

Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA

BOD Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2009

The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Julie Heggie, at 9:06 p.m. EST.
(the meeting originally started at the regularly scheduled time, 8:00 p.m., but due to member's work schedules, it was postponed for one hour to allow more BOD members to attend.)

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Tom Parsons - Treasurer

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

This meeting was recorded.

PROCEEDINGS:

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST

(BOD meetings will be scheduled at 9:00 p.m. EST until the time change)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash : \$21,776

Cash-Investment Account: 112,471

Cash-Memorials 10,706

Total Current Assets 144,953

Fixed Assets

Software 21,190

TOTAL ASSETS \$166,143

EQUITY

Retained Earnings \$166,143

1. Insurance for Shows – Some information has been received, but Tom is still shopping.
2. ALSA Directors & Officers Liability Policy is due for renewal in June. Cheryl asked for BOD approval to pay the invoice. Approval given by majority vote. Comparison bids for insurance will be added to the January list of Action Items.
3. Tom suggested the following be added to the financial guidelines that were listed in the minutes of 1-13-09: "Treasurer will provide a monthly Profit & Loss Statement as well as a monthly Balance Statement to the BOD on the Friday before the scheduled BOD meeting."

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

We have worked to incorporate the Go To Meeting format for the Board and Committee conference calls the total cost is less than \$500 for one year usage of Conference calls and connectivity to the internet for each director or committee member to log in and be able to view, on that website, what everyone else is. This service has many other added values which will be explored and potentially implemented as time goes on.

I am requesting a 2-year extension to the office contract for a variety of reasons; the most important of these is the conversion and database. I do not wish for any changes in the existing contract other than to extend it to the end of December, 2011.

We are caught up with shows and are receiving applications for new members weekly.

Discussion: *The request for a two-year contract will be reviewed at a later time when the Office Duties are confirmed as a result of the new database. In addition, the BOD needs to address the Office contract for 2010.*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Database

Discussion: *The progress of the database has been delayed somewhat due to technical difficulties, but is now back on track and should progress quickly. Trish was appointed by the BOD to oversee data transfer and integration of the old and new databases. The Database Committee will continue with completion of the “user’s area”. Trish and Marilyn will work together for a prompt completion and keep each committee informed of all progress and communications.*

2. Membership Directory

Discussion: *Scratched from the agenda*

3. Classics/Minis

Discussion: *Show Management Committee will be asked to review the wording in the Handbook, p. 106, in order to clarify that classes offered as optional may award ALSA points.*

4. ALSA/ILR Shows

Discussion: *Previously addressed.*

5. Goals & Objectives for 2009

Discussion: *Scratched from agenda.*

6. Organizational Management Proposal

Discussion: *Tabled. Marilyn will re-send document to BOD.*

7. Sample Communication Plan

Discussion: *Tom presented a sample plan for communication to the membership. He will work up a more detailed version for presentation at the June meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Operation of ALSA

Discussion: Scratched from agenda.

2. ALSA Office Concerns

Discussion: Tabled for later in the meeting.

3. Guidelines for Regionals and Nationals

Discussion: Larry suggested that information in the Director's Books be reviewed and/or updated to reflect necessary guidelines for new committees.

4. ALSA Accounts

Discussion: Marilyn requested that Cheryl provide the new credit card information and the information for the database website to the listing of ALSA Accounts (a listing of all pertinent ALSA information, user names, and passwords) which is kept by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

5. ALSA Annual Report

Discussion: Approval was given to start work on the ALSA Annual Report to be given to the membership at the time of the ALSA Grand National membership meeting.

6. Llama Exhibit at FFA National Convention

Discussion: A request was made by Barb Baker for a sponsorship for the llama booth at the FFA National Convention in the fall of 2009. Marilyn made a motion to give \$500.00 to the llama booth. Cathie seconded. Roll call vote: Cathie, yes; Larry, yes; Trish, no; Ulin, yes; Marilyn, yes.

Cheryl was request to look for the invoice of the last printing of the ALSA brochure and report back to BOD.

Larry made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:28 p.m. Cathie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ulin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:57 p.m. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

3. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

The ALSA election ballots were mailed to the membership on Friday, May 8.

4. Ethics Committee: (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Margaret Henry

No Report

5. Fiber Committee: (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fiber Committee's current discussion points.
Old Business:

1. We are working to finalize plans for the National Llama Fleece Show to be held in conjunction with the 2009 ALSA Grand Nationals. With the approval of the BOD, we would like to select two judges from the current *Senior Llama Fleece Judge* list. One judge will primarily judge shorn fleeces and the other will primarily judge Walking Fleece.

New Business:

1. According to an e-mail from Mary Reed, ALSA Alpaca Committee Chair, there will not be a National Alpaca Fleece Show at the ALSA Grand Nationals in 2009. We will plan the National Llama Fleece Show accordingly.

2. We propose the following criteria for Walking Fleece Class participation: *First, second, third, fourth and/or fifth place in any ALSA Sanctioned Walking Fleece Class held during the 2009 ALSA Show season.*

3. With the Board's approval, we are excited to begin working with the Judges Committee and the Alpaca Committee to explore the possibility of a combined Llama and Alpaca Fleece Clinic (Beginning and/or Advanced) to be held in late 2009.

Correspondence: We are finalizing our response to an ALSA member's letter regarding Classic Fleece.

Discussion: All items presented to the BOD have been approved.

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

Chair: Tom Parsons

See Treasurer's Report above

7. Grand National Committee: (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair:

Have begun work on the committee. Will report as soon as there is something.

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

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report. The BOD requests a copy of the formatted 15th edition Handbook used for printing. Handbook Committee is requested to provide updates of changes to the BOD at six month intervals.

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

Chair: Susan Tellez

I. JUDGE CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

(A). OVERMAN, DOUG - Request to be Certified as a Senior Llama Halter Judge

(B). FORSTER, KEN - Request to be certified as a Senior Llama Halter Judge

Discussion: The above two certification requests were approved by the BOD.

(C). SHELLABARGER, Debbie - Request to be certified as Senior Llama Halter Judge

Discussion: *The above certification request was returned to the Judge's Committee for further review.*

II. Request to increase the maximum number of Alpacas (up to 125 in a Division) to be judged by (Level) Alpaca Halter Judges.

Discussion: *Approved*

III. ALSA JUDGE CLINICS –

The JUDGE Committee requests ALSA BOD approval to utilize the committee members, as Chairs of their respective individual committees (i.e. Alpaca, Llama Fleece, Performance & Halter, Instruction & Education), in a coordinated effort for the planning, development, and presentation of respective ALSA CLINICS and any related Testing Situations. This will create a more efficient Model.

Discussion: Returned to committee for further review.

IV. CLINIC for LLAMA JUDGES

The JUDGE committee requests the BOD approval to Host a Llama Clinic for Beginner and Advanced Llama Judges including BASIC TRAINING for LL Walking Fleece, Alpaca Halter evaluation and Alpaca Walking Fleece for up to 25 Alpacas and/or Llamas. This Clinic would be a cooperative effort with the Llama Fiber and Alpaca Committees.

Discussion: *Approved*

The Judge Committee requests approval to Develop and Host a combined Beginner & Advanced Llama Clinic, in conjunction with the Llama Fiber committee and Alpaca Committee, to include Alpaca Halter, and Alpaca & Llama Walking Fleece training and certification up to 25 Alpacas and/or Llamas.

Discussion: *Approved*

V. CLINIC for LLAMA and ALPACA FLEECE JUDGES

The Judge committee requests permission to Develop, with cooperative efforts of the Llama Fleece Committee and the Alpaca Committee, and Host, an ALSA FLEECE Clinic, with instruction, training and certification capabilities for both Llama and Alpaca fleece Judges.

Discussion: *Approved*

VI. Apprentice Judging Guidelines – Conflicts of Interest – Part U. Sec.5.D

Request of Waiver of this Ruling regarding Family member exhibitors applied to an Apprentice

(Ramona Simpson has requested a Waiver of the Conflict of Interest Rule for this show- May 16, 2009.)
Request approval for the Apprentice to be assigned different judging tasks outside the arena,
during the Division in question, and not to appear in the ring with the Official Judge.

Discussion: Approved

VII. ALPACA SHOW FORMAT

The Committee requests that the correct, complete, approved Current Alpaca Show Format (presently listed within or as Parts D, J, K, N, and O in the present Handbook) be provided to all Judges, all Show Managers, and any ALSA Members owning alpacas.

Discussion: Approved

VIII. ALSA SHOW JUDGING FORMS The Committee requests that the ALSA Office provide to every Show Manager a packet including a copy of Guidelines and ALL Show Forms complete with the ALSA Logo imprinted. Web Site Forms should include ALSA Logo also.

Discussion: All show forms may be downloaded from the ALSA website or may be requested from the ALSA Office.

10. Membership Committee: (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair:

No Report

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

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

11. Performance Committee (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

No Report

13. Policy & Planning Committee: (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Lora Crawford

No Report

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

Chair:

No Report

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

Chair:

Cathie made a motion to approve Leigh Snyder for Chair of the Protest Committee. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

No Report

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

Chair: Sharon Carrier

Need approval for 2 Regional Judges!

Great Lake Regionals--date 10/03-10/04

Location Jefferson County Fairgrounds-Jefferson, WI

Judge: Phil Feiner

Eastern Regionals---Will have an update shortly---she is finalizing the location

Southwestern & Northwestern Regional: I have contacted Pam Trauth in Fallon, Nv to see if she would be interested in being the Super & combining the two regionals together to make the Western Regional again. Will let me know in the next couple of days.

Buckeye; Central; Rocky Mountain & Southeastern were contacted yesterday for an update--no response. Will call everyone this afternoon & tonight. I will update you as soon as I have any information. (Central--trying to combine Central with the Tulsa show--but I haven't heard anything one way or the other on that)

*Discussion: The following judges were approved for the 2009 Regional Shows:
Bill Schultz – Buckeye; Beth Myers, Eastern; Patti Morgan Southeastern; Phil Feiner, Great Lakes.*

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

Chair: Bill Schultz

The Show Management Committee has reviewed the April request and is submitting the following items for Board approval.

Items 1a, 1b and 1c address conflicting rules in ALSA Handbook 15th Addition.

Item 1a)

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the removal of section D on page 43, Part I, Section 1, Item D. This change removes the contradiction with rule C-3 in this section and would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.

2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.

3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.

4. Age divisions

a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months

b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months

c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months

d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class. On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

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 combine with yearling females, and so on.

Under no circumstances will males and females be combined.

Item 1b)

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the removal of verbiage pages 38, Part H, Section 1, Item D-2. Remove the verbiage: *These divisions may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division.* This statement contradicts with the above rule and its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part H. Llama Show Classes

Section 1. Approved Llama Halter Classes

D. Age Divisions:

1. Males/Females – Breeding. The following divisions for males and females may not be combined in any way.

- a. Juvenile
- b. Yearling
- c. Two-Year Old
- d. Adult

2. Non-Breeder. *These divisions may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division.*

- a. Yearling
- b. Two-Year Old
- c. Adult

Item 1c)

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules between page 111, Part P, Section 11, Item b-3 and Part P, Section 11, Item D; we suggest the acceptance of the change of Part P, Section 11 and remove item D. Item D contradicts with Section B-3 in this section. Its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Section 11. Miniature llama classes

Halter classes:

A. Wool Divisions.

1. There is no separate division for wool classes at this time.

B. Sex and Age division

1. Male classes are for intact males.
2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.
3. **Sex and Age divisions may not be combined in any manner.**

4. Age divisions:

- a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
- b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
- c. Two Year old – 24 to 36 months
- d. Mature – 36 months and older

C. Judging criteria

1. Miniature llamas should be judged on the same general criteria as large llamas; correctness of conformation, movement and balance.
2. When deciding a tie between equally proportionate llamas, credit should be given to the smaller llama for the age to aid the judge, the AMLA recommends that llamas enter the show ring in reverse age order (oldest first).

D. 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 combine with yearling females, and so on. Under no circumstances will males and females be combined.

Item 2)

In order for large shows to have the ability to divide classes we suggest the addition on page 43, Part 1, Section 1, Item C- 4-e & page 44, Part 1, Section 2, Item C-4. This rule change would allow large shows to sub divide age classes thus allowing more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.
2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.

3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.

4. Age divisions

- a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
- b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
- c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
- d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class.

On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

e. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve.

1. Section 2. Non-Breeder Halter Classes

A. Requirements

1. These classes are for geldings, vasectomized males and spayed or non-reproductive females that are suitable for other purposes.
2. Non-Breeders do not have to be registered, but must have a vet certificate. If Non-Breeders are not registered and wish to be in the ALSA award system and wish to show in halter, they must show in the adult Non-Breeder halter class.

B. Sex and Wool Divisions

There are no sex or wool division in this class.

C. Age Divisions

1. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
2. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
3. Adult – 36 months and over
4. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve.

Item 3)

Per page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B, Youth Showmanship classes already have the ability to split age groups. We request the change in verbiage to page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B to allow Youth Performance classes to also split age groups. This rule change would allow more youth to receive the "FIRST PLACE" that is needed for the new Youth Awards System and allow more youth to qualify for Regional Show competition.

Section 4. Age Categories:

All ages are as of January 1 of the calendar year of the show except a Youth who turns 8 during the calendar year, who is at that time considered eligible for ALSA shows.

A. Junior: 8 years through 11 years

B. Intermediate: 12 years through 14 years

C. Senior: 15 years through 18 years. Youth who turn 19 after January 1 but before the Grand National of their final showing year, may complete the year as a Youth in the Senior division.

2. Section 5. Age Divisions

A. All three age divisions may be offered in Level I shows, but all three age divisions must be offered in Level II and III shows. The age divisions at any show may be combined if there are fewer than 8 total entries in any two of the age divisions. This applies to Youth Alpaca classes as well.

B. Should the number of entries in a Youth Showmanship &/or Youth Performance class exceed 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by exhibitor age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.

Item 4)

We request the following be added to page 69, Part L, Section 4-C.

Thus allowing more exhibitors to qualify for Regional Show competition.

C. If Adult Showmanship class exceeds 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class and run two or more identical classes. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.

Discussion: *The Show Management report will be discussed by email.*

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

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

No Report

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

Chair: Michele Batt

No Report

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

Replies have been sent to two members.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Cathie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. EST.
Larry seconded.

MINUTES APPROVED: May 20, 2009

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary