

Board Minutes From February 21, 2006 Meeting

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

Lora moved and Barb seconded a motion that the December 6, 2005 Board minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Lora moved and Barb seconded a motion that the January 10, 2006 Board minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Barb moved and Jeff seconded a motion to enter executive session. Motion passed.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to leave executive session. Motion passed.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve the ALSA Administrative Manager's 2006 contract. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Fiber Committee

Committee advised because of a misunderstanding as to a definite location where the March 2006 Advanced Fiber Judging Clinic was to be held, the clinic should be cancelled and rescheduled because of the late date.

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion that due to there not being enough time to organize the March 2006 Fiber Clinic, the clinic should be rescheduled for a later date. Motion passed.

Finance & Budget Committee

Committee advised that the ALSA budget and financial reports would be forwarded to each Board member in time for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Grand National Committee

At the request of the Board concerning membership inquires regarding a number of Grand National Show issues, the Grand National committee submitted the following report and recommendations:

1. Grand and Reserve designations being given to first and second place class winners. This was voted on by the Grand National Committee, and all members voted against this issue.
2. Awarding correct colors through 5th place. Committee voted against this issue because it would eliminate the concept of the TOP Ten. This was voted on by the Grand National Committee, and all the members voted against this issue because it would eliminate the concept of the Top Ten. We feel that this concept continues to be very important to owners who wish to promote their wins by advertising their “Top Ten” animals.
3. Including sires and dams of all halter and performance animals in the show program. The Grand National Committee agrees unanimously that this is a good idea, but did not feel it should be implemented this year, due to new personnel being in charge of entries and clerking for the Grand National Show. We feel this is an extremely time-consuming venture and, with all the changes in 2006, this is not a good year to re-implement into this the show program. The proposal should be reconsidered for the 2007 show.
4. An alternate scoring system for the Grand National Show. The Grand National Committee agreed unanimously to change the scoring system for the 2006 show. We have discussed returning to the system that was used in years past for the Grand Nationals. Jim Nenni will be getting the software for this system so it can be tested prior to the show.
5. Wool Division movements to be done prior to or at the beginning of each class. The Committee unanimously supports wool division movements being done only by the judges at the beginning of each class. In 2006 we will have a committee member with the judges during this time, possibly making suggestions for the judges to reconsider an animal that was not moved. Since this seemed to be a problem at the 2005 Grand Nationals, we feel it necessary to take this action.
6. Splitting the yearling class to allow for more equal competition amongst ages. The Committee decided unanimously that this class should be split, with the age of groups being 13 months to 18 months; and 19 months to 24 months. The 13-to-18 month-old llamas will be judged first, followed by the 19-to-24-month-old animals. We will still bring the animals in the ring by entry number and the judges will ask the ages of the animals as they are being judged. This change means there will be 10 animals standing for Grand and Reserve Champion.

Regarding items 1 and 2 above, both of these issues have been presented to the Grand National Committee the last 3 years in a row. For 3 years, the Grand National Committee has voted unanimously against changing the ribbons awarded and the 1st and 2nd place

winner designations. Not once in 4 years has there been a suggestion put in the Grand National Suggestion Box to change the ribbons, for the 1st and 2nd place designations.

After review of Grand National Committee report, the Board decided the following:

1. Grand and Reserve designations being given to first and second place class winners
ALSA will conduct an e-mail poll of ALSA members that have attended the last two Grand National Shows to ascertain if they want to change the class award system. Website Committee will coordinate the membership poll with the ALSA office
2. Awarding correct colors through 5th place. Committee voted against this issue because it would eliminate the concept of the TOP Ten
Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion to support this committee recommendation. Motion passed.
3. Including sires and dams of all halter and performance animals in the show program
This issue will be sent back to committee to ascertain if they can accomplish animal lineage information in the Grand National show program this year.
4. An alternate scoring system for the Grand National Show
This issue will be returned to committee to examine other scoring system options.
5. Wool Division movements to be done prior to or at the beginning of each class
The Board believed that only judges should determine wool division movement. Issue will be returned to committee.
6. Splitting the yearling class to allow for more equal competition amongst ages
The Board accepted committee recommendation on a trial basis. Dividing the Yearling class will be reevaluated for feasibility as a permanent class distinction after the 2006 Grand National Show. **Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion to support this committee recommendation on a trial basis. Motion passed.**

Handbook Committee

Committee is finalizing 2006 ALSA Handbook revisions. Revisions will be included as supplemental pages to the ALSA Handbook 14th Edition.

Judges Committee

February 2006 Committee Report:

Committee requests board approval for the re-certification of Mary Jo Miller. The committee has reviewed her evidence of Continuing Education Credits and judging record.

Committee requests board approval for upgrading Philip Feiner and Danielle Wagner from Level II to Level III Llama Judge. This recommendation is based upon their experience in judging shows. There are no adverse comments in either of their files.

Barb moved Jeff seconded a motion to approve Committee's Judge status recommendations. Motion Passed.

Committee requested Board approval to change the current system regarding whom apprentice judges may apprentice with. ALSA rules state that apprentice judges must serve their apprenticeship with only Level III Judges. In addition, one apprenticeship requirement must be with a member of the Judges' Committee. However, an apprentice judge may not fulfill this requirement with a judge that has instructed the Beginning Judging Clinic the apprentice attended. Currently, two of the three eligible judges that apprentice judges may apprentice with on the Judges' Committee have also instructed the same clinic. This requirement has limited the apprentice opportunities to only one Level III judge on the Judges' Committee.

Committee requested that additional opportunities for apprentices be accorded for. Committee requests permission from the Board to name two or three level III judges that can serve in lieu of Judges' Committee members.

The Board will send a request to Judges' Committee to develop a proposed list of Level III Judges for the apprentice program requirement.

Website Committee

Committee advised that Linda Heune-Solomon has stepped down as committee chair. She will remain on committee.

Lora moved and Tami seconded a motion to have Marilyn Nenni serve as Website Committee Chairperson. Motion passed.

A Board Meeting was scheduled for March 1, 2006 to address current issues not covered during this meeting.

Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. EDT. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Baker, ALSA Secretary

Board Minutes From March 1, 2006 Meeting

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

Julie moved and Barb seconded that the minutes from the February 21, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

No Report

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

No Report

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Committee requested a rulebook change reference alpacas regarding unregistered non-breeding alpacas being allowed to show in performance classes. This rule change proposal would be similar to guidelines covering llamas under the same circumstances. **Tami moved and Barb seconded a motion to provide a provision in the handbook for unregistered non-breeding alpacas to show in performance classes. Motion passed.**

Rule Change: Part C. Section 2. Add: With the exception of animals in Youth Classes, Novice, Advanced, or Open Performance classes and Non-breeders class with vet certificate. If Non-Breeders are not registered and wish to be in the ALSA award system and wish to show in halter, they must show in the adult Non-Breeder halter class. Rule amendment will be forwarded to Handbook Committee.

Election Committee

Committee advised that there have been a number of amended 2006 candidate petition forms posted on the website for the upcoming general election. Committee will accept submitted petition forms irrespective of posted version. Members do not have to resubmit petition forms that have been amended during the period of open petition filing. The nomination period will close April 10, 2006.

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

Based on the new rulebook changes that included fleece exhibits as an ALSA show class, Board discussed rulebook change that would include a \$3.00 per fleece exhibit fee at future shows. Proposed rule change is as follows:

Part D. Section 1-A: Delete There is no show fee per Llama or Alpaca fleece exhibited...

Add: A **\$3:00** fee per Llama or Alpaca fleece exhibited will be charged.

Barb moved and Lora seconded that the above rule change be approved. Motion passed.

Finance & Budget Committee

Board discussed the ALSA 2006 budget.

BUDGET 2006 WITH A 3 YEAR COMPARISON

EXPENSES	2003	2004	2005	BUDGET 2006
Shows	247,852	261,561	202,709	200,000
BOD	18,085	17,113	13,252	14,500
Office	78,296	95,396	95,318	97,000
Membership	4,184	8,846	6,402	6,500
Directory	11,471	16,757	13,219	5,000
Bank/CC Fees	6,881	6,929	5,117	5,500
Website	2,229	4,670	10,882	4,500
Insurance	5,814	8,568	9,929	11,000
Handbooks	16,420	4,764	17,347	5,000
Professional Fees	1,385	8,990	4,229	6,000
Judge Clinics	6,552	5,275	21,214	15,000
Committees	34,485	14,481	9,321	14,500
Misc	2,022	2,699	1,855	2,200
Telephone	7,146	12,498	6,159	6,200
Totals	442,822	468,547	416,953	392,900

REVENUE

Shows	316,628	362,358	297,458	275,000
Member Fees	61,759	77,369	79,052	80,500
Recording/Research	25,869	24,675	21,230	19,000
Judge Clinic Fees	14,415	10,830	14,350	12,500
Website/Webshop	4,205	3,955	11,892	12,000

Misc	4,868	5,739	2,995	4,000
	427,744	484,926	426,977	403,000

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion to approve the budget. Motion passed.

Grand National Committee

No Report

Handbook Committee

Committee recommended that red lettering will be used instead of bold print to denote rulebook changes. Barb will check on printing cost regarding the red lettering.

Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion to make January 1, 2006 the effective date for ALSA Recognition of Merit amendment referencing Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion point awards. Motioned passed. The effective date will be noted under Part G, Section 3.A

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion for Board to approve this year's handbook rule changes. Motion passed.

Judges Committee

No Report

Membership Committee

ALSA color brochure is being finalized. Bids for printing of the brochure are being sought.

Nominating Committee

No Report

Performance Committee

Committee advised that the Performance Manual is at the printers and will be available soon to superintendents, judges, and all interested exhibitors. Manuals can be purchased through the ALSA office.

Committee recommended that Pleasure Driving be held outside whenever possible. Committee is also evaluating Cart Driving class format. The Board discussed that the primary consideration should be safety when deciding location for Driving Classes. The decision will be left to show management, judges and exhibitors to choose the safest location with appropriate surface for driving classes.

Committee is evaluating ROM points for novice classes.

Committee requested that the Board consider continuing with the Exhibitors with Disabilities classes as an exhibition segment for 2006. Financial support has been offered for continuing of the classes.

Policy and Planning Committee

No Report

Promotion Committee

No Report

Protest Committee

No Report

Publications Committee

Committee is working on an accountability system, mission statement and SOP. When finalized, information will be forwarded to Board and also publicized in *Showring*. During the time committee information system is being developed, Committee requested that if any member would like to submit items to *Showring* for publication, please send request to Publications Committee Chair, Nelson Leonard.

Committee has been in touch with Able Publishing to discuss production of *Showring* and is presently working on upcoming magazine issue. Next issue of *Showring* submission dead line date for advertisements and editorial content is March 17, 2006. Anticipated mailing date is April 16, 2006.

Two-year contract for Able Publishing to continue publishing *Showring* was discussed. Able Publishing advised that four issues per year would be accomplished. Specific magazine distribution months are: January, April, July and October.

Wally moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve the Showring contract for 2006 and 2007. Motion Passed.

Regional Championship Committee

Show ribbons will be ordered 1st through 5th place for this year's Regional Shows. There was a surplus of 6th place ribbons left over from last year's shows that will be used when possible for 2006 Regional shows. Because of the recent regional realignment and a surplus of ribbons being left over from last year's Regional Shows, show ribbon ordering criteria will be reevaluated at a later time for the 2007 Regional Shows.

Committee stated that stronger emphasis should be placed on Regional Championships in regard to qualifying for the Grand National Show. The Board will request clarification from committee as to any suggested requirement.

Committee requested an explanation as to why animal registration paperwork had to be included with show entry information. The board agreed registration paperwork is essential to ensure correct documentation at shows.

Show Superintendents believe the present honor system of providing information in time for animals for Regional Shows is inadequate. The regional qualifying cards used in the past seemed beneficial. The board discussed that a number of shows held just prior to the Regional Shows not always had show results submitted to the ALSA office in time to be posted on the website in time for Regional Shows. The current qualifying notification process will remain in place.

Effective communications between committee and the Board was discussed. The committee liaison will contact the committee chairperson relative to overall communications.

Show Management Committee

Committee has developed a new Regional map detailing the revised eight (8) Regions. The map will be included on the website to make the various state distinction in each Region easier to follow.

Youth Committee

Committee is working on updating the Youth Judging Manual.

Committee will review the Tony Rollins memorial fund to possibly include other memorial recognition to other members that have passed away.

The Tony Rollins Scholarship criterion is also being reviewed for overall requirements.

Website Committee

Committee discussed methods of website reorganization and including a web link for downloading show forms and other related material from the ALSA Show page. Committee and ALSA office will continue to work on development of the revised ALSA website.

Committee advised they are working on a membership survey of exhibitors attending last two Grand National Shows regarding class Champion awards at the Grand National Show. ALSA office will assist with compiling names and distribution of survey forms.

Upon Board request Website Committee will ascertain if directory can be put in a secure site for members only. Committee will also be checking on printing directory options in the event a member wants to download directory information. In the future, members will be able to download directory information that will be a cost savings to the organization. Others that do not have personal computer access may request a written copy of the Directory for the ALSA office.

A website link for members to down load show information from the ALSA website was discussed.

Tami moved Julie seconded a motion to offer ALSA sanctioned shows listed on the events and shows page a free link to access their show information. Motion passed.

Old Business

Grand National Show award recognition.

The Board had previously received a petition from a segment of the membership regarding changing the award system at the Grand National Show. A member had pointed out that the 1st and 2nd place class Grand National awards was referenced incorrectly in the January 10, 2006 ALSA Board meeting minutes. The correct terminology when referencing the award change proposal should be as follows:

- 1st and 2nd place winners in each class at the Grand National Show would be awarded National Champion and National Reserve Champion. The National and Reserve Champions in their respective class then would be judged for National Grand Champion and National Reserve Grand Champion of the Division.

GN date movement request

A steering committee will be established to evaluate Grand National Show date, location and other show related matters. Committee representation from each region will be sought.

Survey results

Overview of previous membership survey results was discussed. The following membership concerns are presently being addressed or have been resolved.

- Division of Yearling Classes.
- Grand National Award system
- ROM change for Grand and Reserve Champions
- Website revision.

Combined ALSA/ILR meeting

Penny will put together an agenda and contact ILR to schedule meeting.

New Business

Non-voting membership

A member made a request to have an additional membership as a non-voting membership. The board discussed that there is no provision under membership guidelines or in the bylaws for such a request.

Novice points for Performance ROM

A member requested that ROM points be awarded in Novice Performance Classes. The Board discussed that the Performance Committee had recently addressed this issue and is in the process of examining the ROM system again.

Llama Champion Status

A member questioned the Champion status of another member's llama. The time in question covered a period of five years. The board believed that because of the extensive

time frame involved, a reasonable statute of limitations had expired for a record check of this nature.

Board Member Representation

Barb moved that a bylaw change should be considered regarding that each Region should have a maximum of one Board member representation. No second received. Motion failed to carry.

Julie moved and Barb seconded meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m. EDT. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**

ALSA Minutes of April 31, 2006 are missing.

Marilyn Nenni
ALSA Secretary
12-6-08

Board Minutes From Meeting May 31, 2006

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

Members present:

Penny Davidson – President
Barb Laux – Vice President
Jeff Jones – Treasurer
Wally Baker – Secretary
Tami Lash – Board Member
Lora Crawford – Board Member

Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion that the minutes from the April 10, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

ALSA Checking:	\$44,988.58
ALSA Investment:	\$97,454.11
ALSA TR Scholarship:	\$11,600.57
Total:	\$154,043.26

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

I have contracted with a new long distance provider that will save us a few cents per minute on all long distance service. This will include our main phone line as well as the fax line. The best news is that we will have a new service for our conference calls that will save 80% which is usually the biggest chunk of our phone bill.

I am working with a local bank that is offering us 4.25 % or as much as 4.50% interest on our savings as well as our checking account. This should add up to an additional 4-6 thousand dollars a year and the accounts are completely liquid and the bank is not far from here.

We are continuing to work with the Regional Committee and hope to have all Regional Paperwork up on the website by July 1st. All information that goes out to members as well as all information and packets that go to the supers were sent a couple of months ago, to all supers as well as to the chair, Betty Moe. Hopefully we will come up with paperwork that helps the supers more significantly this year by utilizing their input.

Grant is consolidating all of the regional individual (region) qualifiers in our data base so we should just have a single alphabetized list of animals that qualify for GN and Regionals that will appear on the site about the

same time as the Regional paperwork. They will be updated no less than twice a month and once a week as Regionals gets closer.

Cheryl Ryberg
Administrative Manager

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

No report

Election Committee

Due to an inadvertent error on the general ballot recently mailed to the membership, a corrected ballot has been completed and will be mailed to the membership within the next couple of days.

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

Committee requested to add the following committee members: June Black, Lee Ann King and Geri Rutledge.

Barb moved and Jeff second a motion to add the new members to committee.

Motion passed.

A request was made for clarification regarding if a \$3.00 entry fee for fleece classes is in addition to the \$5.00 show entry fee. A \$3.00 entry fee will also be required when a llama or alpaca is entered in fleece classes.

Committee is working on the Grand National Show format for fiber classes.

Finance & Budget Committee

No report

Grand National Committee

1. The chair of the committee requests board approval for the following committee members: Norris Berg, Sharon Carrier, Dee January, and Kathy Geyer. The chair also recommends Sharon Carrier as Halter Superintendent, and Norris Berg as Performance Superintendent.
2. The Committee confirms that the date of the Grand National for 2006 will be November 10, 11, and 12. These dates are essentially set due to previously existing show schedules. Dates earlier in the year might be preferable but must be phased into over a one or two year period so that show schedules can be adjusted.
3. The committee requests board approval to re-implement the so-called "majority

judging system.” This is the scoring system that had been in place prior to utilizing the averaging system that has been used for the past several years.

4. The committee requests board approval to award National Class Champion, and National Class Reserve Champion ribbons in addition to the traditional National Grand Champion and National Reserve Grand Champion ribbons.
5. Information:
 - a. There is no contract for the Lancaster Event Center. This will be negotiated over the next couple of weeks.
 - b. The committee has solicited proposals from Lincoln hotels to serve as the “host hotel” for the event. This is not a “homecoming weekend” so we may have additional options.
 - c. The committee will have a slate of performance judges to propose to the board very shortly.
 - d. The committee has decided to offer Class Sponsorships at this year’s Grand National. The sponsorship will be \$250.00 per class. The Class sponsors will have their business cards published in the show program and will be announced during the class. This is in addition to the traditional Gold and Silver sponsors. Debbie Shellabarger has agreed to help the committee secure Gold, Silver and Class sponsors.
 - e. The committee is at work lining up the long list of volunteers that are required to operate this show and will report to the board as key volunteers are secured.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded motion to add requested members to Grand National Committee. Motion passed.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to have Penny serve as board liaison to Grand National Committee effective immediately. Motion passed.

Jeff moved Barb seconded a motion to approve remainder of committee report. Motion Passed.

Handbook Committee

Rulebook changes are on the website. Members may download changes for hard copy. Members not having website access, may contact ALSA office and changes will be sent to them upon request.

Judges’ Committee

1. The committee recommends that Toni Knie be promoted from Level II to Level III llama judge. This is based on the large number of shows that Toni has judged since her promotion from Level II.
1. The committee understands that the board has approved the Advanced Judging Clinic in CO for June and the combined show and beginning Judging Clinic in GA for July. We are currently working on another clinic for this fall.
2. Debbie Ullrich attended the Advanced Judging Clinic held last spring in OR and should have been recommended for certification as Level I Judge. Since her certification was still in effect (through 2006) her name was inadvertently omitted from the committee's recommendation at that time. The committee now recommends that her certification be extended through 2007.

Subsequent to this report, Board discussed that the Advanced Judging Clinic scheduled for June 2006 has been cancelled.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve Judge's Committee Report. Motion passed.

Membership Committee

Committee recommended that ALSA brochures will be provided free of charge to show superintendents.

Barb moved and Jeff seconded a motion to provide a packet of 25 ALSA brochures for show superintendents free of charge. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee

No report

Performance Committee

Committee made the following recommendations:

1. Make a Driving Championship separate from the Performance Championship (Obstacle, Pack, PR) at the Grand National level beginning in 2006. The current rules for a division will apply (8 exhibitors in a division for a championship. The pleasure and obstacle driving are the classes that comprise a division).
2. There be ROM'S earned in advanced and novice performance.
3. The Performance Committee is requesting that the Board consider offering Novice ROM points at shows where Advanced and Novice classes are already offered.
4. The Disabilities Showmanship and Performance classes be offered at Regionals and Grand National Show as an exhibition class again this year.

Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to amend Committee's Cart Driving Championship recommendation by adding Regional Shows in the following addendum and rule guideline: Motion passed.

A Cart Driving Championship (Pleasure Driving and Obstacle Driving) will be added at the 2006 Regional Shows and the Grand National Show. The other performance championship will consist of Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations classes. In order for the Cart Driving championship to be counted as a separate Performance Division, a minimum of eight (8) entries must be entered in the Cart Driving Division for an ALSA Championship and for a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion to be awarded. The combined number of entries in both the Pleasure Driving class and Obstacle Driving class will be counted as the total number for the division. For example, if there were four (4) entries in Pleasure Driving and four (4) entries in Obstacle Driving there would be a total of eight (8) entries for the division. If less than eight (8) entries are entered in the two combined cart driving classes, when applicable, llamas earning points in the cart driving competition will have their respective points added towards the Championship standing in the Performance Division competition. ROM points earned in each cart driving class will be calculated under the present ROM award system. Continuance of a separate Cart Driving Championship will be evaluated following the 2006 Grand National Show.

Jeff moved and Lora seconded a motion not to adopt committee's recommendation to provide ROM points or ROM awards in Novice Performance classes. Motion passed.

Policy and Planning Committee

No report

Promotion Committee

Committee is awaiting National FFA input on National Convention this year. Committee is planning on working together with ILR, LANA and ICI with establishing information booths at the convention. The new ALSA brochures will be a positive addition to the ALSA presentation at the convention.

Protest Committee

Jeff read Protest Committee Report regarding protest filed against two ALSA Judges and an exhibitor regarding them dining together during the time of an ALSA llama and alpaca show. One judge was judging the Alpaca segment of the show; the other Judge was judging the llama segment. The exhibitor was showing llamas for the judge judging the alpaca show. Protest Committee upheld the protest, citing ALSA rule violations Part D, Section 1. A.11 and Part U Section 4. Committee had made recommendations on appropriate penalty resulting from the upheld protest. Regarding the recommended penalty on one of the judges, the board decided to postpone a decision on any administrative action pending clarification on the penalty phase affecting this judge.

Jeff moved and Lora seconded a motion to uphold the protest against the three involved parties. One judge will receive three months suspension from judging in ALSA shows and the exhibitor will receive three months suspension from exhibiting in ALSA shows. In addition, both will be placed on a one-year probation period. The second judge's penalty determination will be considered upon further inquiry into the Protest Committee's report. Motion passed. Upheld protests will be posted in the next issue of *Showring*.

Wally moved and Barb seconded a motion to enter executive session. Motion passed.

Board resumed normal session.

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion to vote on whether or not to eject a member from the ALSA Board of Directors for unethical behavior. The Board member would also be prohibited from holding an ALSA Board of Directors position for a period of 36 months from time of dismissal. Yeas: Barb, Jeff. Nays: Tami, Lora, Wally. Motion failed to pass.

Wally moved and Lora seconded a motion to censure the same member of the ALSA Board of Directors for unethical conduct. In addition, a board probation period of 36 months would be in effect. Yeas: Jeff, Barb, Lora, Wally. Nays: Tami. Motion passed.

Publications Committee

No report.

Regional Championship Committee

Region ribbons have been ordered.

Show Management Committee

Committee submitted a recommendation for considering ALSA approval for having other llama organizations holding shows in conjunction with ALSA shows. Committee recommendation will be evaluated further.

Committee requested to add Danielle Wagoner, CA to the committee.

Wally moved and Barb seconded a motion to add Danielle Wagoner to committee. Motion passed.

Youth Committee

No report.

Website Committee

Committee Chair requested authorization to enter only the ALSA website area in order to keep information updated to the membership in a precise and timely manner. The Website Chair does not desire to have any input into the ALSA data bank or to conduct changes to the ALSA data bank

Barb moved and Wally seconded a motion that the ALSA Webmaster is the appropriate authority for website data access for the purpose to make any information changes. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

- **Directory**
Membership directory will be posted on ALSA website. Youth contact information will not be included.
- **Upheld protest**
Copy of board findings has been sent to ALSA member. Summary of one outstanding upheld protest will be obtained from Protest Committee for publication in *Showring*.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Grand National Trophy**
Board will adhere to original decision not to award an additional Grand National Trophy to exhibitor that had protested co-Grand Champion winner in same division.

**Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion to adjourn meeting 10:05 p.m. EDT
Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**

Board Minutes From Meeting June 14, 2006

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

Upheld Protests from last meeting:

Based upon a further protest information review, The Board of Directors revisited the upheld protest motion at the May 31, 2006 meeting to evaluate the motion for possible amendment regarding two ALSA judges and an exhibitor. Prior to this Board meeting, the Board contacted the Protest Committee to ascertain clarity on the previously submitted protest findings. Upon final assessment, the Board made the following determination in accordance with handbook directive Part V, Section 1.B.12.

The original motion during May 31, 2006 meeting with the Board of Directors upholding the protests on two ALSA judges and the ALSA exhibitor will remain as originally decided.

The original motion during the May 31, 2006 meeting with the Board of Directors deciding corrective action against one judge and the exhibitor will remain as originally decided.

Because any proposed board action against a second ALSA judge required further review, this portion of the original motion was postponed from the May 31, 2006 board meeting until the Board of Directors could evaluate Protest Committee information on the matter. Upon further review of the protest information, the following board action was taken:

Barb moved and Lora seconded a motion to place the second ALSA judge on three months suspension from judging at ALSA shows in addition to a one-year probation period. Motion passed.

Website Committee:

Committee posed a number of questions regarding Webmaster's role. Many positive improvements on the website have been made. Overall, the website needs to continue in a progressive manner.

The Board concluded that there needs to be a variety of input. Roles of committee involvement will be evaluated and recommendations for website improvement considered. The ALSA Webmaster will be asked to join future board meetings to explain his procedure and answer any website related questions. In the interim, a request will be made to have the ALSA Webmaster provide written input regarding website procedures prior to next Board meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Upheld protest regarding a member has been mailed by certified mail.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from exhibitor regarding wool class entry at ILE ALSA show.

Matter will be forwarded to judge in attendance at show for additional input.

Manual for Designing Obstacles.

Board will conduct final review of manual and submit findings to Performance Committee NLT July 1, 2006.

Youth Membership Cards

A request was made by a member to have the birth date included on the Youth Membership Cards to verify birth dates for registration purposes at shows. Penny will follow up on request.

Letter from exhibitor regarding concern over low attendance and cancellations of shows in Buckeye Region.

Board discussed that travel costs, graduation times and other factors may possibly impact show attendance. Tami will compose letter back to member.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Camelid Community Conference in August 2006.

Julie and Wally will attend.

ALSA Committee member terms.

Currently, committee members serve a term for a period of one year starting April 1 of each year. To coincide with the terms of newly seated Board members, it was discussed that committee member terms should begin one month after new board members are seated to establish the best initial board and committee continuity.

Barb moved and Wally seconded a motion to change Part B Section 1. B. 2. ALSA handbook to reflect committee members will serve their committee terms starting one month after new board members are seated following ALSA board election.

Motion passed.

ALSA Handbooks:

A readable version of the ALSA Handbook is now available on the ALSA website. Members can download entire version or changes in 8 1/2" by 11" page format. Members without website availability may request hardcopy from ALSA office.

Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion that ALSA judges will receive copies of any ALSA Handbook changes. Motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2006.

Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m. EDT. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**

Board Minutes From Meeting July 12, 2006

President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. EST

Members present:

Penny Davidson – President
Wally Baker - Secretary
Lora Crawford – Board Member
Ken Fenley – Board Member
Julie Heggie – Board Member
Dan Milton - Board Member
Kay Patterson Sharpnack – Board Member
Cheryl Ryberg – Administrative Manager

Penny conducted roll call and welcomed newly elected Board members; Ken Fenley, Dan Milton and Kay Patterson Sharpnack

Approval of Minutes:

Julie moved and Lora seconded a motion that the minutes from May 31, 2006 meeting be approved with the following correction: Motion passed.

Website Committee:

Verbiage change regarding Committee Chair requesting authorization for direct access to the ALSA website data bank to conduct information changes. Revised language is reflected in May 31, 2006 Board Meeting minutes posted on ALSA website.

Kay moved and Wally seconded a motion that the minutes from the June 14, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed

ALSA Confidentiality Agreement was discussed. Board members will review the recently amended ALSA bylaw regarding Board communication procedure to determine if the amendment will suffice in lieu of a formal confidentiality agreement.

Election of Officers:

The Board of Directors decided on the following Board Officers:

President	Kay Patterson Sharpnack
Vice-President	Dan Milton
Secretary	Julie Heggie

None of the Board of Directors expressed interest in filling the Treasurer office vacancy. ALSA bylaws do not require that a Board member serve as Treasurer. Dan recommended an ALSA member, Wayne Rankin, to fill the Treasurer position. Kay added he had an MBA and extensive financial background. Ken recommended ALSA member, Jim Nenni, whom he described as also being well qualified and interested in the Treasurer

position. The Board decided on Wayne Rankin. The following motion was then presented.

Kay moved and Dan seconded a motion to have Wayne Rankin serve as ALSA Treasurer. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

ALSA Checking:		\$47,773.88
ALSA Investment:		\$97,877.48
ALSA Scholarship Account	\$11,658.22	
Total Assets:		\$157,309.58

Kay moved and Ken seconded a motion to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed.

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

Welcome to all new members of The ALSA Board of Directors.

We are in the process of assembling a book for new members which includes much helpful information, such as the office contract and also the Web Shop and Showing Contract. It will also include past audits and much other documentation that is catalogued for your help during Board Meetings. The ALSA Office has taken it upon itself to provide these books to the Board a couple of years ago and directors who keep it near the phone during meetings find it very helpful. We are waiting to finish (2 of the past Board Members have yet to return their books) but I have been in contact with both directors who assure me they are on their way. Once you receive your books (and remaining directors will be receiving updates to their books) please get familiar with its contents as much of what is saved for you there will become an integral part of your conversation and may influence your votes. If a director requests additional information please let me know and I will send out to all directors as we all need to work together and understand contracts, insurance policies etc.

You will find that I will be present during your Board Calls. This was decided and redefined years ago so the office and Board can understand what each are doing in a timely manner. My position is a quiet one on Board calls unless the discussion turns to a topic that will affect operations in ALSA Office. Then I can give reasoning and opinions but only as it will affect us here and sometimes I can offer an opinion or approximation of what a project will cost. For the most part I am just there for any advice as my experience of 6 years may offer.

My contract is included here in MS Publisher format, If you cannot read it let me know and I will be glad to translate it into a format that you can open.

The Treasury report will be simple but you will be receiving by fax or mail (if you do not have a fax) a detailed report that will be up to date as of moneys we have received or spent as of today. We will start faxing tomorrow the detailed report. The financial data is kept in a stand alone PC and we cannot email from it. This was done deliberately after several attempts over the years to break into our system as well as the sophistication of a virus taking hold.

Email is usually the best way to contact me, we have one phone line and we like to keep it open as much as possible for members with questions or wanting to register animals, check on points or renew their memberships.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg
ALSA Office Administrative Manager

The Board decided on the following Board liaison to Committee changes:

Alpaca Committee - Kay
Ethics Committee - Lora
Fiber Committee - Julie
Finance & Budget Committee - Dan
Grand National Committee - Penny
Handbook Committee - Ken
Membership Committee - Penny
Performance Committee - Wally
Promotion Committee - Dan
Protest Committee - Ken
Publications Committee - Dan
Regional Championship Committee - Kay
Youth Committee - Julie

*Committees not listed have no Board member liaison changes.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

No report

Election

No report

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

No report

Finance & Budget Committee

No report

Grand National Committee

1. The committee requests approval of the following as performance judges for the 2006 Grand National: David Allen, Beth Myers, and Gayle Woodsum. These judges together with Toni Knie will complete the slate of performance judges for this year's Grand National. This group of judges will give us representation from four fairly diverse regions of the country. The halter judges that were previously approved by the board include: Darrell Anderson, Adrienne Hochee, and Cathie Kindler.
2. Although the details of the facility contract are not fully complete, ALSA will need to provide a deposit in the very near future to secure the facility. The committee request board approval for this deposit.
3. Other aspects of the Grand National are progressing. A more detailed report will be forthcoming for next month's BOD meeting.

Julie moved and Lora seconded motion to approve Grand National Report. Motion passed.

Handbook Committee

No report

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 that Penny Davidson be re-certified as Level III Llama Judge. This is based on continuing education credits. There are no adverse comments in her file.
2. The Advanced Judging Clinic at Carol Llama Farms is proceeding as scheduled for August 11, 12, and 13. Registration forms have been posted to the Website and an email will be sent to all apprentices and judges.
3. The combined Show and Beginning Judging Clinic scheduled for July 7, 8, and 9 had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. The committee request board approval to re-schedule this clinic for October 27, 28, and 29. It's hoped that with more notice and at a cooler time of year, participation will allow the clinic to proceed.
4. The committee requests board approval for an Advanced Fiber Clinic to be held August 25, 26, and 27. This clinic will be hosted by Maryan Baker in Riverside,

CA. The instructor will be Karen Kinyon.

5. The committee requests board approval for an Advanced Judging Clinic to be held September 29, October 1, 2. The clinic will be hosted by Riley Llamas in Carmel, IN. Terry Duespohl will be the instructor. The second instructor has not yet been arranged.
6. The committee request board approval for a combined Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Judging Clinic to be held October 20, 21, and 22. The clinic will be hosted by Doran's Llamas and Suri Alpacas in Westerville, OH. Arrangements for instructors are incomplete at this time.

Julie moved and Penny seconded a motion to approve the Judges' Committee report. Motion passed.

Membership Committee

Committee inquired if the Special Recognition Award Program is still in place. Committee would also like to get donations for awards if award presentations continue.

Board discussed that Special Recognition awards presented at the time of the Grand National show will continue for this year. Information on the award program will be posted in *Showring* and on the ALSA website.

Nominating Committee

No report

Performance Committee

No report

Policy and Planning Committee

No report

Promotion Committee

The committee is preparing for the upcoming FFA Convention. ALSA, LANA, ILR and ICI are working on a joint display at the convention.

Committee chairperson, Darrell D. Anderson, announced he is stepping down as chair, effective immediately.

Protest Committee

No report

Publications Committee

Committee is actively pursuing articles for next issue.

Regional Championship Committee

In reporting the status of our Regional Shows, all Regional Supervisors seem to have things well-planned and organized for their areas. Our new Southwestern Region,

supervised by Maryan Baker, sounds like it will be a large and successful show with some special extras to make it even more appealing. Several of our newer Superintendents have profited from their past year's experiences and should be doing a great job this year.

Positive responses from Regional Superintendents have been expressed about the quality of the newly designed ribbons from Royall Awards for this year's Regionals. Committee requested that the ALSA Board to approve calling the former Western Region, the Northwestern Region, this year, not beginning in 2007. The ribbons are already designed saying Northwestern, and as such any leftover ribbons can be used next year – instead of having to make a complete new set with Northwestern on them, instead of Western.

The new Regional ribbons will add prestige to our Regional Shows. We are grateful to our sponsor, Wayne Rankin, for stepping forward and making this change to the new ribbons possible this year – and to the ALSA Board for approving it.

Committee requested that the ALSA Board to approve the same amount of premium money for each of the eight Regions as was given to the Regions last year. The amount was \$5,100.00 per Region.

Board discussion:

Outside of the Regional Show Championship, the Board decided to keep the Western Regional name referenced in all other ALSA business until 2007.

The Board will evaluate premium amounts for each Region.

Show Management Committee

No report

Youth Committee

No report

Website Committee

A Request for change in May 31, 2006 minutes was requested as previously documented elsewhere in minutes. Remainder of report will be tabled for next meeting.

Old Business

Manual for Designing Obstacles

ALSA office will provide performance obstacle manual to new board members for review and comment. Any further input regarding the manual will be forwarded to Performance Committee.

Fiber Entry fee.

There remains a number of questions regarding entry fees involving walking fiber and shorn wool classes. Issue will be examined further by Fiber Committee and the Board to determine specific entry fee costs.

Letter from member:

An inquiry was made regarding a judge's determination of a show entry in a halter wool division.

Discussion: This issue has been resolved. No further action.

Letter from member:

Request was made to have date of birth of youth exhibitors on ALSA youth cards.

Discussion: Dates will be included on youth cards beginning 2007. Kay will conduct follow-up with member.

Letter from member:

Following areas of concern were expressed:

- Information regarding protest status on two judges and an exhibitor.
- A need for streamlining and updating information on ALSA Website.
- Changes to the new Performance Manual for Designing Obstacles.

Discussion: Upheld protest information will be published in the next issue of *Showing*.

ALSA Website is currently being streamlined and updated.

After further Board and Committee review of obstacle manual, follow-up action will be determined. Kay will conduct follow-up with member.

Grand National Classes:

Entry procedure for placing entries in wool classes at Grand National Show was discussed. Grand National Show entry form information will reflect current guidelines on class entry procedures.

Grand National Trophy:

Co-Champion winner in halter Medium Wool Male Division at 2005 Grand National Show will receive a Grand Champion trophy. Kay will check on trophy.

New Business

Letter from member:

Concern was expressed for the need to uphold a high level of ethics regarding various aspects of ALSA operations and Board of Directors. Other concern was stated over the need to have a high level of educational and training requirements for alpaca and llama judges.

Discussion: Board concurred with member regarding ethics issues. Discussion on educational requirements for alpaca and llama judges will be tabled for next meeting. Kay will conduct follow-up with member.

Letter from member:

Following concerns were expressed:

- Handbook revisions not being mailed to members and difficulty in downloading portions of handbook from Website.
- Changes to the performance section of ALSA Handbook was recommended.
- Youth twelve years old or younger not being able to show intact llamas.

Discussion: The decision to only post handbook changes on ALSA website in lieu of doing mass mailing of new Handbook changes to all members was based upon significant cost savings to ALSA. New members and members that do not have access to the ALSA website will be provided with hard copies. New manuals will be sent to the membership when new edition of the Handbook is completed in the future.

Handbook recommendations in Performance section will be forwarded to Performance Committee for review.

Handbook rule on youth twelve years of age or under being prohibited from showing intact male llamas was amended on April 10, 2006 to allow the show management at ALSA shows the discretion of allowing younger youth the opportunity to exhibit intact males. Kay will conduct follow-up with member.

Letter from member:

Concern was expressed over inappropriate response made by ALSA Officer Manager when the member made a business inquiry.

Discussion: Office Manager will maintain utmost professionalism during all ALSA Office business contacts. Kay will conduct follow-up with member.

Steering Committee:

A steering committee consisting of eight members, one from each region, has been compiled to evaluate and develop recommendations regarding future Grand National Show venues and dates. Kay will follow-up on coordinating committee issues and meeting schedule.

ALSA Office operations:

Kay requested input from Cheryl regarding the following office operations:

- ALSA Website and software.
- Office Manager and ALSA attorney relationship.

ALSA Webmaster:

ALSA Webmaster will be asked by the Board to attend a future meeting to discuss operations.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2006.

Ken moved and Penny seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 12:33 a.m. EST. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker,
Member, Board of Directors**

Board Minutes from Meeting August 15, 2006

President called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM EST. She asked that the Board acknowledge that this and all future meetings will be recorded.

Members Present:

Kay Sharpnack - President
Dan Milton – Vice President
Julie Heggie – Secretary
Wally Baker – Board Member
Penny Davidson – Board Member
Ken Fenley – Board Member

Lora Crawford – Board Member joined in at 7:15 PM EST

Next board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM EST on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Dan is working on setting up the ALSA Meetings with a new conference center that will record the entire meeting and a tape will be forwarded to the Secretary. Something will be in place by our next scheduled meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Wayne Rankin the ALSA Treasurer joined the conference call with a letter outlining his take on the Duties of the Treasurer. After some discussion the board has sent it to the finance committee for them to take a look at and make a recommendation as to the direction the board should take.

The board discussed moving ALSA funds from the current low yield account into the highest paying money market fund available. **Penny moved and Lora seconded. Motion passed.** This will be sent to the Finance Committee for them to make recommendations on Banks to the BOD.

Website Issues: Grant Miller (Webmaster) and Marilyn Nenni (Chair – Website) were asked to join call to answer questions. For future procedure all website items will go first to the Chair, Marilyn Nenni (and liaison, Lora Crawford) and she will process then send on to Grant Miller (Webmaster) for placement on Website.

Julie moved and Dan seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2006 meeting. Motion passed.

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

As of August 10, 2006:

We have recorded 8,917 pages of Youth, Animals and Adult Showpersons that have either qualified or received points at ALSA Shows. This represents less than half of the

shows (81 Shows) that will be recorded by the end of the year. (131 additional shows either not received or not held yet). In each page of Recording we have between 8-10 fields to be filled in so that the information may be recompiled into a show format on the website. So to average at 9 fields per recording we have filled in 80,253 fields.

We have as of this morning 1 Fleece Show and 1 Alpaca Show that have not yet been recorded but should be by the end of the day. We have sent back to the super one Alpaca Show as the format that he sent the results in did not include class names and there was no way we could have recorded it. We have not received it back yet.

We have sent out approximately 1,250 Certificates of all types this year to date. Certificates are only printed every few months and as we have been inputting many recent shows we should be printing them again later this month.

We are averaging 2-3 NEW members every day. This is a good sign and I spoke with Pam Jensen, Chair of the Membership Committee who put together a new welcoming letter which will be accompanied by a copy of the new ALSA Brochure so new members have an "Official" welcome.

All of corrections either by members or show supers are up to date and most corrections are completed by days end.

All corrections made are documented by ALSA Office and filed under:
"M" for Members error (such as if they think that their was more in the class than we have record of from supers and judge cards).
"O" Errors that the office has made while recording
"S" Errors that Supers have made (such as reversing Grand and Reserve, etc...)
The total of these results will be presented at the next BOD meeting and covers not just 2006 but sometimes years previous.

The total number of recorded and "NA" llamas in our data base is now 21,621. "NA" Animals are recorded if they qualify for National or Regional but do not have an ALSA Number.

We have worked with the Regional Show Supers to get the Regional Entry and Individual as well as for all Regional Information desktop published and sent for presentation to the website. We have completed this within our deadline of 8/1/06.

Suggestion: While reviewing financials and looking at numbers I again noticed a substantial increase (as in the past few years) of members. There are lists available for all of the State and County Fairs. My suggestion would be that the Show Management, Promotion or whatever committees get labels from these lists and mail all of these show superintendents a copy of our new brochure and directions to our website where they may download sanctioning materials. With so many new members coming and so many

members not renewing we need to find a way to keep the old as well as the new and having nearby shows would certainly raise enthusiasm. A simple level one format could be created just for these supers to get them involved. This would give Level One Judges chances for getting experience as well. Even though we do have many new shows we lose many every year. After talking to supers that have not decided to do their show again I find many reasons. The top two are that 1. Volunteer Burnout. 2. Losing Money.

The ALSA Office tries hard to work with Show Supers as we believe that is where it all begins.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg
Administrative Manager

Wally gave the BOD a brief overview on the Camelid Community Conference held in Kansas City, MO he attended earlier in the month on behalf of ALSA.

The Camelid Working Group asked for a representative from ALSA to be involved in Camelid ID.

Wally made the motion to have an ALSA representative. Ken seconded. Motion passed.

Wally made the motion for Shawn Norman as ALSA's representative. Ken seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Chair - Debbie Shellabarger

We saw the new ALSA brochure and were shocked at the lack of pictures or anything more than the single sentence that mentions alpacas. **BOD will send to membership committee and this will be taken into consideration the next time it is updated.**

We need to get more shows to offer alpaca classes. **BOD feels this is up to the individual superintendents and is sending this back to the alpaca committee.**

We have to get alpaca judges re-certified and therefore a clinic is vital. **BOD will send this to the Judges Committee.**

We need premium money for the alpaca classes at Nationals and Regionals. The exhibitors pay the same entry fee as the llama exhibitors therefore they should get the same premiums. **BOD will send this to the Grand National Committee.**

Election Committee

Chair - Sherry Adamcyk

No Report

Ethics Committee

Committee Chairperson, Paul Doran announced he is stepping down as chair, effective immediately.

Maryan Baker will be the new chair of the Ethics Committee.

Fiber Committee

Chair - June Black

The Fiber Committee requests the following wording change to the ALSA Handbook:
A \$3.00 fee per llama or Alpaca entered in a shorn and/or walking fleece show will be charged if and only if the Llama or Alpaca is not also entered in the concurrent halter and /or performance show.

Note the \$3.00 fee is per animal, not per fleece (just as the \$5.00 fee is per animal, not per class entry). It is possible to enter two fleeces from the same animal in a show, since a shorn fleece can be shown for two years from the date of shearing. In addition, the exhibitor could enter that same animal in a Walking Fleece class.

Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion that this \$3.00 fee is only charged if the animal is not entered in the concurrent halter and/or performance show, motion passed.

Other items the Fiber Committee is currently working on:

- *Establish a plan for fleece judge re-education and a Continuing Education point system for llama fleece judges to stay current.
- *The Fiber Committee continues to work on the 2006 Grand National Fleece Show.
- *Establish protocol and criteria for a certified fleece judge to become an ALSA Fleece Judge Instructor.
- *Re-evaluation of the pay scale for Fleece Judging as written in the 14th Edition Handbook.

Grand National Fiber Judges presented to the BOD are Sherry Lynch, from Pennsylvania and Karen Kinyon, from Colorado.

Penny moved and Lora seconded a motion that the fiber judges be approved.

Motion passed.

Finance and Budget Committee

Chair - Tom Parsons

No Report

Grand National Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

1. The rental agreement for the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE has been finalized and a security deposit check in the amount of \$4,000 has been sent.

2. Currently, there are 4 (four) Gold Sponsors; 2 (two) Silver Sponsors; 1 (one) Special Sponsor; and a number of Class Sponsors for the 2006 Grand National. The Committee is working to secure additional sponsors. At the existing level of sponsorship, premiums will need to be reduced from last year's level.
3. Most of the critical volunteer positions have been filled. We routinely have individuals contacting us to offer their time and talent. The committee commends all of the ALSA members that give so freely of their time to make the Grand National a success. We would like to particularly acknowledge and thank all of the Nebraska volunteers.
4. Performance courses are in the design phase and will be finalized soon.
5. The class schedule and registration packet will be submitted for posting to the Website by August 15.
6. Rooms have been blocked at four hotels.
7. All things considered, the 2006 Grand National is progressing well and the committee is confident that this year's event will be the best Grand National yet!

Handbook Committee

Chair - Helen Feick

No Report

Judges Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

The following is a list of items on which the Committee is working and providing to update the board.

1. An Advanced Judging Clinic at CarolLlama Farms is being held August 11, 12, and 13. Lora Crawford and Ray Howard are the instructors. There are nine participants, four of which are certifying for the first time; one participant is auditing the clinic; the balance are re-certifying.
2. The Advanced Fiber Clinic to be held August 25, 26 and 27 at Indian Hills Llama Ranch in Riverside, CA is proceeding on schedule. Registration forms have been posted to the ALSA website. The instructor will be Karen Kinyon.
3. The combined Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Judging Clinic to be held October 20, 21 and 22. The clinic will be hosted by Doran's Llamas and Suri Alpacas in Westerville, OH. Arrangements for instructors are incomplete at this time. Registration forms have not yet been posted.
4. The combined Show and Beginning Judging Clinic at Pearson Pond Ranch in Ellijay, GA is proceeding on schedule for October 27, 28 and 29. Registration forms have been posted to the ALSA website. Cathie Kindler and Terry Duespohl will be the instructors.
5. The Advanced Judging Clinic to be held September 29, October 1 and 2 at Riley Llamas in Carmel, IN is proceeding on schedule. Registration forms have been posted to the ALSA website. The instructors for this clinic have not been finalized.

6. The following active judges are approved to teach llama clinics: Lora Crawford, Penny Davidson, Terry Duespohl, Lavona Fercho, Ray Howard, Hank Kaufman and Judie Moser. Additionally, Tami Lash has successfully completed one apprenticeship toward acceptance as an instructor.
7. The following question has been raised by a board member through the Judges' Committee liaison: "What methods are employed to track animals sold by judges to avoid violation of ALSA rules?" The "tracking" of animals bought and/or sold is not a responsibility that the Judges' Committee has ever been charged with. There are no mechanisms within ALSA that would allow this to take place. Other than a rare and isolated incident this has not been an issue. In that incident, a complaint was filed and the committee working in conjunction with the ALSA office checked the transfer dates with the ILR. The judge in question was subjected to disciplinary action.
8. The Chair of the Judges' Committee requests board approval for the following committee members: Lougene Baird, Phil Feiner, Dan Goodyear, Cathie Kindler, Geri Rutledge and Judie Moser.

BOD approved Judges' Committee report and the Committee Members listed above.

Membership Committee

Chair - Pam Jensen

We would like to involve the members of ALSA more actively in getting information out, spotlighting the members, etc. So with that in mind, we would like to start a bit of a push to highlight a couple – possibly up to 4 members – in each Showing Publication. We would be picking members at large, not always the well known names, but members that would get a chance to talk about their llamas, their farm, their reasons for being a part of ALSA, etc.

Secondly, we want to move these ALSA booklets out faster, and with that in mind, would like permission to not have to charge for the booklets, just postage reimbursement to Pam. They would go out to each superintendent of the remaining shows this year.

My committee feels it is very important to let everyone know the benefits of ALSA as far as points, showing, advertising, etc.

Nominating Committee

Chair - Trish Brandt-Robuck

No Report

Performance Committee

Melanie McMurray will be the new chair to the Performance Committee, she represents the Eastern Region. Her committee members are: George Clements/Great Lakes Region; Ellen Goldsmith, Southwestern Region; Nelson Leonard,

Northwestern Region; Patti Morgan, Central and Rocky Mountain Region; Kathy Nichols, Southwestern Region; and Susan Ravan, Southeastern Region.

Policy and Planning Committee

Chair - Jerry Miller

Will be working on a project that will look at what ALSA is doing to help get new people involved in llamas. Maybe ALSA needs to look at old and new policies to see what improvements we can make in this area.

Promotion Committee

Chair - Open

No Report

Protest Committee

Jim Nenni will be the new Chair to the Protest Committee

Publications Committee

Chair - Nelson Leonard

The summer issue has been finished

Regional Championship Committee

Chair - Betty Moe

The ribbons for the Regions are just being finished and are due to be shipped to each Superintendent this week I believe.

All Regional Superintendent are to respond to Cheryl in the ALSA office with some insurance information that was needed, and to cc Betty so she will know that all had responded.

The new Southwestern Region is the first Regional Show scheduled. Maryan Baker has been working tirelessly there and has incorporated some excellent innovative features for the show, including micro chipping to be done at the show at a "Farm Rate" for those interested. We expect the new Region to be a great success.

Show Management Committee

Chair - Phil Feiner

No Report

Website Committee

Chair - Marilyn Nenni

The current Website Project has been ongoing for over a year now. We have made a lot of progress and now have a website that is trying to stay up to date to communicate with our membership and offer current and informative information.

At this time, only the format and organization of the website has been updated – not any part of the database at all. So the information and the method that members receive info about the shows and their animal's points still remains the same. The committee hopes to review those processes in the near future.

Youth Committee

Barb Harris is the new Chair to the Youth Committee

Old Business

By email vote on July 20, 2006, **Julie moved that Regional prize money of \$5100 per Region be given. Lora seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Old protest information is to be forwarded to Julie and Dan by Penny and added to old business for the September BOD Meeting.

New Business

Board member asked about all votes being roll call votes. According to Roberts Rules of Order this cannot be done it has to be a case by case basis and the board has to vote on a roll call vote, or the President has to ask for one.

By email vote on July 31, 2006, **Julie moved that we accept the steering groups recommendations for the 2007 and 2008 Grand National being held at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE the last weekend in October. Lora seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

By email vote on July 25, 2006 Wally made a motion for the President to write a monthly report to the members of ALSA to be posted (after BOD approval) to the Website ad to be dispersed to all trade journals for publication if they so choose. Ken seconded motion. Motion passed.

By email vote on August 1, 2006 **Wally moved that ALSA pay a \$4000 GN facility deposit to be sent out from the ALSA Office to the Lancaster Events Facility Manager. Penny seconded motion. Motion passed.**

Clarify Liaison Job Description

Committee Chairs should forward Committee Reports to their liaison and cc their entire committee. The Liaison then forwards report on to the ALSA BOD.

Request from LlamaLife II

Llama Life II would like to provide its readers general information regarding the new ALSA Board of Directors. They have asked each individual board member to provide the following items: Name/City, State and ALSA Region/Year Term expires/One primary goal we hope to accomplish/Photo.

After discussion, Wally moved and Penny seconded a motion to have the ALSA President write one goal for all board members. Motion passed

Appeals

There have been three different appeals brought to the BOD by members with recent upheld protests brought against them. After some discussion on how best the Board should proceed, it has been decided that the BOD should re-evaluate the situation and see where it should be sent from here. Board members who were on the Board prior to the recent election were asked to give new board President a statement regarding the background in this situation. At that time those statements will be passed on to all board members for each individual board member to then look through the appeals.

Distribution of Board emails outside the Board

After a brief discussion it was decided that emails meant for the board stay within the board.

Joint Board Conference Call with ALSA and the ILR

Kay will pursue

Member Letters to the Board

The Board received three different letters from members that will be looked at and discussed by email before the next meeting.

Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 1:37 AM EST on 8-16-06. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Julie K. Heggie
Secretary, ALSA**

Board Minutes from Meeting September 6, 2006

President called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM EST. She asked that the Board acknowledge that this and all future meetings will be recorded.

Members Present:

Kay Sharpnack - President
Dan Milton - Vice President
Julie Heggie - Secretary
Wally Baker - Board Member
Lora Crawford - Board Member
Ken Fenley - Board Member
Penny Davidson - Board Member

Next board meeting will be held at 8:00 PM EST, on October 11, 2006.

Lora moved and Dan seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2006 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Wayne Rankin

Bank Accounts:

ALSA Checking	47,503.93
ALSA Investment	97,877.48
Scholarship Fund	11,658.22
TOTAL Bank Accounts	157,039.63

OVERALL TOTAL \$157,039.63

The finance committee has come back with their recommendation that all checks be written out of the ALSA office along with posting all financials. The Treasurer will be responsible for all reports and getting them to the BOD.

The BOD discussed the options available for moving money into a money market account for the purpose of drawing higher interest.

Penny moved and Julie seconded a motion to open a COSCO Membership (\$100.00) for ALSA for this purpose. Motion passed.

It was also discussed that a COSCO membership has other advantages to ALSA such as lower conferencing call prices.

Our Treasurer also did a comparison of fees for 2005 thru August and 2006 thru August and found this: We are at 86% on Show Fees

92% on Membership Fees

78% on Llama Recording Fees

90% on Youth Fees

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

I have been asked to share with the BOD what the ALSA Office maintains and cares for at this location.

I am going to first quote directly from my contact....Then I will add to what we additionally maintain here outside of computer information for the most part.

1. Maintain inventory of Showmanship Video, "Caring for Llamas and Alpacas", Hormel Scorers, Youth Judge Manuals, Obstacle Manuals, Handbooks and Directories.
2. Storing 13 years of ALSA Data, Show Data in hard copy going back to 1993, Financial Data in hard copy going back to 1993 In Computer and hard copy since 2000. All Shows are kept in hard copy as well as in the data base since Memorial Funds information

Not on Contract:

1. Maintaining inventory of show materials that are necessary for Superintendents.
2. Maintaining hard copies for at least 3 years of all members who have joined.
3. Keeping copies of renewal information for our corporate licenses.
4. Keeping copies of insurance information.
5. Maintaining a supply of Binders, Handbooks and Directories. This requires an entire room with a shipping table in the center when we have these delivered they are delivered by pallets.
6. Previous years handbooks and some Showing Magazines.
7. Surplus of all information for Superintendents (Packet ones and two) all halter and performance cards and alpaca and fleece information.
8. Copies of Youth Judging Contests to send to Youth and to send to supers for their contests which are different.
9. Copies of Membership renewal forms are kept for at least 2 years.
10. Judging forms that have to be faxed to judges.
11. Hormel Scorers

12. Supplies for shipping, boxes, envelopes, pens, paper, binders
13. ALSA Stationary and Envelopes
14. Files of all corrections made for past 2 years that are categorized by "O" office errors, "S" Super Errors or "M" Member Errors
15. Copies of Current and past one or two years worth of liability insurance forms.
16. Copies of Tax returns and Audits
17. Copies of 1099's
18. Clinic files for Judge Committees.
19. Additional Cartridges for fax and printing machines
20. Yearly (monthly) show sanctioning materials that are in hard copy for reference
21. Files on Show Evaluations that have been copied and sent to Terry.
22. Yearly receipts of all bills that have been paid
23. Expense receipts
24. NSF Files and Resolutions
25. Lists of what was sent to previous years shows and Regional and Grand National.

I may have missed something here or there but I think that for the most part this is inclusive of what we store and use here.

Cheryl Ryberg
Administrative Manager

It was discussed that ALSA needs a Standard Operating Procedure for all Committees. Cheryl is to look into a standard that can then be passed on to committee's for their input. The SOP would be archived by the ALSA Office so that they could be passed onto new committee members coming on board.

President Sharpnack talked with ALSA Attorney, Tom Hayden on August 25, 2006 and he advised that NO ALSA records should be destroyed, regardless of subject.

Re- Address 3 Appeals:

Members of the old BOD were asked by the President to share their insight with the new BOD regarding the 3 protests in question. This was accomplished and discussion ensued. It was decided that discussion would be tabled until the President was able to consult with the ALSA Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Penny was asked to consult with the Judges Committee and bring to the BOD the Judges Committee Rules.
2. It was discussed that there was an old upheld Protest out there that had never been published in Showring. We were informed by the publications liaison that it has now been forwarded to the chair of the publications committee. **The BOD will be looking at how protest write ups are handled in the future.**
3. Handbook printing bids: No Bids have been received as of yet.
4. Discussion was held about a day and time for a joint ALSA/ILR Board Conference Call. It was decided that October 4, 2006 at 2.30 PM EST would work best for the ALSA Board. President, Sharpnack will take this to the ILR Board.
5. There are three members letters addressed to the board that needed discussion. President will now write response to members.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Chair - Debbie Shellabarger

1. The combined Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Judging Clinic to be held October 20, 21 and 22. The clinic will be held at Lofty Pine in Lindsey, Ohio hosted by Deb Yeagle. Arrangements for instructors are incomplete at this time. Registration forms have not yet been posted.
2. The need for some fiber workshops is being discussed.
3. There has been some interest in getting another ALSA Alpaca Championship Show scheduled. The committee will be discussing plans.

4. The need for premiums for alpaca classes at Regionals and Nationals has been discussed. The alpaca exhibitors pay the same entry fees that the llama exhibitors do therefore they should all get the same premiums.
5. Any members with alpaca related concerns should contact the alpaca committee.
6. The alpaca committee is working on a request to send to the Judges committee regarding the number of alpacas needed at a show for an apprenticeship to count. Numerous alpaca apprentices have worked at shows that have not counted due to there being less than 30 alpacas at the show. We would like to see if it could count if the apprentice did an additional show (that could also have smaller number). For example two shows of at least 15-20 animals each.

Election Committee

Chair - Sherry Adamcyk

No Report

Ethics Committee

Chair - Maryan Baker

New Committee Members - Jill Knuckles; Toni Strassburg Pearce; Allen Davis; Steve Berry and Rob Spencer. **Approved**

Fiber Committee

Chair - June Black

Items the fleece committee is currently working on:

1. Answering members' voluminous questions regarding fleece shows and fleece judging
2. 2006 Grand National Fleece Show
3. Establish a plan for fleece judge re-education and a Continuing Education point system for llama fleece judges to stay current
4. Establish protocol and criteria for a certified fleece judge to become an ALSA Fleece Judge Instructor
5. Re-evaluation of the pay scale for Fleece judging as written in the 14th Edition Handbook
6. Changes to fleece show portions of the ALSA Handbook
7. Changes to fleece show forms

Finance & Budget Committee

Chair - Tom Parsons has resigned as the chair to this committee

Report - Please see info under Treasurer's report

Grand National Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

1. The rental agreement for the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE has been finalized and a security deposit check in the amount of \$4000 has been received by the Center.
2. Currently, there are 4 Gold Sponsors; 3 Silver Sponsors; 1 Special Sponsor; and a number of Class Sponsors for the 2006 Grand National. The committee is working to secure additional sponsors. At the existing level of sponsorship, premiums will need to be reduced from last year's level.
3. Most of the critical volunteer positions have been filled. We routinely have individuals contacting us to offer their time and talent. The committee commends all of the ALSA members that give so freely of their time to make the Grand National a success. We would like to particularly acknowledge and thank all of the Nebraska volunteers.
4. Performance courses are in the design phase and will be finalized soon.
5. The class schedule and registration packet is posted on the ALSA Website.
6. Rooms have been blocked at four hotels.
7. The current rental agreement with the Lancaster Event Center has a stipulation whereby the Event Center agrees to "pencil in dates and give ALSA first rights for November 6 to 11, 2007." This paragraph has been amended to read October 24 to 28, 2007.
8. Other show details are well in hand.

Handbook Committee

Chair - Helen Feick

No bid yet on printing of handbooks. Members who have agreed to serve on committee are: David Allen, Sheri Hefley and Karen Conyngham.

Judges Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

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 that David Allen be re-certified as Level II Llama Judge. This is based on continuing education credits. There are no adverse comments in his file.
2. An Advanced Judging Clinic is scheduled to be held September 29, October 1, 2. The clinic will be hosted by Riley Llamas in Carmel, IN. Ray Howard will be the lead instructor. The second instructor has not yet been arranged.
3. A combined Show and Beginning Judging Clinic is scheduled for October 27, 28, and 29. The clinic will be hosted by Pearson Pond Llama Ranch. Cathie Kindler and Terry Duespohl will be the instructors.
4. The Advanced Fiber Clinic to be held August 25, 26 and 27 was cancelled due to lack of participation. The committee requests board approval to reschedule this clinic for January 19, 20 and 21, 2007. The clinic will be hosted by Maryan Baker in Riverside, CA. The instructor will be Karen Kinyon.

Board approves clinics as listed. Board also approves David Allen as being re-certified.

5. An Advanced Judging Clinic at CarolLlama Farms in Florissant, CO on August 11, 12 and 13. The committee requests approval of the following certifications/re-certifications. The following recommendations are a result of instructor recommendations and committee deliberations:

Certifying:

Maryan Baker - Level I Llama Judge; Level II Performance Judge

Wally Baker - Level I Llama Judge; Level II Performance Judge

Allen Davis - Level I Llama Judge;

Mary Wickman - Level I Youth and Performance Judge

Re-Certifying:

Bill Feick - Level II Llama Judge

Ken Forster - Level I Llama Judge; Level II Performance Judge

Margaret Henry - Level II Llama Judge

Julie moved and Lora seconded a motion to accept certifications and re-certifications of the names listed. Motion passed.

6. The Chair requests Board approval to appoint Cathie Kindler Co-Chair of the Judges' Committee.

Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion NOT to allow a co-chair of the Judges' Committee at this time. Motion passed.

Board members asked Penny to find out why the Advanced Alpaca Clinic to be held October 20, 21 and 22 was not listed on the Judges' Committee report. Penny also asked to find out about a Judge that had inquired about being moved to Level III Judge not being listed on report.

Membership Committee

Chair - Pam Jensen

No Report

Nominations Committee

Chair - Trish Brandt-Robuck

The committee did a great job getting excellent candidates for the ALSA BOD election.

Another part of our committee responsibilities is to help find candidates for open committee chair positions and committee members.

Performance Committee

Chair - Melanie McMurray, MD

No Report

The BOD had a discussion about the new obstacle dimensions and the number of complaints about rebuilding obstacles. Wally is to send this to committee for recommendations.

Policy and Planning Committee

Chair - Jerry Miller

No Report

Promotion Committee

Chair - Mandy Gerken has been approved as the new chair to the Promotion Committee.

ALSA has reserved and paid for two booth spaces (10x10) at the FFA Convention which will be held for the first time in Indianapolis. LANA has also paid for a space right next to ours, so we will have three booth spaces together representing the llama industry. ILR will also be a major contributor and they usually pay for the carpet, chairs, tables, etc... in the booths. The end booth will contain two llamas in a 9x9 pen and the rest of the two booth spaces will be utilized for display of the various materials. ALSA will have the new brochure available for distribution, and the other llama organizations have been invited to include any of their literature as well. Advisor Packets will be made up (about 1,000 of them) which will contain samples of all the various literature.

Barb Baker is coordinating stuffing of the envelopes and the design of a free give-away item (bookmarks with a sample of llama wool attached to one end). ALSA will need to provide at least one person for each of the three days of the show. Working together with Barb and Mark Smith (ILR rep.), arrangements will need to be made to find two (preferably four so you can rotate throughout the day) llamas to be used in the display. There should be no other costs incurred by ALSA, as they have paid their share by reserving the two booths (\$1,010, I believe). I will speak with Mark Smith and Barb Baker about choosing 4 appropriate llamas from our respective farms. I will also check availability as far as choosing a person to represent us.

Protest Committee

Chair - Jim Nenni

To further secure the confidentiality of protests sent in by our membership, I would recommend the protest filing process be amended as follows:

1. The Protest Intent Form shall be sent only to the Protest Committee Chair along with the \$50.0 fee within 10 days of the discovery of the alleged violation.
2. The ALSA Protest Format shall be sent only to the Protest Committee Chair within 20 days of the date of the initial intent letter.

The BOD makes these suggestions: The original protest must be sent Certified Mail with a return receipt going to protestor for tracking purposes. A tracking number be assigned to each and every protest and the name of the protestor will be removed by the chair and these items will be sent to the ALSA office for

official tracking purposes.

With these changes the BOD approves the Protest Committee to try a practice run on a simulated protest.

Publications Committee

Chair - Nelson Leonard has resigned as the publications chair effective immediately.

Showring deadlines have been mailed to Marilyn Nenni as well as the Publication Committee's Standards and procedures for posting on the ALSA Website. Committee members are currently beating the bushes for articles – deadline for the Fall issue is just ten days away.

Regional Committee

Chair - Betty Moe

The following is a list of responsibilities that have been carried out and also suggestions or concerns of our committee we would like addressed:

1. Royall Awards has shipped the first set of ribbons to the first Regional Show to be held the SE Region - and is on target to ship the rest of the Regions' ribbons on September 1st or before.
2. I have e-mailed all of my Superintendents to confirm to me that they have received their ribbons and that their number of ribbons received is correct.
3. My Superintendents have requested that the contracts for the judges they arrange to have judge their Regional Shows be sent out earlier in the year by the ALSA office, and that they be sent copies of those contracts when signed and returned by their judges. That way they know for sure they have their judges, and also the judges are certain of the shows they are judging and can make early plane reservations and save money.
4. Some of the Superintendents feel they have had problems getting the changes made to their Regional Show information, or problems in finding out if the changes they requested have been made.

5. The Superintendents have asked if it's possible to have their Regional Show results published by Showring sooner than they were last year. Many Superintendents sent their results and photos in right after their shows and had them misplaced before they ever got published months later. I am personally going to follow-up with my Superintendents to make sure they all get their results and photos in right after their shows.
6. Some of my Superintendents have asked since the Nationals are being moved earlier for 2007, what will the cut-off date be for the Regional Shows to be scheduled, before the National Show? They want to be able to give their exhibitors notice as soon as possible in case their Regional Show has to be scheduled before their regular shows start.
7. I am working on a guidance and suggestion booklet for Region Show Superintendents. The new Superintendents have nothing to go by except "word of mouth", which isn't always accurate with ALSA's requirements or expectations.

The BOD approved the Regional Committee requests

Show Management Committee

Chair - Phil Feiner

No Report

Website Committee

Chair - Marilyn Nenni

I am submitting the following persons for approval to serve on the Website committee:

Steve Katzakian

Les Flynn

Ken Austin

John Maddy

Ken moved and Lora seconded accepting the names submitted to serve on the website committee. Motion passed.

The ALSA Website continues to post new and updated information in order to keep our membership up to date on current information. At this time all the information pertaining to the 2006 Regional Shows and the 2006 Grand National Show are posted on the website. Grant, the Webmaster, has done a great job on compiling

all the qualifying lists and uploading them promptly.
The Website Committee members are currently working on a list of goals to pursue for the Website. I would also like to post this information on the “Discussions” page of the website in order to perhaps get some input from the membership of what they would like to see on the website. Do I have permission to post an “invitation for website input” on the website?

Website Committee has permission for items they ask for and report is accepted by the BOD.

Youth Committee

Chair - Barb Harris

At this time I have the following folks who have agreed to be on the committee:

Simon Zadina

Pam Hall

Mary Jo Miller

Lauren Wright

Marilyn Nenni

Julie moved and Lora seconded approval of names submitted for the youth committee. Motion passed

The Tony Rollins Scholarship was discussed and given the turn over of the liaison position as well as chair to the committee it has been deemed necessary to extend the deadline for applicants to submit their paperwork. All paperwork must be received by the office no later than September 30, 2006 for consideration. Cheryl is to get Grant to change all dates on the Website pertaining to the scholarship from 2005 to 2006. Cheryl will also send out emails to all seniors notifying them of the extension for application.

Julie is to send an email to Lora asking her to contact the Website Chair Marilyn Nenni right after Nationals to change the dates on the scholarship to 2007.

Because the remainder of the youth report was not discussed they have been asked to re-submit it for the October meeting.

New Business

Penny moved and Wally seconded, by email the approval of the first monthly ALSA President's Bulletin. Motion passed. The Bulletin was posted on the website 8-23-06.

BOD approved Presidents letter by email on 8-21-06 responding to Tami Lash, Darrell Anderson and Robin Ryan regarding their Appeals to the BOD.

BOD approved by email Kay's statement for ALSA BOD Goal for LLII Fall Issue #79

BOD discussed changing the current ALSA animal record number to its ILR number. This was put on the table for further discussion after Nationals.

Several members letters were received by the BOD, after discussing each one they were forwarded to the appropriate committee chair.

Julie moved and Lora seconded a motion to adjourn at 1:06 AM EST September 7, 2006. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Heggie
Secretary, ALSA

Board Minutes from Meeting October 11, 2006

President called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EST. She asked that the Board acknowledge that this and all future meetings will be recorded.

Members Present:

Kay Sharpnack - President
Dan Milton - Vice President
Julie Heggie - Secretary
Wally Baker - Board Member
Lora Crawford - Board Member
Ken Fenley - Board Member
Penny Davidson - Board Member

Next board meeting will be held at 8:00 AM on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Julie moved and Ken seconded that once minutes are presented to the BOD from the secretary the BOD has 1 week to respond with changes otherwise with a majority vote they will be forwarded to the website committee to be put on website.

Treasurer's Report: Wayne Rankin

Bank Accounts:

ALSA Checking	27,751
ALSA Investment	97,877
Scholarship Fund	11,658
TOTAL Bank Accounts	137,286

The surplus funds will be moved to the Money Market Account as soon as Dan receives the items he needs from Cheryl to open the COSTCO account for ALSA.

Wayne suggests that checks be written at Nationals for the distribution of premiums.

Penny moved and Julie seconded a motion that all premiums at Nationals be paid by check for tracking purposes. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued about Goals for the BOD for December and January of 2006, among them being a workable budget to start out the new year and a revised list of accounts ready to go for January 1, 2007.

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

We are experiencing a great deal of problems here which are causing us an enormous amount of time and office money which could be helped if the BOD followed a "Volunteer" flow of information that has worked (for the most part) successfully in the past.

1. The President is the office liaison. If a director has an issue or question regarding the office it is to be submitted to the President who expedites the issue with the office and gets back to the liaison.
2. The Chair is to report and or request information and help from it's liaison. This year I am dealing with way too many chairs and although I do not mind the extra work it is not the correct way of handling this information as the liaison does not know what is going on and neither does the President. Both should be apprised of all goings on in committees. **The BOD agrees that committee chairs and members are not to call the office with committee business. They should direct their questions to the committee chair, then the committee chair directs it to the liaison who in turn takes it to the BOD if necessary. If an ALSA member has a concern they should contact the BOD instead of the ALSA Office. If someone contacts Cheryl she is to direct them to the BOD.**
3. Committees are getting information from liaisons from BOD meetings and calling me for information. (sometimes the day after the call) again, if I am not on the call I cannot answer the question and have to waste even more time referring them to the correct director or committee chair. As an office manager it looks bad if I do not know answers to simple questions. Although it is painstaking to sit through BOD where I am not permitted to talk unless it directly affects the office or a question is asked, I think it is a disservice to the members and to the office to be left in the dark. It is not a problem for me to leave during sensitive issues, I have never been removed from BOD calls since this BOD except for sensitive issues and I think that former BOD members would agree that due to my experience I can add, not subtract from calls. One director said I talk to much, I will try to keep my answers more direct and concise, but if you note my lack of being on last BOD call did not affect its length. Should the BOD decide to let me stay on I would appreciate it. Should the BOD decide NOT to keep me on the calls I request a valid reason why as my lack of info is affecting my job.

Please help with these issues, this is an extremely difficult time of year and difficult year for the ALSA Office. I have requested additional money in past years for more data entry help and been refused. The works get jammed up with the above issues. We are now doing 10-12 hour days and still not caught up due to multiple problems of having to deal with issues that the volunteers are to be handling.

I would like to request that the Membership Committee or some committee put together a list of who to call with what kind of problem. This list can be mailed with the member renewal forms or new handbooks, it would give the members a true frame of reference of where to go with questions. It would greatly relieve what is going on here, particularly during these Regional and Grand National Show months.

Cheryl Ryberg
Administrative Manager

Regional/National Special Needs - It has been brought to the Boards attention that the Regional and National Committees did not get together on the special needs classes. They have assured us they will do better to address this next year. As it stands, Premiums will be paid at both Regionals and Nationals for Special Needs classes. Also all Special Needs class fees are waived.

Handbook & Bids - Cheryl will not know how many 15th edition handbooks need ordered until the end of 2006.

15 Day Rule - The BOD has discussed the possibility of changing the rule of getting your animal number in within 15 days of a show or paying extra for back shows. This has been sent to the Show Management Committee to look at.

Non Breeder Definition – After some discussion this topic was tabled.

Board decision for ALSA to allow and phase in an ILR Listing number for non-registered animals in Non Breeder, Youth, Performance and Showmanship - Discussion ensued, but was tabled for later discussion.

The BOD received a letter from a member with questions regarding Youth Judging Superiors. After a brief discussion, President Sharpnack has agreed to write a letter to the member in question.

The BOD received a letter of concern from a member regarding unbecoming emails from the ALSA Office and requests an apology. After some discussion with the ALSA Administrative Manager, she has agreed to send the member in question a letter of apology.

RE-Address the 3 Appeals (resolution)

The BOD once again discussed the appeals that we received. There has been additional correspondence from one of the three mentioned. As of our meeting we are still waiting on a response from our attorney. A reply will follow after receipted response from Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Sharpnack will work on dates for rescheduling the joint ALSA/ILR Board Conference Call, because the last scheduled meeting met with technical difficulties.

NOTE EMAIL VOTE OF APPROVAL: (Kay's response to 5 member letters)

1. Member asked permission for her daughter to use another llama in Regional and National performance classes due to illness of llama. **BOD approved the use of another llama.**

2. Member asked the BOD to reconsider that obstacles need to meet new performance guidelines. **BOD approved a temporary obstacle variance for all shows thru 2006 including Regionals and Nationals.**
3. Judges Committee asked for BOD Approval to hold an Advanced Alpaca Clinic. **Approval Granted.**
4. **BOD approved Alpaca Committee Members as submitted by Chair in her September Alpaca Committee Report. BOD also approved same premiums for Alpaca classes at Regional shows and the Grand National as given in other classes.**
5. Member concern that some volunteers within ALSA may be carrying too heavy a load. Seems the work load is too heavy and they cannot do things in a timely manner. **BOD assured member this will be looked at closely for future assignments.**

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Chair - Debbie Shellabarger

The only thing new is the upcoming clinic and the numbers of participants.

Election Committee

Chair - Sherry Adamcyk

There are currently two members serving on this committee. The Election Committee is looking to add a new member to the committee. Currently, there are two possibilities that are considering getting a ranch membership and joining the committee. Both potential committee members either currently have youth or had youth participating in the ALSA Showring and are familiar with ALSA's structure and happenings. We will be reviewing our current practices and looking for ways to improve our election process for the following year.

Ethics Committee

Chair - Maryan Baker

ALSA Ethics Committee report reviewed by Board. Chair has been asked to interface with the Protest Committee.

Fiber Committee

Chair - June Black

Currently working on:

- * 2006 Grand National Fleece Show (this is currently taking most of our time since the since the show is next month)
- * Continuing to answer members' questions regarding fleece shows and fleece judging

Set aside while we work on the ALSA National Fleece Show:

- * Establish a plan for fleece judge re-education and a Continuing Education point System for llama fleece judges to stay current
- * Establish protocol and criteria for a certified fleece judge to become an ALSA Fleece Judge Instructor
- * Re-evaluation of the pay scale for Fleece Judging as written in the 14th Edition Handbook
- * Changes to fleece show portions of the ALSA Handbook
- * Changes to fleece show forms

Finance and Budget Committee

Chair - Vacant

No Report

Grand National Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

1. Currently, there are 4 (four) Gold Sponsors; 3 (three) Silver Sponsors; 1 (one) Special Sponsor; and a number of Class Sponsors for the 2006 Grand National. The committee is working to secure additional sponsors. At the existing level of sponsorship, premiums will need to be reduced from last year's level. Premiums will be calculated soon.
2. Performance courses are being circulated for approval.
3. Other show details are well in hand and progressing toward a successful show approximately one month from today!

Handbook Committee

Chair - Helen Feick

I had written and asked for bids from Able Publishing, Jeanine Mensch (American Livestock Magazine), Amy Casto (SCLA magazine and sale catalog) and from Grant Miller, who has done the printing for ALSA in the past. Only 3 have responded to the request for bids. Also, when asked for bids, we (the handbook committee) decided to ask for a bid for spiral bound books and for the shrink wrapped version that fits the notebooks. Below are the bids from each company:

These bids were sent back to Committee for a specific bid from each company as well as turn around time.

We would like to recommend that we use the spiral bound books for everyone not just the judges. The smaller book is much easier to work with for the superintendents as well as the judges. The spiral bound book would be approx. 5.5 X 8.5 inches. Also, we have one more recommendation to the BOD, we would like to have the changes or rules that are decided upon at the National meeting to remain in effect for one year.

The changing of rules every two weeks or once a month is impossible to keep up with and add to the books every month, we feel that this is very confusing to the members, judges and superintendents....We would like to see the rules be for 1 year. The rule could not or would not be changed until the following years meeting. **The BOD agrees that changes should be kept to a minimum.**

Judges Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

The following are items on which the Committee is working and providing to update the board.

1. An Advanced Judging Clinic was held September 29, October 1, 2. The clinic was very efficiently hosted by Riley llamas in Carmel, IN. Ray Howard was the lead instructor with Terry Duespohl assisting. There were five participants at the clinic. Participant scores will be circulated to the Judges' Committee for review and evaluation. The committee will have recommendations to the board for the November meeting.
2. A combined Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Judging Clinic will be held October 20, 21 and 22, 2006 in Lindsey, OH. The clinic is hosted by Lofty Pine Ranch. The clinic instructor is Mary Reed assisted by Terry Duespohl. There are 17 people registered for the clinic.
3. A combined Show and Beginning Judging Clinic is scheduled for October 27, 28, and 29. The clinic will be hosted by Pearson Pond Llama Ranch. Cathie Kindler and Terry Duespohl will be the instructors. The status of this clinic is questionable. As of this writing, there are only 10 people registered. A broadcast email has been sent to the membership to try to increase attendance so that the clinic can be held.

Membership Committee

Chair - Pam Jensen

Committee members are as follows: Jan Gordon, Heather Koenig, Annette Mulholland, Jim Rutledge, Robin Deutschman-Bohac and Thomas Rothering. The only region I have not found someone in yet is the Buckeye. **Lora moved and Ken seconded a motion to approve committee members. Motion passed.**

The ALSA Booklets are really catching on. They are well received, lots and lots of good comments. Just sent a large shipment to the organizers of the ALSA booth for the FFA convention - Mandy Gerkin and Barb Baker. They are going to have one in each packet for the FFA attendees.

The committee has received an e-mail from me that we are going to be putting together articles for Showring on "member spotlites." Again, working in conjunction with the Publication Committee to meet their guidelines, etc. Hopefully the first issue of this member spotlight can be in the next issue of Showring - that is our goal.

If sufficient members of the committee are available at the Grand Nationals, I intend to have an informal meeting with the committee and see what other things we can do to get the membership involved and interested.

Nominations Committee

Chair - Trish Brandt-Robuck

No Report

Performance Committee

Chair - Melanie McMurray, MD

1. The committee voted to allow a variance for the remainder of ALSA shows this year including Regional Shows and the Grand National that would allow course designers to use either the rules stated in the published 14th edition of the ALSA Handbook or the 2006 rule changes.
2. The committee propose that it write a new section for the ALSA Handbook on Performance Classes for Exhibitors with Disabilities.
3. The committee is looking into possible rule changes and wording changes for Performance Classes in the ALSA Handbook.
 - A. Letter from member requesting the use of a llama for cart driving that is already being used in youth classes at Grand Nationals. **The ALSA BOD has approved the request to use the llama at the 2006 Grand National Show in Cart Driving Division. The same llama is also being exhibited in Youth Performance Classes.**
 - B. Letter from member regarding Obstacle rules. **This has been sent to the performance Committee for review.**

Policy and Planning Committee

Chair - Jerry Miller

No Report

Promotion Committee

Chair - Mandy Gerken

No Report

Protest Committee

Chair - Jim Nenni

The protest committee is currently working on Protest #1. Have forwarded to committee. The following members have voted to go ahead with the protest:
Gerry, Deb, Lavonna, Shawn, Maryan and Terry.

We have kept the protester abreast of our progress. Will proceed to step 2 as soon as possible. Have just received documentation from show super. Will be forwarding to committee.

Publications Committee

Chair - Vacant

No Report

Regional Committee

Chair - Betty Moe

1. Rocky Mountain Regional, 9-23 & 24, Superintendent Ann Bruhn reports a very successful show and the exhibitors loved the new ribbons. She had 92 llamas and 6 alpacas.
2. Southwestern Region, 9-30 & 10-1 Superintendent Maryan Baker reports that the first show for the new Southwestern Region was well attended and successful. Maryan feels a second judge (performance) needs to be budgeted to enable the classes to be finished before evening. Maryan said we definitely need guidelines for the Special Needs class. No figures available yet. New ribbons were a big hit!
3. Southeastern Region, 9-30 & 10-1 Superintendent Karen Pibera reports an excellent show with 160 entries that included 14 youth. She has her same facility already booked for the same time next year. She feeds her facility people all weekend and gives them T-shirts, and of course gets great co-operation from them. She also feeds county officials that are involved. Good ideas to consider. Karen wasn't a fan of the new ribbons.
4. Buckeye Region, 10-7 & 8, Mike Haumschild reported they had 156 llamas and 3 alpacas. He has his facility secured for the same weekend in 2007. Mike helped judge performance on Saturday, but even with his help they didn't finish until 7:00PM. When the youth finish so late no one is around to applaud their accomplishments. Haumschild's had a sweatshirt done to sell for their Regionals and "everyone" wanted them! The ribbons were a big hit and exhibitors especially liked how nice they looked in the win photos. A suggestion was made to them by an exhibitor that there needed to be a more user-friendly entry form.
5. Great Lakes Region, 10-14 & 15, Superintendent Bill Schultz reports his entries are under last years by a small amount, 106 to 114, but hopes more will still be coming in. He is in a different facility this year so will be making a decision right after his show as to where he wants to hold it next year, and of course needs to make sure that he can secure an earlier date.
6. Northwestern Region, 10-14 & 15, Superintendent Glen Pfefferkorn reports that entries are down and slow coming in, but he has 161 animals on 10-7 with hopefully more coming in. He had 199 last year. He is securing his facility for a week earlier in 2007.
7. Central Region, 10-14 & 15, Superintendent, Sharon Carrier reports everything appeared to be in good shape for her show. I don't have an update on her numbers yet.
8. Eastern Region, 10-21 & 22, Annie Higginbotham took over for Superintendent Marion Bruffy whose work duties kept her from completing the Eastern Regional show this year. The Eastern Region's ALSA connection on the website was not accessible until the last minute for entries, and the location of the facility chosen was not favored by exhibitors. Superintendent Annie Higginbotham has worked tirelessly to pull this show together, and as of this writing, 10-7-06, Annie has 80 entries (25) farms so her show is looking very good. Annie has said she would continue as the Eastern Regional Superintendent for 2007 and has many excellent ideas to enhance the attendance for the 2007 Eastern Regionals.

My Comments are:

1. ALSA website access caused many problems; we realize this is a work in progress and will be improved.
2. Facility insurance certificates need to be sent to superintendents in a timely manner, I will personally work on this problem for 2007.
3. My committee will research and co-ordinate Special Needs obstacles guidelines and report to the Board, also with their opinions on how to charge or not for this class in 2007.
4. We understand from communication from Cheryl and ALSA that the Superintendents can arrange for their Regional judges themselves in 2007, including sending them their judges contracts, and sign them as ALSA Representatives, then forward a copy of these contracts to Cheryl at ALSA. Our question is, when will the Nationals judges be chosen so the Regional Superintendents can contact the judges for their 2007 shows?
5. I have sent the information on to all of my Superintendents explaining how to send off their photos and results to Able Publishing. All the Superintendents really appreciate the Regional Show results coming out in the first Showring issue in 2007, before the National results. This had been a major complaint.
6. Finally, I feel with this year's experience "under my belt" I will be much more knowledgeable for the coming year to help guide my Superintendents to even better Regional Shows in 2007. I would like to request the Board allow us to have a Regionals Superintendents Conference call to coordinate any recommendations to the board before ALSA's meeting in November at the Nationals. I will make sure we are well organized with our lists before this call, if you permit it, so as not to run up a large phone bill.

Show Management Committee

Chair - Phil Feiner

Here is the opinion of the committee regarding the ALSA/IRC Issue.

We are of the opinion that any animals entering the show ring must meet the current registration requirements. If the animal is a non breeder or performance animal, it will still fall within the standard show guidelines and will be able to be shown. Only registered Llamas should be permitted to be shown in halter classes.

We have also questioned why handbook rule changes are not incorporated as of the first of the year, all at once so to speak. Wouldn't this make life easier for show superintendents as well as the handbook committee?

Website Committee

Chair - Marilyn Nenni

The Website Committee is discussing goals and objectives for the future which will serve our membership. Members of the committee are compiling the "ideal" of what the membership would like to see from the database information. We hope to have a good outline by the first of the year.

Youth Committee

Chair - Barb Harris

In the past two weeks the youth committee has been discussing an issue that was brought to our attention by a parent. The issue in question deals with the recent designation of Youth Judging being a points class. This now opens up to these youth the chance to earn their Superior award in Youth Judging. Since it hasn't always been a points class not all shows have reported this information to ALSA. For some youth if they go to the ALSA website and do a search using their youth number they can locate year by year the shows they have shown in, the classes and the placing.

We are now looking at some of these youth who are in the Senior division and this will be their last year. It would be a shame if we aren't able to feasibly recognize these youth as well as all the others that have competed in this class.

The youth committee would like to make the following recommendations to the ALSA board regarding these youth and their obtaining their Superior awards in Youth Judging.

1. If the youth is able to find all of their youth Judging information on the ALSA Website to substantiate a Superior award and provide it to the ALSA office then the office would issue the award without any further cost.
2. If the youth can't find the information on the ALSA website but has the name and date of the show and placing then the office would do a search to substantiate this. If it is substantiated they would then issue the award. Since many families may have several youth involved in Youth Judging this could become quite costly at the current office charge of \$25 per show researched. What we would like to offer is in this scenario a 6 month moratorium would be in place where during this time there would be a nominal fee of \$10 per youth. At the end of 6 months from say date of publication in ShowRing then the rate would go back up to the \$25 per show.
3. If the youth has no information other than name of shows then it would be the \$25 per show.

We would like to see the office keep on file any show info that a youth submits or requests a search for when the youth is not quite to the Superior award yet.

We know that this will create an unforeseen work load on the ALSA office and that is why we feel a 6 month moratorium should be in place on the discounted rate.

At this time I am processing the scholarship applications that have been faxed to me. The entry deadline was mistakenly entered as "postmarked by September 30th and not received by September 30th". This has meant that I was still receiving faxed applications yesterday. So far, nothing today. Since I work full time I am only able to photo copy the applications on the weekends. This entails an hour and a half drive to Pueblo, CO which is the nearest location with a facility open on the weekends. I will be judging in Tulsa this weekend and I am taking all the applications I have received so far so I can begin preparing them to copy and send to all of you. With luck I will try to copy them in Tulsa in the evening after the show so I can get them to you during the upcoming week.

New Business:

1. Membership concern regarding a possible conflict of interest. **After a lengthy discussion the BOD has decided to run this thru the Ethics Committee.**
2. Board member Heggie has concerns about the BOD handling of above members concerns. **Heggie feels concerns should be passed onto appropriate places and committees but the members name should be removed first. BOD is in agreement.**
3. Showring - Update from Kay; new 4 issue full color contract will be \$350/issue for a full page ad.
4. Discussion about Suri Llama definition: It is thought that possibly the ALSA and Suri Llama Association need the same definition for a suri llama. Discussion also ensued about resurrecting the Original Suri Committee if they are still ALSA Members. **This was tabled for further discussion.**

Member Letters To The Board:

There were six member letters on the agenda for discussion. Unfortunately due to the late hour the BOD tabled any discussion pertaining to these letters.

Dan moved and Julie seconded a motion to adjourn at 2:20 AM on October 12, 2006. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Heggie
Secretary, ALSA

Board Minutes From Meeting January 10, 2006

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

Barb moved and Jeff seconded that the minutes from the November 10, 2006 meeting be approved. Tami opposed. Motion passed.

According to the ALSA attorney, Board business e-mail voting for next 30 days is acceptable until a formalized procedure is finalized. The ALSA Attorney is working on a formal e-mail procedure.

A recommendation was made to have a separate page in the ALSA directory listing Board members and their contact information for easier reference. Barb will notify Handbook Committee of the request.

A link from the ALSA website to Board members e-mail to create a direct line of communication from the membership was also discussed. The ALSA office and Website Committee will explore further.

Treasurers Report

Checking:	\$32,327.95
Investment:	\$107,037.18
Scholarship Fund:	\$11,600.57
Linda Pierce Memorial Fund:	\$6,610.00

Total Assets:	\$157,575.70
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Tami moved Barb Seconded that treasures Report be approved. Motion passed.

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

None

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

No report

Election Committee

Committee is in process of developing nomination forms regarding next General election. The nomination forms will be posted on the ALSA Website.

Ethics Committee

No report

Fiber Committee

Committee is in the process of completing new judging scorecards.

Committee recommended that llamas participating in the Walking Fiber class should be examined in a containment area.

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion fleece awards will be presented in the future. This procedure will also be noted in the Handbook. Penny will request that Committee send a written containment rule procedure and the Grand and Reserve Grand awards notice to Handbook Committee.

Finance & Budget Committee

No report

Grand National Committee

Committee submitted the following report regarding 2006 Grand National Show:

- It is the Committee's goal to have a separation of three weeks from the last Regional Show to the Grand National Show.
 1. October 21st is one week from the last regional and is also the LFA date. *
 - * It was pointed out during the Board meeting that the LFA date is actually scheduled for September 22-24, 2006
 2. October 28th is two weeks from a Regional but the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event center could not be used for face to-face meeting and banquet.
 3. November 4th is the same date as the North American International Livestock Expo.
 4. November 11th seems to be the most desirable date for the 2006 Grand National Show. Committee recommends this date.
- For 2007, Committee recommends that the Grand National Show be moved one to two weeks earlier in the year.
- The 2006 Grand National Show clerks will be responsible for the scoring and may add more people for the scoring program. At this time some team leaders are already in place for the 2006 Grand National Show. Sharon Carrier and Dee January are in the process of finalizing the Volunteer List.

- Committee has selected for consideration the following halter judges for the 2006 Grand National:

Darrell Anderson
 Adrienne Hochee
 Terry Duespohl

Tami moved Barb seconded a motion to approve selection of Grand National Show judges. Motion passed.

Committee also submitted a request to have Dee January and Jim Nenni added to the Grand National Committee. **Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to add the two new members to Committee. Motion Passed.**

Board discussed that presently only Sharon Carrier is co-superintendent of 2006 Grand National Show. She will be handling the halter portion of the show. The other show superintendent has not been selected at this time.

Tami Moved and Jeff seconded a motion that Grand National Committee Report be approved. Motion passed.

Handbook Committee

Committee is working on ALSA rulebook updates.

Judges Committee

January 2006 Committee Report:

Having accumulated 150 or more continuing education credits, committee requests that the following ALSA judges be re-certified. None have had protests or complaints filed against them and the comments from shows have been positive

Ray Howard – 175 points (shows 135, clinics 30, workshop 10)
 Harold Herbold – 161 points (shows 151, workshop 10)
 Lorraine Guyn – 200 points (shows 220, workshop 10)
 Patti Morgan – 230 points (shows 220, workshop 10)
 Barb Harris – 276 points (shows 231, superintending 45)

Move Pam Jensen from Level II to Level III judge.

Move Patti Morgan to a Level III Performance and Youth Judge.

Regarding the petition to the ALSA Board concerning a division in the yearling halter class, committee believes this issue falls under the purview of the ALSA Board and or show superintendent.

Committee recommends that Barb Harris host an Advanced Fiber Clinic in Colorado on March 10, 11, 12, 2006, with Karen Kinyon as instructor.

Motion Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve Grand National Committee report. Motion passed.

Membership Committee

Committee is working on gathering information, ideas, and pictures, etc, for a multi page glossy finish brochure. Brochure will be handed out at events such as the FFA as well as being available for new members.

Nominating Committee

Committee chair is in the process of updating committee information.

Performance Committee

Obstacle dimensions for youth classes will be similar to that of open obstacle classes. All approved changes at the November 2005 board meeting will be forwarded to Handbook Committee.

Committee is evaluating Exhibitors with Disabilities classes and Cart Driving classes for the upcoming show year.

Committee will submit obstacle manual amendments to ALSA office for final print publication.

Policy and Planning Committee

No report

Promotion Committee

No report

Protest Committee

A rule protest regarding a llama entered in the wrong class at the 2005 Grand National Show was reviewed and the protest was upheld. The upheld protest will also be posted in *Showring*. Board discussed that under the circumstances, two Grand Champion placings should be awarded in the aforementioned situation, with no Reserve Grand Champion for the class. **Jeff moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve the awarding of two Grand Champions. Motion passed.**

Publications Committee

The current issue of *Showring* will be mailed during the second week of January 2006.

Wally moved and Barb seconded to have Nelson Leonard serve as Committee chairperson. Tami abstained. Motion passed.

Wally moved and Jeff seconded a motion to add Norma Stevens to the Committee. Motion passed.

Regional Championship Committee

Great Lakes Region has changed Region name to Upper Mid-West Region to coincide with new regional boundary realignment.

Upper Mid-West Region requested approval to move show facilities location to LaCrosse City, Wisconsin for the weekend of October 13th –15th, 2006. **Barb moved and Jeff seconded a motion to approve the change of facility request. Motion Passed.**

Barb moved and Jeff seconded a motion to have Betty Moe serve as Regional Chair. Motion passed.

Show Management Committee

Committee will review show packet contents for upcoming year.

Youth Committee

No report

Website Committee

Lora moved and Barb seconded a motion to add Ken Austin to Website Committee. Motion passed.

Barb moved and Tami seconded a motion that all committee reports not previously approved be approved as written. Motion passed

Old Business

Barb moved and Julie seconded a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion passed.

Julie moved and Jeff seconded a motion to leave Executive Session. Motion passed.

Membership survey. Progress was discussed. Tami will provide further information to the Board on any remaining issues.

New Business

The following topics were submitted by the membership for Board review:

- Grand National date being moved up because of weather issues. Board decided, based on Grand National recommendations, the Grand National date for 2006 will remain unchanged. For 2007, Grand National date and other show issues will be evaluated.

- Grand and Reserve Grand awarded in each class at Grand National Show. Also different color of ribbons for first through fifth place. Issue will be referred to Grand National Committee.
- Dividing the yearling class by age. Issue referred to the Grand National Committee.
- Scoring system at Grand National Show. Issue referred to the Grand National Committee.
- Names of Sir and Dam in Grand National Show program in halter and performance classes. Issue referred to the Grand National Committee.
- Request for ALSA monetary contribution for a member's recognition at an ALSA show. The Board will provide an ALSA certificate of service as formal means of appreciation.
- Top five in each class for overall Division review at Regional Shows. Issue referred to Regional Committee.
- Wool Division movement prior to each class. Issue referred to Grand National Committee.
- An exhibitor expressed concern that during a llama show a llama entered the show ring late creating a perceived unfair judging situation. The matter was determined to be a local show management issue.

**Julie moved and Barb seconded a motion that meeting be adjourned at 11:35 EDT.
Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

**Wally Baker
ALSA Secretary**

Board Minutes from Meeting November 9, 2006

President called the meeting to order at 8:19AM CST. She asked that the Board acknowledge that this and all future meetings will be recorded.

Members Present:

Kay Sharpnack - President
Dan Milton - Vice President
Julie Heggie - Secretary
Wally Baker - Board Member
Lora Crawford - Board Member
Ken Fenley - Board Member
Penny Davidson - Board Member
Cheryl Ryberg - Administrative Manager
Tom Haden - ALSA Attorney

Next board meeting will be held at 8:00 PM EST, on December 6, 2006.

Penny moved and Wally seconded a motion that the October 11, 2006 BOD Minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Wayne Rankin

Bank Accounts:

ALSA Checking	76,174.74
ALSA Investment	98,307.38
Scholarship Fund	8,723.22
Total Bank Accounts	183,205.34

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

1. Cheryl has concerns about Nationals being moved ahead two weeks, she says she is concerned about other shows missing out. Kay believes that once the board has made a decision the shows will have to fall in line.
2. Cheryl would like an amendment to her current contract because of the recent change made by the board regarding recording fees. **Discussion was tabled and Cheryl was asked to bring numbers to the board concerning llama recording number figures.**
3. The new webstore site will be uploaded to the ALSA website hopefully before Christmas, but for sure by the 1st of the year. There was discussion by the BOD as to whether the website needs to continue. **This issue was tabled pending further information from Cheryl.**
4. Letter received by a member regarding sanctioning of a show. **This request was sent to the Judges Committee.**
5. Discussion about the mileage rate when expenses are being paid by ALSA. **It was decided that travel expenses would be in accordance with the ALSA Reimbursement Guidelines for Travel and Non Travel Expenses. Mileage will be adjusted to coincide with the current IRS mileage rate.**

6. Discussion about the Camelid Working Group Reports being put on the ALSA Website. **BOD agrees it should be on site.**

ALSA Attorney, Tom Hayden, provided BOD with an outline as to the length of time ALSA records should be retained. There was discussion as to where the records should be retained. Cheryl is to check with a document retention company for more information. This was tabled until the Dec. 6th meeting. **Ken moved and Dan seconded a motion that we adopt the Retention Policy as outlined by the ALSA Attorney. Motion passed.**

Ken moved and Wally seconded a motion that we accept Article III Section 13 By law amendment as approved by the membership with clarification in the minutes that any member of the BOD can call for discussion, and that a written amendment incorporating this clarification will be presented to the membership for a vote in the next general election. Motion passed.

Dan moved and Julie seconded a motion that the BOD approve all prior amendments to Bylaws that have approval from 2/3 vote of the membership. Motion passed.

Conflict of Interest - Prior to our November 9, 2006 meeting in Lincoln, NE, the ALSA Attorney was notified of a possible conflict of interest that had been brought to the BOD attention. At the same time, the issue was sent to the Ethics Committee, which in turn agreed a conflict of interest did exist. The Attorney agreed and recommended removal of said judge, involved in the conflict of interest, from judging halter classes at the Grand National. It was agreed however, that the judge could judge performance classes. **A motion to this affect was made by Ken, seconded by Dan. Motion passed.**

Protest Committee recommendation for Protest #1. This was tabled and more information requested.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Future call expenses with the ALSA and ILR will be split between boards.
2. Dan moved and Wally seconded a motion that the 2007 Special Needs Classes at Grand Nationals and Regionals will have Class Ribbons, Premiums paid and No entry fees. Motion passed.
3. Member letter regarding National pack class was forwarded to the Judges Committee.
4. Member letter regarding Board approval of Bylaw Amendment. Kay will answer member.
5. Kay has already answered a letter from a member with Website questions.
6. Member letter regarding ALSA Novice Performance was sent to Performance Committee.

7. Member letter regarding novice classes/Regional and GN eligibility was sent to the Grand National Committee.
8. Two member letters regarding criteria for determining suris in suri classes have been forwarded to the Judges Committee.
9. Julie moved and Lora seconded a motion by email to approve Betty Moe to have a Regional Super Conference Call. Motion passed.
10. Wally moved and Lora seconded a motion by email to send letters written by Kay Sharpnack to the three individuals regarding their appeals. Motion passed.
11. Ken moved and Penny seconded a motion by email to Invite ALSA attorney, Tom Hayden, to come to our face to face meeting in Lincoln, NE. Motion passed.
12. Dan moved and Julie seconded a motion by email to approve Craig Swindler as Chair to the Finance and Budget Committee. Motion passed.
13. Dan moved and Lora seconded a motion by email to approve Jeff Rucker as Superintendent for the Rocky Mountain Regional Show. Motion passed.
14. Julie moved and Lora seconded a motion by email to approve Ann Barkley as the Superintendent for the Great Lakes Regional Show. Motion passed.
15. Ken moved and Julie seconded a motion to approve a fee of \$2500.00 to be paid to ALSA attorney Tom Hayden for expenses to attend the face to face meeting in Lincoln, NE. Motion passed.
16. Wally moved and Lora seconded a motion by email to approve the President's September/October Bulletin. Motion passed.
17. Dan moved and Wally seconded a motion by email to approve David Armor as the Chair to the Publications Committee. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Chair - Debbie Shellabarger

The following is a list of items on which the Committee is working and providing to update the board.

1. The combined Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Judging Clinic was held October 20, 21, and 22. The clinic was held at Lofty Pine in Lindsey, Ohio hosted by Deb Yeagle. The clinic was a big success and the clinic instructors did a fantastic job. The clinic instructors were Mary Reed, Terry Duespohl and Cathie Kindler. All in attendance were in agreement that this clinic did an in-depth coverage of fiber and alpaca conformation.
2. Mary Reed is working closely with the alpaca committee on the much needed changes for the alpaca portion of the ALSA handbook. Numerous items were found that needed corrected or changed. The information is currently being written so that it may be included in the upcoming handbook revision.

3. The addition of alpaca premium for exhibitors at the Nationals is greatly appreciated and a show of good faith from ALSA. For years alpaca exhibitors have been paying the same entry fees as llama exhibitors but not receiving premiums. This move will only encourage more alpaca involvement.
4. Any members with alpaca related concerns should contact the alpaca committee. Members of the committee strongly feel that anything alpaca related needs to go through the committee. It has come to their attention that some items are bypassing the committee.

The main focus of the committee at the present time is getting handbook changes written and presented for inclusion in the newest edition of the handbook. The most recent alpaca clinic brought to light some items that are in need of change. There is some discussion about looking at the levels of alpaca shows and how they may be changed to better serve the alpaca membership of ALSA.

Election Committee

Chair - Sherry Adamcyk

Committee will start looking at possible web content for election process for next year after Nationals occurs. Will have suggestions to make then.

Ethics Committee

Chair – Maryan Baker

ALSA Ethics Committee Board Liaison Lora Crawford requested that the Committee review the Ethics Sections of the ALSA Handbook and also to review and respond to possible ALSA ethics violations outlined by an ALSA member in a letter addressed to the ALSA Board regarding possible ethics violations. The Ethics Committee members all reviewed the Ethics Sections of the ALSA Handbook as well as the letter referred to the Committee outlining a possible Ethics Violation. All members of the Committee agreed that all ALSA Ethics rules should be applied equally to all membership or should be removed from the handbook. The Committee members stated that they would really like to discuss some of the ethics problems in a forum or conference call. One member of the committee wrote: “ This is a delicate situation due to the fact we have a judge who is also employed in the llama industry as an auctioneer.....We cannot always do both jobs without causing conflict or doubt in others minds.... I looked at all the ethic sections and #5 Conflict of Interest...letter A---is right on target--#1 #1--Says an animal shown before a judge who has professionally involved him/herself with the training, SALE or purchase of that animal within the previous 12 months ---this is a conflict of interest in the showing.... Now my questions is any sale he conducts Celebrity, or any in future (he cannot judge the sold animals in next 12 months of the sale).....So he knows rules and he chooses to Auctioneer then he cannot put himself or ALSA in that position to chance an animal being at the show he is judging.....I feel this threatens rule E. in Section 5 when he knowingly takes payment for job (auctioneering, and judging) but yet ALSA puts the

burden on then owner, exhibitor or trainer.....that is not right ---he took the jobs. I feel it is a conflict and could create a problem. “ Other members of the Committee would like to discuss further. All agree that this situation has caused serious ethical problems for our show organization.

One member was concerned that “good and experienced Judges will quit ALSA and go onto non-ALSA Shows” However, that same committee member acknowledged that the Auctioneering Jobs taken on by said judge have caused problems in some shows in the Midwest because of perceived special treatment .The Ethics Committee Members would like to know if there have been other complaints regarding this or similar outside business relationships that have caused ethical questions and would like to work on a form for members and judges so that full disclosure could be afforded to those affected. A possible new ALSA Ethics Form attached to the Bill of sale stating the said animal cannot show under said ALSA Judges or Judges (Names of Judges involved) until after a specific date in accordance with ALSA Handbook.

Another member of the Committee stated that he does not want this to get out of hand but to be fair to the Judges and exhibitors. This is a tough issue however the majority of the Committee agreed if we go by the rules as written in the current ALSA handbook. Llamas and or Alpacas cannot be shown under said judge until after 12 months from the date he was an employee receiving monetary compensation.

Fiber Committee

Chair – June Black

Currently working on:

2006 Grand National Fleece Show (this is currently taking ALL of our time since the show is this month).

- The Fiber Committee will have a face-to-face meeting while at the ALSA National Fleece Show in Nebraska this month

Set aside while we work on the ALSA National Fleece Show:

- Establish a plan for fleece judge re-education and a Continuing Education point system for llama fleece judges to stay current
- Establish protocol and criteria for a certified fleece judge to become an ALSA Fleece Judge Instructor
- Re-evaluation of the pay scale for Fleece judging as written in the 14th Edition Handbook
- Planning for the 2007 ALSA National Fleece Show
- Changes to fleece show portions of the ALSA Handbook
- Changes to fleece show forms

Finance & Budget Committee

Chair - Craig Swindler No Report (Craig was just approved as chair)

Grand National Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

All systems are go! We are on track for another successful Grand National with attendance approximately at the same level as last year. Premiums will of course be down due to lack of sponsorship. We are “sold out” on vendor space. The facility is under new management and we have been promised a much cleaner venue this year. See you in Lincoln.

Handbook Committee

Chair - Helen Feick

Report has been sent back to Committee for more information

Judges Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

The Judges' Committee by majority vote requests the board's approval for the following:

1. The committee recommends the following as a result of the Advanced Llama Clinic in Carmel, IN: Rick Neal, Marilyn Nenni, Doug Overman – certify at Level I.; Tracey Pinkston, Ester Sue Sykes – certify at Level I Youth and Performance Judge. **Penny moved, Ken seconded. Motion passed.**
2. The committee recommends the following as a result of the combined Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Clinic: Anthony Stachowski, Deb Yeagle, Mary Reed – certify at Level III; Beth Myers, Debbie Shellabarger – certify at Level II Admit the following to the Alpaca Apprentice Program: Brenda Hamilton, Gary Hamilton, Toni Knie, Amanda Linton, John McDougall, Mary Jo Miller, Bill Schultz, and Bonnie Van Meter. **Ken moved, Penny seconded. Motion passed.**
3. Lorraine Guyn was unable to attend the re-certifying clinic for Alpaca Judges because she was judging the Eastern Regional Show. The committee recommends that she be granted a waiver of the expiration of her license until the next alpaca clinic. **Julie moved, Dan seconded. Motion passed.**
4. The following judges have submitted evidence of continuing education credit sufficient to re-certify: Tami Lash and Philip Feiner. The committee recommends that Tami Lash be re-certified for a period of one year and Philip Feiner be re-certified for a period of three years. **Dan moved, Wally seconded re-certifying Tami Lash for one year beginning at the end of her probation period May 31, 2007. Motion passed. Julie and Ken abstained from the vote. Penny moved and Wally seconded re-certifying Philip Feiner for a period of three years. Motion passed.**

5. At the request of the board president the committee has reviewed and drafted a handbook language change to codify this committee's long-standing practice of extending judge's certification under certain conditions. The committee requests that the following be added to Part S, Section 2, Paragraph A, 10: "When in the opinion of the Judges' Committee a justifiable reason exists as to why a judge has not been able to re-certify by the conclusion of the stipulated three-year period, the committee can recommend an extension of license not to exceed the time period to the next certifying clinic." **Julie moved, Lora seconded. Motion passed.**

Membership Committee

Chair – Pam Jensen

No Report

Nomination Committee

Chair – Trish Brandt-Robuck

No Report

Performance Committee

Chair – Melanie McMurray, MD

The Performance Committee would like to submit the following to the BOD for their consideration:

1. The committee asks the BOD to consider the following changes to the Handbook. The first is a simplification, correction of spelling, and omission of the word "standing" that would enable petter to sit in a wheelchair or on a hospital bed, for example. The second is a simplification of the wording to remove the word "jump", to omit the editorial comment at the end, and to remove the implied acceptance of a higher stepover if the llama is under 36 months of age. **BOD accepts changes.**
2. As this committee has heard from participants who may have some difficulty negotiating obstacles, due to age or injury, but still would like to participate in Performance, we would ask the BOD to consider the following rule change: "In Obstacle classes, the handler may choose not to negotiate an obstacle him/herself without penalty." **BOD accepts change.**
3. A recommendation for a ROM in Novice Performance was addressed to the committee. Although we voted against said ROM, we would like the BOD to consider the following rule change on advancing from Novice to Advanced: "We recommend that rather than using placings to advance, points be used. We feel 15 to 20 points would enable llamas who consistently place top 3 in multiple larger Novice classes to advance appropriately to Advanced classes, while llamas that place in the top 3 only because there were so few entries would not be forced to enter Advanced classes prematurely. The exhibitor's option to advance would remain in place.

BOD declines changes. Office does not keep track of points for novice.

4. As the Exhibitors with Disabilities performance classes are now in the Regional shows and at Grand Nationals, and the committee would like to see an expansion of these classes in all shows, we recommend the following section be added to the next addition of the Handbook: **These additions were sent back to committee and declined by the BOD.**

The following is a list of the issues and recommendations that have been brought before this performance committee, and the decisions made by the committee.

1. Picking up feet and showing teeth, petting, and putting on hats or costumes be restricted to the PR course; change of pace should not be allowed in Pack: **The Committee voted against this, and feel such obstacles as picking up feet and change of pace have a real place in Pack.**
2. Removal of word “jump” from Pack stepover rule: **change has been submitted.**
3. Form a Masters Class in Performance: **no action has been taken at this time.**
4. In the new Performance Course Design Book, it suggests that a llama be loaded into a trailer with a horse. With a concern for safety, this suggestion should be scratched from that book: **Committee agrees this should be removed, and will review the book for other safety issues.**
5. Define in the Handbook how panniers and pack should be removed correctly (other than cinches), or state that it does not matter: **Committee feels this is unnecessary, and that this is more of a judge education issue.**
6. Not allow alpacas to show with llamas in performance classes: **Committee voted against this.**
7. Decrease the pack weight for llamas 36 months and older: **Committee voted against this.**
8. Require stopovers and jumps be anchored down: **Committee voted against this, and feels this would negate the purpose of these obstacles.**
9. Disallow backing in Pack: **Committee voted against this and feels this is an integral obstacle in Pack.**
10. Rescind the rule changes to course construction and obstacle measurement requirements adopted in early 2006: **A variance for these changes was approved for shows remaining in the season, including Regionals and the Grand National; the committee is currently taking this into consideration.**

BOD accepts committee report and is in agreement with committee.

Policy and Planning Committee

Chair - Jerry Miller

No Report

Promotion Committee

Chair - Mandy Gerken

Protest Committee

Chair - Jim Nenni

The committee went through the first protest utilizing the new proposed system. I feel it went smoothly and efficiently. All the committee members responded promptly with excellent rationale. Therefore I would like to petition the board to put into effect this new system with the following addition as suggested by the board.

“The original protest must be sent by certified mail with a return receipt going to the protestor for tracking purposes. An internal tracking number will be assigned to each and every protest and the names will be removed by the Chair. The forms involved in each protest, without identifications, will be sent to the ALSA Office for official tracking.”

The Protest Committee is submitting the following for BOD approval:

1. Protest Procedure
2. Protest Flow Chart
3. Intent of Protest Form
- 4 ALSA Protest Format

Publications Committee

Chair - David Armer

No Report (David was just approved as chair)

Regional Committee

Chair - Betty Moe

Committee Report was tabled due to time constraints.

Show Management Committee

Chair - Phil Feiner

I have heard from all but one member of the committee, and we are not opposed to the fees and language. There is some concern that the fees are fairly steep if searching prior to 2002, but we understand that labor is expensive and the searching process, time consuming. **Julie moved and Ken seconded a revision to the recording fee for animals as follows:** Part G. ALSA Award System Section 6. Recording Fees (Handbook Page #41)

1. Change to:

The one time recording fee per animal is \$20.00. During the year that the recording fee is paid, a person may request the ALSA Office to research all show results for the current calendar year and accumulate points for that animal.

3. Change to:

There will be a \$25.00 per animal per year fee for accumulating points on the animal in any year or years prior to the year the recording fee was paid. This is possible starting with the 2002 show season. There will be a \$25.00 per animal per show fee to research show results prior to the 2002 show season. **Motion Passed.**

On another note, I had a call from a show superintendent suggesting that ALSA work with a PR agency to help promote shows to the general public. I have not presented this to the committee, so I welcome their comments. I typically hear about the benefits of having the general public at an event, and have personally spent thousands of dollars over the years promoting shows that I have superintended. Unfortunately, I cannot tell you of any sales that resulted as a result of the advertising dollars expended. Perhaps dollars would be more useful if applied towards a national marketing campaign. That way, an informed consumer who already knows that they have an interest in Camelids, can attend various shows. **Board discussed ALSA marketing involvement and the concept was not viable at this time.**

Website Committee

Chair - Marilyn Nenni

- 1) The Website Committee is now progressing with our “Improve The Technology” project. The goal of this project is “to leverage technology which enables ALSA to evolve its business practices so that it may efficiently and effectively manage its information and allow for the flexibility to enhance growth and expansion”. We have arrived at our objectives, our success criteria, and our functional success criteria. Steve Katzakian, a member of our committee, is leading this project most effectively and efficiently. As we move forward with this project, we will be able to determine what our membership needs are from the database and the website.
- 2) The ALSA Website unfortunately suffered some crisis during the last couple of months as members attempted to download their Regional and National qualifications and show information. The consensus of the Website Committee at this time is to not make any changes to our current server or database setup until all aspects have been further investigated. The Committee feels that we need to have a much better feel for what our problems and needs are before jumping into something new.
- 3) We have had less requested changes and pages to upload to the Website this last month. The process of having one person update the information and have to send it on to another person to be uploaded is still both very time consuming, inefficient, and unnecessary. Minor changes can be made and uploaded quickly by one person. This process needs to be re-visited when the BOD has the time to address this situation again.
- 4) The end of the year will bring a lot of changes and updates to the Website again as points and lists are updated. We hopefully will be able to get the lists of Adult Showmanship, Fiber, and Alpaca Champions and Superior and Ultimate Youth to post. The new 2007 Show Calendar, Annual Top Ten Youth for 2006, as well as 2007 updates will need to be posted. Updated Showing rates and details are also needed on the Website.

5) New Proposals: The Website Committee has discussed the possibility of having a Bulk Email program put into use. As our committee serves somewhat as a “communications committee”, this would be an efficient way to inform the membership of new rules and happenings, membership reminders, website updates, and new information could also easily be programmed to judges and show superintendents. An email program can even be programmed in advance to send certain messages at the correct time of year so they are not overlooked. There are two major considerations to moving ahead with this program.

a. The cost of the program or service: I have researched a number of email programs and services on the web and the one that seems to be most efficient and affordable is Constant Contact. This is a web-based service that allows emails to be mailed from anywhere – just sign into the account. The various softwares for purchase that I located were extremely expensive. This service, the most reasonably priced that I located, has no set up fee and the pricing is based on your list size. 50 to 500 names is \$15 a month, 500 to 2500 names is \$30 a month. That’s for unlimited messages sent per month. Most other pricing that I investigated started at \$100 a month for 1 mailing per month. There is a non-profit discount and also a pre-payment discount. Features include secure mailing lists, ability to design custom mailings, email tracking, list management, no contract ability to recognize undeliverable addresses, cut postage costs, immediate contact with our membership, and no updates to purchase. Can you imagine being able to update the membership with new rules or issues almost immediately! Would it be worth a least a trial period?

b. Who would be the person to actually send the messages or newsletters: Obviously this would best be done by the Office Manager, but perhaps her schedule won’t permit this. If someone is needed to launch and oversee an Email program, I (Marilyn) will volunteer. We will look forward to feedback from the BOD on this issue.

The Website Committee has also discussed the possibility of having a Bulletin Board/Message Board posted on the website. This would be for the membership to discuss various topics and offer ideas and input. These comments are posted directly to our website and could be seen by anyone visiting our website. This would enable ALSA Committees and BOD members to hear opinions and suggestions from our membership. It would also offer an area that would just serve a selected group such as the BOD or judges. We would not allow it to become a “ranting” corner. After a subject has been successfully discussed, the input could be sent to the appropriate ALSA Committee for evaluation. The Website Committee could oversee the Bulletin Board if desired. We have requested a program that would serve this need from Grant a couple of months ago, but have not received any replies. I have investigated one at bulletinboard.com, which I think has a lot to offer. It appears easy to install and would cost \$9.95 a month or a total of \$101.50 a year with the 15% discount for paying in advance. Features include free

tech support, no advertising on the board, member only option, voter message capability, and many more. It can be set up with a 30-day trial. Would appreciate the BOD's feedback on this.

Youth Committee

Chair - Barb Harris

Youth Committee Report was tabled due to time constraints.

Julie moved and Penny seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 PM CST on November 9, 2006. Motion passed.

President called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM CST on November 9, 2006.

A large percentage of the membership attending the Grand National Show contacted the BOD during the board meeting regarding the current conflict of interest rule concerning the judge in place to judge Nationals. The matter was reconsidered and the ALSA attorney drafted the following rule change: Under Section 5. Conflict of Interest, the letter H., be added at the bottom to say: None of the above terms shall be construed to assign a conflict of interest to any Judge otherwise engaged as an auctioneer professionally involved with the sale of any animal shown before that judge. **Lora made a motion to this effect, Penny seconded. Motion passed. Ken moved and Penny seconded a request for a roll call vote on handbook change. Motion passed.**

Lora - Yes
Penny - Yes
Julie - Yes
Wally - Yes
Dan - Yes
Ken - No

Dan moved and Wally seconded the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 PM CST November 9, 2006. Motion passed.

President called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM CST on November 9, 2006.

New Business:

1. Penny moved and Lora seconded a motion for approving reimbursement for expenses for an ALSA Board member to attend Camelid Community. Motion passed.
2. Dan moved and Julie seconded a motion to send Lora as our ALSA representative on the ILR January cruise, expenses to be paid as per our Director's Book plus conference expenses. Lora has insisted on paying her own cruise fee. Motion passed.

All members letters have been tabled due to time constraints.

Ken moved and Lora seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:43 PM CST on November 9, 2006. Motion passed.

Board Minutes from Meeting December 6, 2006

President called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM EST. The Board acknowledged that this and all future meetings will be recorded.

Members Present:

- Kay Sharpnack - President
- Dan Milton - Vice President
- Julie Heggie - Secretary
- Wally Baker - Board Member
- Lora Crawford - Board Member
- Penny Davidson - Board Member
- Ken Fenley - Board Member joined the call at 8:34 PM EST
- Craig Swindler - Finance and Budget Committee Chair

Next board meeting will be held at 8:00 PM EST on January 10, 2007.

Lora moved and Dan seconded a motion that the November 9, 2006 BOD Minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Craig Swindler (asked to fill in for Wayne Rankin who is out of the country.)

Assets:

Cash and Bank Accounts	
ALSA Checking	52,586.41
ALSA Investment	98,307.38
Tony Rollins’s Scholarship	8,723.22
Total Cash in Bank	159,617.01

It has been brought to the BOD attention that when future decisions are made regarding finances (ex. ALSA animal recording numbers) it should first be run by the finance committee and the Treasurer.

Wayne will be looking at and sharing with the BOD revision of the Chart of Accounts (he does not foresee many major changes.) He will also be completing the 2007 Budget for January board approval.

The ALSA Investment account is almost up and running. \$15,000- \$20,000 will be kept in the general checking account with the current bank, everything else will be moved into three higher interest bearing accounts. 1. The ALSA Investment Account. 2. The ALSA Membership Youth Scholarship Fund, 3. The Linda Pierce Memorial Awards Fund.

Board Members have asked that the Scholarship Fund start being referred to by its correct name. It will be known as the ALSA Membership Youth Scholarship Fund, previously the Tony Rollins Scholarship Fund.

Julie moved and Penny seconded a motion for Cheryl to get an ALSA credit card for things that come up within the office that require payment other than a check. Motion passed.

ALSA Administrative Manager Report

The ALSA Office is in a flurry getting the 2006 season wrapped up and working hard to get our 2007 season on the way. We are receiving 2007 Shows for Sanctioning which can be viewed on our website under Shows and Events, as well as having mailed out approximately 2,500 renewal forms for members that have been active in 2005 and 2006 which does not include our Lifetime members who will be sent a note that will question if there is any changes to address or to renew judge licenses for 2007.

Due to various concerns over the years of the year end per animal result sheet issued from ALSA Office does not have the complete Grand National Top Ten (this was due to the fact that all we record here is animals that either have earned points or have qualified for Regional/National) We have decided to place all of the top ten animals even if they do not earn points. This will be a nice touch to breeders to show perspective buyers or for their own records.

Once all shows have been entered including Grand National, final certificates for 2006 will be printed and mailed. At that point we will be able to send all of the new awardees to Showring for publication.

Cheryl Ryberg
Administrative Manager

The BOD has asked Cheryl to send us a copy of the membership renewal form that has been sent out to members.

Webstore Status:

The BOD is still waiting for info from Cheryl before a decision is made regarding the webstore being put back on the website.

Old Business

1. Dan will be working with Jan at the ILR to expand the definition and detail functions on the proposal with the ILR to create a database for ALSA shows.
2. Penny moved and Wally seconded a motion for a triple show to be held in Florida, Feb. 2007. Motion passed. This was an email vote.

Committee Reports

Alpaca Committee

Chair - Debbie Shellabarger

The committee is currently working on handbook changes

Election Committee

Chair - Sherry Adamcyk

No Report

Ethics Committee

Chair - Maryan Baker

Nothing new to report at this time

Fiber Committee

Chair - June Black

Current work accomplished:

1. Completed the 2006 ALSA Grand National Fleece Show, including reporting to the ALSA office.
2. Established protocol and criteria for a certified fleece judge to become an ALSA Fleece Judge Instructor, and submitted proposal to the ALSA BOD. **This is to be sent to the Judges Committee for review.**
3. **The BOD has asked that the fiber committee give us a comparison of expenses from the Grand National. Also list premiums and how they were broken down.**

Finance & Budget Committee

Chair - Craig Swindler

See minutes page one for report

Grand National Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

1. An eventful 2006 Grand National has come and gone! Most reports suggest that the Grand National was once again a successful event.
2. Final Show Placings have been prepared for posting to the Website. These are being proofed one more time before forwarding to the website committee and the web master.
3. The “financials” of the show are being finalized and reconciled.
4. The Grand National Committee recommends that a rental agreement be entered into for the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE for the 2007 Grand National. According to the 2006 agreement, ALSA has “first refusal” for the last weekend in October in 2007.

5. Please accept this as my resignation as Chair of the Grand National Committee effective immediately.

Kay will be the new liaison to the Grand National Committee. Ken moved and Lora seconded a motion for Norris Berg to be the new Chair of the Grand National Committee. Motion passed.

Handbook Committee

Chair - Helen Feick

Nothing new to report.

BOD asks that the handbook committee make decision regarding printer for next handbook. BOD asks that committee supply us with a list of all approved handbook changes to date.

Lora has volunteered to go through the 14th edition handbook sorting out sections for each committee to look through for possible changes. She will then forward to liaisons to committees who in turn will forward to committee chairs.

Judges Committee

Chair - Terry Duespohl

The Judges' Committee by majority vote requests the board's approval for the following:

1. The committee recommendation regarding the Carmel, IN clinic should be amended to say: . . . committee recommends the following . . . Rick Neal, and Doug Overman – certify at Level I; Marilyn Nenni – re-certify at Level I; Tracey Pinkston, Ester Sue Sykes – certify at Level I Youth and Performance Judge.
2. The committee recommends approval of an Alpaca Fleece Clinic to be held January 20, 2007 at Lofty Pine in Lindsey, OH. Mary Reed would be the instructor. Due to space considerations, attendance needs to be limited to 12 people. Priority acceptance is requested for those people who attended the Alpaca Judging Clinic in October.
3. Judie Moser was unable to attend the re-certifying clinic for Llama Judges because she was judging the SW Regional Show. The committee recommends that she be granted a waiver of the expiration of her license until the next certifying clinic.
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 Shannon McConnell, AOBA Certified Alpaca Judge, to judge at the Western Ohio Triple Crown Alpaca Show.
5. The committee recommends upgrading Ken Forster's Performance Judging license from Level II to Level III.

4. The committee requests approval for a Combined Beginning and Advanced Llama Judging Clinic to be held March 16, 17, and 18 at Hinterland in Sisters, OR. Judie Moser and Lora Crawford would be the instructors. The committee also reaffirms its long-standing practice that anyone auditing a clinic be required to pay the clinic fees.
5. The committee hereby notifies the Board of its intention to recommend modifications to the CE Credit system that is currently in place to be more reflective of current conditions.
6. Please accept this as my resignation as Chair of the Judges' Committee. I recommend that Cathie Kindler be appointed to fill the remainder of my term. To ensure a smooth transition, I would request that I be permitted to remain on the committee for some mutually agreeable time period but in no case to extend beyond the typical committee reorganization time next spring.

Julie moved and Ken seconded a motion to accept Judges Committee requests Item #1 thru #7. Motion passed.

After discussion Wally moved and Dan Seconded a motion to appoint Lavona Fercho as the Chair for the Judges Committee. Motion passed.

Membership Committee

Chair - Pam Jensen

We are going to work to bring back the "grunt" awards for Grand Nationals next year. We are going to have one nomination from each region to receive them at the banquet. Each committee member will have to come up with that nomination from their region. Again, the categories will be the same as in the past. We want to start getting those together quickly, as we need several months to come up with the donations to fill those baskets.

The membership welcome letter has been prepared and forwarded to Cheryl Ryberg to include in the membership renewal forms.

Nominations Committee

Chair - Trish Brandt-Robuck

The committee will verify ALSA BOD open positions for the 2007 election. The committee will start looking for qualified candidates from across the country to run for those positions.

Performance Committee

Chair - Melanie McMurray, MD

Finalizing new rule changes for 2007

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Policy & Planning Committee

Chair - Jerry Miller

Nothing new to report at this time

Promotion Committee

Chair - Mandy Gerken

Nothing new to report

Protest Committee

Chair - Jim Nenni

Protest #1 is complete and was withdrawn by the protestor as we discussed during the last BOD Meeting.

We are just about finished with Protest #2. Committee recommendation will be sent soon. Have received Protest #3 and we will start working on this as soon as we have the final details.

I have also been informed that Protest #4 is in the mail.

Was also wondering the status of The Protest Committee's recommendation on the new protest format.

Ken moved and Lora seconded a motion to except the protest committee's recommendations on the new protest format with the following addition: "If a conflict exists for the chair of the protest committee to be able to perform his duties as chair than the duties are to transfer to the ethics committee member that sits on the protest committee." Motion passed.

After much discussion and deliberation, the Protest Committee finds Protest #2 as being NOT VALID. **Wally moved and Penny seconded a motion to accept the Protest Committee's recommendation for Protest #2. Motion failed. President asked for a roll call vote. Wally-yes, Penny-yes, Lora-yes, Julie-no, Dan-no, Ken-no, Kay-no. It is now returned to the Protest Committee with the timeliness issue removed.**

Publications Committee

Chair - David Armer

The ALSA Publications Committee has been working diligently on preparing the next issue of Showring.

Submissions to be featured include:

Showing Alpacas

An Interview with Geri Rutledge & Ginger

Llama Display at the National FFA Convention

Special Needs

The Majority Opinion Judging System

An article featuring a Historical Show Winner

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A "Youth Spotlight Section" featuring articles by different Regional Youths
Committee Reports from Each Committee
Regional Show Results/Photos
We have also been hard at work preparing for the Grand National Issue.

Regional Committee

Chair - Betty Moe

I am outlining below some of the suggestions made by my supervisors that we especially want the ALSA Board to consider to help the attendance at our Regional Shows.

1. Require juveniles to qualify at Regional shows to be eligible to show at the Nationals. **BOD sent this to Judge's Committee.**
2. Have the age division for yearlings at Regionals as it is at the Nationals. **BOD feels this is not realistic as there are not enough in most regional yearling classes.**
3. Have ALSA consider a different point system for animals to qualify for the Nationals if they have qualified in classes of only one or two animals. Perhaps require them to show at a Regional show. **Handbook page 29: Animals already have to qualify unless they receive a Grand or Reserve.**
4. Have a Showring issue before Regional and the National shows advertising the shows to get everyone excited about each show's special aspects. **The BOD would advise writing articles instead of advertising to get people excited.**
5. Have the ALSA BOD send a request to the judges committee, directing judges not to criticize any youth's animal in Public Relations or Performance on the animal's confirmation i.e., in particular – low pasterns, if that animal is not showing signs of discomfort. **BOD not in agreement that the judges need to be directed in this manner.** Several Superintendents feel the judges need better guidance on performance criteria, and if they don't show in performance themselves, should have to actually do performance in Pack, Public Relations, and Obstacles as part of their judge's training. Its been suggested to have three judges present at Judges Training Clinics to give a more balanced view to prospective new judges. **May be valid request but is just not realistic.**
6. We know this is being addressed, but want to encourage the BOD to have the minutes of your meetings posted on the ALSA Website as soon after your meetings as possible. **BOD is trying to have minutes posted as soon as possible.**

Lora moved and Julie seconded a motion that the Southwestern Regionals be held in conjunction with the Sonoma County Harvest Festival at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rose, CA in 2007. Motion passed.

Show Management Committee

Chair - Phil Feiner

Re: - Standardized Forms & Interfacing with the ILR

A discussion regarding standardized entry forms has ensued because ALSA is

investigating the possibility of interfacing with the ILR database. It is our opinion that ALSA and its membership would benefit from such a relationship both on the entry side as well as results reporting.

Concerns:-

- Can all shows run their classes in exactly the same order? It is helpful to run classes in order as this tends to make it easier for exhibitors to determine when they need to be ready for their classes.
- Shows that do not offer certain classes, or one day shows, will not be able to run in class order.
- How do we address combined classes – light /medium, etc.?
- If a program is created for show superintendents to create premium books, a mechanism needs to be in place for information specific to that event to be input.
- How do we implement a program without overwhelming show supers?

Suggestions:-

- Start slowly
- Begin by using ILR numbers as entry numbers and recording numbers.
- An on line system or disc will be available for superintendents that are computer literate and would like assistance creating their show books.
- System should include pull down screen menus to assist the superintendents in developing their show book.
- Offer the classes in standardized order and create options when changes are necessary and suggestions for how to address those changes.
- For those unable to use the computer programs, create written versions.

Once superintendents have become accustomed to using ILR numbers as entry numbers and recording numbers, the next steps could be implemented. These include:-

- Class list would need to be revised to incorporate Top Five at Regional events, Obstacle Driving classes, as well as optional classes such as Costume, Best Bred and Owned, etc.
- If an interactive program or disc were used, the user would be prompted to enter information as it pertains to their event, such as the local health regulations, are they going to offer sponsorships, etc? A simple checked box at the start of each paragraph could be used to indicate whether or not the information should be included in the premium booklet. A drop down menu could be created to indicate what awards would be offered, etc. This would allow for the show superintendent to create a premium book prior to receiving show entries.
- Those who are computer literate, would input the ILR numbers of the animals entered in each class, transmit the information back to the ALSA office and a show program could then be created and e mailed in .pdf format to the show superintendent. If the data were input on line, then there would be little to no extra work required on the part of the ALSA office. For those superintendents who are

not computer literate, a worksheet would be completed and faxed to the ALSA office for them to input the data, and then a premium book, faxed or e- mailed to the show superintendent.

- The same basic system would be used to process the results. The animal would no longer need a separate ALSA number and its points would be tracked with its ILR number. This would cut down tremendously on data entry errors, etc. It is not difficult at all to create a database that would “automatically” compute the number of points an animal would earn based on the number of animals in its class as well as in the division.
- It is entirely possible that this approach of generating a premium book as well as inputting results is too quick a move for most show superintendents. The committee is concerned about implementing these changes too quickly. To that end, we feel that we should begin by using the new system to input results only. Down the line, perhaps a reduction in ALSA fees could be offered to encourage show superintendents to try the new system in its entirety. As in theory there would be less data entry on the part of the ALSA office, a fee reduction could be offered as an incentive to work with the complete program as theoretically, less time and energy would be required by the ALSA office...

Overall, we feel the concept is a good one, and would help expedite the entry process as well as results reporting.

Website Committee

Chair - Marilyn Nenni

We are progressing very well with our “Improve The Technology” project under the efficient leadership of our committee member, Steve Katzakian. At this point of the project, we are striving to attain *what* we need and not *how* to accomplish it. The following is the list of items that the committee has suggested to be or not to be in the scope of future plans:

"IN" SCOPE

- 1) Membership Management - all aspects of what needs to be done to manage the Members' information.
- 2) Advertising Tracking/Management of external advertisers – all aspects of who/what/where/when/how much/etc. of Advertising done by external organizations to ALSA members.
- 3) Show Management – All aspects of managing shows (e.g., data collection, animal registration, point scoring).
- 4) Show Tracking (e.g., awards points, placings) for all aspects of shows (e.g., animals, youth, showpersons).
- 5) Membership Access – All aspects of members getting into and out of the system (please note this overlaps in many areas such as membership management, reporting, etc.).
- 6) External Interfaces – All aspects of interfaces to exchange information with outside organizations (e.g., ILR, Alpaca registries).

- 7) Interface to the Accounting System – This is only there to define what is needed. We believe that we will need this “IN” since such things as membership management may collect fees and will need to pass data to an accounting system.

“OUT of SCOPE”

- 1) Newsletter Creation/Production – Nothing to do with building or producing this product.
- 2) Accounting System/Software – We do not wish to define anything around the accounting system. What ALSA deems necessary here is not our concern. We may have the need to get information from the accounting system and once again, this does not define “how” any of this is done.
- 3) Advertising Tracking of what advertising ALSA does in outside organizations.

All new Showring rates and dates, plus an eye-catching section for the newest promotion rates offered, have been put up on the Website.

All Committees have been updated with their new members and email contacts and I believe they are correct. (hope someone will notify me of corrections if needed).

The new Webstore has not yet been put up on the ALSA website. (as of this date).

Other items (e.g., bulk email system and Bulletin Board for the website) that were submitted in the November Report were not addressed at the last BOD meeting, so I presume you will pick up those items from our November Committee Report.

On a really positive note, we seem to be getting fewer emails with reports of errors or problems with the website. Those we have received have been addressed and corrected immediately. Input from the membership is very helpful and appreciated. Hopefully, we are on a good track now.

Youth Committee

Chair - Barb Harris

The committee has discussed the following items this month which we would like to pass on to the board for either approval or further discussion.

- Setting the date for submission of application for the Tony Rollins scholarship.
 - a. Historically the date had been July 1st and at this time we would like to see it return to that date. To publicize this date there will be articles in the Showring. **BOD agrees, please pass to website chair for inclusion on the website.**

Limiting the use of a Champion Performance animal in youth performance classes.

Champion Performance animal could be shown by youth in Open or Advanced Classes.

BOD declines making a rule change to this effect at this time.

- Fund raising for the Tony Rollins scholarship
 - a. We would like to propose that an auction take place at the 2007 Nationals. This auction could be either a silent auction or a live auction which would take place at the Cocktail Party on Saturday evening. The advantage to a live auction would be that no one would be required to man a silent auction table. Donated items could be on

display in the office. If this proposal is accepted then each member on the committee could solicit donations of items. It was also proposed to have auctions at each Regional. This would take more work on the part of the committee but is a good idea for future consideration. **BOD will forward to Grand National Committee for input.**

- Our committee has discussed how to encourage youth who participate in Youth Judging to remain active in ALSA after the end of their Senior Year. We would like to ask the board to review the following suggestion and possibly forward to the Judges' Committee for further review. Youth who are Seniors and have participated in Youth Judging for at least the last two years of their Senior level be allowed to attend a Beginning Judging Clinic and upon satisfactorily completing said clinic could enter the Judge's Apprenticeship Program. Due to legalities of renting cars they would be eligible to attend the Advanced Judging Clinic after their 21st birthday. To attend a clinic sooner they would be restricted to judging shows close enough to their home that they could drive to them. **BOD will forward to Judge's Committee for input.**

New Business

1. Showring - Look at 2005 contract with Able Publishing and discuss one for 2007. This needs BOD approval. **Kay will look into this with Doug Able and present to the BOD.**
2. Approval of "GN Conflict of Interest Kerffule" article for Showring and Website.
3. **Ken moved and Lora seconded a motion that the President of ALSA may answer membership letters presented to the BOD or send them on to appropriate committee's without board approval of each one. Motion passed.**
4. Letter from member regarding selection of GN Judges. **Sent to GN Committee**
5. Request from Publications Chair to be able to put show results in Showring. **Ken moved and Julie seconded a motion to allow show results to be put in showring for a trial period of one year, as space permits. These results must be submitted from show superintendent. Motion passed.**
6. Publications Chair letter to member about showring. **BOD has requested that the Chair write a letter of apology to member.**
7. Letter from member regarding the American Mini Llama Association with proposal. **Sent to Show Management Committee.**
8. Letter from member/judge requesting BOD to remove \$50 Judges fee as of 1-1-07 **Sent to Finance and Budget Committee.**
9. Member letter regarding issues with the Judge's Committee. **Sent to Judge's Committee.**
10. Judge's letter regarding upgrade of levels. **Sent to the new Judge's Committee Chair.**

11. 2 member letters concerning the suri halter division. **These two letters have been sent to the following committee's; show management, judges, policy and planning and membership committee's.**
12. Member letter regarding the recording of show animals and being able to keep those credits even if you sell the llama. **BOD does not feel this should change, points will transfer with llama to new owner.**
13. Member letter of concern with dates of Nationals in 2007 conflicting with Hartman Sale. **BOD feels this is unfortunate but the date has been set.**
14. Member letter regarding juveniles and GN and Regionals. **Sent to GN and Regional Committee's.**

Dan moved and Ken seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 AM EST on December 7, 2006. Motion passed.