

Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA

BOD Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2009

The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Julie Heggie, at 8:04 p.m. EST.

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President

MaryAlice Pilbin – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Tom Parsons – Treasurer

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

This meeting was recorded.

PROCEEDINGS:

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST

Approval Of Minutes: January 13, 2009 – approved by email vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer

1. Tom suggested and will investigate getting insurancer to cover all ALSA shows as a benefit for all Show Superintendents and shows.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

1. Forms and Reports:

Discussion: 2500 printed Award Certificates are on the way to the Office. Cheryl will let the BOD know when only 500 remain so more can be ordered.

2. Forms are the website are being updated.
3. Grand National Fleece Show Results – Cheryl reported that 2008 GN Fleece show results are not on the website.
4. Julie requested that Cheryl check the membership numbers with the financial records to report on at the next meeting. Cathie will work on getting new 2009 Judge’s List updated for the website. Cheryl will keep updated list sent to BOD on sanctioned shows.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Membership Directory

Discussion: A new membership directory is planned to be printed if financials allow. BOD will check with Handbook Committee to look at issue in its entirety and promote advertising to help with expenses. Membership will be informed to have all memberships and membership information correct by March 15, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Confidentiality Agreement

Discussion: A confidentiality agreement will not be drawn up for BOD members to sign.

2. ALSA Taskforce 2009 (formerly called ad-hoc committee)

Discussion: Julie will select members from various regions for the the 2009 ALSA Taskforce to be approved by BOD members. 2009 Taskforce will for the purpose of promoting and improving ALSA and will report to the ALSA president.

3. Database

Discussion: We are ready to sign off on the final specifications. Some additional specs relating to show superintendent's information and reports are going to incur an additional fee of approximately \$5700.00 if out-of-scope items are to be included in the original release of the new program. Trish made a motion to approve the amount of \$5700.00 for the database. Larry seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion occurred regarding online credit card procedures. Tom will investigate the credit card procedures for the new database.

4. ALSA Concerns:

Mary Alice made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:23. Cathie seconded. Motion carried. Trish made a motion to exit Executive Session at 11:20 p.m. EST. Marilyn seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

2. Education & Show Clinic Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair:

3. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

4. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Margaret Henry

5. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

6. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Tom Parsons

Glen Unzicker approved as member

7. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Norris Berg

8. Handbook Committee: (*liaison:* Larry)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

9. Judge's Committee: (*liaison:* Cathie)

Chair: Lavona Fercho

It has been very recently brought to the attention of the Judges' Committee that some discussion items submitted by the Alpaca Committee in their January report to the BOD, specifically Judge recommendations certification and advancements, was incorporated and passed by the BOD. While the Alpaca Committee were seeking favorable approval of these requests, approval of these requests without submission by the Judges Committee are invalid and in direct opposition and conflict to stated ALSA 15 edition, Handbook rules regarding the Judges' Committee responsibility, and questioned by other Judges.

The Judges Committee has been in communication with the Alpaca Committee through out the informal part of this plan and are aware of the urgency for additional alpaca judges. There are several procedures regarding Judges entering the Judges programs including application, paid fees, annual reports, and certification whether with clinic or CEC reports that must be implemented.

Many dedicated ALSA Judges have at their own great expense, attended every clinic, apprenticeships and dedication in submission of all paperwork and tests. We endeavor to be fair to all of them.

The Alpaca Committee made the recommendation without contacting all Judges whose names were presented nor indicated requirements for entering the ALSA Judges program. I know all of them having had them as an apprentice at some point or worked with them. In my discussion with Jane Tellier, whose name was put forward, she has declined to be involved. She has no desire to Judge, to make application or pay Judges fees at this time so her name has been removed.

The Judges' Committee, having examined Judges files verifying status and requirements, and based on all complying Handbook rules, make the following recommendations:

Susan Tellez (Ohio/Texas) be reinstated as ALSA Senior Alpaca Halter and Fleece Judge with submission of Judges fees.

Nard Mullen (Washington) be approved as Senior Alpaca Halter and Fleece Judge, with submission of application and Judges fees, and with the provision she attend an Advanced Clinic before being re-certified in 2010.

Anthony Stachowski be re-certified as Senior Alpaca Fleece Judge with submission of request and completed three year CEC report submitted for his file.

Laurye Feller (Pennsylvania), having previously completed ALSA apprenticeships, be certified Level Alpaca Judge, with completion of application, submission of Judges fees, as well as an extensive review with a Senior Judge and successful completion of an Advanced Clinic.

Susan Tellez and Anthony Stachowski be approved as Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Halter and Fleece Instructors,

Thank you for attention to this request and importance to observing correct ALSA Handbook procedures.

Discussion: Report approved.

10. Membership Committee: (*liaison:*)

Chair: Pam Jensen

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

Chair: Carolyn Myers

11. Performance Committee (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair:

13. Policy & Planning Committee: (*liaison: Mary Alice*)

Chair: Lora Crawford

14. Promotion Committee: (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair: Ken Austin

16. Publications Committee: (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

17. Regional Committee: (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair:

18. Show Management Committee: (*liaison: MaryAlice*)

Chair: Bill Schultz

19. Website Committee: (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

Report tabled from 1-13-09.

I would like to request that Margo Schultz be approved for the website committee.

The marketplace is in the works with pages being reviewed and developed.

The educational and fleece areas are being reviewed for information and content. We should have specific recommendations for the website for February.

20. Youth Committee: (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Barb Harris

Report tabled from 1-13-09.

The ALSA Youth Committee received an email submitted by an ALSA member expressing concern over the combining of Youth Performance Classes with Alpaca Youth Performance Classes at their 2008 Regional.

The committee discussed this concern both from the standpoint of the youth and the show. A youth that has an alpaca may be at a disadvantage due to size of animal when competing against llamas.

In this economy it may be necessary for Regional shows to combine classes to best utilize premium money.

Our feelings on this subject are as follows:

Youth who have qualified through local shows offering Alpaca Youth Performance classes should not be penalized by now requiring them to compete against llamas at Regional. A Regional should be comprised of classes that have been offered at local shows that feed into it.

Considering the economy it may be time to investigate premiums offered at Regional and National be based on a sliding scale. This would allow these shows to best utilize premium money without leaving any class out due to lack of attendance. An example that could be submitted to the Regional and National committees for review would be that premiums for 1st, 2nd and 3rd would be based on total entry fees paid for the class (i.e. 1st would get 50% of the total entry fees, 2nd 30% and 3rd 10%). If there is one in the class then they would get back 50% of their entry fee. If there are 10 in the class then it could be 50% of the total amount of entry fees for that class or a set amount if there are over a certain number in the class.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. EST.
Cathie Seconded.

MINUTES APPROVED: February 19, 2009

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary