

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of
Directors
January 7, 2003**

ALSA Board Meeting January 7, 2003

Members Present: Dick Sheehan; President, Mark Smith; Vice President, Deb Yeagle; Secretary, Jeff Jones; Treasurer, Dwayne Flynn, Carol Ann Tallmon, Nicki Kuklenski, Directors. Also Present was Cheryl Ryberg, ALSA Executive Secretary

Called to order 8:00 PM

December minutes were approved by email after a final review.

The Treasure's report was not complete pending final bills from the Nationals.

The Executive Secretary's request to have an addendum to her 2003 contract was withdrawn.

There was a motion by Jeff and a second by Carol Ann for three thousand dollar upgrade for the software and maintenance. The motion carried. There was a discussion to make some of the web site more user friendly. Youth Records were sent out by the end of September.

Old Business:

There will be a face to face in Kansas City on March 6-9. We need a budget from each committee to include conference calls, long distance and mailing.

Judges committee investigation is moving ahead with a January 20th deadline to report to the board.

There was discussion of the motion to have a 3 year team limit for the judges committee that was passed by the BOD in December. The existing rule book already provides for

the term limits. Part 2. Sect. 1,B,2, All committee members will serve a term for a period of one year starting April 1st. There was a motion to rescind the term limit for committees passed last month made by Mark and seconded by Carol Ann. Motion passed with Jeff opposed. The board wants to see a written procedure for the entire criteria that the committee operated under. Criteria as to how a judge moves up and what it takes to qualify as a level one, level two and level three judge with any exceptions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alpaca committee has no report.

The motion was by Jeff from the Education committee to have a beginning clinic at Ester Sue Sykes 5963 Fruitland Road. Marysville Ca. 95901 for April 12,13,14., seconded by Deb . Motion carried.

We now had hard copies of the files and are recreating the files . Connie is sending Barb Harris and Niki the CD file and they are trying to get the information from them for the education committee.

Elections committee is working on procedure for elections and counting the ballot. A motion to have a CPA count ballot by Dwayne and seconded by Jeff. Motion carried. The election committee will get bids on CPA's for the counting.

Ethics no report.

Fiber had send a letter to the board thanking them. We have three clinics on the books. We are moving forward with getting fiber show and clinics.

National committee report. We are still having problems with a facility with the electrical fees charged. The committee is tasked with deciding how large the for sale signs are on the stalls and to decide if it is appropriate to allow breeding in the barn . They will come back to the board with the recommendation. The national committee will be resubmitting the 2 performance judges for the national show.

Handbook revisions are in the process and on time. Target is end of Feb. Gayle was asked to come up with a one page list of the significant rule changes to be posted to the web site and included in show packets. The showmanship class is an optional class with points. The animal age requirements will become uniform thru out the hand book so that people understand when an animal moves into the next age bracket. The show packet will be updated to reflect the age example on pg 29 C. 4.d.

Judges committee . Mark moved to recertify Deb Yeagle level 3 with 250 animal restriction, recertify Laura Lee Crawford as level 3 for a period of 3 years, recertify Lavona Fercho as a level 3 judge for a period of 3 years, reinstate Dale Peterson as a level 2 llama judge for a period of 3 years, reinstate Cathy Peterson for a level 2 llama judge for a period of 3 years. Second by Dwayne . Motioned passed.

Membership no report

Nominating procedure changes would require a bylaw change that would need to be voted on at the next election. The BOD will be working on the wording based on committee recommendations. Nominating petitions will be posted by the first of March on the website and in the February Showring. Budget estimates for the elections is a dollar per voting member.

Performance Carol Ann made a motion to have Niki put a driving tape together for use with the judges training, Seconded by Jeff and Motioned passed. Jim Atkinson says the Pleasure Driving will be inside and occur after the opening ceremonies at the 2003 National. A request to add Obstacle Driving at the Grand National was tabled until the next meeting. Proposal for another performance award title in the system was tabled for the next board meeting. A motion was made by Jeff for Polly Huggins to be the Chair of the performance Committee and for Larry Lewellyn and Wally Baker to be added to this committee. Seconded by Carol Ann, motion passed. There was a request of form a sub committee for driving under the

performance committee. Niki will get back to the board at the next meeting with who the members are. It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to do the obstacles for Nationals and Jeff will talk to the National Committee and report at the next meeting.

Linda Chatteroy and Roxanne Bachle's request to be allowed to attend the 2003 nationals was turned down.

Planning and Policy had not report.

Publications . We have had good reports about the quality of Showring. We will be establishing what information needs to be in every issue of the Showring so all mandatory things are covered in each issue. If any mandatory item is to be left off it will require prior BOD approval.

Regionals: A 1000.00 check was received from Susan Grey to go towards the Regionals The BOD sends a great big thank you from ALSA. Suggestions to split yearling class and entering the wool division from where they qualified for the year were discussed. The board decided to leave the western regional where it is now located. The regional committee should be looking into requests for regional show changes and making recommendations to the BOD based on member input as well as financial considerations.

Show management committee with Patti Fischer chair send a show sanctioning packet for superintendents. It is very well done and will be very helpful to show managers. The packet was approved for use and will be sent in all new show packets.

Youth Committee; There can't be more than 7 on the committee but other volunteers can be used in a sub-committee role.

New Business

The BOD liaison will visit the ALSA office is Feb 12 to the 15th. This visit will be to get an overview of ALSA Office procedures and provide information for the renewal of the 2004 executive secretary contract.

Magnifier s 's ILR registration has changed to crossbreed and the office is looking up shows and changing the points and placements. Animals will be identified that will move up.

A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Mark to change the rules show eligibility. Motion passed. The approved changes are posted below.

Revisions to Part 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR LAMA SHOWS Section 1. Lama Shows

1..Lamas.

All breeding llamas 5 months and older entered in approved classes, with the exception of Youth Classes, must be registered or have passed screening in the Llama Division of the International Llama Registry (IL:R) or the Canadian Livestock Record Corporation (CLRC). Non-Breeder llamas do not have to be registered or have passed screening with the ILR or the CLRC. If Non-Breeders are not registered and wish to be in the ALSA award system and wish to show in halter, they must show in the adult Non-Breeder halter class.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Carol Ann and seconded by Dwayne. Motion passed
Motion was made to go out of executive session . Motion passed.

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Tracking of communications by the BOD . The procedure for all formal request that come in is to send them to all board members and then forward to the appropriate committees for their recommendations. The member will be notified of the process along the way. A chart that outlines this procedure will be put on the web site and be in the next issue of show ring.

The next meeting will be the 4th of February

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff and seconded by Carol Ann. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Yeagle

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of
Directors
February 11, 2003**

Alsa Board Meeting Feb.11 2003

Called to order 8:00 P.M.

Directors present. President Dick Sheehan. Treasure Jeff Jones. Niki Kuklenski, Dwayne Flynn, Carol Ann Tallman, Sandy Wickham

Niki motioned to approve the Jan. minutes. Carol Ann seconded the motion passed.

The treasurer's report will be completed at the face to face meeting in March.

The office received letters of resignation from BOD members Mark Smith and Deb Yeagle.

Per the By Laws because Mark had less than 6 months left on his term, he will not be replaced till the 2003 election.

Deb Yeagles term did not end until the election of 2005 and she will be replaced by the candidate from the last election with the most votes that was not elected. Sandy Wickham.

The board held elections to fill the two vacant officers positions.

For position of secretary Carol Ann nominated Sandy and Niki second. Motion passed.

For position of Vice president Dick nominated Dwayne and Jeff second Motion passed

Old business:

The points and Championship earned by CVAL Magnifire have been deleted from the ALSA award system. All animals that were affected by Magnifire have been moved up in points or Grand Championships as appropriate. Niki reported that the ILR has agreed in principal to place ALSA

awards on the ILR registration. ALSA will provide them with examples of how we would like to see the awards depicted for final approval. Judges committee investigation tabled till the face to face meeting.

Committee reports
Alpaca no report.

Education committee: request for a advance clinic in Frenchtown MI.was tabled for further information.

Election: Procedure will be the same as last year except ballots will be counted by a CPA.The board is checking on prices for counting the ballots.

Ethics no report

Fiber no report

National: PennyDavidson,Virginia Christensen Carolyn Blalock were presented as potential judges for the Nationals in performance classes. Handbooks 13 will be out by the end of March.

Judges: The board requested outline of criteria for judging advancement and files to review at the face to face meeting.

Membership no report

Performance: driving video tape is finished.

Planning and Policy no report

Protest: Two protest are being reviewed.

Publications: Carol Hicks has given 60 days notice of terminating her contract to publish Showring.
The BOD will be soliciting for a new contract to publish the magazine.
Anyone interested should contact the ALSA office for details.

Regional: Stan Jacobs will be the superintendent for the Western Regional Nike moved and Carol Ann second Motion passed.

Show Management No report

Youth:cYouth with disabilities subcommittee is formulating recommendations. Suri group is still active

New business:

Bill Shupe asked the BOD to reimburse him for expenses incurred by him to attend a judges clinic that was canceled but the three attendees were not notified. Shupe did not find out that the clinic was canceled until he arrived at the clinic site. Sandy moved that Bill Shupe be paid for his clinic expenses with the exception of the clinic itself. this can be used for a future clinic. Niki second and the motion passed.

New liaison positions:

Judges committee, Dick Sheean. Membership, Sandy Wickham. Fiber, Sandy Wickham. Ethics, Sandy Wickham. Alpaca, Jeff Jones.

Next meeting is the face to face March 7th, 8th, 9th, 2003.

Dwayne moved and Carol Ann seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Yeagle, ALSA Board Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of
Directors
March 08, 2003**

Face To Face Meeting March 8, 2003

Directors Present: Dick Sheehan President, Dwayne Flinn
Vice President, Jeff Jones, Treasurer , Sandy Wickham
Secretary, Directors Carol Ann Tallmon, Niki Kuklenski,
also present ALSA Attorney Tom Hayden

Motion to approve Feb minutes , Jeff Made, Carol Ann
Seconded, motion passed

Sandy made, Niki seconded treasurers report

Old Business,

Judge Committee Investigation:
Board moved to accept the judge's committee
investigation recommendations, the paperwork is to be put
in said judges file. Motion made by Carol Ann, Sandy
Seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The protest committee recommendations were accepted,
the portion being up held is being evaluated by the board
to decide penalties, the other portion was not considered
valid. All persons involved will be notified of the results of
the protest after the penalty portion has been decided.
Jeff made the motion, Dwayne seconded Motion passed
unanimously.

Communication tracking system has been approved and
will be implemented from this day forward, Niki moved Jeff
seconded motion passed unamiously, there is a flow chart
for Board communication on the website.

ALSA working with ILR for the publication of ALSA Awards
was discussed.

Dwayne made a motion to approve**2003** budget, Carol Ann seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Board discussed coming up with standard operating procedures for each committee. The committee deadline to submit their recommendations is June- 2003.

By -Laws Recommendation for change. All candidates would need to be nominated by 5 members. The proposed changes will be put the ballot for the membership to vote on.

Dwayne moved, Jeff seconded motion, motion approved unanimously

Additional handbook changes have been discussed and will be included in the 13th Edition of the ALSA Handbook.

Wednesday March 5th the Alpaca and Llama Show Association was served with a summons of complaint, notice of a lawsuit was served to 607 California Ave and to 5 directors from the common pleas court of Knox County Ohio, by Rebecca A Randall, case #030T030065.

Sandy Wickham and Cheryl Ryberg left the room per recommendation of Tom, while the defense of this lawsuit was discussed.

Committee Reports:

Alpaca:

A motion was made to approve an Alpaca Champion show to be held in Delaware Ohio.

Dwayne moved, Jeff seconded , motion approved unammously.

Education:

Finding areas in need of clinics was recommed for the education committie

Election:

Proposal for the election ballots have been received and a final decision will be made at our next meeting.

Ethics:

Ethics have been working on articles for the show ring

Fiber:.

Fiber committie have made recommendations for the fleece judging for Judge's.The recommendation will be sent to the judges committee

Grand National:

Grand National has 4 judges in place for the performance classes and this will make the classes run smoother.

Handbook:

The Board will proofread the handbook final copy before it is sent to the printer.

Judges:

The judges criteria submitted were discussed and was returned for farther clarification.

It was recommended that Terry Duespohl replace Carol Hicks as chair of the judges committee.

Jeff moved and Dwayne seconded the motion.Motion approve unanimously.

Performance:

Performance committee has added new members.

Kate Otey, Kurt Phera,

Carol Ann moved Sandy seconded motion passed unaamiously.

Planning & Policy:

By laws changes are being included for the next election.

Protest:

Two outstanding protests have been resolved.

Publication:

Application for show ring editor will be on the web.

Members can contact ALSA office for criteria.

Regional:

All Regionals lost money in 2002.

Recommendations will be discussed at the next board meeting for improving the situation

Mike & Jean Haumschild have been approved to be Buckeye Regional superintendents.

Show Management:

Show management had no report.

The suri group is working hard to finish their job.

Youth:

Several recommendations were presented to the board for promoting youth. The board recommend the committee get more specific for the next Board meeting.

Sandy moved and Carol Ann seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wickham, ALSA Board Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of
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April 15, 2003**

ALSA Board Conference Call, April 15, 2003

Directors Present: Dick Sheehan, President, Dwayne Flynn, Vice President, Jeff Jones, Treasurer, Sandy Wickham, Secretary Carol Ann Tallmon, Niki Kuklenski, Directors. Also Present Cheryl Ryberg Executive Secretary and Tom Hayden ALSA Attorney

March Minutes Carol Ann moved and Dwayne seconded to approve.
Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:
Checking \$ 15,044.76
Investment 80,461.17
Scholarship 12,257.23

Total ALSA \$ 107,763.16
Sandy moved to accept Carol Ann seconded. Motion passed

Old Business,
Attorney Hayden discussed progress with Lawsuit.

Communications:

Letter from Kenneth Forester was forwarded to the Judges Committee
to come back with Recommendations.

Email from Tami Munson requested that alpacas may be able to pack
without weight for the youth. Dwayne moved, Niki seconded that alpaca pack classes for youth be the same wording as the open. Motion passed.

New Business:

Suri Llama Association, Jeff attended their meeting and reported that the Suri Llama Association was anxious to work with ALSA and the ALSA Suri committee to develop judging criteria and classes. Carol Ann pointed out that the literature from the Suri Llama Association was concentrating on conformation and thought that would be very positive. Dick said that the ALSA Suri Committee needs to get an article out in SHOWRING to further keep the members into the loop.

Committee Reports:

Alpaca Committee: The facility has changed to the Circle G for the Alpaca Championship Show, Committee Members will stay the same, Debbie Shellabarger will continue to chair temporarily. Committee members Sue Baily, Judy Doran and Nancy Medlod. Dwayne made, Carol Ann Seconded approval of the Alpaca Committee. Motion Passed.

Education: Vicki Gladden June 7,8,9 Show and Beginning Clinic , in Stafford, Missouri Aug 2 and 3rd for an Level One Clinic at Ken Austin Clinic in Newburg, Oregon. Jeff made Sandy Seconded approval of these clinics. Motion Passed. Education Chair, Barb Harris, Committee Deb Yeagle and Ann Barkley Carol Ann so moved, Dwayne seconded approval of committee, motion passed

Elections: Lougene Baird Chair, John Beacham, Willow Kauffman, Jeff made Dwayne seconded, Motion passed to approve Election Committee.

Ethics Committee: Paul Doran Chair, Steve Berry, Leslie Dixman and Rob Spenser Motion made by Carol Ann, Niki Seconded Motion Passed to Approve Ethics Committee

Fiber Committee: Suzie Smithers Chair, Lee Ann King, Sharon Beacham, Karen Kinyon, Cindy Ruckman, Sheila Miller Motion made by Carol Ann, Niki Seconded Motion Passed.

Grand National Committee: Jim Atkinson, Chair, Committee members Maggie Shuler, Barb Laux, Terry Duespohl, Carol Ann made Dwayne Seconded, Motion passed to approve Grand National Committee.

Handbook Committee: Gayle Woodsum Chair, Cheryl Cave and Pam Tait.

Jeff made Sandy Seconded motion to approve the Handbook Committee. Motion Approved.

Judge Committee. Terry requested that a NON Judge be put onto the Judge Committee. Jeff made a motion to change the handbook to allow a non-judge to be on the Judge's Committee, Niki seconded Motion approved. Terry Duespohl Chair, Kathie Kindler, Lavona Fercho, Sharon Beacham, Penny Davidson and Dan Goodyear as non judge committee member. Jeff made Sandy Seconded motion to approve Judge Committee passed.

Judge Recommendations to recertify . . .

1. Recertify Judy Moser as Level III for 3 years.
2. Recertify Carolyn Blalock as Level III for 3 years.
3. Recertify Gayle Woodsum as Level III for 3 years. She is currently at Level II.
4. Recertify Mary Jo Miller as Youth and Performance Level III and certify as Level I All Around Judge.
5. Certify Debby Ullrich as Level I. (Successful completion of Apprenticeship.)
6. Certify Toni Knie as Level I. (Successful completion of Apprenticeship.)
7. Certify John McDougall as Level I. (Successful completion of Apprenticeship.)
8. Certify Bill Schultz as Level I with a 75 animal restriction. (Successful completion of Apprenticeship.)
9. Certify Ken Forester as Youth and Performance Level II.

He is currently Level I. Motion made by Carol Ann
Seconded by Niki Motion passed to approve Judge
Committee recommendations.

Membership Committee:

To be approved by email then inserted to minutes

Nominating Committee:

Nominees . . .

Carol Ann Evens Rocky Mountain
Carolyn Myers, Central
Ken Smalley and Jeff Jones for Southeastern
Great Lakes Regional Tom Parsons
Eastern Phil Feiner

Mary Jo Miller: Chair, Pam Clark, Mike Gerkin, Kim
Albright,
Sandra Payne, Larry Steffel, Lillian Beck Motion made by
Sandy Seconded by Dwayne Motion Passed to approve
Nominating Committee.

Performance Committee:

Polly Huggins, Chair Lougene Baird, Kurt Pierha, Larry
Lewellyn,
Wally Baker and Kate Otey Motion made by Jeff Seconded
by Carol Ann. Motion passed to approve Performance
Committee.

Recommendations sent by sub committee to be considered
and to be
further looked at by the performance committee

Planning and Policy Committee, Looking at wordage to go
on ballots
for a change in the BY-LAWS for the nominating procedure
Jerry Miller Chair, Margo UnZicker, Steve Berry, Tracy
Pierson and Ray Howard are nominated for the Planning
and Policy Committee.

Carol Ann made Dwayne Seconded, Motion passed to

approve Planning
and Policy Committee

Protest Committee:

Darlene Vaughn Chair, Jerry Miller, Paul Doran, Ray
Howard, Terry
Duespohl, Mike Bradford. Niki Made, Jeff Seconded motion
passed to approve the Protest Committee.

Publication Committee:

The publication committee is still looking for a new
publisher of
Showring. Judges Forum, Lougene Baird, Editor Jeff made
Sandy Seconded motion passed to Regional Committee,
Carol Ann Tallmon will continue as Advisor Barb Laux, Phil
Feiner, Lougene Baird and Larry Lewellyn, Stan Jacobs,
Kirt and Karen Pirhina, Linda Fix, Mike Haumschild Dwayne
moved, Jeff Seconded Motion Passed to approve Regional
Committee.

Dates for Regional

Rocky Mountain Sept 27 & 28, 2003, Denver, Colorado
Judge: Darlene Vaughan
Superintendents: Larry Lewellyn, Email fhllamas@aol.com
Ph: 720-733-2775
Lougene Baird, Email lougene@att.net Ph: 303-688-1887

Southeastern Regional Oct. 18 & 19, 2003,
Judge: Terry Duespohl
Superintendents: Kurt & Karen Pihera, Email
Kpihera@alo.com
Ph: 770-893-2376

Great Lakes Regional Oct. 18 & 19, 2003, Valparaiso,
Indiana
Judge: Beth Meyers, Deb Yeagle
Superintendent: Linda Fix, Email jldmd@csinet.net
Ph: 219-69-1565

Buckeye Regional Oct 11 & 12, 2003, Delaware, Ohio
Judge: Lorraine Guyn

Superintendents: Mike Haumschild Email frvf1@clover.net
Ph: 740-824-3120

Western Regional Oct. 18 & 19, 2003, Central Point,
Oregon

Judge: Delores Gardner & Donley Gardner

Superintendents: Stan Jacobs, Email grizz@netzero.net

Ph: 503-632-3091

Eastern Regional Oct. 18 & 19, 2003, Harrington, Delaware

Judge: Susan Tellez

Superintendents: Philip Feiner, Email

llamas@maplehillfarms.com Ph: 518-733-6495

Central Regional Oct 18 & 19, 2003, Lawton, Oklahoma

Judge: Mark Smith & Gail Woodsum

Superintendents: Sandra Payne, Email

sandrapayne@msn.com

Ph: 817-341-7186

Advisor, Carol Ann Tallman, Email CATLLAMA@aol.com Ph:
817-447-359

Liaison, Dwayne Flinn, Email dwayneflinn@hotmail.com

Ph:

307-683-2548

Chairman, Barb Laux, Chairman Email

pvllamas@hotmail.com Ph:

920-994-9294

Motion Made by Jeff, Carol Ann seconded Regional Dates
approved by

the Board Show Management Patti Fisher: Chair , Julie

Ames, Phil Feiner, Justin Timm, Shawn Norman, Jill

Knuckles Niki made, Sandy Seconded Show Management

Committe Approved

Youth Committee: Not submitted at this point for approval

An Art Contest and Photo Contest for the youth with
display for the

Grand National is being worked on. Judging will be done at
National. Age Breakdown will be Jr, Intermediate and

Senior.

Suri Group, Chair Andy Tillman, Heather Bamford, Susan Tellez, Ken

Austin, Marilyn Milton, Linda Berry Walker, Trish Brandt-Robuck. They have begun to work with the Suri Llama Association to come up with something would work for both.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 13th 2003

Jeff moved to adjourn Carol Ann Seconded, motion Carrie

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wickham, ALSA Board Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of
Directors
May13, 2003**

Board of Directors Meeting May 13, 2003

Directors Present, Dick Sheehan- President, Jeff Jones- Treasurer, Carol Ann Tallmon and Niki Kuklenski Directors, also present, Cheryl Ryberg ALSA Executive Secretary

Motion to approve April Minutes made by Niki Seconded by Carol Ann motion carried.

Executive Secretary's Report: There has been an amazing surge in the purchase of ALSA Numbers this year. In the first 4 months we have recorded 680 new animals into our data base, bringing the total to 10,424. We believe the confidence in our award system is propelled by shows placements and awards being posted onto the ALSA Website.

Treasurers Report

Checking 8,771.82

Investment 90,461.17

Scholarship 12,257.23

Overall Total \$111,490.22

Old Business

Our attorneys have made a motion to dismiss the lawsuit and the letters regarding the protest will be put on the website.

New Business

Notification has been received by Dick to go to Llama Community event scheduled for Kansas City. Jeff Moved Carol Ann seconded approval for Dick to attend, motion carried.

Procedure needs to be formulated to inform committee members that are being asked to join committees or to replace members. Committee Chairs are going to be asked to put their input in how to handle the transition. Procedure proposed by Jeff is to first telephone the member then follow up with a letter. The final decision will be made after recommendations come back from the Committee Chairs.

Committee Reports:

Alpaca, Deb Shallaberger requested that Judy Doran, Nancy Medland, and Sue Bailey be added to the alpaca committee. Motion proposed by Carol Ann seconded by Niki to approve these new members.

Education, Beginner Clinic at Ken Austin in August, Niki moved Jeff seconded Virginia Christensen to be instructor. Motion Passed

Election , ballots going out and will be counted by new CPA, approximately 50 additional ballots were sent out this year from last.

Ethics, Will be writing articles for Showring

Fiber, Will be writing articles for Showring

Grand National, New Contract with facility has managed to save between 4-5 thousand less than last year, there will be recommendations coming in for next month meeting.

Handbook, Handbook is at the printer right now. They should be in the mail by the end of the month.

Judge Committee Recommendations:

1. The committee recommends the re-certification of John McCullough as Level III judge based on fulfillment of requirements under CE Credits. His certification should be for three years and continue through 2005.

Niki Moved Jeff Seconded to recertify John McCullough As Level 3 Judge Motion Passed

2. The committee recommends that the following individuals be admitted to the judge's apprentice program. This action is based upon the recommendations of Lora Lee Crawford, clinic instructor, and the majority of the judge's committee. The apprentices are: Trish Brandt-Robuck, William Fogel, Carol Hamlin, Suzann Penry, Margaret Ricce, William Shupe, Esther Sue Sykes

Motion made to approve apprentices recommended Jeff Made Carol Ann Seconded Motion Passed

Membership, Pam Jensen Jeff made Carol Ann Seconded to approve Pam as head of membership committee, motion passed.

Performance, Driving Sub Committee is active and working on ing wording on equipment and rules. All have copies of Performance Manuals.

Planning and Policy; Dick responded to a letter regarding Standing Rules.

Publications: 3 proposals for Showring have been received. Final details will be worked out with finalists.

Regionals: There will be one judge per regional, Decisions need to be made regarding the fiber show at the Rocky Mountain Regional. Due to the size of Regionals, only one Judge will be at each.

Show Management: No Report

Youth: Insert Report here.

Suri Group: No Report

Conference for Committees calls to be set up by ALSA Office , calls must fall within committee budget. Calls will be limited to one hour.

Next meeting will be June 10th at 8:00 pm EDT

Motion to adjourn made by Carol Ann seconded by Jeff motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wickham, ALSA Board Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ALSA Board of
Directors
June 10, 2003**

Board of Directors Meeting June 10, 2003

**MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 10, 2003**

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 by-law 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

MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 15, 2003

Present

Dick Sheehan, President
Dwayne Flinn, Vice President
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Carolyn Myers, Secretary
Niki Kuklenski, Director
Carolann Evans, Director
Sandy Wickum, Director
Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary

Call to Order

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Niki Kuklenski, to approve the June Minutes. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Waived to discuss financial matters with various committees.

Executive Secretary's Report

Cheryl explained how the office works in conjunction with the Board of Directors and how communications work with the members through the office, then to the board and various committees.

Old Business

- A. A. Letters regarding any future suri classes from Tami Lash, Carlyle & Diane Lewis and Deb Garvin were answered and then forwarded to the suri committee.**
- B. Information regarding the policy for ALSA's umbrella insurance for shows will be highlighted in the next issue of Show Ring.**
- C. C. Carol Hicks Contract**

After receiving a letter from the ALSA attorney, all files were returned to the ALSA office and the contract has been fulfilled.

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn, seconded by Niki, that Carol Hicks be

paid a commission for the the LFA ad run by the Burgesses. Jeff Jones requested that the matter be tabled until the next board meeting after receiving the attorney's bill for his services regarding this matter. Niki withdrew her second, the motion was not passed, and the matter was tabled.

Judges' Committee Procedures

Discussion tabled until next meeting; waiting for more committee input.

New Business

A. Election of Board Officers

Dwayne Flinn nominated Dick Sheehan for president, seconded by Niki Kuklenski; following a vote, the motion passed.

Sandy Wickum nominated Dwayne Flinn for vice president, seconded by Niki Kuklenski; following a vote, the motion passed.

Dick Sheehan nominated Carolyn Myers for secretary, seconded by Niki Kuklenski; following a vote, the motion passed.

Sandy Wickum nominated Jeff Jones for treasurer, seconded by Niki Kuklenski; following a vote, the motion passed.

B. B. Committee Liaisons

Membership – Carolann Evans
Alpaca – Carolann Evans
Handbook – Dwayne Flinn
Protest – Dwayne Flinn
Regionals – Dwayne Flinn
Publications – Dwayne Flinn
Nationals – Jeff Jones
Performance – Niki Kuklenski
Youth – Niki Kuklenski
Nominating – Carolyn Myers
Elections – Carolyn Myers
Education – Dick Sheehan
Judges – Dick Sheehan
Planning & Policy – Dick Sheehan
Ethics – Sandy Wickum
Fiber – Sandy Wickum
Show Management – Sandy Wickum

C. C. Regionals 2002 Financial Report

Dwayne Flinn, Jeff Jones & Cheryl Ryberg will get together to devise a plan to have regional expenses put into a format for predicting and planning for future financial expenses and to record financial information as it comes in.

D. D. Legal

A report will be presented at the next board meeting by ALSA's attorney or e-mailed to all board members regarding the status of the ongoing litigation.

Committee Reports

A. A. Alpaca – No report – Jeff will brief Carolann.

B. B. Education

Request to increase fees for a beginning show clinic to \$150, full clinic \$200; Dick Sheehan wants more information before making a decision.

C. C. Ethics – No report

D. D. Grand Nationals – Contract for 2003 was faxed to all board members.

E. E. Judges

The judges committee submitted the following items to the board:

- 1. The committee recommends that the 75 animal limitation be removed from Bill Schultz's Level I judging certification. This recommendation is based upon an additional successful apprenticeship.**
- 2. The committee recommends that Alaine Byers be certified as a Level III judge. This recommendation is based upon a considerable number of shows judged and favorable comments in her file.**
- 3. The committee cannot at this time endorse an advanced clinic that has been requested for October. The committee desires to review and standardize the curriculum for judging clinics. It is the committee's intent to have this task completed so the clinic can proceed in October, but as of now cannot recommend the clinic.**

Motion was made by Dwayne Flinn, seconded by Jeff Jones, to accept the judges committee's recommendations. Following a vote, the motion

passed.

F. F. Membership – No report – Sandy will brief Carolann

G. G. Nominating – No report

H. H. Performance – The committee is working on a performance video.

I. I. Planning & Policy – Working with attorney to unify standing rules and bylaws.

J. J. Publications

Dwayne Flinn previewed the new Showring; adult showmanship will not be offered this year at regionals; discussion ensued regarding development of standard policies, procedures, responsibilities and limitations for the Showring editor and organizing this with Gayle Woodsum.

K. K. Show Management

Patti Fisher will develop a questionnaire to be sent to the membership regarding what is happening at shows.

L. L. Youth

Niki Kuklenski is reorganizing the scholarship information to be posted on the ALSA web site. It was suggested by Niki that Deb Garvin temporarily take over the Youth Committee. She will be contacted by Niki.

M. Suri Group

The committee will hold a conference call and make recommendations to the board at the August board meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Carolyn Myers, to adjourn. Following a vote the motion carried.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12TH AT 8 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

**MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 12,
2003**

Present

Dick Sheehan, President
Dwayne Flinn, Vice President
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Carolyn Myers, Secretary
Carolann Evans, Director
Sandy Wickum, Director
Niki Kuklenski, Director
Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski, seconded by Sandy Wickum, to approve the July minutes as written. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$ 10,147.77
Investment	58,020.18
Scholarship	<u>10,804.99</u>
 Total	 \$ 78,972.94

\$23,000 was moved from Investment to Checking to cover the cost of the handbook printing, mailing and Gayle Woodsum's invoice, the deposit for the Grand National facility and ALSA office payment for July. As monies are received the balance of the 2003 season the money will be placed back into the Investment account.

\$1500 was sent for Ashley Filkes' scholarship out of the scholarship account.

Executive Secretary's Report

The \$3 ALSA fee had increased so far this year by \$4101. This is an increase of 1367

animals in the show ring. Recording fees have increased \$965. We now have 10,710

animals with assigned ALSA numbers. This should put to rest rumors circulating that

ALSA show entries are on the decline.

47 shows to date has an increase, 32 shows had a decrease or did not have a show this year.

Dick Sheehan and Cheryl Ryberg will go over ALSA office expenses in connection with

Cheryl's proposed contract.

Old Business

A. A. Communications

1. Barbara Johansen's letters regarding changes to performance in the 13th edition handbook were forwarded to the appropriate committee for consideration.
2. Comments from Susan Tellez and the Judges' Committee regarding the suri class were forwarded to the suri group.

B. B. Carol Hicks Contract

The Board reconsidered Carol's request for payment of \$212.50 in advertising commission fees. The request was denied due to the fact that ALSA was required to pay attorney fees in the amount of \$350 to obtain the software which should have been returned to the ALSA office per Mrs. Hicks' contract.

C. C. Judging Clinic Procedures

Motion made by Sandy Wickum, seconded by Jeff Jones, to accept the clinic operation procedures as recommended by the Education, Judges and Fiber Committees.

D. D. ALSA's Proposal to Show ALSA Awards on ILR Certificates

ILR has considered and approved adding ALSA awards on ILR certificates. A mock-up has been created by ILR and can be seen at www.lamaregistry.com/Forms/enhanced.htm

New Business

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Niki Kuklenski, to go into Executive

Session. Following discussion a motion was made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Dick Sheehan, to go out of Executive Session.

A. ALSA Attorney Report

A report from the ALSA attorney has been received by the Board.

B. B. Lama Community 2003

Report on the llama community minutes will be posted to the ALSA website when they are available.

Discussed at the conference were microchip, tattoo or eartag. In Missouri permanent ID has been a major topic two years in a row. This will probably take years to implement. Main questions were to ALSA and to ILR.

C. C. ILR Communication

The ILR Board of Directors would like to have a joint conference with the ALSA Board of Directors to consider the benefit possibilities for both organizations. An agenda would have to be organized.

Committee Reports

A. Alpaca

Alpaca Championship Show to date has \$2500 in sponsorship pledged. Cheryl will sign contract. ALSA logo will be put on a banner for the Alpaca Championship Show.

Motion made by Dick Sheehan, seconded by Carolann Evans, that the alpacas shown in the Alpaca Championship Show may use show and stip cuts to show in shorn halter classes based on a motion in August 2002 that did not get included in the rule book. This change will be added to the new handbook as soon as it is practical, and then will be added to all shows. Following a vote, the motion passed.

B. B. Education

The Education Committee has recommended increasing clinic fees from \$160 to \$200 and from \$130 to \$160. Motion made by Sandy Wickum, seconded by

Carolyn Myers, to accept the committee's recommendation. Following a vote, the motion passed.

C. C. Election – No Report

D. D. Ethics – No Report

E. E. Fiber

The fiber committee has produced a pamphlet to be used for clinics. The pamphlet was approved by everyone on the fiber committee.

F. F. Grand National – No Report

G. Handbook

Carolyn Myers will become the new board liaison.

H. Judges

The Judges Committee submitted the following items to the board for approval:

**1. Based upon performance at the Beginning Judges Clinic at Stratford, Missouri,
and instructor Hank Kauffman's recommendation, the Judges Committee requests
that the following be approved as apprentice judges:**

**Jane Livingston
Heather Hedrick
Vanessa Carter**

2. The committee recommends that the 150 animal limitation be removed from

Barb Harris's Level II certification.

3. The committee endorses the Education Committee's recommendation for an advanced judging clinic to be held on October 24-26, 2003, in Sequin, Texas. The committee will work closely with the instructor, Ray Howard, with the intent of moving toward standardization of a curriculum. The committee recommends that an assistant instructor be hired for this clinic so additional time can be spent on curriculum development. It is also anticipated that this will be a large clinic due to the number of judges needing to recertify and the number of apprentices ready for an advanced clinic.
4. The committee endorses the Education Committee's recommendation for an advanced fiber clinic October 11-12, 2003, in Salida, Colorado, with Sharon Beachum being the instructor. There are a number of fiber apprentices ready for an advanced clinic.
5. The committee endorses the Standard Operating Procedures (as proposed by the Education Committee) for scheduling clinics.
6. The committee endorses the fiber clinic scheduled for September 12-14, 2003, in Sequin, Texas, with Karen Kinyon being the instruction.

Motion made by Sandy Wickum, seconded by Carolann Evans, to accept the judges committee's recommendations. Following a vote, the motion passed.

I. Membership – No Report

J. Nominating - No Report

K. Protest – No Report

L. Publications

Showring is in the mail. Assurances have been given that the next issue will be more timely. A contract for Gayle Woodsum is being developed as well as some policies for advertisers.

M. Regionals

Entry fees for the National Llama Fleece Show will be \$15, plus an additional \$5 if an entrant wants their fiber returned. The judge will be Karen Kinyon.

N. Performance

The driving subcommittee is working on standards and revamping the rule book and will present their recommendation to the Board at Nationals. They are also midway through producing a driving training tape for judges. The Nationals Performance Committee, consisting of four people, is still working on the courses for Nationals and will be submitting them to the Nationals judges hopefully sometime in the next month.

O. Planning & Policy

The ALSA attorney has made some suggestions to eliminate ambiguity in the standing rules, by-laws and handbook.

P. Show Management – No Report

Q. Disabilities Committee

The committee is awaiting recommendations from the judges committee

R. Youth Committee

The Tony Rollin's Scholarship due date has been extended to September 5th. (See website for details.) The committee is currently looking for a transitional chair. Cheryl will send out letters this week to older youth.

S. Suri Group

The Suri Group will be having a conference call on the 19th of August to conclude their recommendations.

Motion made by Sandy Wickum, seconded by Carolyn Myers, to adjourn. Following a vote, the motion passed.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 8 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Myers

**MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2003**

Present

**Dick Sheehan, President
Dwayne Flinn, Vice President
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Carolyn Myers, Secretary
Carolann Evans, Director
Sandy Wickum, Director
Niki Kuklenski, Director
Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary**

CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski, seconded by Jeff Jones, to approve the August minutes as written. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

(See ALSA budget under New Business)

Executive Secretary's Report

No Report

Old Business

A. Communications

- 1. Mary Jo Miller's nominating committee and communication concerns have been addressed by President Sheehan and Carolyn Myers.**
- 2. Jim Krowka's concerns regarding the suri class have been forwarded to the Suri Committee. In addition, President Sheehan updated Mr. Krowka by e-mail.**
- 3. Debbie Shellabarger has requested a rule change to allow two grands and six reserve championships to receive a halter championship. Her request was forwarded to the Judges Committee.**

4. Letter received from Bob Johnson has been forwarded to the Judges Committee.
5. Heather Bamford, a member of the Suri Committee, forwarded her individual input to board members regarding the suri class.
6. Susan Tellez has requested that she be placed on inactive status as a judge. Her request was forwarded to the Judges Committee.
7. Communication from Larry Lewellyn will be responded to by Dwayne Flinn.
8. Letter from Donley Gardner was forwarded to the Regional and National Committees.
9. Letter from Kay Sharpnack was forwarded to the Suri Committee.

B. ILR/ALSA Joint Conference

Conference Call to discuss and consider what would be beneficial to both boards and to come up with an agenda.

New Business

A. ALSA Budget

The board discussed expenses for 2002 and 2003 and the fact that the reserves in the bank account were rapidly dwindling. Because of rising expenses, it has become necessary to raise some of the current ALSA fees. Jeff Jones made a motion to raise fees as follows: \$5 per animal and \$30 per farm for non-ALSA members, including youth; \$15 to transfer animals; \$20 to register animals; \$25 to research points. Sandy Wickum seconded the motion. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Any show that already has a booklet printed with the old rates will be allowed to maintain the \$3 fee.

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Niki Kuklenski, to amend the Handbook as follows:

Delete the sentence in the Handbook under Part C(1)(f)
"Exhibitors showing only in youth classes are exempted."

Amend the first sentence to read "Non-ALSA members must pay a \$30 fee per farm for showing their animals in ALSA llama and alpaca shows, including youth classes."

Following a vote, the motion passed.

B. Regional Transfers

Per the 13th Edition Handbook, Part E, Section 2(d)(7), Shylan Beardan's request to transfer her youth eligibility was approved.

Adults will not be considered for transferring regional location except as provided in Part E, Section 2(d)(9) of the 13th Edition Handbook.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Per Debbie Shellabarger, Committee Chair, the Alpaca Championship show plans are coming along nicely. A mass email has been sent ensuring that show packets have gone out and been received. Ribbons have been ordered from the Wheelers. Debbie expressed concern that the show sponsors were not yet listed on the ALSA web site. Cheryl Ryberg will contact Debbie to get information to resolve this issue.

Education Committee

No Report

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee has received a complaint that is being reviewed.

Fiber Committee

Recommendation has been tabled until the entire committee has seen it.

Grand National Committee

A simpler system for scoring has been proposed. Niki Kuklenski made a motion to adopt the new scoring system, seconded by Jeff Jones. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Debbie Shellabarger expressed concern that Grand National show sponsors have not been listed on the ALSA web site. Cheryl Ryberg thought this had

already been done, but will follow up.

Handbook Committee

Dwayne Flinn made a motion to accept Nelson Leonard on the Handbook Committee, to replace Cheryl Cave, seconded by Jeff Jones. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Judges Committee

The Judges Committee has reviewed and recommends for board consideration recertification of Penny Davidson as a Level III judge for a period of three years. Mrs. Davidson has sufficient continuing education credits and has no adverse comments in her file.

The Judges Committee recommends the following individuals be accepted as apprentice judges, based on their performance at a recent clinic and upon the clinic instructor's comments:

**Debbie Simmons, Niki Kuklenski, Karen Tallmon,
Wendy Cummins, Sherman Ackley, Ann Barkley,
Pamela Watson, Pamela Miller, Elizabeth Martin,
Susan Martinez, Irene Steward and Wayne Rankin.**

Motion made by Dwayne Flinn, seconded by Sandy Wickum, to accept the Judges Committee recommendations. Following a vote, the motion passed, with Niki Kuklenski abstaining.

Membership Committee

No Report

Nominating Committee

No Report

Performance Committee

The driving committee is continuing to work on the revision of the driving section of the rule book. The national performance committee should have courses to judges now for Grand Nationals.

Motion made by President Dick Sheehan, seconded by Sandy Wickum, to approve Linda Huene Soloman as a new member of the Performance

Committee.

Planning & Policy Committee

The committee is working with the ALSA attorney on the standing rules and bylaws.

Publications Committee

A contract with Gayle Woodsum is being considered.

Regional Committee

Western Regional deadline is incorrect on its entry. The correct deadline is October 6th.

Show Management

The ALSA office is to stress to show management that the questionnaire provided in their packet MUST be placed in every exhibitor's packet.

Youth Committee

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski, seconded by Dwayne Flinn, to accept Lauren Wright as the chair of the Youth Committee. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Youth With Disabilities Committee is awaiting approval from the Judges Committee on their proposal.

Tony Rollins Scholarship packets will be mailed to board members on 9/19/03. Each board member is to choose 1-10 placements. The name of each youth will be deleted before mailing to board members.

Niki Kuklenski will work with Lauren Wright and Jim Atkinson to coordinate the pizza party at Grand Nationals.

Suri Committee

The recommendations made by the Suri Committee will be forwarded to the Judges Committee. President Sheehan requested that board members discuss the recommendations by e-mail and bring the matter back up under New Business at the next board meeting.

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Dwayne Flinn, to adjourn. Following a vote, the motion passed.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14th AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Myers, Secretary**

MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2003

Present

**Dick Sheehan, President
Dwayne Flinn, Vice President
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Carolyn Myers, Secretary
Carolann Evans, Director
Sandy Wickham, Director
Niki Kuklenski, Director
Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary**

CALL TO ORDER

**Motion made by Jeff Jones to approve the September minutes as written.
Seconded by Sandy Wickham. Following a vote, the motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Investment Account	\$ 54,020.18
Checking Account	\$ 36,680.81
Scholarship Account	\$ 9,638.49*

***Scholarship paid out this month for Jessica Rothering**

Regionals have received their premium monies and three regions have returned their entry monies.

The entry money from the fleece show has not yet been returned to the office.

The Rocky Mountain Regional spent \$13,033.98 and collected \$11,320, resulting in a loss of \$1710. These figures are subject to verification when the superintendent's income/expense report is received.

Grand National has received a total of \$18,000 to date.

Executive Secretary's Report

No report.

Old Business

A. Communications

- 1. Susan Ravan's letter regarding obstacle cart driving at regionals and nationals was referred to the performance, regional and national committees.**
- 2. Marilyn Nenni's letter regarding suggested changes to age breakout for youth divisions was referred to the youth committee.**
- 3. Correspondence from Phyllis Wycoff, Debbie Shellabarger, Hank Kauffman and Tami Lash regarding the ALSA fee increase were referred to the web site for an explanation. In addition, an explanation will be included in the mailing for membership renewals for 2004.**
- 4. Tami Lash's inquiry regarding Adult Showmanship not being included in the Regionals or Nationals. This will happen in 2004, the first full year the new class will be in the handbook.**
- 5. Donley Gardner's letter regarding qualification for regionals and nationals was referred to the regional and national committees.**
- 6. Susan Tellez's e-mail to an individual board member was not considered an official correspondence to the board.**
- 7. Correspondence from Virginia Christenson, Linda Rogers, Wendy Cummins, Deb Garvin, Debby Ullrich and Nelson Leonard regarding the suri class were considered by the board before making a decision. President Sheehan will send letters to each of the above.**
- 8. Petition from Joanne Pottebaum was turned down and she was contacted by Cheryl Ryberg**
- 9. Karen Fenker's petition was approved by the board.**

B. ALSA Budget

President Sheehan will post an explanation of the new fee

structure on the web site and will include information gathered by Cheryl Ryberg from the records. Fee increases for youth and judges dues were not included in the September motions. Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Carolann Evans, to raise youth membership to \$25 and judges dues to \$50. Following a vote, the motion passed.

C. ILR Certificates

ILR has agreed to put ALSA information on the ILR certificates. Cheryl Ryberg will contact Jan Wassink, ILR Registrar, regarding transfer and verification of points.

New Business

A. Face to Face Meeting at Nationals

Meeting will be held at Nationals, beginning at 8a.m. on Thursday, November 6th, and is scheduled for the entire day.

B. Showring

Dwayne Flinn will present Gayle Woodsum's contract proposal to serve as editor of Showring at the face-to-face meeting in Lincoln, November 6th.

C. Financials for all regionals

Dwayne Flinn will gather all financial information from each region and present to the board at the meeting in Lincoln, November 6th.

D. Suri Class

Motion made by Carolann Evans, seconded by Carolyn Myers, to begin a suri class in 2004. Based upon recommendations received from the Suri Committee, Judges Committee and members, it will be a separate halter class and judging will be based on conformation as outlined in the handbook for other wool division halter classes. The guidelines will be presented at the open meeting at Nationals. Following a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

ALSA national Alpaca show will be held the weekend of October 18th.

Education Committee

Will send information regarding youth judging

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

**37 fleeces were entered at the regional show
\$1000 was raised for sponsorship**

Grand National Committee

Nationals are on schedule

Handbook Committee

Gayle Woodsum reports that the handbook changes are at the printer and have been sent to the ALSA office.

Judges Committee

- A. Carol Hicks has requested recertification as a Level III judge via continuing education credits. The committee reviewed the request and found that she had accumulated sufficient points for recertification. There are no adverse comments in her file, and she has adequately addressed an issue of show cancellations with the committee. Therefore, Mrs. Hicks meets the criteria for recertification.**

- B. With respect to the complaint of a standing rule violation by Susan Tellez, the committee makes the following recommendation: After discussion**

with Ms. Tellez, who adamantly defends her position with regard to an ILR ruling and has instituted an appeal of such ruling, the committee feels it would be premature and imprudent to take any punitive action until such time as the appeal has been concluded. Although the board discussed that the ILR does not have an appeal process, the board agreed with the judges committee recommendation.

- C. With respect to the complaint of standing rules violations by Penny Davidson, Tami Lash and Toni Knie, the committee find that this complaint is totally without merit. The show was delayed due to severe weather. Torrential downpours forced the show superintendent (Penny Davidson) to find a protected venue for what was to have been an outdoor show. As to a mother caring for her baby, this is a situation that does not bear comment. Both the judge (Toni Knie) and the exhibitor (Tami Lash) deny any inappropriate contact between judge and exhibitor before the show. The complaint relative to the performance course was simply a situation of a judge giving an exhibitor the opportunity to allow an animal to leave the course with a positive experience rather than a negative one. The obstacle had already been scored and the additional "attempt" had no effect on the score or final placement.
- D. The Suri Division. The committee continues to recommend that ALSA institute a Suri Llama Division effective with the 2004 show season. The division would be judged before light, medium and heavy wool divisions. Animals would be placed in the division based upon "type," with heavy emphasis on fleece characteristics. For at least the first year this division would be judged on "a comparative basis, using the lists of positive and negative traits and list of serious faults." The judging would be based on "soundness and conformation." The committee further proposes that, as early as is practical in 2004, a facilitated judges' conference be held to address, among other issues, additions to the Suri Llama judging criteria, including fleece.

This conference would also include appropriate industry representatives, e.g., representatives of the ALSA Board of Directors, the Suri Committee, the Suri Llama Association, the International Llama Registry, etc.

For 2004 the committee proposes the following as a working definition of a Suri Llama for the purposes of determining class eligibility:

Suri llamas have a naturally balanced athletic body type, which may appear more narrow than llamas of other fiber types when viewed from the front or rear aspect. The fleece of a suri llama hangs and drapes over the llama's body, usually forming a natural part along the spine. The fibers are grouped into a very distinctive and well-defined lock structure, which is indicated by the many individual separate locks of fiber formed near the skin and carrying out to the ends of each lock. The fleece should be lustrous, the locks consistent in size, and the degree of wave or spiral consistent throughout.

Motion made by Carolann Evans, seconded by Dwayne Flinn, to adopt the Judges Committee's recommendations. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Membership Committee

The committee made a proposal to send a letter to members that have not renewed. In addition, the committee made a proposal to send a letter to welcome new members.

Nominating Committee

No report

Performance Committee

Jeff Jones made a motion, seconded by Dwayne Flinn, that Wally Baker be accepted as the new chairperson of the Performance Committee. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Planning & Policy Committee

**The committee is working on removing ambiguities
in the wording of the standing rules.**

Protest Committee

Two protests are currently being investigated.

Publications Committee

**A contract will be discussed at Nationals at the
face to face meeting.**

Regionals Committee

The regionals are currently underway across the country.

Youth Committee

**Scholarship participants have been chosen by the board
and will be announced at Nationals. Niki Kuklenski has
contacted all applicants via phone and e-mail to let them
know the outcome of the awards.**

Suri Group

**President Sheehan will discuss with the group what the
board has decided with regard to a suri class.**

**Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Sandy Wickham, to adjourn. Following a
vote, the motion passed.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEEETING IS SCHEDULED
FOR NOVEMBER 6th AT 8:00 O'CLOCK A.M.,
IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Myers, Secretary**

MINUTES OF THE ALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2003

Present

**Dick Sheehan, President
Dwayne Flinn, Vice President
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Carolyn Myers, Secretary
Carolann Evans, Director
Sandy Wickham, Director
Niki Kuklenski, Director
Cheryl Ryberg, Executive Secretary
Tom Hayden, ALSA Attorney**

CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Sandy Wickham, to approve the October minutes as written. Following a vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$ 67,549.00
Investment Account	\$ 55,638.00
Scholarship Account	\$ 9,638.00

Executive Secretary's Report

**41 new shows in 2003
99 shows have increased in number of animals
80 shows have decreased in number of animals
40 historic shows were not renewed**

**Over 250 additional animals showed in 2003
Over 200 new members in 2003, but lost approximately
200 members, so the 2003 total remains about the same
Youth memberships were down by 37; however, several
youth members became adult members**

**Cheryl Ryberg made a proposal for a retail store on the
ALSA website to sell items with the ALSA logo on llama
and alpaca-related items. Following discussion and
consideration, the Board approved the proposal. Cheryl
will draw up a contract to implement the store. (See
motion below.)**

Old Business

A. Communications

- 1. Mary Jo Miller , Tami Lash & Ron Baird sent
e-mails to the Board concerning the increase in
ALSA fees. President Sheehan communicated
with each of them explaining the reason for the
increases. This information will also be sent to
the entire membership and included in the
renewal packets. In addition, this information
is on the ALSA web site.**
- 2. Phil Feiner sent several ideas for making the
Regionals more successful. This information
was forwarded to the Regional Committee for
consideration and will be considered by the
Board for future changes to the Regionals.**
- 3. Mark Taylor sent an e-mail to the Board
regarding a judge's attendance at a regional
banquet. This information was forwarded to**

the judges committee.

4. **Kathy Lamphear's petition to replace her grandson's animals due to aggression was denied. President Sheehan responded and pointed out that the handbook only has a provision to replace llamas that have died or have been sold.**
5. **Larry Llewellyn sent several e-mails to the Board expressing concerns and making suggestions regarding regional shows. He also expressed concerns regarding the ALSA 2002-2003 financials. President Sheehan covered each of Mr. Llewellyn's concerns in some detail at the open membership meeting at Nationals, which was attended by Mr. Llewellyn.**
6. **Lisa Saunders' request to approved a triple-point show was approved. (See motion below.)**

New Business

- A. **2004 ALSA Budget deferred until next Board meeting.**
- B. **Regionals Financial Report**
 1. **Cut \$1000 per region. (See motion below.)**
 2. **Because the 2003 Regionals as a whole did not not lose money this year, we will try one more year without any drastic changes.**
 3. **Total number of judges at regionals will be determined by the number of performance**

entries.

4. **Kathy Geyer will replace Joe & Sandra Payne as superintendents of the Central Region show. (See motion below.)**
5. **Great Lakes Region request for \$100 extra for Beth Meyers was not approved. (See motion below.)**
6. **Great Lakes petition and letter written regarding their 2004 regional show was considered; need a cost proposal for facilities, volunteers, etc.**
7. **Need to back up the date for regionals to allow the superintendent and secretary for Nationals at least a month to prepare entries, stalling, etc.**
8. **Regional Championships 2003 financials.**

Eastern	Income	\$ 10,409
	Expenses	<u>11,529</u>
	Loss	(1,120)
Southeastern	Income	20,935
	Expenses	<u>18,386</u>
	Profit	2,549
Central	Income	18,885
	Expenses	<u>17,076</u>
	Profit	1,809

Western	Income	17,335
	Expenses	<u>15,555</u>
	Profit	1, 780
Rocky Mount	Income	11,672
	Expenses	<u>14,238</u>
	Loss	(2,566)
Great Lakes	Income	16,775
	Expenses	<u>15,505</u>
	Profit	1,270
Buckeye	Income	11,130
	Expenses	<u>13,707</u>
	Loss	(2,577)
TOTALS	Profit	\$ 7,408
	Loss	<u>6,263</u>
	Net Profit	\$ 1,145

C. Handbook

- 1. New suri class needs to be organized and added to the handbook.**
- 2. Need committee changes submitted to the Board by December 15th, 2003, in order to have changes approved to be reprinted in the handbook January 2004.**

D. Randall Lawsuit

ALSA attorney Tom Hayden reported that the lawsuit was progressing very slowly. It may take as long as a year before the case goes to trial. To alleviate any concerns members may have regarding the expenses of the lawsuit, the expense of defending the lawsuit is being covered by ALSA's insurance company and has cost ALSA members no money to date.

E. Executive Secretary's Contract

Current contract was renewed for 2004. The Executive Secretary will submit a 2005 renewal contract to the Board by July 2004.

Motion made by Jeff Jones, seconded by Sandy Wickham, to renew Cheryl Ryberg's contract. Following a vote, the motion was adopted.

F. Showring

- 1. Treasurer Jeff Jones submitted a proposal from Able Publishing to publish Showring. Jeff will relay the Board's concerns regarding advertising rates to Doug Able and report back to the Board.**
- 2. Back up CDs of Showring were given to Cheryl Ryberg for safekeeping at the ALSA office.**
- 3. Cheryl Ryberg will research the recorder expense**

re: Mark Smith

- 4. Vice President Dwayne Flinn will convey to Gayle Woodsum that the Board is considering the proposal from Able Publishing.**

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

60 entries participated in the Alpaca Championship show; the Board is awaiting a recap from Penny Davidson, who served as the show superintendent. A check in the amount of \$1081 has been mailed to the ALSA office.

Education Committee

No report.

Elections Committee

No report.

Ethics Committee

No report.

Fiber Committee

The National Fleece Show, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Regional show, received 37 entries. Buckeye region will be asked if they would like to host the 2004 national

show. (See motion below.)

Grand National Committee

Jeff Jones requested that there be at least 30 days between the regionals and grand national shows.

Handbook Committee

All changes should be organized by the January 14, 2004, board meeting for review.

Judges Committee

The judges committee submitted several pages of instructions for the Board's review regarding the new suri class, to be presented to the judges at their annual meeting.

Membership Committee

The Board discussed the fact that the membership committee needs to be restructured. The new liaison, Carolann Evans, will get started right away.

Also looking into the possibility of welcome letters to new members and exit interviews for members who choose not to renew. Carolann will work with the ALSA office on this most likely beginning in 2004.

Nominating Committee

No report.

Performance Committee

- 1. The driving committee is working on presenting some changes and have requested another conference call.**
- 2. Jeff Jones expressed concerns regarding liability issues which could possibly result should someone be injured by driving carts, due to an incident at the Southeastern regional show. Jeff suggested that llamas and carts be led to the arena by exhibitors and only driven in the arena.**
- 3. Wally Baker has requested, and is putting together, a formal proposal for a conference call for his committee.**

Planning & Policy Committee

No report.

Protest Committee

Two protests are still being investigated.

Publications Committee

No report.

Regionals Committee

No report.

Show Management Committee

No report.

Youth Committee

The youth committee has had their recommendation for adding youth judging as a point earning class approved.

Youth judging should have year-end high points and a superior award.

The youth committee's recommendation is to have youth judging handled like all other youth classes.

Per the rules of the ALSA handbook, there should be at least three youth entered in a judging class in order for first or second place to count toward the judging superior. Once a youth earns a superior, they will automatically qualify for Grand Nationals in judging every year until they are no longer in the youth category.

This program will begin in January 2004 and will not be retroactive to previous placings and wins prior to this date.

Suri Group

No report.

Motion made by Niki Kuklenski, seconded by Sandy Wickham, to adopt the following motions:

- 1. That the Board approve Lisa Saunders'**

request for a triple show; however, a criteria needs to be established for future shows to be approved by the Board for any show with more than two judges.

- 2. To cut \$1000 per region from premium money at regionals, with the exception of youth premiums; to allow an additional judge, hired on a one-day basis, in regions with a large number of performance classes; to approve Kathy Geyer as Superintendent for the Central Region regional show.**
- 3. To deny the Great Lakes region request to pay Beth Meyers an additional \$100.**
- 4. To approved Cheryl Ryberg's request for an ALSA store to be posted on the website and in Showring magazine, to be managed by Cheryl, who will present a written contract at the next Board meeting.**
- 5. To approve a National Fleece Show, moving the location to another region for 2004.**
- 6. Beginning with the 2004 show season, youth participating in the Youth Judging Program will earn points and awards the same as other youth classes.**
- 7. In order to receive points in the Adult Showmanship class, members will have to purchase a recording number from the ALSA office, the same as if they were recording an animal. Members who do not obtain a recording**

number may still compete but will not collect awards or points.

Following a vote, the motions passed.

Motion made by Sandy Wickham , seconded by Jeff Jones to adjourn. Following a vote, the motion passed.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th, AT 8:00 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Myers, Secretary**