

Board minutes from meeting 2/15/05

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. EST

Board members present:

Penny Davidson - President
Barb Laux - Vice President
Larry Crumrine - Secretary
Jeff Jones - Treasurer
Tami Lash - Board Member
Cheryl Ryberg - Administrative Manager

Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the minutes from the 11 January 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

ALSA Checking	\$12,170.70
ALSA Investment	\$105,364.54
ALSA Scholarship	\$11,485.20
Total	\$129,020.44

The 2004 Audit has been prepared and only lacks the letter from the ALSA Lawyer to be complete and that will be sent to the accountant this week. The Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets along with the Statement of Revenue and Expenses will be posted to the website when the above is completed.

Barb moved and Larry seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Administrative Manager's Report

81 Shows have signed up for 2005 Sanctioning. 11 of these are either new or added judged shows to existing ones. Final checks on 2004 shows are in progress and printouts should be ready for mailing along with 2005 shows posted to the website by the end of the month. Show management software has been reviewed. It was sent back to Grant for added field options and the software will be presented to the Show Management Committee for review very soon. The ALSA Webstore is up and running. ALSA share of the expense of the Webstore inventory is \$943. ALSA share of money received is \$391 leaving a balance of \$552 (ALSA money) invested in the Webstore. As items are depleted they will be jointly replaced. The ALSA Office has begun to collect information on problems with results etc. A report will be prepared quarterly and summarized at the end of the year with all situations carefully documented. This will be helpful to see where the mistakes are being made. These records will be made available to the board at the November face to face.

Committee Reports

All committees have now been approved and will be posted on the website and Showing with contact information for the Chairperson.

Alpaca Committee

The Alpaca Committee is working on trying to come up with ways to encourage shows or include alpaca halter classes. The North American Alpaca Show will be an ALSA show this year.

Election Committee

No report

Ethics Committee

Ethic's has been in contact with several groups and organizations to see if their beliefs and rules are the same as ALSA'S. This is to make sure that all are in agreement as the llama community moves forward.

Fiber Committee

The Fiber Committee is working with the Judges Committee to assist in putting on the first seminar for judges to allow them to get their training. An advanced Fiber Clinic will be held in May and the committee is looking at a beginning clinic in March to be held in Arizona or New Mexico.

Finance and Budget Committee

No Report

Grand National Committee

The contract has been signed for the 2005 Nationals to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska with no increases in cost from last year. Comments from the suggestion box at Grand Nationals was provided to the board. The Committee Chairman has personally called each person who submitted a suggestion and signed their name. The Nationals Committee recommends the ribbons for 2005 remain the same as 2004. The Committee believes using different colors for placings down to 10th place degrades the lower placings. Likewise, the Committee believes designating ribbons for the first and second place winners in a class as "Class Champions", degrades the real overall Division Champions.

Handbook Committee

The handbook is with the BOD for final approval and will be posted to the web. All members are asked to look at the handbook and let us know if they see any glaring mistakes prior to printing.

Judges Committee

The following is a list of items for which the Judges' Committee is requesting Board approval. Also included on this list are items on which the Committee is working and providing to update the board.

1. The committee requests board approval of the following changes in certification level:

Simon Zadina from Level II to Level III
Toni Knie from Level I to Level II

2. The committee requests re-certification of Linda Rodgers as Level II Llama Judge based upon Continuing Education Credits. Re-certification would be for a three year period ending December 2007.
3. The committee recommends reinstatement of Deb Yeagle as Level II Llama Judge; Level II Alpaca Judge; and Alpaca Fleece Judge.
4. Due to lack of Level III Alpaca Judges, the committee recommends that the board approve on a one-time only basis a waiver for Tim Lavan, AOBA Certified Alpaca Judge, to judge at the Western Ohio Triple Crown Alpaca Show.
5. Based upon Darrell Anderson's extensive livestock judging experience and performance as a Level II Llama judge last year, the committee recommends that the board permit a one-time waiver of his maximum number of animals for the Grand Slam show to be held in April 2005. It should however be made clear to the Show Management that in the future it is imperative that the proper level judge be hired. The committee recognizes that it is difficult to predict how any given show will be accepted, but when in doubt the higher level judge should be contracted.
6. The committee continues to work on the Board's directive regarding fiber clinics/seminars to be held during 2005 to provide training for judges who lack fiber experience so that the Suri Wool Division can be more adequately supported. The first of these seminars will be offered in conjunction with the Advanced Fiber Clinic to be held in WI in May.
7. The committee has reviewed the Board's intention to offer special needs classes at Regional Championship Shows and at the Grand National and would offer the following comments. Given the current climate and emphasis on inclusion, any classes offered should be strictly voluntary, that is, the exhibitor and/or parents or guardians of the exhibitor should be permitted to choose between these special classes and the regular classes that are offered.
8. The committee has been asked to comment on the concept of a "3-in-1" Fleece Show, that is, a triple judged fleece show. The committee has no objection to this concept and urges the Board to approve the Laurel Highlands Fleece Show as a triple judged show.
9. The committee has not completed its review of the lengthy list of concerns regarding show rules that was received from the committee's Board liaison. The committee will prepare a response to these concerns and will present that response by the next board meeting.
10. The committee chair requests board approval to purchase a PowerPoint projector to be used in Judge Training Clinics. The projector would also be available for

other purposes such as at the Grand National. The cost of a projector is \$1000 to \$1500.

11. The Advanced Judges Clinic hosted by Phil Feiner and approved at the last board meeting has been rescheduled and will now happen late summer or early fall. The date will be finalized and presented to the board for approval.

Jeff moved and Tami seconded that the Judges Committee report be approved in total. Motion passed.

Membership Committee

An interim report from the 300 plus membership surveys received so far was presented. Following completion of all received surveys, a final report will be presented and published on the website.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is awaiting the official answer to the question of the current BOD terms of office so they can finalize work on nominations for this years general election. (See Old Business)

Performance Committee

The committee is diligently working on the performance changes, additions and modifications that we would like to be considered by the BOD involving safety issues with obstacles used at shows. The committee is in favor of incorporating Special Needs classes into the regionals and Nationals shows. The committee is looking into the letter sent to the BOD by Kathy & William Knapp on possible performance modifications.

Policy & Planning Committee

The committee submitted to the BOD the requested duties, responsibilities and procedures used by the committee when receiving comments, suggestions, or questions from members or the BOD.

Promotions Committee

The Committee is working on looking into ways to increase ALSA exposure at other related functions in addition to developing more promotional materials. Operating procedures for the Committee are being developed for use by future members use as well as the BOD. Corporate funding for the Regionals and Grand Nationals is also being looked into.

Protest Committee

The Protest Committee has completed the three outstanding protests and will be submitting the reports with recommendations to the Board for their approval.

Publications Committee

The committee plans to have the following features in Showring:

Youth Spotlight

Club Feature

Guest Veterinarian Article

Special Events Column

We will continue to solicit articles from members.

We have checked with ILR about reprinting articles from their website and were told the permission has to come from the writer. We will continue working on this. The committee will work closely with Doug Able in preparing Showring.

Regionals Committee

The committee is in favor of holding a special Needs Performance Class at both Regionals and Nationals shows.

Show Management Committee

The Show Management Committee submitted comments on the suggestions regarding the "Point based award proposal". These will be sent to Publications and Website Committees as well as the Office for comments.

Website Committee

No Report

Youth Committee

The Committee is busy working on the Youth Judging Manual, ways to replenish the Tony Rollins Scholarship funds and the Youth in the Spotlight feature for Showring.

Tami moved and Jeff seconded that all the committee reports and requests be approved as written. Motion Passed.

Old Business

Again each committee is to be asked through their liaison to come up with written guidelines detailing what they do as a committee and how they accomplish their tasks. The purpose is to have a book that can be passed from chairman to chairman to allow a smooth transition as committees members and chairmen change. These guidelines when received should be sent to the other BOD members and the Office for keeping.

The Board re-looked and discussed in depth the issue resubmitted by Kay Sharpnack on changing birth dates for animals to 1 January for showing purposes. It was again decided that this issue had been sent to committee previously and came back with a recommendation that this change not be made. Nothing has changed in the meantime so the **BOD does not approve the change at this time.**

Jeff will call Heather Bamford regarding her letter discussed last meeting and explain that issues brought up in her letter are still with the Judges Committee.

New Business

After receiving input from the applicable committees, **Tami moved and Barb seconded that the Regionals and Nationals Superintendents implement one showmanship class and one obstacle class for those with special needs at each of these shows.**

The criteria for qualifying for Regionals and Nationals is to have participated in an ALSA show during the year. Motion Passed

The BOD has received recommendations from the Judges and Ethics Committee on not allowing potentially cloned animals into ALSA shows. The same question will be sent to the Show Management Committee.

A page on the ALSA website will be developed to update members on a monthly basis of the latest happenings and outstanding issues being worked by the BOD as well as answering concerns expressed through various forums. The BOD will work toward having the first installment posted during the first week of March 2005 and monthly thereafter.

A letter was received from Tammie Munson requesting pictures of all winners at Grand Nationals be included in Showring and that the Hall of Fame pictures include all Winners regardless of size of division participating. Missing pictures of the winners at Grand Nationals will be published in the next issue of Showring. The Hall of Fame issue has been sent to the Grand Nationals Committee.

Jeff moved, Barb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM EST. Motion passed.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 8 at 7:00 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Larry Crumrine
ALSA Secretary**