings from the entire committee. They are not to be written in the first person. Committee reports are to be sent and approved by the entire committee before submission. Reports are not to just represent the opinions of the Chairperson. Reports should contain information and suggestions written in a professional manner. Committee reports are to be published in the minutes, in full, just as they are submitted. However, if committee reports are submitted with personal references or agenda, they cannot be used for publication. If a Committee member or Chair has additional personal comments, those comments should be attached to the report and are welcomed for review by the BOD. A letter will be sent to all Committee Chairs as a reminder of the required way to submit their Committee Reports.

**Showring Issue:** Consideration and discussion wa given to recent editorial in the ALSA Showring magazine. The Letter to the Editor was found to be in direct conflict with part of the Statement of Policies Regarding Publication and Production Process for the ALSA Publication Committee:

Item 4.) Opinion is recommended and encouraged; libel is not. Libel is defined as “a false and malicious published statement that damages somebody’s reputation: or “the making of false and damaging statement about somebody”.

Per contact with Able Publishing, mailing of the Autumn issue had been completed and submission of the letter had been done by the Chair. It was the conclusion of the BOD that the Letter to the Editor was not acceptable for publishing in the ALSA magazine, was against the ALSA Policy Regarding Publication, and was not in the best interest of the ALSA Show Organization. Ken made a motion that the Chair of the Publications Committee be replaced. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried. For future issues, all publications are to be sent in total to the President for review and approval before being sent to the printer.

**Regional Committee:** (Liaison – Kay)

Chair - Betty Moe

1. I have the regional show reports and financials from all regions except for Central and Eastern. I am mailing the reports I have to Glen Pfefferkorn who has taken over the Chair of the Regional Committee as of December 1, 2007. Glen will be able to compile a comparison chart for 2006 to 2007 regarding numbers of animals, youth, total exhibitors and the finances.
2. Thanks to all Regional Show Superintendents and those who are stepping down. We are now looking for Regional Superintendents. If anyone is interested in stepping up to fill these positions, please let us know. The Regional Supervisors that are asking to be replaced are: Sharon Carrier – Central, Annie Higginbothum – Eastern, and Maryan Baker – Southwestern. I understand Sharon and Maryan have made recommendations for their replacement. Annie says that no one has stepped up to do the Eastern Regional.
3. I asked via e-mail on 11-29-07 that all supervisors let us know of their confirmed dates for their 2008 shows. Four regions were asked to move their shows one week earlier if at all possible.

**Discussion:** The BOD will be receiving the complete financials of the Regionals very shortly. Amended Regional report was accepted by the BOD.

**Show Management Committee:** – (Liaison – Marilyn)

Chair – Carol Ann Tallmon

No Report.

**Website Committee:** (*Liaison – Wally*)

Chair –  
No Report.

**Youth Committee:** (*Liaison – Julie*)

Chair - Barb Harris

The youth committee would like to make the following recommendations regarding recognition of outstanding youth through establishing ROMs.

- ROMs would be awarded for all youth classes (i.e. pack, pr, obstacle, showmanship and youth judging).
- ROMs would be awarded in each age division. Points may be carried over from each age division. If a youth does not earn the required number of points until moving into the next age division they will only be awarded the ROM for the age division they are currently in.
- Since in previous years youth points were used toward the Annual Top Ten the new system will begin at zero for all youth beginning with the 2008 show year.

**Discussion:** *Kay moved to accept the Youth ROMs award format as presented. Julie seconded. Motion carried.*

The committee has been contacted by numerous youth asking to bring back the Top Ten. At this time we would like to propose a Top Ten or Top Five that would be more equitable across the country. This would be recognition by region rather than a national overall. Each region would have their own top youth.

**Discussion:** *This issue was tabled until more input can be provided by Cheryl.*

In regards to our previous recommendation of increasing the recognition for those youth who have obtained their Superior and Ultimate designation I have looked into pricing of belt buckles through Gold Mountain Mining. These prices are based on only ordering one buckle at a time. The buckles are made by Montana Silversmiths and would have a llama on them in addition to engraving. Not all buckles are capable of having the llama they have placed on them. The buckles I looked at were #2384 and #952. The prices ranged from \$86.79 to \$95.74 without shipping. The prices will differ based upon the number of letters/numbers that are engraved. I spoke with Tammy there and any order over 10 buckles that are identical receives a 24% discount.

I have also looked at an engraveable photo album through Hodges Badge Company. It is item number FSC859 and each individual album is \$27.00 which includes engraving. These albums are chrome with a glass front for a photo insert. I spoke with Karen at Hodges and right now they are having a sale through February 15, 2008. If the albums are ordered and paid for with a credit card they will do a 10% discount. At this time that is the only discount that would be offered but if we have a high enough order volume they might look at it.

**Discussion:** *Decisions on awards cannot be finalized until we have more information and numbers. This issue was sent back to the Youth Committee.*

**Motion:** All committee reports not previously approved above are approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2009-2010 Grand National Show Venue:

**Discussion:** *A steering committee will be formed with members representing each Region to research various possible venues for the Grand National. Suggestions from members are welcome and should be sent to Norris Berg. Suggestions with details must be presented to the BOD and GN Committee by March 1, 2008. Final decision is to be completed by June, 2008.*

2. ByLaw Change: BOD Representative from each region:

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

3. Grand National Face-to-face Meeting

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

4. Vendors sales with ALSA Logos:

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

6. Non-ALSA show numbers:

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

7. ALSA Webstore Link 11-23-07

**Discussion:** *This contained various issues and was sent to Show Management Committee, Regional Committee, National Committee, and Performance Committee.*

8. Dazador's Elite – 11-26-07

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

9. ALSA Logo Contest – Tabled until next meeting.

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

10. Pending Legal Issues

**Discussion:** *– Tabled until next meeting.*

11. Showring Policy Statement –

**Discussion:** *- Tabled until next meeting.*

12. Legal Matters, Email – 12-5-07

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

13. Update Committee Lists

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

14. Showring Deadline Dates

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

15. Request for Online Backup Information – 10-13-07 &, 12-5-07

**Discussion:** *Tabled until next meeting.*

## **MEMBER LETTERS TO THE BOARD:**

1. Youth Member Letter: 10-22-07 Suggested change for Ultimate youth awards.

**Discussion:** *Will be sent to Youth Committee for review.*

2. Member Letter: Ethics Concerns Letter - 10-22-07

**Discussion:** *Letter was found to be invalid.*

3. Member Letter regarding Classic Llama division – 11-02-07

**Discussion:** *Letter has been sent to Show Management Committee for review.*

4. Member Letter regarding Classic Llama division – 11-05-07

**Discussion:** *Letter has been sent to Show Management Committee for review.*

5. Member Letter – “AD Hoc” Committee – 11-07-07

**Discussion:** *Letter has been sent to appropriate committees for review.*

6. Member Letter – Issues at GN – 11-07-07

**Discussion:** *Letter has been sent to appropriate committees for review.*

7. Member Letter – Problems at GN/Financial Issues – 11-20-07

**Discussion:** *Issue was addressed.*

8. Member Letter – Double Check Payment – 11-7-07

**Discussion:** *Issue has been corrected in the Office.*

9. Member Letter – GN dates, Youth Awards – 12-4-07

**Discussion:** *Letter has been sent to GN Committee and to Youth Committee for consideration.*

**Motion:** Kay moved to adjourn this meeting. Lora seconded. Motion carried.  
Meeting Adjourned at 4:32 a.m. EST

**Minutes Approved:** January 16, 2008

Marilyn Nenni  
Secretary