

Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of Directors

May 30, 2000

The meeting via conference call was called to order by acting president Ray Howard at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2000.

Present were: Board members Ray Howard, Carol Hicks, Jeff Jones, Paige McGrath, Polly Schofield, Joanne Shook and Carol Ann Tallmon. General Manager Jo Riley was also present.

Ray welcomed the new members to the Board.

Minutes of February 16 and March 15 2000 were approved with following correction:

Last paragraph -of March 15 minutes re' audit -Carol Hicks recommended that ALSA undergo a full audit by an accounting firm; bids should be solicited, and board should review cost; & audit should take place. Motion to approve minutes by Joanne & seconded by Carol Ann. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding timing of audit - It was agreed that an exit audit is needed as of Dec. 31, 2000.

Election of Officers:

President:

Carol Hicks nominated Ray; Carol Ann seconded. Ray was elected with Paige abstaining from voting.

Vice President:

Polly nominated Paige McGrath; Carol Ann nominated Carol Hicks; Paige, Jeff, Joanne, Polly voted for Paige. Paige was elected.

Secretary:

Paige nominated Polly, Carol Hicks nominated Carol Ann; Jeff, Paige, Polly, Joanne voted for Polly. Polly was elected.

Treasurer:

Polly nominated Jeff ; Carol Ann seconded. Jeff was elected unanimously.

General manager's report:

Jo reported that as of May 30: Memberships - 2306; Members - 3507; Youth members - 565; Llamas recorded - total 5352; 552 new this year. Alpacas recorded - 3.

Committee liaisons were selected as follows:

Youth - Paige

Show Management - Polly

Regional - Carol Ann

Protest - Carol Ann

Publications - Carol, Paige & Polly all expressed interest. Discussion followed on role of ShowRing. Paige & Polly withdrew. Carol is the Liaison.

Planning & Policy - Ray

Performance - Joanne

Nominating - Tabled pending review & revision of bylaws

Membership /Marketing - Paige

Judges - Carol

Grand National - Carol Ann

Finance & Budget - Jeff

Fiber - Paige

Ethics - Ray

Elections - Tabled pending review & revision of bylaws

Education - Jeff & Ray

AOBA/ALSA - Polly by majority; (Polly & Carol volunteered; Paige, Polly & Jeff voted for Polly; Carol & Carol Ann voted for Carol; Joanne abstained).

Jeff moved that we have a face to face Board Meeting in the immediate future in a central location to discuss the direction of ALSA. Joanne seconded. Motion carried. Jeff will work with Jo to determine location, cost & time.

Approval of Judges: A ballot was sent to the Board requesting approval of changes in Judge's status as recommended by the Judges' Committee. The following were approved by faxed ballot; it was moved by Paige and seconded by Polly that the votes be confirmed. Jeff noted that he did not receive a ballot. Motion carried.

Sherry Ishman-Lynch - approved as a Llama Fleece Judge

Charlotte Caywood - approved as a Llama Fleece Judge
Cathie Kindler - recertified as a Llama Level III Judge
Karen Sterling - Recertified as a Llama Level II Judge for a period of 3 years
David Allen - Recertified at Level II with a restriction of 200 animals
Dolores Gardner - Recertified at Level II with a restriction of 200 animals
Mark Smith - Certified at Level II with a restriction of 200 animals
Sandra Henning - Certified at Level I
Patti Morgan - Certified at Level I
Nancy Sottosanti - approved as a Llama Fleece Judge
Andrea Williams - approved as a Llama Fleece Judge

Paige requested that in the future faxed ballots have a signature space.

Following discussion of a request from the Judges' Committee regarding forming a separate Judges' Committee for alpacas, Jeff moved that the recommendation from the Judges' Committee regarding splitting Alpaca Judges to a separate committee be denied at this time. Joanne seconded and the motion carried.

Carol moved that two new current Alpaca Judges be added to the Judges' Committee. Carol Ann seconded and the motion carried.

Polly moved and Carol Ann seconded that ALSA fees be waived retroactively for the Millennium Magic Show. Motion carried.

Discussion of Bob Houseman suspension. Jeff will ask Darlene for paperwork in order to have a clearer understanding of the issues.

Following discussion of the rule in the 11th edition of the Handbook, page 36, section 3, part A, (known as the youth show rule). Polly moved and Paige seconded that the rule be rescinded immediately. Following further discussion, the motion was amended to state that the rule is now at the option of the Show Management, however if Show Management chooses to not limit the entries according to

this rule, the youth courses must differ from the respective non-youth courses by four obstacles as stated in the 10th edition of the Handbook. The amended motion carried.

Carol expressed concern that without limiting the number of classes that an animal is entered in, the animal might become distressed. Jeff moved that part 11 Section 3A and part 3 and Section 1B 9 and 10 be amended to add "If in the opinion of the judge an animal is in distress the Judge can remove that animal from the class". Joanne seconded and the motion was carried. Jo will send a postcard to all show managers and Judges regarding rescinding of rule and amendments.

Paige moved & Carol Ann seconded that Annie Stewart's letter be tabled until the next meeting. The motion carried.

Polly was directed to send an acknowledgment to individuals who send letters to the Board. Jo will send ALSA letterhead & envelopes to Polly.

There was discussion regarding the TB problem in Michigan. The Board will monitor the situation as it impacts Regionals.

Jeff requested a copy of Jo's job description.

The Secretary will provide news releases (excerpts from minutes) to newsletters. Full minutes will be provided after approval.

The issue of Supreme Champions was brought up and tabled until the face to face meeting.

The next meeting will be held on June 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Jeff moved & Polly seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Schofield, Secretary