

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of
Directors
December 10, 2002**

ALSA Board Meeting Dec 10, 2002
Called to order 8:00 PM

Carol Ann motioned to approve the minutes; Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting with complete data would be available from all the regionals and the national. The Secretary's report request for an addendum to Cheryl's contract for 2003 was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

The board is continuing the process of developing a suri wool class . At this point the suri advisory group has not developed a criteria . This is a deliberate process so for shows wanting suri wool class right now they need to be a non ALSA class until criteria is developed and rule changes approved. Mary Reed has left the Suri Advisory Group and they are looking for new members to fill out the group. When the committee is complete they will advise Dick and he will present it to the board.

The membership questionnaire will go out with the new handbook to save on mailing.
Niki will continue to be board member that deals with the ILR concerning ALSA awards being included on ILR Certificates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS .

The Alpaca Committee had no report

Barb Harris is the Chair of the Education committee. She is working hard with Cheryl to get the paperwork in order

and get clinics for the next season.

The election committee is working revising its process.

Ethics had no report

Fiber

Fiber clinics have been scheduled as follows:

Fiber Clinic -- January 18 & 19, 2003 -- Hutton's Hoosier Llamas & Alpacas, 10 N 400 W. Lebanon, IN 46052. This clinic specifically for those wishing to become informed regarding the judge's criteria for llama fleece. This approach is for the beginner and intermediate fiber person wanting to:

- 1) have fleece and/or spinner's choice samples adequate for "fairs", "lama-fests", displays
- 2) on the entrance level of becoming a Llama Fleece
- 3) understand that alpaca fleece judging will be at another clinic; however, those fleeces will be introduced.

Lebanon is located north of Indianapolis and has adequate motel accommodations. For further information contact Crete Hutton (765) 482-6622 or Susie Smithers, DeGraff, OH (937)585-5161

Fiber Clinic -- February 15, 16, 2003 -- Fletcher , NC, outside of Asheville -- Holiday Inn, located less than 1 mile from airport and offers shuttle service. Contacts: Elke (Amenda) Spirakis, Wellspring Farm, RR4, Box 470, Burnsville, NC 28714 (828) 682-0458 or Susie Smithers (937) 585-5161

Fiber Clinic -- March 1 & 2, 2003 Doran's Llama Lane, 8378 Bevelheimer Road, Westerville, OH 43081 near Columbus and located near the Contacts: Judy Doran, Doran's Llama Lane (614) 855-1329 or Susie Smithers (937) 585-5161

Motion to accept the clinics as presented by Carol Ann and

seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

The Finance and Budget committee was deleted as it no longer has a function. The treasurer now does these activities.

The Grand National committee is negotiating with the new management of the facility. Judges for 2003 will be -- Halter, Lavona Fercho , Mary Beth Hartsough, Tammy Lash ,Performance Cathie Kindler. The second performance judge has not been filled as of yet. Carol Ann made the motion and Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Judges' Committee report was tabled until the next meeting. There was a motion by Jeff to limit the number of consecutive years to three that a judge can serve on the judges committee . There would be 3 new members appointed for 2003, 2 for 2004, and 2 for 2005 thus starting the rotation. The first to come off would be the senior members in order of longevity. Deb seconded. Motion passed.

Membership committee is working on changes to the brochure.

Nominating committee is working on changes to the process.

Performance committee is working on recessions to the book,video and adding a cart driving video.

Planning & Policy Committee no report.

Protest had no report.

Publication There will be a breakdown for the next meeting as to how many Showrings are published and where they go and at what cost?

Regionals financial report was tabled until the next meeting. Each region would like a half page to advertise in the showing. Carol Ann moved to and Niki seconded, motioned passed. Regional show packets need to be customized for the regional. Discussion on a computer

program to make uniformity in reporting to the office. A premier Youth, Ranch, and Volunteer award was discussed to encourage more participation. Items affecting the Nationals will go to the national committee.

The show management committee will complete changing the packet to upgrade it for the upcoming year.

Youth had a committee meeting at the national with allot of positive impute. Line change to revised page 61 part 14 renamed Junior Llama Show Youth Program so it can be recognized as a 4 H event in their county. Jeff made the motion to accept Roy Box's request for a wording change in the youth , Niki seconded it. Motion passed. Mark moved to have all first place winners their showmanship class in an ALSA Show be qualified for nationals. Deb seconded. Youth committee would like a sub committee for impute allowing them to participate more in decisions. Motions by Nike and second by Jeff . Motion passed. Based on recommendations from the youth participants themselves Youth will be excused after three refusal in performance for nationals.

NEW BUSINESS

Grand Nationals

All recommendations from members will go to the national committee. There was discussion over confusion with the judging system used at the Nationals. Jeff will get the actual way the judging system works for the next meeting. Performance concerns were sent to the national committee.

Revision of the point chart with more points for larger classes. 8- 15, 16-23. 24-32, 33-41, over 42 & over. Jeff made the motion to jump in increments of 8 in the point system for performance. Carol Ann seconded. Motion passed

Premiums paid at the nationals if over so much money got a coupon because there was a need for a social security number.

Jeff made a motion to go into executive session ,Carol Ann seconded . Motioned passed.

Mark moved to come out of executive session , Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Youth in performance classes. Youth using the same animal in youth and no-youth performance classes was discussed. A proposal was made to change the existing rules on page 35, Part 11 Performance, Section 3. A. 3, to read MUST instead of should "be scheduled after non-youth". Jeff made the motion , Carol Ann seconded . Motion passed.

Kay Sharpnack petition about going to one date for all animals was turned down.

Her other petition regarding Produce of Dam classes at the Grand National was discussed. Mark moved and Carol Ann seconded it. Motion passed.

ALSA Show evaluation sheet is in the office to go out with show packet. In the next issue of showing have an article on getting peoples to fill out the evaluation sheets so the BOARD will know how the show management and judges are doing. .

The board discussed an all male or female show.s. This is not the directions we want to go at this time and it was suggested that this type of show be a non ALSA show just for fun with llamas.

We need to look at a time for the face to face.

Next meeting January 7 Th.

Motioned to adjourn was made by Jeff. Seconded by Carol Ann. The motioned passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Yeagle, ALSA Board Secretary