

BOARD MINUTES FROM MEETING JULY 12, 2005

President called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. EDT

Members present:

Penny Davidson – President
Barb Laux – Vice President
Jeff Jones – Treasurer
Tami Lash – Board Member
Lora Crawford – Board Member
Wally Baker – Board Member
Cheryl Ryberg – Administrative Manager

Jeff moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the May 5, 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Welcome New Board Members

Penny welcomed newly elected Board members, Lora and Wally. The ALSA Board of Directors' confidentiality provision was discussed with new members. Penny advised that as a result of Larry Crumrine resigning from the Board, Julie Heggie would be called upon to fill the vacancy. Julie was first runner-up in the recent ALSA election and pursuant to ALSA bylaws, she would be in line to fill the vacancy by Board appointment. Penny is in the process of contacting Julie to ascertain if she is interested in accepting the position.

Minutes Addendum: Effective July 22, 2005, Julie accepted the vacant Board of Directors' position. She will complete the remainder of Larry's term.

Election of ALSA Officers:

President: Barb moved Tami seconded for Penny to be President
Vice-President: Tami moved Jeff seconded for Barb to be Vice-President
Secretary: Tami moved Barb seconded for Wally to be Secretary
Treasurer: Barb moved Tami seconded for Jeff to be Treasurer

All election motions passed

Treasurers Report (as of July 11, 2005)

ALSA Checking:	\$44,872.00
ALSA Investment:	\$106,187.00
ALSA TR Scholarship:	<u>\$11,749.00</u>
*Total:	\$162,808.00

*\$28,196.00 increase over the same time period last year.

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

Increase in revenue by category for the first half of 2005 as compared to the same time period last year:

Show fees:	\$3,481.00
Membership:	\$625.00
Youth fees:	\$880.00
Judge Fees:	\$6,320.00
Transfer and Research:	\$600.00

The only category that experienced a decrease was Recording Fees, which was down \$1,600.00 (320 animals). Cheryl explained the recording fees typically are lower for the first half of the year because many animals received their recording fees late last year and most ALSA animals that enter ALSA shows do have ALSA numbers. There are over 14,000 animals registered with ALSA and a total of 22,938 animals in the ALSA database, which include “na”, or non-ALSA animals that are only kept track of for qualifying purposes.

The ALSA office has noted geographical areas where show numbers are down. Most common reasons for lower exhibitor attendance were economics and conflicts in scheduling with other personal commitments. New shows also affected old show attendance numbers. On the other hand, some shows in other geographic areas experienced an upward trend in exhibitor attendance. The shows that attracted the most members appeared to be geared up for fun and fellowship.

Committee Liaison

The following Committee Liaisons were decided upon:

Election Committee: Wally
 Nomination Committee: Lora
 Show Management Committee: Wally
 Website Committee: Lora

Minutes Addendum Notice

In order to meet time frames for 2005 Regional and Grand National Show format changes and to facilitate timely membership notification, Board Meeting Minutes will be held open to include approved changes accomplished through ongoing Board communication following this meeting. Subsequent Board vote and action are noted as “**Minutes Addendum.**”

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

No report

Election Committee

There were three voting discrepancies noted by the CPA tallying the votes during the last General Election. This situation did not affect election results as discrepancies were discovered prior to election results being certified. Corrective measures have been taken to preclude a recurrence.

Ethics Committee

A discussion was held regarding non-factual and other information taken out of context concerning ALSA operations circulating from various segments of the ALSA membership. Barb and Jeff will work on an article for the upcoming issue of *Showing* for the purpose of clarifying ALSA positions and procedures.

Fiber Committee

Committee is formalizing ALSA fiber entry forms. There is also discussion of entry fees increasing to \$20.00. Future goal is to have a Fleece Show at Grand National. Procedures are also being put together for "Walking Fiber" competition.

Finance & Budget Committee

No Report

Grand National Committee

The Hall of Fame for 2005 will not be continued due to high cost. Presently, it would cost over \$9,000.00 to complete the project. However, measures will be explored to continue Hall of Fame recognition.

Efforts are under way to locate rooms at the Grand National facility for Fleece Show, Judges Clinic and Board of Directors meetings.

Handbook Committee

Committee has received complaints that rule changes in the ALSA Handbook 14th edition were not in bold print. It was pointed out that there were numerous rule changes in this edition and bolded changes would have been too extensive. Future rulebook editions will have changes noted by bold print.

Committee would also like changes submitted for Handbook updates by the 1st of September. This time frame would allow opportunity for editing prior to the face-to-face meeting at the Grand National Show, where final approval could be handled for rule change recommendations.

Judges' Committee

The Board held a discussion regarding the requirement that all ALSA shows with 150 or more llamas must offer a Suri class. As a result of the requirement, a fiber seminar was previously added to expand training of level III and II halter judges. Several training seminars are scheduled throughout the year and at various locations. Further discussion underscored the need for a mandatory fiber training requirement for all ALSA judges to have attended a fiber training seminar or have received prior fiber certification to judge

llama halter shows by July 1, 2006. This recommendation will be forwarded to Judges' Committee for review. A request will also be made to the Judges' Committee for an updated Judges' List for the Website and *Showring*.

June 2005 Report

- A Beginning Judging Clinic will be held in Colorado, June 24 – 26, 2005. Terry Duesphol, and Penny Davidson are scheduled instructors.
- Three fiber seminars for halter judges are scheduled for July 1, 2005 in Colorado; July 30, 2005 in Wisconsin and late August 2005 in New York.
- An Advanced Judging Clinic is scheduled for late August in New York.
- ALSA will participate in the GALA annual conference by providing combined show and fiber seminar.
- Judge re-certification of Hank Kauffman and Beth Myers. Both Judges have submitted evidence of continuing education credit to re-certify.
- Upgrading Bill Schultz from Level I to Level II Judge. This recommendation is based upon his experience in judging shows and, there are no adverse comments in his file.
- The Committee recommends that the Board approve a one-time only “grand fathering” of all existing Alpaca Fleece Judges to also be Llama Fleece Judges.

Based upon the recommendation of the Advanced Fiber Clinic (Hudson, WI), Instructor, Sharon Beacham, and approval of the Judges' Committee, the following individuals are recommended for approval as Llama Fleece Judges: Lee Ann King, Geri Rutledge, Fran Soukup, Eve Len Ashbaugh, June Black, Sharilyn Ramsey, Susie Smithers, Mary Jo Miller, Sherry Lynch, Charlotte Caywood, Cindy Ruckman.

Addendum to June 2005 Report

- As the result of the Beginning Judging Clinic held in Colorado June 2005, along with review of participant class scores and with the recommendation of the clinic instructors, the committee requests approval of the following as Llama Judge Apprentices: Rick Neal, Maryan Baker, Wally Baker, Mary Summers, Allen Davis, Doug Overman, Mary Wickman, Brianna Livengood, Debbie Shellabarger, Cheryl Juntilla, Violet Racz.

Judges' Committee also advised of a complaint regarding an ALSA Judge was received and an investigation is currently in progress.

Jeff Moved and Tami seconded that all Judges Committee recommendations contained in both committee reports be approved as submitted. Motion Passed.

Membership Committee

An ALSA Special Award recognition system has been developed by Committee to acknowledge exceptional organization and support in conducting ALSA shows within each Region. Show categories include: Show Superintendent, Show Staff, Performance Staff, and Ring Crew. A form will be developed to gather information on membership selections. Committee will survey the results and forward their findings and

recommendations to the Board for vote. Committee will finalize survey form in the near future for Board approval. Special recognition awards will be given during the Grand National banquet.

Barb moved and Tami seconded that the award recognition program be adopted. Motion Passed.

Barb will follow-up to formalize the forms for Board approval as soon as possible. Once award system procedure is completed, Barb will disseminate information through ALSA Website and *Showring*.

Minutes Addendum: Effective July 20, 2005, final draft of The ALSA Special Recognition Form was submitted to Board. Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion to approve the form. Motion Passed

Nominating Committee

No report.

Performance Committee

Two new show categories (1) Exhibitors with Disabilities - Showmanship and (2) Exhibitors with Disabilities - Performance will be added as exhibition classes this year at Regionals and Grand National Show. Formal information has not been disseminated to date, awaiting insurance coverage status for the new categories. Tami will follow-up on the insurance issue, finalizing show criteria and facilitating new category information to Regional and Grand National show Superintendents. The ALSA website and *Showring* will also be used to publicize information to the membership.

Minutes Addendum: Effective July 20, 2005, insurance status for new show categories was resolved and the Board had completed its review of final show criteria and appropriate show information. Tami moved and Lora seconded the motion to approve final draft of new class proposal. Motion passed.

A need for rulebook clarification was discussed regarding exhibitors wearing formal show clothes during performance classes, as some ALSA shows have Halter and Performance Classes running simultaneously. The present rulebook states in essence that handler attire should be conservative and appropriate for performance class. This issue will be forwarded to Committee for rule review and recommendation.

Policy and Planning Committee

No Report

Promotion Committee

No Report

Protest Committee

No Report

Publications Committee

Committee has developed feature articles for *Showring*. An important goal of the committee was to include photos of 2004 Grand National Grand and Reserve youth winners in the last edition of *Showring*. Unfortunately, youth photos were not available. Letters of apology were sent to involved participants, explaining why the photos are not part of the featured articles. The affected exhibitors were asked to submit respective 2004 Grand National photos to Committee for the next issue of *Showring*.

Deb Gaskill has resigned from the Publicity Committee. The current committee members are; Barb Baker, Lee Steiner, Rick Neal and Diane D'Angelo. Committee is working on articles for the next issue of *Showring*.

Committee expressed concern that not all scheduled upcoming shows were listed in the recent issue of *Showring*. Upon committee inquiry, *Showring* publishers advised that because of the large number of pages incorporated in the last publication, only events listed through August of this year were included.

Committee has established an item and advertisement submission deadline for inclusion in the next issue of *Showring* as July 15, 2005. Mailing date for next issue of *Showring* is anticipated near August 15, 2005.

Regionals Committee

Some Regions have expressed interest in geographic realignment while other Regions want to move Regional Show location. Committee is examining all requests to ascertain most productive and attainable. Committee will strive to complete its survey no later than January 2006.

Preliminary quote for ribbons for all Regional Shows was over \$12,000.00. Other quotes will be sought prior to purchase.

In order to hold publications costs down in relation to Regional and Grand National Shows, Committee recommended that ALSA office send out cards and use the ALSA website for notification and show forms.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded the motion to implement the show notification procedure. Motion passed

Committee recommended that Kay Berg be appointed as Regional Committee, Chair.
Barb moved and Tami seconded the motion to select Kay Berg as Show Superintendent. Motion Passed.

Lougene Baird has stepped down as Rocky Mountain Regional Superintendent. Barb is in the process of locating a position replacement for Board approval.

Minutes Addendum: Effective July 21, 2005, Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion to appoint Ann Bruhn as Rocky Mountain Regional Superintendent. Motion Passed.

Show Management Committee

No report.

Website Committee

No report

Youth Committee

No report.

Old Business

- Board is still evaluating proposed Show Management software.
- The membership questionnaire requesting input and suggestions on organizational operations was discussed. Survey results updates will be published in future Board minutes and *Showring*.
- The possibility of combined ILR/ALSA meeting was discussed. **Tami moved Barb seconded the motion to continue Board communication with ILR for plans to have a combined meeting between the two organizations. Motion passed.**
- The Board is looking into ways to implement a Judges' Forum and have it operational on a scheduled basis.
- The updated ALSA directory is at the Printers. Directory distribution to membership is pending printing completion.

New Business

- Contained in Committee Reports.

Jeff moved and Tami seconded meeting be adjourned at 11:05 PM EDT. Motion Passed.

Minutes Addendums closed July 25, 2005.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**