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Present

Dick Sheehan, President Dwayne Flinn, Vice President Jeff Jones, Treasurer Sandy Wickham, Secretary Niki Kuklenski, Director Carol Ann Tallmon, Director Carolann Evans, Newly-Elected Director (7/1/03) Carolyn Myers, Newly-Elected Director (7/1/03) Cheryl Ryberg, ALSA Executive Secretary

Call to Order

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Carol Ann Tallmon, to approve the May minutes. Following a vote, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Checking \$ 6,156 Investment 90,461 Scholarship 12,157

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn, seconded by Niki Kuklenski, to approve the Treasurer's report. Following a vote, the motion carried.

Executive Secretary's Report

Directories, memberships and 650 binders for Youth Handbooks have been mailed.

Old Business

A. Carol Hicks contract for Showring

Motion made by Sandy Wickham, seconded by Carol Ann Tallmon, to request Showring information from Carol Hicks, pursuant to her contract because she resigned. Following a vote, the motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Carol Ann Tallmon, to request that the ALSA attorney draft a letter requesting that the ALSA files and information for Showring be returned to the ALSA office, pursuant to her contractual obligation. Following a vote, the motion carried.

B. ILR

Dick Sheehan will contact ILR regarding progress on having our awards put onto ILR certificates.

New Business

A. Judging Clinics

Fiber, Education and Judging Committees will work on standard operating procedures for initiation of clinics, to be presented to the Board before the July board meeting for consideration of the recommendations.

B. Drop in Show Attendance

Several members have contacted the Board regarding low attendance at shows. Show management will be provided with the numbers and asked to analyze the figures and make recommendations to the Board.

Committee Reports

A. Alpaca Committee - no report

B. Education Committee - no report

C. Election Committee

Election Results: 1465 ballots mailed, 424 returned, 4 were spoiled, 419 votes total (28%); 378 voted for the bylaw change (26%), and the by-law change passed.

Newly-elected directors are: Carolann Evans, Jeff Jones & Carolyn Myers; 1st runner up, Phil Feiner; 2nd runner up, Bob Parsons.

D. Ethics Committee - No Report

Two articles regarding ethics will be printed in Showring

E. Fiber Committee

A first-time fiber championship show will be held at the Rocky Mountain Regionals. Fiber does not have to be qualified to enter.

Motion made by Carol Ann Tallmon, seconded by Jeff Jones, to have 4 classes with a \$15 entry fee, with an additional \$5 to have fleece returned. The \$15 entry fee will include the \$3 ALSA per animal fee. Following a vote, the motion carried.

Ribbons will be issued to 5th place in each class.

F. National Committee - No Report

G. Handbook Committee - No Report

I. Judges Committee

Letters were written and forwarded to the Judges Committee alleging that an ALSA judge, Deb Yeagle, had, on several occasions, breached the conflict of interest clause in the ALSA handbook by judging animals that had been sold by her within a 12-month period and animals sired by an animal which she co-owned with an exhibitor.

This communication to the Judges Committee constituted a formal notice of complaint against Mrs. Yeagle.

The Judges Committee conducted an investigation pursuant to its authority under the ALSA standing rules and the procedures outlined in Part 16 of the 12th Edition ALSA Handbook.

The committee has concluded its investigation and has found that indeed Mrs. Yeagle had violated the conflict of interest guidelines as outlined in the handbook and that these violations occurred repeatedly and over a long period of time.

Pursuant to Part 15, Section 6(c) of the ALSA Handbook, the Judges Committee has made the following recommendation to the ALSA Board for action:

1. That all of Mrs. Yeagle's judging privileges be suspended immediately and for a period of one year until reinstatement in June 2004.

2. That Mrs. Yeagle be demoted to Level II llama judge and follow the normal procedures to be certified as a Level III judge.

3. That Mrs. Yeagle be prohibited from recertifying through continuing education (CE) credits but be required to attend an Advanced Clinic to become recertified. This will apply only to the next required recertification. If in subsequent years her record remains clean, she will be eligible to recertify through CE credits.

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Sandy Wickham, that the Judges Committee recommendations (1 through 4 above) be accepted as written. Following a vote, the motion carried.

Dick Sheehan will send a certified letter to Mrs. Yeagle notifying her of the Board's adoption of the recommendations and will be considered in effect upon receipt of the letter.

I. Membership Committee - No Report

J. Nominating Committee

By-laws change passed will affect the nomination process.

K. Performance Committee

The committee is working on restructuring the performance manual and creating a judge's video for performance classes.

L. Planning & Policy Committee - No Report

M. Protest Committee - No Report

N. Publications Committee Report

Gayle Woodsum submitted costs for printing the upcoming issue of Showring. The Board approved the new printing company for one issue only.

O. Regionals Committee

Double points will be given for regionals. All regionals will have one judge this year.

P. Show Management Committee - No Report

Q. Youth Committee Report

The following names were submitted to be on the Youth Committee: Cathy Sheeter, Chair; Barb Harris; Jonathan Sides; Simon Zadina; Pam Hall; Mary Jo Miller; Lauren Wright.

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn, seconded by Jeff Jones, to approve the Youth Committee members. Following a vote, the motion carried.

R. Suri Group

The Suri Group reports they are making good progress; requested one conference call; stated that they will have a report to present before the July board meeting. Motion made by Carol Ann Tallmon, seconded by Dwayne Flinn, to approve a conference call. Following a vote, the motion carried.

Motion made by Carol Ann Tallmon, seconded by Dwayne Flinn, to adjourn. Following a vote, the motion carried.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8TH AT 8:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wickham, ALSA Board Secretary