

# **Board minutes from meeting 1/11/05**

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. EST

## **Board members present:**

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

**Jeff moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the 7 December 2004 meeting be approved. Motion passed with Barb, Jeff and Tami voting yes and Larry voting no.**

All BOD members were open to the idea of Larry becoming Secretary.

**Barb moved and Jeff seconded to appoint Larry as ALSA Secretary. Motion passed.**

## **Treasurers Report**

ALSA Checking	\$13,660.15
ALSA Investment	\$105,364.54
ALSA Scholarship	\$10,488.46

The BOD was presented the cash flow for the entire 2004 year. Additionally, a draft budget for 2005 was presented with 2004 budgeted amounts and actuals for 2004. With the exception of approximately \$2,000.00, all bills incurred in 2004 have been paid. The provided documents will be sent to the Finance Committee to work in conjunction with the Treasurer for putting into a publishable form for the members information on the web site.

**Tami moved and Barb seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.**

## **Administrative Manager's Report**

The DSL Line, new server and updated network have been installed and are working in the ALSA Office.

Doug Able has been sent email address' of all ALSA members to be used only for official Showing business.

Year End Financials have been completed and are being prepared to send to the CPA for Audit, the January reconcile from the bank will have to be received before it can be finished. The office has looked at the possibility of using ILR numbers in the ALSA system. To date, we do keep track of all ILR numbers on animals that have "ALSA Numbers." We also issue "na" numbers to animals that qualify by placements for Regional and National. In total we have approximately 19,000 animals keyed into our system. In order to start to use ILR numbers we would have to differentiate between ALSA Recorded animals and "NA" or Non ALSA numbers. So, in addition to using the ILR number, we would also have to use a number already existing in our system. To get an idea of the complication of such, last year we had approximately 23,000 animals that entered into our show system. Of those animals in 2004, 19,580 pages were recorded with points or qualifying. To incorporate another 6 digit (ILR) number, it would cause our staff here to key in another 117,480 key strokes, I can only see as this causing unnecessary work and create possibilities of more errors.

To date we have 917 members renewed or new for 2004. 74 are NEW Members. Final Points for Animals will be mailed by the end of January.

Software for Show management being tested and slated to go out by the end of January.

**Tami moved and Barb seconded to accept the Administrative Manager's report. Motion passed.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Alpaca Committee**

The Alpaca Committee recommends the ALSA BOD approve changing the date in the handbook for alpacas eligibility to show from six months to five months to make them consistent with the llama classes.

**Tami moved and Jeff seconded that the eligibility for showing alpacas in the handbook be changed to five (5) months. Motion passed.**

### **Election Committee**

The Election Committee is in the process of revising the nomination form and will have it on the web site shortly. They have revised their checklist outlining tasks and dates for actions required for planning the annual election and have provided that checklist to the BOD and to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee for their information. The Election Committee submits Sherry Adamcyk as a member for board approval.

**Larry moved, Tami seconded the above member be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Ethics Committee**

The Ethics Committee is working with the Protest Committee at the present time to resolve a protest that was never finalized. They are also writing an article for Showing.

### **Fiber Committee**

The Fiber Committee is in the process of finalizing future fiber clinics and looking into combining these with Judges Clinics by adding an extra day for fiber training. They will work together with the Judges Committee for recruiting qualified instructors for these clinics.

### **Finance and Budget Committee**

No Report

### **Grand National Committee**

Financial report from Grand Nationals was received and reviewed. Financial Reports from both the Grand Nationals and individual Regional Championships will be posted on the web after formatting correction for publication. Barb will ensure the Regional information and Jeff will ensure the Grand National information is provided to the office for posting. Jeff will provide items from the suggestion box to the BOD for discussion at the next meeting. Halter Judges Lavona Fercho, Darlene Vaughn, Beth Meyers and performance Judges Mary Jo Miller and Lougene Baird are submitted for approval for 2005 Grand Nationals. Still waiting for the final 2 performance judges.

**Tami moved, Barb seconded that the nominated judges be approved. Motion passed**

### **Handbook Committee**

The Handbook Committee has been very busy putting the results of the handbook conference into a finalized version. They expect to have a disc ready and sent to all Board Members by next week for proof reading. Committee members submitted to the BOD for approval are: Margaret Henry, Greg Watson, Debbie Shallabarger, Debbie Gatskill, Sandra Jones.

**Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the above members be approved. Motion passed.**

## **Judges Committee**

The following is a list of items for which the Judges' Committee is requesting Board approval. Also included on this list are items on which the Committee is working and providing to update the board.

1. The committee recommends the following changes to the suri wool description. Changes appear in bold:

*Suri Wool: Suri llamas have a natural balanced, athletic type body 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 should have a natural luster and hang and drape over the llamas body, usually forming a natural part along the spine **and exhibit a cool, slick hand.** The fibers are grouped into a very distinctive and well defined lock structure, which is indicted by the many individual separate locks of fiber formed at the skin and carrying out to the ends of each lock. The fleece should be lustrous, the locks independent and consistent in size, and the degree of wave or spiral content throughout the neck and body. **The fiber is also characterized by absence of crimp and minimal loft.***

2. The committee requests approval of an Advanced Judging Clinic to be held in Bend, OR at Aloha Llamas. Sherry and Doug Sheridan are the hosts. This clinic will be scheduled early spring 2005.

3. The Chair of the Judges committee requests Board approval of Lougene Baird to replace Penny Davidson on the Judges Committee.

4. The committee continues to work on the Board's directive regarding fiber clinics/seminars to be held during 2005 to provide training for judges who lack fiber experience so that the Suri Wool Division can be more adequately supported. It is very likely that these clinics/seminars will be incorporated into fiber and/or judging clinics that are being offered during the year.

5. The committee acknowledges receipt of a lengthy list on concerns regarding show rules from the committee's Board liaison. The committee will prepare a response to these concerns and will present that response by the next board meeting.

**Jeff moved and Barb seconded that the Judges Committee report be approved in total. Motion passed.**

## **Membership Committee**

The labels are prepared and being sent out to the chairman on 1/6/05 to get questionnaire ready for mailing. Questionnaire is ready except for the Board's final approval on one question - concerning ET's being shown. Once that issue is resolved, the questionnaire will be printed and mailed to all members. Committee is working on a listing of ALSA members to submit for special recognition at Nationals for outstanding work, commitment, etc. Committee will report on results of questionnaire, hopefully, at next Board meeting.

## **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee has filled their members in accordance with the handbook and submits their names for BOD approval. They are awaiting the answer to the question of the current BOD term of office so they can begin work on nominations for this years general election.

**Larry voted for, Tami, Jeff and Barb against approving the names as submitted.**

## **Performance Committee**

The committee is currently examining the Manual for Designing Obstacles printed by ALSA. Some obstacles have already been identified that need to be deleted and others

revised. The format of the manual needs to be changed to be of greater help for those constructing obstacles for local shows. The committee will make available for consideration by the Board and on the website if feasible, detailed drawings relative to the construction of ALSA approved obstacles which are safe for the exhibitor and the llamas. The committee is also currently examining the 13th edition of the handbook for possible additions and deletions of obstacle measurements that are currently in use. The committee requests that judges send examples of original and safe obstacles that they might encounter when they are judging. It would be helpful if the show superintendent could provide the judge with a drawing/photograph of the obstacle. Members submitted for BOD approval are: Tom Rothering, George Clements, Norris Berg, and Mary Ann Baker. **Tami moved, Barb seconded that the committee members be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Promotions Committee**

The Promotions Committee is still in the process of forming its membership. Penny proposed and all agreed to request this committee begin looking for corporate sponsors for the Grand Nationals. The BOD also requests the committee begin a dialog with LFA on possible combined promotional ideas. Committee member selected thus far is Bob La Morte.

**Tami moved, Barb seconded that Bob La Morte be approved for this committee. Motion Passed.**

### **Protest Committee**

The committee is still working on trying to resolve one protest that has not yet been answered. There is no time frame yet on this protest but hope to resolve it quickly. Additionally, there is one other protest in the works at this time. Committee Chairman has selected Sue Davis as a member.

**Barb moved, Jeff seconded that Sue Davis be approved for this committee. Motion Passed.**

### **Publications Committee**

All 2004 regional results along with photos where available of Grand and Reserve Champions will be included in the next issue of Showring. All Regional Superintendents have been advised to send results and photos to Able Publishing. 2004 ROM and Championships will be listed in the next issue and we are hoping to set a precedence to list these annually in the first issue of the new year. Able Publishing suggests to the BOD that we try going to 4 issues per year at this time. They are also proposing to offer 10% off advertisements for multiple issue advertisements over business card size. Able Publishing also requested advertisers be allowed to lock in prime spots for 1 year. The BOD agreed in principle, but had some concerns on how these might be allocated and is requesting additional information on how this might be handled. In order to save costs, the BOD has agreed inserts will not be allowed in Showring at this time and only 1 issue per household will be sent unless requested for a second copy for youth. The BOD wishes the Committee Chair to make clear to Able Publishing that the mailing list of ALSA members provided can only be used for official Showring publication purposes. The Committee is working on many ideas for future issues of Showring content.

**Barb moved, Tami seconded that all the above initiatives, proposals and requests be approved. Motion passed.**

Members submitted for BOD approval at this time are Rick Neal, Barb Baker and Lee Steiner.

**Tami moved, Jeff seconded that committee members be approved. Motion Passed.**

## **Regionals Committee**

A letter was received from the LFA regarding conflicting dates for two of the ALSA Regionals and LFA in September. The two concerned Regionals have their dates locked in and cannot be changed. The BOD decided that although not a perfect solution, we would look favorably on an individual basis of allowing those members affected to attend a regional outside of their home region this year only. Penny will respond to LFA on the above decision. The BOD requests the Regional Chairman solicit prices for regional ribbons and subsequently order the ribbons from the lowest bidder.

## **Show Management Committee**

The Show Management Chairman submitted member's names for BOD approval.

**Larry and Barb voted for, Tami, Jeff and Penny against approving the names as submitted.**

## **Website Committee**

The Website committee is starting work on the first cut at a review of the format and content to be followed up by recommendations. The following members are submitted for BOD approval: Linda Heuniqu-Soloman and Marilyn Nenni.

**Jeff moved, Barb seconded that the members be approved. Motion passed.**

## **Youth Committee**

Chairman is working hard to get committee membership filled out. BOD requests committee look at recommendations previously sent and fund raising ideas for the Tony Rollins Scholarship fund. Additionally request the committee send the revised Youth Judging Manual to the office for posting on the website.

**Tami moved and Barb seconded that all the committee reports unless otherwise noted be approved as written. Motion Passed.**

## **Old Business**

The office will provide each BOD member a disc with the proposed show management software on it to take a look prior to sending out to show supervisors. Cheryl will talk to the Show Management committee regarding this software.

Each committee is to be asked through their liaison to come up with written guidelines detailing what they do as a committee and how they accomplish their tasks. The purpose is to have a book that can be passed from chairman to chairman to allow a smooth transition as committees members and chairmen change.

A listing of what worked well and what didn't work so well at our last GN is being developed and will be forwarded to the GN committee for their response.

A letter of suggestions for improving aspects of ALSA was received from Niki & Jeff Kuklenski. The responses from the BOD and committees will be tabled until next meeting.

All committee chairmen are now approved and are posted on the website along with the liaisons. E-mail addresses will be added for those chairmen. All committee members will be posted under their respective committees once they have all been selected and approved.

## **New Business**

prior to it becoming a possible issue, the board requests the Judges Committee and the Ethics Committee provide an opinion on how cloned llamas or alpacas should be handled in ALSA shows.

Judges, Regionals and Nationals Committees are requested to give their input on the possibility and requirements for providing a class at regionals and nationals for exhibitors with handicaps.

The comments from the open forum held at Grand Nationals were addressed and will be sent back to Kay Sharpnak. At her request, they will be posted on the website.

Changes to the standing rules received from the Policy and Plans committee to take out the inconsistencies between the bylaws, standing rules and handbook were reviewed.

**Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the standing rules, revised 12/31/04, be approved. Motion passed.**

A letter was received from Heather Bamford reviewing the experiences of the first year of offering a suri class. Letter will be sent to the Judges Committee for their review and comments. Jeff will answer Heather telling her of the letter's disposition.

the BOD requires a legal opinion on the terms of office that the current BOD was elected in the special election. Jeff will contact the ALSA Lawyer this week.

A letter was received from Norma Crocker concerning some exhibitors difficulty in lifting 20 lbs. when removing panniers. This letter will be sent to the performance committee for their recommendation.

Penny responded via e-mail to verbal request from the ILR to possibly establish a dialog between our organizations. ILR reported they hadn't received the e-mail, so Penny will resend it.

**Larry moved, Jeff seconded a motion to open a dialog between ALSA and ILR. Motion passed,**

**Jeff moved, Larry seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 PM EST. Motion passed.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Larry Crumrine  
ALSA Secretary**

## **Board minutes from meeting 2/15/05**

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. EST

### **Board members present:**

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

**Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the minutes from the 11 January 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Treasurers Report**

ALSA Checking	\$12,170.70
ALSA Investment	\$105,364.54
ALSA Scholarship	\$11,485.20
Total	\$129,020.44

The 2004 Audit has been prepared and only lacks the letter from the ALSA Lawyer to be complete and that will be sent to the accountant this week. The Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets along with the Statement of Revenue and Expenses will be posted to the website when the above is completed.

**Barb moved and Larry seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.**

### **Administrative Manager's Report**

81 Shows have signed up for 2005 Sanctioning. 11 of these are either new or added judged shows to existing ones. Final checks on 2004 shows are in progress and printouts should be ready for mailing along with 2005 shows posted to the website by the end of the month. Show management software has been reviewed. It was sent back to Grant for added field options and the software will be presented to the Show Management Committee for review very soon. The ALSA Webstore is up and running. ALSA share of the expense of the Webstore inventory is \$943. ALSA share of money received is \$391 leaving a balance of \$552 (ALSA money) invested in the Webstore. As items are depleted they will be jointly replaced. The ALSA Office has begun to collect information on problems with results etc. A report will be prepared quarterly and summarized at the end of the year with all situations carefully documented. This will be helpful to see where the mistakes are being made. These records will be made available to the board at the November face to face.

### **Committee Reports**

All committees have now been approved and will be posted on the website and Showing with contact information for the Chairperson.

## **Alpaca Committee**

The Alpaca Committee is working on trying to come up with ways to encourage shows or include alpaca halter classes. The North American Alpaca Show will be an ALSA show this year.

## **Election Committee**

No report

## **Ethics Committee**

Ethic's has been in contact with several groups and organizations to see if their beliefs and rules are the same as ALSA'S. This is to make sure that all are in agreement as the llama community moves forward.

## **Fiber Committee**

The Fiber Committee is working with the Judges Committee to assist in putting on the first seminar for judges to allow them to get their training. An advanced Fiber Clinic will be held in May and the committee is looking at a beginning clinic in March to be held in Arizona or New Mexico.

## **Finance and Budget Committee**

No Report

## **Grand National Committee**

The contact has been signed for the 2005 Nationals to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska with no increases in cost from last year. Comments from the suggestion box at Grand Nationals was provided to the board. The Committee Chairman has personally called each person who submitted a suggestion and signed their name. The Nationals Committee recommends the ribbons for 2005 remain the same as 2004. The Committee believes using different colors for placings down to 10<sup>th</sup> place degrades the lower placings. Likewise, the Committee believes designating ribbons for the first and second place winners in a class as "Class Champions", degrades the real overall Division Champions.

## **Handbook Committee**

The handbook is with the BOD for final approval and will be posted to the web. All members are asked to look at the handbook and let us know if they see any glaring mistakes prior to printing.

## **Judges Committee**

The following is a list of items for which the Judges' Committee is requesting Board approval. Also included on this list are items on which the Committee is working and providing to update the board.

1. The committee requests board approval of the following changes in certification level:



Simon Zadina from Level II to Level III  
Toni Knie from Level I to Level II

2. The committee requests re-certification of Linda Rodgers as Level II Llama Judge based upon Continuing Education Credits. Re-certification would be for a three year period ending December 2007.
3. The committee recommends reinstatement of Deb Yeagle as Level II Llama Judge; Level II Alpaca Judge; and Alpaca Fleece Judge.
4. Due to lack of Level III Alpaca Judges, the committee recommends that the board approve on a one-time only basis a waiver for Tim Lavan, AOBA Certified Alpaca Judge, to judge at the Western Ohio Triple Crown Alpaca Show.
5. Based upon Darrell Anderson's extensive livestock judging experience and performance as a Level II Llama judge last year, the committee recommends that the board permit a one-time waiver of his maximum number of animals for the Grand Slam show to be held in April 2005. It should however be made clear to the Show Management that in the future it is imperative that the proper level judge be hired. The committee recognizes that it is difficult to predict how any given show will be accepted, but when in doubt the higher level judge should be contracted.
6. The committee continues to work on the Board's directive regarding fiber clinics/seminars to be held during 2005 to provide training for judges who lack fiber experience so that the Suri Wool Division can be more adequately supported. The first of these seminars will be offered in conjunction with the Advanced Fiber Clinic to be held in WI in May.
7. The committee has reviewed the Board's intention to offer special needs classes at Regional Championship Shows and at the Grand National and would offer the following comments. Given the current climate and emphasis on inclusion, any classes offered should be strictly voluntary, that is, the exhibitor and/or parents or guardians of the exhibitor should be permitted to choose between these special classes and the regular classes that are offered.
8. The committee has been asked to comment on the concept of a "3-in-1" Fleece Show, that is, a triple judged fleece show. The committee has no objection to this concept and urges the Board to approve the Laurel Highlands Fleece Show as a triple judged show.
9. The committee has not completed its review of the lengthy list of concerns regarding show rules that was received from the committee's Board liaison. The committee will prepare a response to these concerns and will present that response by the next board meeting.
10. The committee chair requests board approval to purchase a PowerPoint projector to be used in Judge Training Clinics. The projector would also be available for

other purposes such as at the Grand National. The cost of a projector is \$1000 to \$1500.

11. The Advanced Judges Clinic hosted by Phil Feiner and approved at the last board meeting has been rescheduled and will now happen late summer or early fall. The date will be finalized and presented to the board for approval.

**Jeff moved and Tami seconded that the Judges Committee report be approved in total. Motion passed.**

### **Membership Committee**

An interim report from the 300 plus membership surveys received so far was presented. Following completion of all received surveys, a final report will be presented and published on the website.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is awaiting the official answer to the question of the current BOD terms of office so they can finalize work on nominations for this years general election. (See Old Business)

### **Performance Committee**

The committee is diligently working on the performance changes, additions and modifications that we would like to be considered by the BOD involving safety issues with obstacles used at shows. The committee is in favor of incorporating Special Needs classes into the regionals and Nationals shows. The committee is looking into the letter sent to the BOD by Kathy & William Knapp on possible performance modifications.

### **Policy & Planning Committee**

The committee submitted to the BOD the requested duties, responsibilities and procedures used by the committee when receiving comments, suggestions, or questions from members or the BOD.

### **Promotions Committee**

The Committee is working on looking into ways to increase ALSA exposure at other related functions in addition to developing more promotional materials. Operating procedures for the Committee are being developed for use by future members use as well as the BOD. Corporate funding for the Regionals and Grand Nationals is also being looked into.

### **Protest Committee**

The Protest Committee has completed the three outstanding protests and will be submitting the reports with recommendations to the Board for their approval.

### **Publications Committee**

The committee plans to have the following features in Showring:

Youth Spotlight

Club Feature

Guest Veterinarian Article

### Special Events Column

We will continue to solicit articles from members.

We have checked with ILR about reprinting articles from their website and were told the permission has to come from the writer. We will continue working on this. The committee will work closely with Doug Able in preparing Showring.

### Regionals Committee

The committee is in favor of holding a special Needs Performance Class at both Regionals and Nationals shows.

### Show Management Committee

The Show Management Committee submitted comments on the suggestions regarding the "Point based award proposal". These will be sent to Publications and Website Committees as well as the Office for comments.

### Website Committee

No Report

### Youth Committee

The Committee is busy working on the Youth Judging Manual, ways to replenish the Tony Rollins Scholarship funds and the Youth in the Spotlight feature for Showring.

**Tami moved and Jeff seconded that all the committee reports and requests be approved as written. Motion Passed.**

### Old Business

Again each committee is to be asked through their liaison to come up with written guidelines detailing what they do as a committee and how they accomplish their tasks. The purpose is to have a book that can be passed from chairman to chairman to allow a smooth transition as committees members and chairmen change. These guidelines when received should be sent to the other BOD members and the Office for keeping.

The Board re-looked and discussed in depth the issue resubmitted by Kay Sharpnack on changing birth dates for animals to 1 January for showing purposes. It was again decided that this issue had been sent to committee previously and came back with a recommendation that this change not be made. Nothing has changed in the meantime so the **BOD does not approve the change at this time.**

Jeff will call Heather Bamford regarding her letter discussed last meeting and explain that issues brought up in her letter are still with the Judges Committee.

### New Business

After receiving input from the applicable committees, **Tami moved and Barb seconded that the Regionals and Nationals Superintendents implement one showmanship class and one obstacle class for those with special needs at each of these shows.**

**The criteria for qualifying for Regionals and Nationals is to have participated in an ALSA show during the year. Motion Passed**

The BOD has received recommendations from the Judges and Ethics Committee on not allowing potentially cloned animals into ALSA shows. The same question will be sent to the Show Management Committee.

A page on the ALSA website will be developed to update members on a monthly basis of the latest happenings and outstanding issues being worked by the BOD as well as answering concerns expressed through various forums. The BOD will work toward having the first installment posted during the first week of March 2005 and monthly thereafter.

A letter was received from Tammie Munson requesting pictures of all winners at Grand Nationals be included in Showring and that the Hall of Fame pictures include all Winners regardless of size of division participating. Missing pictures of the winners at Grand Nationals will be published in the next issue of Showring. The Hall of Fame issue has been sent to the Grand Nationals Committee.

**Jeff moved, Barb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM EST. Motion passed.**

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 8 at 7:00 PM EST.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Larry Crumrine  
ALSA Secretary**

## **Board minutes from meeting 3/8/05**

President called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. EST

### **Board members present:**

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

**Tami moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the 15 February 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Treasurers Report**

ALSA Checking	\$32,269.02
ALSA Investment	\$105,364.54
ALSA Scholarship	\$11,485.20
Total	\$149,118.76

### **Administrative Manager's Report**

Members animal and Youth reports have been printed and mailed during this past month. There were over 19,000 pages of animal reports and about 700 youth reports. Reports mailed with errors have begun to come in and are being handled and documented. Youth Top Ten Awards are being calculated and will be published to the website. The office has helped to proof the ALSA Handbook and are continuing to facilitate new shows and new members. The office is also going over the suggestions supplied by the Membership Committee's Survey and doing one final renewal reminder and extending the deadline for renewals for directory as the directory will be delayed slightly due to the publishing, printing and mailing of the 14th Edition Handbook

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Alpaca Committee**

No Report

#### **Election Committee**

The Election Committee is nearing completion of reorganizing our procedure notes. The bylaws changes from the last two election are being incorporated.

#### **Ethics Committee**

No report

#### **Fiber Committee**

June Black and Fran Soukup have volunteered to update and organized all paperwork that would be helpful to use when putting on a Shorn Fleece Show. When it is

complete, they will pass all to the Fiber committee members for our review and then have the office start to include those forms with all Fleece sanctioning material. Sharon Beacham is working on the suri supplement class information that will be used at the Advanced Fleece Judging Clinic.

## **Finance and Budget Committee**

No Report

## **Grand National Committee**

No Report

## **Handbook Committee**

The draft 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the handbook is now posted on the web and members are submitting corrections they have found. The BOD wants to thank those members who have taken the time to read the draft and submitted corrections. The handbook with the corrections will be going to the printer shortly.

## **Judges Committee**

The following is the Judges' Committee report for March.

1. Jennifer Doran Lane has resigned from the Judges' Committee. The committee will recommend a replacement for Jennifer by the April Board meeting.
2. An Advanced Judging Clinic will take place March 18, 19, and 20 in Bend, OR. To date there are 11 participants scheduled for the clinic.
3. A Beginning Judging Clinic is scheduled for June 24, 25, and 26 in Colorado. Registration forms are on the website.
4. An Advanced Judging Clinic will be held late summer or early fall in New York. Dates will be finalized soon and publicity will be sent out.
5. The first fiber seminar for halter judges is scheduled for May 20 in Wisconsin. The seminar will be held in conjunction with an advanced fiber clinic. Information about this clinic will be communicated to the judges in the near future.

## **Membership Committee**

The results of the survey with a synopsis of the replies were presented to the BOD. (see new business)

## **Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee is encouraging qualified individuals to run for the BOD now that it has been confirmed which regions are open to seat the last 2 BOD members.

## **Performance Committee**

No Report

## **Policy & Planning Committee**

No Report

## **Promotions Committee**

The Committee will be meeting at the Celebrity in April for a face to face. They have been working on numerous ideas for ways to enhance ALSA publicity such as a booth at the National FFA convention this year. (See New business)

### **Protest Committee**

The Protest Committee has completed the three outstanding protests and has submitted the reports with recommendations to the Board for their approval. The committee recommends the protest concerning misrepresentation of an exhibitors age be upheld and the party put on probation for one year. They recommend the protest concerning the awarding of a seventh place ribbon at the 2004 Nationals be upheld and the ribbon be awarded. The money for the submittal of these protests will be returned to the protestor and the details of these protests will be published in Showring. It is recommended the third protest be denied. There are no additional outstanding protests at this time. **Tami moved and Jeff seconded the Protest Committee's recommendations be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Publications Committee**

The committee submitted a number of new ideas concerning articles and features to the ALSA Board of Directors. These ideas were for the most part approved and many of them will appear for the first time in the upcoming issue of Showring. Announcements concerning ideas for articles and calls for show requests are being responded to by the membership. The committee hopes to continue to have a strong interest by the membership in their magazine and to feature articles that will be helpful to the members.

### **Regionals Committee**

The committee will be requesting information from the office on status of contracts signed by the different regions. Additional information may be needed to assist in taking a closer look at regional boundries. They will work with the liaison and the office to gather this info.

### **Show Management Committee**

The committee is not in favor of offering cloned animals a place in the show ring and llama community. If ALSA were to accept cloned animals, we will become less of a "breed" organization and more of an organization where those individuals who have the money to spend on cloning, will be the winners. In a way, we are all limited by our budgets in that it affects the level and quality of the breeding stock we have. At least with the current rules and regulations, we have to rely on the almighty to some extent to see if what we are breeding for materializes. By offering cloning, we are eliminating the one piece of the puzzle that keeps us all on a somewhat level playing field. The committee has similar feelings towards Embryo Transfers in that it is a practice reserved for those individuals with the means to perform them. However, at least with ET, there is still some degree of Gods Will playing it's part, albeit to a lesser degree then those of us who breed the old fashioned way

### **Website Committee**

No Report

### **Youth Committee.**

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

**Barb moved and Larry seconded that all the committee reports be approved as written. Motion Passed.**

## **Old Business**

Again each committee is to be asked through their liaison to come up with written guidelines detailing what they do as a committee and how they accomplish their tasks. The purpose is to have a book that can be passed from chairman to chairman to allow a smooth transition as committees members and chairmen change. These guidelines when received should be sent to the other BOD members and the Office for keeping.

The agenda and time for a teleconference with the ILR is still being worked.

Spiral bound handbooks will be provided each judge and show superintendent free of charge for convenience purposes. The additional cost will be approximately \$1.75 each.

A memorandum was received from the ALSA lawyer on clarifying the terms of office for those elected in last years special election and has been posted on the website. Barb replaced Carol Ann Evans whose term expires in 2006. Larry & Penny replaced Joe Payne and Debi Garvin whose terms expire in 2007. Tami replaced Carolyn Meyers whose term expires in 2006.

## **New Business**

**Tami moved and Barb seconded to provide up to \$1000.00 for an information booth and llama exhibit space at the FFA National Convention per Promotions Committee request. Motion Passed.**

**Larry moved and Barb seconded to appoint Linda Heune-Solomon as the chairperson of the Website Committee. Motion Passed.**

The Celebrity Sales has offered ALSA a space, free of charge, for setting up a display booth. Penny will look into the cost and feasibility of taking them up on this up this generous offer.

Regional and Grand Nationals Grand and Reserve winners will be posted in Showing regardless of the size of the division.

The "Shows and Events" page on the website will remain for the preceding year as well as the current years sanctioned shows. This will allow members and show superintendants to more easily plan the years events based on predicted dates since many shows occur on the same weekend each year. Superintendants are urged to notify the office immediately upon securing the dates of their shows even before they apply for sanctioning.

The survey results was discussed and sections will be sent to the appropriate committees for their responses. The BOD wants to thank those that took the time to respond and the work by the Membership Committee on this project.



After receiving input from the various committees, **Tami moved and Barb seconded that in the event cloned llamas or alpacas are ever introduced into the industry, they not be allowed to show in ALSA sanctioned shows. Motion Passed.**

In accordance with the handbook, committees will serve a term of one year beginning 1 April. The turmoil of the special election in 2004 caused this rotation to get out of sequence. Therefore, the BOD liasions will discuss with the current respective committee chairs the 1 April 2005 beginning terms for their committees.

**Jeff moved, Barb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM EST. Motion passed.**

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 PM EST.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Larry Crumrine  
ALSA Secretary**

# 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**

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

# **Board Minutes From Meeting 5/10/05**

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

**Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the minutes from the 19 April 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.**

## **Treasurers Report**

ALSA Checking	\$49,090.73
ALSA Investment	\$105,774.28
ALSA Scholarship	<u>\$11,513.54</u>
Total	\$166,378.55

## **Administrative Manager's Report**

No Report

## **Committee Reports**

### **Alpaca Committee**

The ALSA Championship Alpaca Show is the first weekend of October (the show is October 1st). We are looking for a different facility (due to the cost of the facility). Penny is looking for a judge. She will let me know when she gets a judge booked. Penny would have any other specifics since she is the superintendent.

### **Election Committee**

The printing for the election has been delivered to the printer. We anticipate all ballots will be mailed the 'second week in May', as called for in the bylaws-.... without a problem. Sherry Adamcyk has been involved in every step of the way and has been a great committee member – her grasp of the process is at 100%.

### **Ethics Committee**

No report

### **Fiber Committee**

No Report

### **Finance and Budget Committee**

No Report

### **Grand National Committee**

Request approval for the following Judges for the 2005 Grand Nationals:  
Halter:

Beth Myers  
Darlene Vaughn  
Lavona Fercho  
Performance:  
Lougene Baird  
Phil Feiner  
Mary Jo Miller  
Linda Rodgers

Norris Burg will co-superintend the GN for the Performance side of the arena, Jim for the Halter, Norris will assist Jim as overall GN Superintendent. Jim will be the site coordinator, but if anyone would like the committee to check out any site that they need to submit the name of the facility to the GN committee and they will review it. The Hall of Fame will include all divisions this year. The GN will be using a new photographer this year, Pearl's Pics. They will be bringing in a staff of 4-5 and will be housed in a trailer. Members may purchase a digital right there or request to have a more permanent photo mailed to them. The cost of purchasing the Hall of Fame is still up in the air, we may have to purchase from JPT. Jim has agreed to super the Grand National through 2006. New at GN, 2005:

No Sod, Sand or Mats ok

The hospitality table will only be open from 7-9:30 am

The GN Committee is researching the idea of issuing a small banner for participating farms that do not place.

**Tami moved and Barb seconded that the proposed Judges and GN report be accepted. Motion carried.**

## **Handbook Committee**

The handbook is currently at the printers.

## **Judges Committee**

LOCC has offered to host a fiber seminar for halter judges. The committee can provide the instructor if the board wishes to grant that request. GALA would like ALSA to conduct an educational seminar during their annual conference in August. I have informed the representative that this type of activity would need board approval. In another matter, the Fiber Seminar originally scheduled for May has been tentatively rescheduled for July 30 in Hudson, WI.

**Jeff moved and Tami seconded that the LOCC fiber clinic and the ALSA education seminar at the GALA conference be approved. The BOD requests that GALA provide a specific scheduled time slot for this seminar. Motion passed.**

## **Membership Committee**

The Membership committee has developed a form for submitting nominations for outstanding ALSA members for recognition. The BOD is requesting the committee come up with 5 categories for this recognition and change the form to reflect the categories as well as add a place for writing a paragraph supporting the nomination. This item will be sent back to the Committee

## **Nominating Committee**

No Report

## **Performance Committee**



The Committee received the letter from Kathryn and William Knapp detailing possible changes to the performance section of the handbook. The committee has looked it over in detail and want to thank the Knapp's for the input, but at this time do not wish to recommend any changes to the Board for the handbook.

### **Policy & Planning Committee**

No Report

### **Promotions Committee**

No Report

### **Protest Committee**

No Report

### **Publications Committee**

Showring has been mailed.

### **Regionals Committee**

No Report

### **Show Management Committee**

No Report

### **Website Committee**

No Report

### **Youth Committee.**

No Report

**Larry moved and Tami seconded that all the committee reports not previously approved above be approved as written. Motion Passed.**

### **Old Business**

Cheryl is awaiting word from our insurance company regarding youth with disabilities showing in the Regionals and Nationals. She will contact them again to find out why it is delayed

The Randall lawsuit has been settled. A stipulation of the settlement was that none of the details of the settlement can be disclosed to include the amount. Now that the lawsuit has been settled, Penny will assume all BOD responsibilities for legal matters.

Penny will contact the ILR concerning a combined meeting to discuss items of mutual concern.

### **New Business**

A letter was received from Ali Soukup requesting a waiver to the requirement that a judge must be 21 years old to allow her to be a fiber apprentice and judge. When this issue was brought to the BOD's attention in March, the BOD informed the judge's committee that judges and apprentices must be 21 years old as stated in the handbook although we had not received a formal request for a waiver at that time. **Jeff moved**

**and Larry seconded the motion that this request for a waiver be denied and that ALSA refund the advanced judging fees already paid as well as any judging license fees paid upon the return of Ali's judges badge. Motion passed.**

A proposal was received from Les Flynn on a show management software package he has developed. The BOD is reviewing it and will follow up with questions and ideas that may need to be incorporated if it would be beneficial for ALSA. The proposal will be sent to the show management committee as well for their comments. Penny will contact Les about allowing her to use it at her show in June as an additional Beta test as well.

Shawn Norman has requested BOD approval for sanctioning the Grand Slam quad show in 2006 in conjunction with the World Celebrity. **Larry moved and Tami seconded that the Grand Slam for 2006 be approved. Motion passed**

**Jeff moved and Barb seconded meeting be adjourned at 8:52 PM EST. Motion Passed.**

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 14 at 7:00 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Crumrine  
ALSA Secretary

## **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 *Showring* 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## **Board Minutes From Meeting August 30, 2005**

**Change of Meeting Date:** The ALSA Board meeting was originally scheduled for August 9, 2005; however, due to Board member scheduling conflicts the meeting was rescheduled for August 30, 2005.

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM EDT

### **Members present:**

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

**Barb Moved and Tami seconded that the minutes from the May 5, 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Opening Comments:**

Penny welcomed Julie Heggie to the Board. Board members discussed recently disseminated ALSA Board of Directors Confidentiality Agreement. Board members verbally agreed with the agreement and will forward a signed copy to Penny.

### **Treasurers Report**

ALSA Checking:	\$11,830.00
ALSA Investment:	\$106,603.00
ALSA TR Scholarship:	<u>\$11,388.00</u>
Total:	\$129,821.00

### **Other financial transactions:**

\$1,000.00 was added to the Scholarship Fund from ALSA as their yearly donation.

\$1,500.00 was deducted for the Kristen Fenker Scholarship fund.

A discussion was held regarding the difference in numbers from last Board of Directors meeting. All financial information was faxed and mailed to the Board members per their requests.

**Barb moved and Lora seconded approval of Treasurers Report. Motion passed**

### **ALSA Administrative Manager Report**

The ALSA Office is preparing for the Regional and National Shows. Postcards were mailed advising members to download their Regional and National Show information from the website. This process has been, so far, very successful with about 3-5 queries

per day, dealing mostly with qualifications. To date, the office has only had to mail four entry blanks to members that do not have computer access.

There have been some connectivity problems with the website. Over the past week, many hours were spent by the office and website Host Server and Domain Server to correct the errors. The biggest concern is that information can be inputted on the site, however, because of security procedures with the original website setup, when the website needs to be accessed for other changes, no authorization is in place for additional services. The ALSA office is still working on necessary procedures to allow a full range of authorized access to the website. In addition, over time, the website has become an enormous data bank and more costly to keep running. ALSA office has reviewed suggestions submitted by the Website Committee. Suggestions for change appear to have merit. The ALSA office would also like to purge much of the outdated materials on the website that is no longer useful to the membership or ALSA operations.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Alpaca Committee**

No report

#### **Election Committee**

The two committee members, Lougene Baird, Chair, and Sherry Adamcyk, requested to switch their respective chair and committee member positions, effective October 1, 2005. **Wally moved and Tami seconded motion for the change in committee member responsibilities. Motion passed.**

Committee requested Board review regarding the current ALSA Standing Rule that stipulates ALSA election results be tallied by the Election Committee. Presently, an outside CPA firm tallies election ballots. It was noted that a previous ALSA Board (May 3, 2004) addressed this subject and a motion passed to add language to have the Election Committee or a CPA firm tabulate all votes. Apparently, the rule change was inadvertently omitted in the last Rule Book revision. The appropriate rule change will be forwarded to the Rule Book Committee and Website Committee for update.

#### **Ethics Committee**

No Report

#### **Fiber Committee**

Plans are underway in preparation for the National Llama Fleece Show. Committee is deciding acceptable fleece length for the shorn fleece classes of animals less than 24 months of age.

Requirements for fleece judges' recertification are also being evaluated by committee. Criteria considered are number of fleece shows judged and or number of fleeces judged as part of a fiber clinic requirement every three or four years.

A possible advanced fiber clinic is considered for March 2006. Fiber committee anticipates a least six apprentices will be ready for the advanced clinic. The clinic will also provide an opportunity for current judges interested in attending.

### **Finance & Budget Committee**

No report

### **Grand National Committee**

Committee announced that Grand National Show sponsors are being organized and most goals have been met to date.

### **Handbook Committee**

Committee requested that a designated person be selected from each ALSA committee to be responsible for formal rule change proposals submitted for Board review and approval. The committee member handling this responsibility will submit rule proposal to respective committee Board liaison who will then present to Board for review. Deadline date for submitting proposed rule changes would be prior to the Board meeting held at the Grand National Show in November. The respective committee contact person will then submit finalized verbiage to the Handbook Committee for any rule changes by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Barb moved and Tami seconded to have a designated person from each committee responsible for submitting rulebook changes within established time frames for Board review. Motion passed.**

### **Judges' Committee**

In the Committee's report dated August 8, 2005, an Advanced Llama Judging Clinic was announced for August 26-28 in Stephentown, NY.

The committee recommended that Debbie Shellabargar be permitted to attend the above clinic. She will have completed at least six apprenticeships during the past year, but only two of these after attending the Beginning Llama Judging clinic. She cancelled the third show she was going to apprentice after her beginning judging clinic due to insufficient number of llamas necessary for her qualification. The Judges' Committee will not recommend her for certification until all three apprenticeship requirements have been completed.

Penny advised that Debbie attended the Advanced Llama Judging Clinic the previous weekend; however, there is no report as yet regarding completion status of participants. Contingent upon successful completion of the clinic, Debbie will complete her third apprenticeship requirement at a llama show scheduled for the following week.

### **Membership Committee**

No report

### **Nominating Committee**

Mary Jo Miller has requested to be removed from the Nominating Committee Chairperson position. Committee Liaison will search for a replacement.

### **Performance Committee**

Committee is evaluating possible changes to the current *Manual for Designing Obstacles*. To be included in the manual are suggested obstacles for the Exhibitors with Disabilities performance classes. Course examples for obstacle cart driving will also be added. Committee is requesting that the manual be printed in loose-leaf form for cost savings and ease of changing future rulebook addendums. Once the performance manual is revamped, committee will submit revision proposals for Board review in time for the ALSA Board meeting at the November 2005 Grand National Show.

Upon a previous ALSA handbook rule interpretation request by the Board, committee recommended that exhibitors and show superintendent at ALSA shows should decide the issue of appropriate show apparel for performance classes when halter and performance classes are being conducted simultaneously. The Board believed that relative to the above circumstances, appropriate attire for performance classes should be specifically addressed in the handbook. This issue will be returned to the Performance Committee for suggested rule verbiage for the handbook.

Committee report pointed out that the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) requirement for Exhibitors with Disabilities classes contained private information. As an alternative to the IEP, the guardian of the exhibitor should decide on exhibitor eligibility to enter these classes. The Board agreed no change in procedure is necessary at this time, as all recently drafted guidelines governing the Exhibitors with Disabilities classes would remain in effect until such time a further review and evaluation of the exhibition classes is conducted.

### **Policy and Planning Committee**

No report

### **Promotion Committee**

ALSA booth space of 10'X 10' has been confirmed at the October 26-29, 2005 National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. ALSA and International Llama Registry (ILR) are interested in combining efforts and resources at the convention booth. ILR is researching various llama fact literature to be handed out at the booth as well as determining what printing needs would be beneficial during the convention. ILR is in the process of drafting a proposal detailing their combined participation with ALSA at the convention. The proposal is anticipated for review within the next few weeks. In addition, Llama Association of North America (LANA) and the International Camelid Institute (ICI) has secured a booth next to the ALSA booth. As a tentative proposal, ALSA and ILR would share one booth, a second booth would contain llamas for display and the third booth would provide a presentation and other information from LANA and ICI. The organizations will finalize booth arrangements subsequent further planning. The main goal for all the camelid organizations is to present a unified, informative and positive

presentation for the estimated 50,000 FFA members and their advisors attending the FFA Convention.

Also discussed was the need for assembling an ALSA advisor packet that would have samples of llama and alpaca literature to be available for each FFA chapter. The Membership committee will be compiling the advisor packet.

### **Protest Committee**

No report

### **Publications Committee**

Able Publishing advised Committee that the mailing of the Summer edition of *Showring* would be delayed until middle to late September to allow for late advertisements. This edition was originally scheduled for circulation in mid August 2005. Distribution postponement of the publication was due to lack of magazine advertisers. Board concern was expressed over not having current information needed for Regional Shows, Grand National Show and other important membership news disseminated in a timely manner.

There was also a discussion regarding *Showring* advertisement rates as compared to other camelid publications. Tami advised she would contact Able Publishing and discuss membership and Board concerns over the distribution of *Showring*.

**Minutes Addendum:** September 8, 2005, Tami notified the ALSA Board she had been in touch with Able Publishing staff regarding advertisement rates in *Showring*. Able Publishing was amenable to the following advertisement rate changes:

Full page black and white advertisements: \$200.00

Full Page color advertisements: \$300.00

Cost of all other advertisements will remain the same.

The above rates reflect a \$100.00 decrease in black and white advertisement rates and \$150.00 cost reduction for a full-page color advertisement. Other advertisement rates will remain the same. This special advertisement rate will begin for the *Showring* Grand National/Holiday issue. The aforementioned rates will be based on advertisers signing up for advertisements in four issues. The sign up period for the special advertisement rates will be open from September 8, 2005 until October 31, 2005. However, the advertisement deadline for the *Showring* Grand National/Holiday issue will remain open until the end of November 2005.

### **Regionals Committee**

Barb advised Regional Superintendents had a recent conference call in preparation for upcoming Regional Shows. Performance Committee has requested that Regional Superintendents take pictures of obstacles used during their respective shows to compile in a book to provide ideas and examples as a reference for those designing performance obstacle courses.

Regional Superintendents will be responsible for obtaining exhibitor numbers for each Regional Show. Exhibitor number cards can be obtained through local feed stores or other retail sources. For Show Superintendents desiring to have the ALSA logo on the exhibitor number card, the ALSA office may be contacted for copy of logo.

The cost of award ribbons will be \$955.00 for each region. The cost is approximately half of the original bid offered from another vendor earlier in the year.

Each Region will be allotted a total of \$5100.00 for premiums to be awarded in halter classes, performance classes, four showmanship classes, and two alpaca classes. Committee recommended the following premiums be awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$50.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$25.00; 3rd place \$10.00. No premiums will be given for grand or reserve championship winners.

**Barb moved and, Jeff seconded that the above premiums be approved. Motion Passed.**

### **Show Management Committee**

The committee is currently reviewing show packets both on the ALSA website and what is mailed out from ALSA office to Show Superintendents.

Committee is looking to expand committee members to represent more regions. Presently there are only three members on the committee.

Committee recommended that Glen Pfefferkorn be added to the committee. Glen has an extensive llama and show superintendent background, including Western Regional, Futurity shows, Oregon llama shows, Agfest and ALSA dual shows and many other show organizational qualifications.

**Wally moved and Tami seconded to add Glen Pfefferkorn to the committee. Motion passed.**

### **Youth Committee**

Committee is reviewing questions being asked during junior youth judging competition that are not in the Youth Judging Manual. Committee will develop new questions for youth competition that are referenced in the Youth Judging Manual.

Committee is also looking at a proposal submitted by a member regarding suggested changes to the youth age groups.

To date, Committee has received 17 applications for the Tony Rollins scholarship award. Committee is in the process of evaluating candidate qualifications in preparation for the final selection process.

### **Website Committee**

The Board discussed the recent ALSA website change of layout proposal presented by Marilyn Nenni of the Website Committee. The proposal outlined many viable changes in



the pull down menu and arrangement of subjects that would simplify navigation for members visiting the website. Overall, the Board was extremely receptive to the suggestions contained in the submitted proposal.

Lora suggested that the Website Committee divide up sections of the website to evaluate need of available information pertinent to ALSA operations and membership concerns. Any items considered outdated or of no benefit to the membership will be identified. At this point the Board will review items suggested for website purging and make recommendation relative to information retention options. Upon Board authorization, the ALSA Webmaster will also provide assistance in identifying website organizational efficiency for making the website more resourceful.

**Barb Moved and Tami seconded that all committee reports not previously approved be approved as written. Motion passed.**

#### **Business resolved between Board meetings**

On August 10, 2005, the ALSA office received a message from the llama show superintendent hosting a show at a state fair advising of the fair's refusal to allow an alpaca to compete in llama performance classes. The question was posed of whether or not to sanction the show because of this issue. Although ALSA rules provide for a combined llama and alpaca performance class, state fair rules in this case considered the lone alpaca entry a new and separate livestock class category. State fair requirements specified that a minimum of five (5) or more livestock exhibitors, along with other organizational requirements, were required to establish a separate class. Pursuant to the ALSA handbook, site rules prevail over ALSA regulations.

**Wally moved and Lora seconded to sanction the above show for llama competition. Motion passed.**

#### **Old Business**

##### **Show Management Software**

The Board is conducting ongoing evaluation of proposed Show Management Software.

##### **Old Protests listed in Showring**

Protests upheld during the year have not been listed in *Showring* as required. Protest Committee will provide upheld protest information to *Showring* for inclusion in the Fall edition.

##### **Internet downloads for Regional and National Show forms update**

The procedure for obtaining forms for Regional and National Shows is on track.

##### **Judges' Forum**

The Judges' Committee will be contacted by committee liaison to solicit input for a Judges' Forum.



### **Exhibitors with Disabilities Class Implementation**

Procedures are in place for Exhibitors with Disabilities Class being held at Regional Shows. Detailed information regarding the classes are contained in the ALSA website.

### **Combined ILR Meeting**

Board agreed that a combined meeting is in order. A meeting agenda needs to be established from both organizations. ALSA Board members will submit agenda items by the middle of next week to Penny and she will coordinate further details.

### **New Regional Show guidelines**

The initial review process is in motion for possible Regional boundary modification. This phase included evaluating location and number of current shows being held in individual regions and throughout the country. Penny will provide Board members with this information. Other pertinent show information will be factored as the Regional boundary evaluation process continues for Show Management Committee, Regional Committee and Board review and resolution.

### **ALSA survey**

During each Board meeting, the Board will discuss specific issues of the ALSA survey wherein membership input was provided. During this Board meeting the following survey issues were addressed:

- The Board has established policy to have a person from each Committee responsible for providing the Board and Handbook Committee with timely rule change proposals as specified in Handbook Committee report.
- ALSA survey requested improvement of the ALSA website. The Board has initiated procedures for cleaning up the current website and making it more user friendly.
- The Board has attempted to address Regional Show participation concerns by opening up Regional Show options for this year. Regional boundary modification is presently being evaluated to boost Regional show interest and participation.

### **New Business**

#### **Change of Regional Show Request**

A discussion was held regarding requests for change of region submitted by four exhibitors, including a youth group. Also discussed was the spiraling cost of fuel and the dismal and devastating effect the recent natural disaster will have on the country. The Board exchanged views regarding outside factors impacting Regional participation. As an immediate and possible proactive remedy, a suggestion was presented to allow the membership an option of which Region to exhibit in. Also, as a temporary means to open up regional participation, the membership could be afforded the opportunity to participate in more than one Regional Show. Any Regional participation would only apply to exhibitors that have qualified for Regional competition.

**Jeff moved and Barb seconded that based on the aforementioned extenuating circumstances, members qualified for regional competition would have a one-time option for this year as to which Regional Show to attend and number of Regional Shows to participate in. Regional Show participation issues will be revisited for further evaluation and rule determination before 2006 show season begins. Motion passed.**

Penny will contact the members who made specific requests to change Regional Show locations.

#### **Letter from parent of youth exhibitor regarding show entry problem**

Penny has prepared letter of response. Tami also wrote a letter to the parent.

#### **Report from ALSA delegate to Camelid Community Conference**

Wally provided an overview of the Camelid Community Conference he attended August 12–14, 2005, while representing ALSA. The Permanent Animal ID program is expected to be fully implemented though out the country within the next few years. Two states are presently online. Animal ID issues will impact all livestock owners, show operations and any inter/intra state transportation of camelids or other livestock. There is going to be a dermination made by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding type of ID required, for example tag, tattoo or microchip and location to be affixed on animal. Camelid Identification Working Group (CWG) is coordinating this effort with USDA with input to be solicited from camelid owners. ALSA Information on Animal Permanent ID issues will be disseminated through various communication means such as *Showring*, Board meeting minutes and Show Management Committee as they convey status updates to show superintendents. Wally will serve as ALSA liaison with the CWG.

The Board agreed that Permanent Animal ID information updates should be made available on the ALSA Website. This data segment will be established on the website as previously discussed website changes are made.

During the conference, attendees expressed subjects of mutual concern regarding communication, Regional Show and Grand National Show venues. These topic discussions were shared with the Board.

#### **Membership recognition awards**

Board discussed the status of membership recognition awards that are scheduled to be awarded during the Grand National Show. However, due to the late distribution of the upcoming issue of *Showring* that was to describe membership recognition award criteria, the ALSA office will do a mass mailing and post information on website regarding award program. Deadline date for receiving membership recognition nominations was changed to October 1, 2005. Publications Committee will also request that *Showring* do mass e-mail dissemination to the membership.

**Llama Futurity Association youth Scholarship**

The Llama Futurity (LFA) Association has formed a youth scholarship fund in memory of Linda Pierce. The award was established for youth demonstrating exceptional interest in llama exhibiting. A cash award of \$220.00 for first place recipient and \$110.00 for second place recipient will be awarded. The LFA would like to present the youth awards during the Grand National Show.

**Barb moved and Tami second the motion to have the LFA youth award ceremony at the Grand National Show. Motioned passed.**

**Open Discussion**

The Board discussed the importance of conducting on-going Board business through the e-mail process to handle as many matters as possible between Board meetings. Often times ALSA business cannot be decided outside of Board meetings; however, much needed background information is generated on a given subject prior to meetings. It was agreed that although individual Board member schedules make communication delayed or difficult at times, conducting Board business on a continuous basis will help facilitate handling of ALSA Board matters and best serve the membership.

**Penny moved and Jeff seconded meeting be adjourned at 10:35 PM EDT. Motion Passed**

**The next ALSA Board meeting is scheduled for October 11, 7:00 EST**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wally Baker  
ALSA Secretary**

## **Board Minutes From Meeting October 19, 2005**

President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT

### **Members present:**

Penny Davidson – President  
Barb Laux – Vice President  
Wally Baker – Secretary  
Tami Lash – Board Member  
Lora Crawford – Board Member  
Julie Heggie – Board Member  
Cheryl Ryberg – Administrative Manager

**Tami moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the August 30, 2005 meeting be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Initial Discussion:**

Board members have signed the ALSA Board of Directors' Confidentially Agreement and forwarded a copy to the ALSA office.

### **Treasurers Report**

ALSA Checking:	\$40,402.91
ALSA Investment:	\$106,603.36
ALSA TR Scholarship:	<u>\$10,042.27</u>
Total:	\$157,048.54

The following fund information is handled as a line item through ALSA checking accounts.

#### **Linda Pierce Memorial Fund:**

November 2004, received from Kay Sharpnack:	\$1,000.00
2005, received from Michael Pierce:	\$1,500.00
2005, received from Dan Goodyear:	\$3,000.00
2005, received from Cookbook Sales:	\$510.00
2005, received from Kay Sharpnack:	\$2,100.00
<u>Totals:</u>	\$8,110.00

Paid Check #2972 to Dan Goodyear for 2004 LPM award: \$1,500.00

Balance: \$6,610.00

**Penny moved and Barb seconded approval of Treasurers Report. Motion passed.**

### **ALSA Administrative Manager Report**

A year-to-date balance sheet has been faxed and/or mailed to each director. As of October 11, 2005, ALSA has a profit of \$27,291.68.

The ALSA office is currently working with the ALSA CPA and hopes to have the third quarter financials posted in the ALSA website by the end of October, 2005.

Per Board request, all Incoming and Outgoing balances are provided to all Board of Directors.

The office has only had about eight requests for Regional or National information that members could not download on their computers. Overall, the procedure of downloading show information appears to be successful.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Alpaca Committee**

Committee expressed that in support of overall interest and alpaca involvement in our show organization, additional alpaca classes at ALSA shows will be promoted.

Committee also requested that ALSA continue to receive alpaca pending registration through 2006.

**Tami moved and Barb seconded a motion that pending alpaca registration be extended as requested by Committee. Motion passed.**

#### **Election Committee**

Committee requested formal documentation for their record regarding current procedure in ALSA Standing Rules on counting general election ballots. Handbook Committee will handle request. Appropriate vote count protocol will also be documented in next ALSA Handbook revision.

In preparation for next general election, the Board confirmed there would be three ALSA Board seats open for election in 2006. Election information will be posted on the ALSA website around January of next year.

#### **Ethics Committee**

**No Report**

#### **Fiber Committee**

Committee is working on show procedures for upcoming Grand National Show Fleece competition.

## **Finance & Budget Committee**

### **No Report**

## **Grand National Committee**

On October 7, 2005, Board members received the following requests from Grand National Committee for consideration:

- A one time only accommodation for this year to include any animal qualified at a Regional Show to be allowed to compete at the Grand National Show. No other qualification requirements would be required for Grand National Show.
- Animals to be awarded at least double, if not ROM triple points, at the Grand National Show.

**Jeff moved and Lora seconded a motion to make the Grand National Show qualification requirement the same as Regional Shows on a one-time basis. Also, to double the ROM points at the Grand National Show.**

The Board voted four against and three in favor to lower the qualifying requirements for Grand National Show. This portion of the motion failed to pass.

The Board was unanimous on doubling the ROM points at the 2005 Grand National Show. This portion of the motion passed.

## **Roll Call Vote**

During the Board meeting, a roll call of the previous vote regarding changing the Grand National qualification criterion was requested. The vote went as follows: Nays: - Wally, Julie, Lora, and Penny. Yeas: Tami and Barb.

On October 26, 2005, Jeff confirmed his yes vote on both parts of the Grand National Show qualifying change proposal.

## **Vesicular Stomatitis alert:**

On October 13, 2005, Committee notified the ALSA office of a Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) alert in Nebraska. Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nebraska were all identified as being affected by the VS outbreak. Health certificates issued within 48 hours of arrival at the Grand National Show were required from the aforementioned states affected by the disease. The ALSA office posted alert information on ALSA website.

## **Handbook Committee**

### **No Report**

## Judges' Committee

1. The Committee requests Board approval for the recertification of John McDougall, Deb Yeagel and Simon Zadina. This request is based upon their performance at the recent advanced clinic in Stephentown, NY. Also as a result of that clinic the committee recommends that Debbie Shellabarger be certified as Level I, Llama Judge.
2. Committee requests Board approval for upgrading Darrell Anderson from Level II to Level III Llama Judge. This recommendation is based upon experience in judging shows as well as previous livestock judging experience. There are no adverse comments in his file.
3. Committee requests Board approval for upgrading John McDougall from Level I to Level II Llama Judge. This recommendation is based upon experience in judging shows and his recent performance at the advanced clinic in Stephentown, NY. There are no adverse comments in his file.
4. The Board of Directors has recently approved a new "Quad Show" to be held in March 2006. Two Level II judges have been asked to judge performance classes at this show. Even though this is a new show, the majority of the committee feels that these judges should be permitted to judge at the show. This is primarily due to the fact that Level II judges are permitted to judge performance classes at the Grand National Show.
5. Committee has received a number of complaints about the conduct of a Performance Judge at a recent show. A letter has been drafted to the Judge outlining the complaint and the Committee awaits direction from the Board regarding sending the letter.
6. Committee has received a complaint about the conduct of an ALSA judge while in attendance at a recent show. The committee awaits direction from the Board prior to beginning the investigation.
7. Committee has received a complaint about an underage llama being shown at a recent show and will begin an investigation into this matter.
8. Committee shared concerns with the ALSA Board regarding what seems to be a growing trend of ALSA Certified Judges engaging in public diatribe against ALSA and its representatives. It is the committee's feeling that such behavior is counter to the ALSA handbook requiring Judges to "at all times exhibit the highest standard of integrity and professionalism." Judges are representatives of ALSA and should serve as ambassadors of ALSA to the llama community, and not be engaged in destructive dialog aimed at interfering with the smooth functioning of the show association. The committee requests direction for the board in dealing with this problem.

**The Board discussed the following items that required follow-up in the Committee Report.**

- Item #5: During previous communication, the Board had approved the letter drafted by the Judges' Committee and the letter has been sent.
- Item #6: The Board agreed that further clarification is needed regarding potential investigation into the matter. Board will contact Committee for additional information.
- Item #8: The Board will send a letter to Judges' Committee outlining that the Board shares the same concerns regarding ALSA Judges' professionalism. The Board will request that the Judges' Committee provide options as how to approach the situation.

**Tami moved and Lora seconded a motion to approve Judges' Committee Report. Motion Passed.**

**Membership Committee**

Packets have been sent to each Board member regarding individuals nominated for show support awards. Board will select award recipients based on selection criteria provided by Committee. Award baskets have been prepared for award presentations at Grand National Show.

**Nominating Committee**

Committee advised Mary Jo Miller, committee chairperson, has left the committee. Committee requested that Trish Brant-Roebuck be considered for committee chair position. In addition, committee will solicit a new committee member from the Great Lakes Region to fill the vacated committee position.

**Lora moved and Penny seconded a motion to appoint Trish Brant-Roebuck as committee chairperson. Motion passed.**

**Performance Committee**

Committee is in the process of finalizing their proposed ALSA Handbook changes. Board members should have a copy of Committee's recommendations prior to the next Board meeting at the Grand National Show at which time final review rule evaluation will be completed.

Committee recommended beginning in 2006, that Llama Obstacle Driving be added to classes at Regional and Grand National Shows. A formal Board vote on the recommendation will be conducted at the Board meeting during the Grand National Show.

The committee recommended that Novice Performance Classes should be awarded ROM points. Board members exchanged dialog both in favor and in opposition to the recommendation presented by committee. It was agreed that further discussion is



warranted during the face-to-face board meeting at the Grand National Show. The Board requested that Committee develop a plan on how to monitor any Novice ROM point system if implemented.

### **Policy and Planning Committee**

No Report.

Julie Heggie will serve as new Board liaison to the committee.

### **Promotion Committee**

Committee is organizing the FFA convention being held later this month in Louisville, Kentucky. Membership Committee has sent ALSA Brochures to Promotion Committee for distribution at the convention.

### **Protest Committee**

Committee is currently investigating a protest.

### **Publications Committee**

There is shared concern within Committee, the Board and the membership in general regarding *Showring* not meeting circulation deadline date. Lack of paid advertisements in the magazine appears to be the biggest delay problem. Also, interpretation of policy regarding magazine content was discussed. The current issue of *Showring* is in the distribution process to the membership.

Board members stressed the importance of the magazine being circulated to the membership at scheduled times is of the utmost importance for future *Showring* editions. More discussion on the matter including remedies to preclude further untimely distribution of *Showring* will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

### **Regionals Committee**

This year's Regional Show attendance was discussed. Official regional counts will be tabulated as show results are finalized. Committee will provide a Regional Show summary for publication in *Showring*.

Regional Shows geographical review will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

### **Show Management Committee**

Committee submitted A ROM point proposal to the Board for review. The Board will examine the recommendation further at the next Board meeting.

Committee requested ROM double points for Grand National Show. A similar proposal was approved by the Board and is listed under Grand National Committee report.

### **Website Committee**

Committee inquired as to the progress regarding implementing recommended changes on the ALSA website. Cheryl advised that the ALSA Webmaster has done work on the

website and will send revisions he has completed to the Website committee for their review. Once completed, the new site will be posted after the Grand National Show.

### **Youth Committee**

Committee has sent Tony Rollins Scholarship candidate applications to the Board for final selection process. The Board expressed admiration over the exceptional qualifications of the youth applying for the scholarship award. Committee will develop additional candidate selection criteria for future scholarship award applicants.

**Tami Moved and Barb seconded that all committee reports not previously approved above be approved as written. Motion passed**

### **Business Resolved Between Meetings**

A request was received on September 8, 2005, for approval to hold a quadruple llama show in the Reno, Nevada during March 2006. The Board unanimously approved the request.

### **Old Business**

#### **Show Management Software**

Software continues to be evaluated.

#### **ALSA Membership Survey**

The Board discussed the following specific issues of the previous ALSA survey wherein membership input was provided:

- The Board approved awarding double ROM points at the Grand National Show.
- The Board is presently evaluating the ROM point award system.
- Alpaca Committee is working to generate interest to increase alpaca participation at ALSA shows.

#### **Combined ALSA and ILR meeting**

A combined ALSA/ILR Meeting is still in the planning stages and is tentatively scheduled for end of this year.

### **New Business**

**Face-to-face Board Meeting at Grand National Show.**

**Barb moved and Julie seconded the motion to invite committee chairpersons to the Board meeting at the Grand National Show. Motion passed.**

**Youth request to substitute animals at Grand National Show**

A request was submitted to the Board requesting to make various alpaca and llama substitutions during the Grand National Show. Penny advised she had been in touch with the requester and the matter has been resolved in accordance with ALSA Handbook requirements.

**Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) concern at Grand National Show**

ALSA is in communication with Grand National facility personnel regarding the VS alert. ALSA is requesting precautionary procedures such as sanitizing the penning areas to minimize any disease occurrence.

**Tami moved and Lora seconded meeting be adjourned at 10:10 PM EDT  
Motion Passed.**

**The next ALSA board meeting is scheduled during the Grand National Show event,  
November 10, 2005.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wally Baker  
ALSA Secretary**

## **ALSA Board Minutes From Meeting November 10, 2005**

President called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM CST

### **Members present**

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

**Barb Moved and Tami seconded that the minutes from the October 19,2005 Meeting be approved. Motion passed.**

### **Treasurers Report**

Assets:

Cash and Bank Accounts

ALSA Checking:	83,286.76
ALSA Investment:	106,603.36
Tony Rollins” Scholarship Fund:	11,542.27
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	201,432.39

Total Assets:	201,432.39
Overall Total:	201,432.39

### **ALSA Administrative Manager Report**

ALSA Office, First five years in Pittsburgh, PA.

The goal of the office has been to help the ALSA achieve more vast and superior recognition as the biggest and best llama show association in the world. Further goal is to create a friendly and informative environment for our members and show superintendents to collect or disseminate information.

We set out as of January 1, 2000 to double the number of shows sanctioned by ALSA.

1. We aggressively pursued clubs and fairs.
2. We worked with perspective show superintendents.
3. We created a list, which is posted on the ALSA Website to help Supers have every advantage to have a well-put together show by soliciting responses for years from show superintendents as to what worked well and what didn't.

4. We revamped the packets yearly and created a place on the website where we posted the initial packets along with about 20 pages of helpful hints to putting on an ALSA Sanctioned Show.
5. We work one-on-one with new show supers and supers' wanting to add shows or classes to their venue.
6. Shows, in their entirety for points or qualifiers were posted on the ALSA Website for the first time.
7. Clubs were offered an exchange link on our website for the first time.
8. Members were offered a place to highlight their Home Sites for the first time.
9. A business site was rented and the ALSA Office was offered to its members for 9-5 Monday through Friday for the first time.
10. Complete show records were recorded in a custom-built database, which the office helped to develop.
  - A. This enables the member to access their animal's points and show records on the ALSA website.
  - B. This enables the office, show superintendents, and members to work together to preserve the integrity of the show and point data by presenting all information that the office records in the ALSA Website.
  - C. This enables a report to be assembled every year for every animal with an ALSA Recording Number to have listed each show, placement at show, number in class, name of show and points or awards achieved at show. ALSA has never had the software capabilities to do this before 2000, although this requires much more data being entered per animal per class. Approximately 14 "fields" are required to be filled in to permit this and to permit this information of the show to be sent off to the ALSA Website.
11. In 1997, after 12 years of recording lamas, there were only around 3,500 animals with recording numbers. Today we have almost 15,000 animals with numbers and animals without numbers issued a "NA" (Non ALSA) number. This benefits our members as their "NA" animal' names and farm names show up as qualified on our website and in our shows on our website.
12. "NA" animal numbers also benefit members that purchase animals that have been shown but not with ALSA numbers. Instead of the member having to research back shows, we can at a moment's notice, inform member of every show and possible points to be able to pick up for the past 4 years. Right now, we are working with 8,626 "NA" numbers with a total of almost 23,500 animals that can be researched on the ALSA Website as well in the office database. Up 20,000 in 5 years.
13. Paid for and worked with artist to develop new logo and award certificates, introduced work and artist to the Board for final approval on this project.
14. Worked with "Animal Planet" to develop and find farms for a special project, which was produced about show llamas.
15. Worked with "Discovery Channel" on several occasions to located llama farms in various parts of the country for specific projects.

We achieved success and in the past 5 years have sanctioned 2004 shows or an average of 212 per year. 1999 had 97 shows.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Alpaca Committee

Committee is focusing on promoting more ALSA Alpaca shows.

Committee pointed out that the “spot rule” referenced in the ALSA Handbook does not specify that the spot should be in the blanket of the fleece.

The matter has been referred to Handbook Committee to amend the rule to specify, “spot in the blanket.”

The Alpaca Championship show has been cancelled for this year due to the ALSA Alpaca Show Superintendent experiencing a scheduling conflict at the time of the show. Rescheduling of the show and finding another facility was not possible for this year.

### Election Committee

No Report

### Ethics Committee

Committee is looking into reasons negative comments are being made by ALSA judges and other members.

### Fiber Committee

Committee requested that Walking Llama Fleece Classes be a sanctioned ALSA show classes. Committee submitted the following Walking Fleece Class and Optional Fiber Classes rule revisions for Board review. Also submitted for review was a proposed Walking Fleece Score Card.

#### Part O. Llama Fleece

##### Section I. Llama Fleece

Llama fiber shows may offer full blanket / barrel fleece classes and/or the Optional Fiber classes. **Required paperwork for fleece classes and optional fiber classes can be found on the ALSA website, under Llama Fleece Show Packet.**

- A. Shorn Llama Fleece Class
2. Age Divisions for Llama at time of shearing
  - a. **Under** 24 months, full blanket / barrel fleece
  - b. **24 months and older**, full blanket / barrel fleece
3. Rules
  - b. Fleeces Shall:
    - (7)**Be displayed in clear plastic bags. The bags may also be displayed in appropriate size white boxes.**
  - d. Desired Staple Length
    - (1)Llamas **under** 24 months
    - ii **No maximum length limit**

(2)Llamas **24 months and older**

- e. It is the responsibility of the owner to apply the fleece division descriptions in Section I, A, 1. However, the fleece judge will also determine if the fleeces have been entered in the appropriate division and, **if** not, move them to the appropriate division.
- g. Additional division of classes: At the Judge's discretion, classes may be further divided **or combined** in the following prioritized order ...

**B. Walking Fleece Class**

This class provides an opportunity for llama owners to learn about fleece characteristics and management while receiving a professional evaluation. **It is recommended the judging take place prior to halter classes in an attempt to limit the use of grooming aids.**

- 1. The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Llama Fleece Judge.
- 5. Fleece Judging Criteria: 100 points possible. The following are the judging criteria used and recorded on the ALSA Walking Llama Fleece Score Card:
  - e.Cleanliness: 10 points
  - f. Fineness and Hand: 20 points
  - g.Guard Hair – Fineness and percentage of: 10 points
  - h.Style/Architecture – crimp and lock structure: 15 points
  - i.Luster: 10 points
  - j.Overall Impression: 10 points
  - k.Tensile Strength and Condition: 15 points
  - l.Density: 10 points
- 6. After judging is completed, the entire class is brought into the show arena for presentation of awards.
- 7. ALSA points are awarded for this class.

**C. Optional Fiber Classes**

2. Classes

- a. Hand spinner's Choice
  - (7) Suggested classes – sheared or brushed, divided by age (**under 24 months; 24 months and older**).
- b. Garment or Finished Product
  - (1) Item must be made of at least **60% llama or alpaca. The remaining 40% may be any other natural fiber produced in the U.S.A.**
- c. Lama to Luxury – a timed team event in which lama fiber is spun and woven into a shawl of 76" – 78" x 20"- 22" in 4 hours. Measurements do **not** include fringe.

**Julie moved and Barb seconded that rule amendments to Walking Llama Fleece class and Optional Fiber class be approved. Motion passed.**

#### **Finance & Budget Committee**

Finance Report will be discussed and distributed to the Board at a later time.

#### **Grand National Committee**

Committee recommended to board that Juvenile class at the Grand National Show have the same qualifying requirements as Regional Shows. Juvenile classes are not required to qualify for Regional Shows.

**Tami moved and Jeff seconded motion that would not require juvenile classes to be qualified for the Grand National Show. Julie opposed. Motion passed.**

#### **Handbook Committee**

Committee is ready to make rulebook changes approved during the Board Meeting held during the Grand National Show.

Clarification in the handbook relative to Get of Sire and Produce-of-Dam qualification requirements at Grand National and Regional Shows was discussed.

The following Rulebook amendments were proposed:

#### **Grand National**

Part F, Section 2, D-3 to reflect: All Get of Sire and Produce of Dam **must be a Champion or 1<sup>st</sup> in a class of minimum of 3 shown at an ALSA show during the current ALSA year.** Any other offspring of the same sire or dam may be shown provided the **offspring has been shown at an ALSA Show during the current ALSA year.**

#### **Regional Shows**

Part E, Section 2, E-5 to reflect: All Get of Sire and Produce of Dam award winners must show using Get and Produce that have been part of a Get of Sire or Produce of Dam entry at an ALSA show. **Any other offspring of the same sire or dam may be shown provided the offspring has been shown at an ALSA show during the current ALSA year. These offspring must be recorded with ALSA.**

**Barb moved and Julie seconded the rule amendment changes. Motion passed.**

#### **Judges Committee**

Committee expressed concern over ALSA judge's inappropriate conduct and unethical behavior. Board referred matter back to committee to develop appropriate judge conduct requirements.

#### **Membership Committee**

A cost breakdown for providing 1,500 ALSA brochures for the recent FFA convention in Louisville, Kentucky was provided. Cost of brochures was \$150.01 and UPS charge was \$18.28. Invoice will be sent to ALSA office.



Committee requested to replace committee member with Margaret Ricci. Also requested was to have Debbie Shellaberger to represent the Buckeye Region and Jan Gordon to represent the Eastern Region.

**Barb moved and Jeff seconded committee changes. Motion passed.**

**Membership Committee provided the following annual recap:**

- Committee was responsible for putting together an ALSA members survey. The results were compiled and supplied to the Board of Directors. The response was wonderful and lots of suggestions of the members were put to work.
- Committee provided a brochure for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) to hand out at The FFA National convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October of 2005. This accomplishment was done within an extremely compressed time frame.
- Committee established ALSA show awards for the hard working people conducting ALSA shows during the year. Committee worked diligently to obtain items and donations for gift baskets awards.
- Membership is also the Memorial Committee and stands ready to represent ALSA in supporting the families of members that are no longer with us. Committee requested that the board and other members let them know of the passing of ALSA members so they can be part of the memorial to those members.

**Nominating Committee**

Committee discussed information needed and time frames in disseminating Board nomination information for the next General election.

**Performance Committee**

Committee provided following current year goal report:

- Completed all revisions and updates to the Performance Section of the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the handbook.
- Reviewed the last printing of the Manual for Building Performance Obstacles (1997). Committee will submit manual for Board review in the near future.
- Performance purpose for recommended changes, in both the Manual for Building Performance Obstacles and the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the handbook will contribute positively to the increased effectiveness of ALSA Performance activities.

Following performance rule amendments were submitted by committee for Board Review:

## SHOWMANSHIP:

Pg 69: Section 1., B Animal and equipment. The animal should be clean, brushed out *or for the suri type animals, fleece in a clean condition with as little disruption to the architecture of the fleece as possible.* *Be* in good condition *and* with toenails trimmed. The halter and lead should fit properly, should be clean, in good repair and safe.

Section 1., C Showing the animal. This covers following directions, leading, turning, changing pace, backing, posing and positioning, showing the animal to its best advantage, controlling the animal on the lead and in line, attention to the lineup, *consistently effectively setting up and presenting the animal and presenting an unobstructed view of the animal at all times.*

Pg 70: Section 3., H When backing, the llama or alpaca should respond to the handler's request to back a minimum 3 steps (or the number indicated by the Judge) and then move forward to the original position. *The exhibitor should stand at the animal's left side, facing the rear while backing.*

## PART M. APPROVED LLAMA PERFORMANCE CLASSES

P. 73 Section 1 A. Obstacle

B. Pack

C. Public Relation

D. Pleasure Driving

E. Obstacle Driving

Section 2 These divisions are to be used for Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations.

Llamas may be entered in only one of the divisions offered for each class. *Add: Llamas may be entered in youth or non youth classes, but not both*

P.74 section 3 A. 4. Llamas who have changed their division (Novice or Advanced) status by placement in a show must be changed to the appropriate division in all future shows which were entered before the division status change. *Reword to say "Llamas who have changed their novice division status by placement in a show must be changed to the advanced division in all future shows."*

P. 74 section 4 B. A handler going off course may be dismissed. (*eliminate*)

P. 74 section 4 E. In all Pack classes the handler and the animal must negotiate the obstacles, except for loading in vehicles, and any obstacle wherein a separate handler route has been defined or provided. *Change " In all Pack classes the handler and the animal must negotiate the obstacles, including loading in vehicles. Exception is an obstacle wherein a separate handler route has been defined or provided."*

P. 74 section 4 F. It is recommended that exhibitors 8 years through 12 years of age not show intact males over 24 months of age, with the choice of acceptance or decline lying with show management and stated in their premium booklet. *Reword to say, "Exhibitors*

***8 yrs. through 12 years of age shall not be permitted to show intact males over 24 months of age." This should be stated in the premium booklet.***

P. 75 section 6 G. It is not recommended to use kushing in any performance class.  
***"Kushing is not to be used in any performance class."***

P 76.section 7 A. Bridges, Ramps and Stairs

1.Minimum width 23" for Open and Novice divisions. ***Minimum width 30 inches Open and Novice***

2. Minimum width 15" for Advanced divisions. ***Minimum width 24 inches Advanced***

3. The recommended length of a bridge is approximately 8' and risers no more than 7".  
***Length 8ft, stair risers shall be a maximum of 9 inches, depth of stairs a minimum of 10inches***

4. All surfaces must be treated or toughened to avoid slippery surfaces. ***Recommend carpet or commercial safety treads***

6. Maximum height for Novice divisions is 24" without rails. ***Maximum height for any bridge is 24 inches.***

10. Stairs shall have treads of no less than 8" and risers not more than 7". ***Minimum Depth of stairs 10 inches, with risers a maximum of 9 inches.***

P. 76. Section 7B. Jumps or Barriers

1. Jumps or barriers may range from a minimum of 16" to a maximum of 24" in height.  
***Jumps minimum 16 inches and maximum 20 inches***

2. The width of the obstacle should be a minimum of 3" ***change to minimum of 4 feet***

4. Poles (cross bars) must be a minimum of 3" in diameter. The maximum depth for a solid jump or barrier shall be no more than 30" at the base. ***Maximum thickness at base of a solid jump shall be no more than 12" in height and no more than 20" side to side and width a minimum of 4'.***

P. 77 J. Crawling and Ducking ***eliminate the word "Crawling"***

- 1. This obstacle may be used in Open or Advanced Pack where the age and size of the llamas is more predictable but should be constructed so as to accommodate the tallest animal with its packs on to prevent hooking of packs on the obstacle. Change "In any obstacle class (not just open or advanced pack)"***

P. 78. L. Loading in Vehicles

1. A pickup with a stock rack or equivalent, a full size van or a trailer (minimum 10' by 5') may be used. The height of the floor of the vehicle may not be more than 30" from the ground. ***Eliminate "pickups" and begin "A full size van or a trailer (minimum 10' by 5') may be used. The height of the floor of the vehicle may not be more than 30" from the ground."***

4. A pickup must have a stock rack or equivalent. ***Eliminate***

P 78. M. Platform Obstacle

1. The platform should not be raised off the ground more than 18" if a turnaround is required. ***Substitute Platform not more than 10"***

3. When carrying a 40-pound pack, an animal should not be required to jump down from any surface, bridge or platform higher than 16". ***Substitute: Jump down no more than 12".***

P. 79 section 9. G. Show Management

1. Times Courses: Use of timed courses for the performance classes allowing exhibitors a time limits within which to complete the course etc. ***Eliminate paragraph " no timed courses"***

P. 80 2. Preliminary Courses: Decrease exhibitor numbers through use of Preliminary courses. The number of animals required for final courses shall by 10-15 llamas. (See E. in this section.) ***Eliminate the wording "(see E in this section)"***

P. 81 D 3. Major Faults, including but not limited to:

i. Major safety hazard (i.e., standing in the space where the llama *would jump as it is coming out of the trailer or wrapping lead rope around hand*) ***add verbiage "or having a hand on the clip where the lead and halter are attached."***

P. 84 A. Age Requirements

1. 5 to 36 months; (no weight – see B.1 this section.) ***5 to 36 months, llamas and Alpacas carry no weight. Eliminate wording "(See B.1 this section.)"***
2. 36 months and over (carry weight – see B/2 this section) ***36 months and over, Llamas carry 40 lbs. and alpacas carry 10 lbs. Eliminate wording "(See B.2 this section)"***

P. 84 B. Requirements for Pack:

2. Llamas age 36 months and over must carry a pack system with two cinches with a minimum of 40 lbs. The system is required to have removable panniers. Alpacas 36 months and over ***must carry a pack system with a total of 10 lbs.*** The packs must be proper scale for the animal's size. ***(Bolded wording is to match the wording about the weight llamas carry).***

**P. 84C. Equipment for Pack Llamas and Alpacas 36 months of age and over**

4. Pack systems as described in B2. ***Eliminate***

D. Equipment for Llamas and Alpacas same as C.1 through c.4. ***eliminate***

E. ***Change to D***

F. ***Change to E***

P. 85 G. Mandatory Obstacles

2. Step over or 16' maximum jump maneuver when carry 40 pounds ***Change to 12 inches (any additional height causes a llama to have to jump- at least with the back legs. If the object is to step over- then it needs to be the height for a step over.)***

P. 85 section 15 Public Relations Class

B. Conduct of the class: Same as for the Obstacle class. ***The word SAME should begin with a small letter***

#### D. Mandatory Obstacles

5. Petting: One standing adult strokes llama on the neck in a subdued manner. *May have 1 or 2 petters.*

#### P. 87 section 17 Driving Class

The following rules and guidelines apply to a driving classes.

10. Llamas may be driven in any comfortable, bite less head stall that affords the driver a full range of control over direction and speed. *To be worded: " Llamas may be driven in any comfortable driving halter that does not have a bit and affords the driver a full range of control over direction and speed."*
11. B.3. Whips are considered optional tack for the driving class. *Whips are considered tack for the driving class. (Eliminate the word optional.)*

#### PART N. ALPACA PERFORMANCE:

Page 94 section 1 B, 2f (7) Jumps: To be negotiated over heights from 16"- 24" maximum depending upon class level ability and safety. **Jumps to be negotiated over heights from 16" to 20" maximum depending upon class level ability and safety.**

P. 96 section 1 D, 7b Step over of 16" maximum jump maneuver when carrying 10 pounds. **Step over of 16" maximum when carrying 10 pounds. (eliminate jump verbiage)**

**Tami moved and Julie seconded motion to approve performance rule changes. Motion passed.**

Exhibitors with Disabilities performance classes will be evaluated further after the Grand National Show.

Committee requested that Novice Performance animals begin earning ROM points in 2006. The committee recommended that 12 points in Novice performance classes apply toward a ROM in respective Obstacle, Publications and Pack class.

**Tami moved and Julie seconded motion to adopt the Novice ROM proposal. Jeff, Lora, Wally, Barb opposed. Motion failed to pass.**

Committee recommended that obstacle driving be added to cart driving class at Regional and Grand National Shows.

**Tami moved and Barb seconded motion to add obstacle cart driving at Regional and Grand National Shows beginning in 2006. Motion passed.**

Board discussed establishing a new Cart Driving Division. The new Division would separate the driving classes from Obstacle, Public Relations and Pack in the Performance Division. The classes making up the Cart Driving Division would consist of Pleasure Driving, Obstacle Driving and optional Public Relations Driving. In ALSA shows where Driving Classes are offered, a separate award system would divide the Driving Classes from the Performance Classes, as there would be two separate performance divisions.

**Wally moved and Lora seconded motion to submit above cart driving proposal to Performance Committee for recommendation. Motion passed.**

### **Policy & Planning Committee**

No Report

### **Promotion Committee**

Committee provided an overview on National FFA Convention held in October 2006, in Louisville, Kentucky. Four organizations, ALSA, ILR, LANA and ICI worked together at the convention to produce a highly informative llama educational presentation for the 52,000 young people that attended the convention. Darrell Anderson, Merlene Anderson, Mark Smith and Barb Baker represented the four llama organizations. Three educational booths were used by the four llama organizations to present information at the convention. The following recap of the event by the numbers was provided:

52,396 members and advisors in attendance

452 "Advisor's Packets" distributed to FFA Advisors

1,046 copies of the ILR booklet s distributed to FFA members and advisors

622 copies of "Llama Facts for New Owners" distributed.

The educational presentation was highly successful and the efforts of those representing the llama organizations were extremely popular and well received by those attending the convention.

The committee will continue to pursue llama promotion ideas during the upcoming year.

### **Protest Committee**

The protest committee voted to uphold a protest lodged against an exhibitor.

**Barb moved Jeff seconded the motion to uphold the protest. Wally and Lora abstained. Motion passed.**

Committee also discussed that all upheld protests shall be published in *Showring* in accordance with policy.

### **Publications Committee**

Jeff requested an Executive Session.

After session concluded, Jeff moved and Tami seconded to resume regular meeting.

Motion passed.

**Tami moved and Jeff seconded motion to replace Diane DiAngelo with Robin Ryan as committee chair. Wally abstained. Motion passed.**

**Barb moved Jeff seconded motion to remove Lee Steiner from Publications Committee. Tami opposed, Wally, Julie and Lora abstained. Motion passed 3-1.**

### **Regionals Committee**

Show attendance, show locations and show exhibitor travel distances to Regional Shows were evaluated. The following Regional Show boundaries changes were discussed.

Rocky Mountain Region: Add New Mexico

Great Lakes Region: North Dakota, South. Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois.

Central Region: Add Nebraska

Eastern Region: Remove Kentucky

South Eastern Region: Unchanged

Buckeye: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky

Establish New Region: California, Nevada and Arizona. Name: South Western Region

Change Western Region name to North Western Region. States will include Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

**Barb moved and Tami seconded motion to adopt Regional boundary changes.**

**Motion passed.** Change of names for Buckeye and Great Lakes Regions will be reviewed at a later time.

The policy for 2005 to allow exhibitors the option of what regional show to attend and no restriction on number of Regional Shows desiring to attend was discussed.

**Julie moved and Tami seconded a motion to indefinitely keep exhibitor option of ALSA Regionals open with no restriction on number of Regional Shows exhibitors want to attend. Motion passed.**

### **Show Management Committee**

Committee submitted following ROM amendment proposal:

The current ROM point system relative to class size would be applied to the entire number entries in a division when awarding Grand and Reserve Grand winner ROM points. All other class placements would receive ROM points based on placement in respective class. Where Division size is extremely small, no points will be awarded based on the minimum ROM number requirement for class.

**Tami moved and Barb seconded the motion to adopt the ROM proposal, effective January 1, 2006. Motion passed.**



### **Youth Committee**

Committee submitted the following proposed change for youth age divisions.

Junior: 8 years through 11 years

Intermediate: 12 years through 14 years

Senior: 15 years through 18 years

**Tami moved and Julie seconded to adopt the youth division age changes. Motion passed.**

Committee expressed concern Youth classes are not paid premiums for youth judging classes at Grand National and Regional Shows.

Committee requested that for youth performance classes, 10 obstacles be used instead of 8. Board declined request.

Committee requested to add Tabbethia Haubold to the Youth Committee.

**Tami moved and Jeff seconded motion to add Tabbethia Haubold to Youth Committee. Motion passed.**

### **Website Committee**

No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Member Survey results:**

- Membership communication concerns have been addressed by the ALSA Board through:
  1. Membership questions and concerns addressed during Board meeting.
  2. Minutes on website.
  3. Urgent messages will be provided on ALSA website.
- ROM point system revision.
- Open regional participation has been implemented.
- Regional boundaries have been realigned in response to membership request.

**Combined ALSA/ILR meeting is in the process of being scheduled for early 2006.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Included under Committee Reports.

**Julie moved and Tami seconded meeting be adjourned at 6:00 CST. Motion passed.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wally Baker,  
ALSA Secretary**



ALSA Minutes of December 6, 2005 are missing.

Marilyn Nenni  
ALSA Secretary  
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