

Board Minutes From Meeting 4/19/05

President called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. EST

Members present:

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

Jeff moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the 8 March 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

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| ALSA Checking | \$40,160.49 |
| ALSA Investment | \$105,774.28 |
| ALSA Scholarship | \$11,713.54 |
| Total | \$157,648.31 |

Administrative Manager's Report

First quarter figures concerning "mistakes in recording" have been calculated. All have been corrected in this group and this has been the best year to date. With the Halter, Adult Showmanship and Performance Recordings in 2004 15,530 pages of records were filled, 12 "fields" on a page for a total of 186,360 records that were data entered. The youth had 4,618 pages with 9 fields or a total of 41,562 records that were data entered. for a grand total of 227,922 fields filled in by ALSA Office. Of these fields, 41 had errors made by the ALSA Office or .0179 about 2 100's of a percent. We are very proud of having achieved this record this year. There were 62 "mistakes" brought up by members that were researched and discovered to not be actual mistakes but that the member did not understand rules or that the number that the member thought was in the class was not the same number as what the clerk submitted. The most common errors by members was that they did not understand that it took 8 in the division to receive Grand or Reserve and that Novice classes did not get points. Show Superintendents came in at only 17 mistakes and They usually omitted a name or transposed names or numbers onto the results. All in all a pretty good start of the year. We will continue to track errors by the quarter thru this year.

2005 ALSA Shows have been recorded and can be viewed on the ALSA Website. New members continue to register almost daily.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

No Report

Election Committee

The Election Committee per the ALSA Bylaws closed the receipt of petitions for nominations for the ALSA 2005 General Election April 10th. The ALSA office has

verified that each petitioner and petitionee was indeed a member in good standing. All Petitionees who received 5 petitions from members in good standing have been notified of their opportunity to be placed on the ballot. The ballots will be placed in the mail the second week of May. The committee has also contracted with a CPA for the ballot tally to be done June 7th, 2005. As soon as the Election Committee receives certified results, the Committee chair in turn notify the Board Liaison of the results.

The membership will be electing two Directors in the 2005 General Election.

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

The Fiber Committee has been working with June Black to prepare fiber show entry forms for all types of fiber classes. These forms are now ready to be placed on the ALSA website. A Show Superintendent will be able to download any or all of the forms for their use.

Preparation for the Advanced Clinic is underway. Terry Duespohl and Sharon Beacham are working together to prepare the suri supplement. This supplement will be used for the halter judges attending the halter clinic on Friday, May 20.

Walking Fleece classes: These classes are relatively new to the Midwest and Eastern states and are getting very popular. The Fiber Committee would like to post information on the ALSA website for the best way a show superintendent can prepare for these classes. ie: catch pens, additional clerk, time frame for fiber to be judged, presentation of classes in the show ring and information for the exhibitor to know prior to entering a walking fleece class.

The ALSA Fiber Committee also recommends an ALSA Fiber Judge judge the walking fleece classes. This is an optional fiber class and not associated with halter or performance in anyway. The attendees for the Advanced Fiber Clinic in May have apprenticed at least one walking fleece class and will have more hands on practice during the clinic.

When the walking fiber classes were first started, the intent was to get more members interested in fiber and for the entry fees to help offset the expenses of the rest of the fiber show. This committee recommends the entry fees continue to work toward the expenses of the fiber show and premiums.

An ALSA member has brought to our attention the need to award Recognition of Merit and Fleece Champion for those animals whose fleece entries have accumulated the required points. Since shorn fleece classes do receive ALSA points, the ability to offer these awards can be done through the record keeping of the ALSA office. The shorn fleece classes follow the same point system as the halter classes.

Finance and Budget Committee

No Report

Grand National Committee

No Report

Handbook Committee

The handbook is currently at the printers.

Judges Committee

1. As a result of the Beginning Level Shorn Llama Fleece Judging Clinic held March 4 -- 6, 2005 in Scottsdale, AZ, the Judges' Committee requests that the board approve the following individuals for entry into the Fiber Apprentice Program: Maryan Baker; Barbara Flinn; Wayne Rankin; Karen Rose; Pam Tait.

2. As a result of the Advanced Judging Clinic held March 18 -- 20, 2005 in Bend, OR the following recommendations are made. 1. Danielle Wagoner re-certify at Level II with no restrictions. 2. Linda Rodgers re-certify as Level III. 3. Johnna Edmunds re-certify as Level II. 4. Kim Yates re-certify as Level II. 5. Sherm Ackley certify as Level I. 6. Trish Brandt-Robuck certify as Level I. 7. Wayne Rankin certify as Level I. 8. Margaret Ricci certify as Level I. 9. Nelson Leonard certify as Level II Performance Judge.

3. The Committee Chair requests the approval of Phil Feiner as a member of the Judges' Committee. He would replace Jennifer Doran Lane who has resigned from the committee.

Membership Committee

No Report

Nominating Committee

No Report

Performance Committee

The Committee is still working on obstacle designs to be put into the new Manual, but as of yet, they are not ready to present them for Board approval.

Policy & Planning Committee

No Report

Promotions Committee

A meeting of the ALSA Promotion Committee was held at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City on Friday evening, April 1, 2005. All members were present. Darrell updated the group on the plans for a booth at the 2005 National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The ALSA Board of Directors has approved the cost of the booth and has developed a promotional display that we can use in the booth. Darrell has also visited with the ILR and they have indicated a desire to share in the cost of the informational material to be provided in the booth. Mark Smith suggested that the ALSA office draft a "standard news release" form that could be used by all ALSA show superintendents to help publicize their shows in the local media. Many other ideas were discussed and will be acted upon by the committee in the near future.

Protest Committee

No Report

Publications Committee

No Report

Regionals Committee

Lougene Baird has resigned as the Rocky Mountain Regional Superintendent due to moving. Committee is looking into finding a replacement.

Show Management Committee

In answer to the question of changing the ruling for Produce of Dam to be amended to read "two offspring, of either sex, from the same DAM but each by a different sire", the committee's guess is that the smaller farms might be hard pressed to have a get out of three different dams. If we were to require that the produce be by two different sires, we would have to do the same for the get, and that would limit the smaller breeding farms. It is easier for a small farm to come up with two offspring than three, but might be difficult to explain why we are changing the policy for the produce and not for the get. The answer might just be to do nothing, as it would be difficult to do it across the board.

Website Committee

The website committee Chairman requests approval to add Steve Katzakian and Les Flynn to the committee.

Youth Committee.

The Committee continues to work on the Youth Judging Manual and ways to replenish the Tony Rollins Scholarship funds.

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

Old Business

Show Management software was discussed. Cheryl agreed to speak with an ALSA member who has developed show management software for local use to see if it would be possible to merge with the results software developed by ALSA. This may hold the possibility of completing a more useful package for all show superintendents use.

Barb will speak with the Regional Committee Chairman concerning questions received over current regional boundaries and the possibility of appointing a focus group to work the issue.

The new ALSA display was used at the Celebrity. Discussions about how best to utilize it were discussed and it was agreed that by incorporating the ALSA banner with the display should draw more attention to it at future events.

Penny will contact the ILR concerning our delayed meeting to allow the two organizations to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Tami agreed to provide Cheryl exact wording on what the BOD would like to do regarding a class at Regionals and Nationals for participants with disabilities. Cheryl will in turn send it to our insurance company and our lawyer for any comments.

New Business

The Membership Committee will be asked to notify those affected when a donation is received in their loved ones name letting them know who the donors were.

The LFA petitioned the BOD to approve a quad ALSA show in conjunction with their World Championship Show and Sale in September this year. **Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to disapprove the petition due to conflicting dates with two separate ALSA Regional Shows. Motion Passed.**

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 10 at 7:00 PM EST.

Jeff moved and Tami seconded meeting be adjourned at 9:45 EST. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Crumrine
ALSA Secretary