

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of  
Directors  
August 13, 2002**

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Directors attending Dick Sheehan President, Mark Smith Vice President, Deb Yeagle Secretary, Jeff Jones Treasurer, Carol Ann Tallmon, Dwayne Flynn, Niki Kuklenski and Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary.

Motion to approve minutes from past meeting approved by Jeff, Seconded by Carol Ann, motion carried.

Treasurers report presented by Jeff Jones. Carol Ann moved to accept treasurers report, Deb Seconded, motion carried.

Gayle Woodsum will be sending copies of handbook changes to the Board members so they can be approved and worked on then get back to her. She will then incorporate them into a final draft to be looked at during the meeting at the Grand National.

Plans discussed for Board Meeting at the Grand National.

A registered letter has been sent to Jo Riley. No answer as of yet. If letter is refused, or accepted the ALSA Office will be notified and a record will be kept.

Membership questionnaire, both the original and the revised copies to be mailed to each of the Board members to be discussed and reviewed.

Dick presented a review of the LLAMA Community. He presented issues regarding ALSA. The issue was heat stress in lamas at shows. Dick will be sending the information to Patty Fisher, the Chair of the Show

Committee, to be organized for inclusion in show packets. Dr Anderson said that positive animal identification is currently a state concern in Missouri and will become a National issue soon . The Board agreed that it is important for ALSA to have representatives at the Llama Community to sit down with leaders of other llama organizations.

Fiber Committee Report, addressed rectification of Alpaca judges proposed to extent to a 5 year rectification until there would be enough to qualify having another Advanced Alpaca Judge Clinic due to cost factors to be recommended back to the Judges Committee.

Showmanship Alpaca Clinic is proposed to help Alpaca owners for halter as well as performance. Committee members have volunteered to help with this clinic. This would be an ALSA Show Clinic, for Alpacas. Organized the same way as the Llama Show Clinics complete with information to pass out.

Board agrees that it is important to support financially and as a board to encourage the Alpaca Show Clinic.

Proposal to have an Alpaca "Regional" show for 2003, open to anyone across the United States, no qualifying criteria. Looking to attract 200 - 250 alpacas. Alpacas owners from other states are encouraging this show. Dwayne showed concerns about calling it a regional as it would be confusing.

Carol Ann and Mark showed concern about the lack of qualifying. Jeff suggested calling it " The Buckeye ALSA Championship Show". Board agreed and liked the idea. They said they would support it but would like to have more information. Deb asked for permission to secure a date as a year would be necessary to organize a show of this magnitude. Alot of work has been done by the alpaca committee Mary Reed ,chair.

Request to have handbook changed to permit show cut on alpacas as well as strip cut. Alpaca Committee agrees. This will not subtract alpacas, but add alpacas that are sheared in a show cut.

Motion presented by Carol Ann Seconded by Dick to accept

this proposal into the handbook.

Dick spoke to Connie Kauffman who said she will have the information from the Education Committee sent to the ALSA office by Monday, August 19 or Tuesday the 20th the latest.

The Wickhams Clinic has been cancelled as there was a participation problem. Virginia Christensen indicated in emails to Mark and Cheryl that there were a lot of judges that needed to recertify. There were only 2 judges that had signed up for the Clinic. Dick will get with Virginia to get a list of who needs to recertify and get that list to the Wickhams to see if the clinic can resume.

Dick said he has a goal to revamp the Clinic system.

Deb suggested that Beth Myers be put as Chair of the Education Committee. Dick said he would contact Beth.

Election Committee, No Report.

Fiber Committee. March 8-9 Clinic to be held at the Huttons.

A suggestion made to cross over fiber judges from Llama Fiber to Alpaca fiber and visa versa as the judging of each is exactly the same. A proposal will be drawn up.

From the Grand National Committee, A motion for sponsorship has been requested to sponsor specific things for the Grand National. These sponsors would not be represented in the Courtyard. Motion made by Carol Ann, seconded by Jeff, Motion Carried. Sponsors are already lined up for the 2003 Grand National as well. For this year the Sponsor Courtyard is full, plans are in the works to expand the Courtyard for 2003 GN. Sponsors that have sponsored in previous years will have first choice to sponsor for future GN.

Judge Committee, no recommendations for new judges. A motion was made to go into Executive Session, Made by Jeff, Seconded by Carol Ann. Motion Carried

Motion made to create an additional seat to 8 on the Judges Committee for a period of 6 months. Carol Ann so moved Mark Seconded

Motion made to approve Carol Hicks to the Judge Committee Mark so moved Carol Ann Seconded. Roll Call vote called, Niki Abstained, Jeff voted No, Carol Ann For, Dwayne For, Mark For, Deb For. Motion Passed

Membership Committee Brochure was discussed concerning what needed to be updated and what is the vision for use of this brochure. Carol Ann suggested a more generic form to be handed out to Show Superintendent. Mark suggested a focus in the brochure, of what a great family activity ALSA is. Also suggestion, a photo? These suggestions will be sent back to the Membership Committee.

Performance Committee : Presently working on updating the Obstacle Hand Book and the Performance Video.

Protest Committee: No protests in the works.

Publication Committee : Showring will be late for winter issue to include results from Regional and National.

Show Management Shoe Issue, members need to where shoes with closed toed shoes this rule needs to be more carefully followed.

Office Liaison for day to day operational things to the Board. Jeff made a motion that Dick be liaison to the office, Dwayne seconded.

Dick requested that the Board Members come up with "goals" for the ALSA to be worked on at the Grand National Face to Face Meeting

Next meeting will be September 10th, Carol Ann so Moved, Dwayne Seconded, Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Yeagle, ALSA Board Secretary