

# **Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA**

BOD Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2009

**The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Julie Heggie, at 8:03 p.m. EST.**

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Members present:**

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Tom Parsons – Treasurer

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

This meeting was recorded.

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

**Next Board Meetings:** Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST

**Approval Of Minutes:** January 27, 2009 – waiting email approval.

**Elect Officer:** Ulin made a motion to accept the resignation of MaryAlice Philbin. Larry seconded.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Larry made a motion to approve Cathie as Vice President. Ulin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer**

1. Tom presented the BOD with the proposed 2009 budget. Cathie made a motion to approve the budget. Ulin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Numbers of shows and exhibitors were compiled for Tom to investigate the possibility of providing insurance to all ALSA shows.

## **OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager**

Due to many concerns regarding qualifying shows, I would like to ask the board to seriously consider voting to approve the following:

With Show Superintendents cooperation and approval, open or ILR sanctioned shows that follow ALSA classes and rules, using current ALSA Judges:

- a. Exhibitors be contacted and notice put on the ALSA Website that members may request that their animals or youth or adult showmanship may be recorded and qualified for their respective regional and national with a \$5. per animal fee sent to the ALSA Office with Animal/Youth name if sent within 30 days of show.
- b. We email a simple form to the exhibitors if possible.
- c. We post a simple form on the website. (and note there which shows are offering this as an alternate ALSA Show qualifier)

d. We request that our members request their supers to cooperate with this program so they can continue to accumulate ALSA Awards and qualify.

e. We develop and submit a simple form for members to fill out that the supers would include with show packets.

Please think about this proposal. The Celebration would be just perfect for this. This would also boost the show numbers for the super. Thank you for your consideration.

*Discussion: This proposal was discussed by the BOD and is being sent to the Show Management Committee for further review and recommendations.*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. ALSA Strategic Planning & Oversight Taskforce:

*Discussion: The following five members were approved for this Taskforce: Steve Katzakian, Diane D'Angelo, Annie Higgenbotham, Ken Forester, and Gayle Woodsum.*

2. Basic Care Brochure – Camelid brochure will be placed on the ALSA website.
3. Letter from member's attorney.

*Discussion: ALSA attorney will contact.*

4. Date for CLR information for ballot.

*Discussion: Cathie will send to Chair of Election Committee.*

5. The BOD meeting agendas will be posted to the website by Marilyn.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Show Superintendent Packets

*Discussion: All forms and instructions are currently on the website for all show superintendents to download and copy at their convenience. These forms are also available from the Office if a show superintendent requests the packet for their show.*

2. Request for ALSA Scorecards from other show association.

*Discussion: All show forms are to be used for ALSA shows only and are copyrighted by ALSA. Only show superintendents have permission to download and use them. All written information is the sole property of the Alpaca & Lama Show Association. No part of these forms, manual, book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without the express, written permission of the Alpaca & Llama Show Association.*

3. Website Changes when Marilyn is gone.

Discussion: *President, Secretary, and Treasurer have all ALSA information and can gain access to the website at any time.*

4. *Form for Show Manager/Tabulation for ALSA Perf. Champion on website.*

Discussion: *Forms on website for show use are being reviewed and updated.*

5. *Date for 2009 Grand National Show:*

Discussion: *First & second weekend of November were investigated but Event Center is not available to ALSA. Cathie made a motion to hold the GN Show the last weekend of October if the Event Center is available to us or the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October as previously held for ALSA. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. *Re-organization of Judge's Committee:*

Discussion: *Cathie made a motion that the Judge's Committee be divided into six different areas with a Chair for each area. The proposed Chairs are as follows: Alpaca – Mary Reed; Llama – Deb Yeagle; Fiber – Cindy Ruckman; Ethics – Penny Davidson; Instruction – Susan Tellez; Performance – Mike Haumschild. Ulin seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

7. *Regional Shows*

Discussion: *Ulin made a motion that there WILL be Regional Shows held in 2009. Trish seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Regional Committee will be notifying us of locations and dates ASAP.*

8. *National Youth Association:*

Discussion: *The official name of our new national association for ALSA youth is the National Lama Youth Association. (NLYA). New membership cards will be sent out to all ALSA youth members. ALSA youth can look forward to additional new youth involvement in this new national association.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 1. Alpaca Committee:** *(liaison: Cathie)*

Chair: Mary Reed

- 2. Education & Show Clinic Committee:** *(liaison: Larry)*

Chair:

Discussion: *Larry made a motion that this Committee be put under the Judge's Committee. It has been overseen by the Judge's Committee in previous years.*

- 3. Election Committee:** *(liaison: Cathie)*

Chair: Lougene Baird

Following a quiet time in the election process, the Election Committee has spent the last month preparing for the 2009 General Election. All members are committed to making the 2009 election successful. The 2008 General

Election was the largest in ALSA history with forty percent of the membership voting. The Committee encourages the membership to make the 2009 election even larger.

The Petition to Nominate Form is posted on the ALSA website and may be found under the "What's New" tab. The committee has received several communications from members-at-large with concerns that the petition is difficult to locate. With this in mind, the Election Committee is requesting a special tab be created on the ALSA home page for members to easier locate the Petition to Nominate Form.

To aid the membership in the process to petition, the Petition to Nominate Form contains a section to select for a member to receive e-mail confirmation that their Petition has been received by the Election Committee. It is the responsibility of the petitioning member to supply their e-mail address.

Changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules concerning the election process have been submitted to Policy and Planning Committee for review and recommendation to the Board. The Committee urges these be approved to be placed on the ballot to improve clarification and accuracy in the election process.

The Committee has completed a working agreement with McCall Scanlon & Tice, LLC. The firm will receive ballots, verify membership, count ballots and certify results. There has been no increase in CPA fees. No counters of the ballots are ALSA members or otherwise associated with ALSA.

It should be noted per the ALSA Standing Rules all ballots must be received by the CPA by June 5. This year, June 5 is Friday. The ballots will be tabulated Monday, June 8, 2009. The results should be available that day.

The Committee urges each member to take an active part in the election process. It is the responsibility of each member to verify with the ALSA office that member information, including accuracy of mailing address, is correct in order to receive a ballot.

The day of record for this year's election will be posted in early April. The day of record is the last opportunity for a person to become a member in good standing to receive a ballot. This is the day the labels are prepared for mailing.

**4. Ethics Committee:** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Margaret Henry

**5. Fiber Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

**6. Finance & Budget Committee:** (*liaison: Tom*)

Chair: Tom Parsons

**7. Grand National Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Norris Berg

Cathie made a motion to move into Executive Session at 10:29 p.m. EST. Ulin seconded.

Cathie made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:51 p.m. EST. Ulin seconded.

**8. Handbook Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Wally Baker

I sent my Handbook Committee Report to Larry yesterday. I realize I'm now at the cut off time for committee report submission; however, in examining the new concept of including membership ads, specific communication must be promptly accomplished to clarify and define certain responsibilities relative to effectively completing the directory. I have been in touch with the ALSA office to get a rough estimate of number of directories needed and also method in which the Office will transfer membership information to the Handbook Committee and Printer. Cheryl advised that the cutoff date for members to renew their membership is March 15 for inclusion in the handbook. Other considerations are as follows:

\* Soliciting Advertisers: This function should be initiated and followed through with membership advisements through the ALSA website, ALSA mass e-mails, and through specific committees such as Promotion & Marketing and Publications. Specific llama and alpaca vendors may also be contacted by these committees to see if they are interested in placing an ad in the

directory. The Handbook Committee will organize the information in the directory for the printer once received.

\* Ad Requirements: After my meeting with Colima Printers tomorrow, I will pass along specific procedures and cutoff dates necessary for advertisers to submit their ads for the directory. Also, after this meeting, we will have an idea on various cost breakdown of the directory. Cost of ads will need to be determined by another organizational function other than the Handbook Committee. Also, I will have a better idea on time lines on getting the directory completed and to the membership. I will pass this information to the Board when available.

*Discussion: Much discussion occurred regarding a new Membership Directory. Ulin made a motion to put off the printing of a new Membership Directory until 2010. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Note: Membership information will be easily accessible with the new ALSA Database.*

**9. Judge's Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair:

**10. Membership Committee:** (liaison: Larry )

Chair: Pam Jensen

**10. Nomination Committee:** (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

**11. Performance Committee** (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

**13. Policy & Planning Committee:** (liaison: Larry)

Chair: Lora Crawford

**14. Promotion Committee:** (liaison: Ulin )

Chair:

**15. Protest Committee:** (liaison: Ulin)

Chair: Ken Austin

**16. Publications Committee:** (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

**17. Regional Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair:

*Discussion: Julie proposed Sharon Carrier as Regional Committee Chair. Cathie made a motion to approve. Ulin seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**18. Show Management Committee:** (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Bill Schultz

**19. Website Committee:** (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

**20. Youth Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair:

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

1. Wally Baker – Member has been contacted.
2. Gerald Miller - Reply will be sent.
3. Carlos Mendoza – Reply will be sent.
4. Diane D'Angelo – Reply will be sent.
5. Don Topliff – Member has been contacted.
6. Norma Sides – Member has been contacted.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Cathie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. EST.  
Ulin Seconded.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** February 19, 2009

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary

# **Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA**

BOD Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2009

**The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Julie Heggie, at 8:05 p.m. EST.**

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Members present:**

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Tom Parsons – Treasurer

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

This meeting was recorded.

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

**Next Board Meetings:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer**

Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2009

### **ASSETS**

#### **Current Assets**

Cash : \$37,765

Cash-Investment Account: 81,646

Cash-Memorials 17,314

Total Current Assets 136,725

#### **Fixed Assets**

Software 21,190

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$157,915**

### **EQUITY**

Retained Earnings **\$157,915**

1. Tom has sent out requests for quotes to investigate the possibility of providing insurance to all ALSA shows. This would be a benefit to all show superintendents.
2. Membership income is looking good for 2009 and is down less than predicted given the present economy.

## **OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager**

2009 memberships are down 15% compared to this date last year, but we are starting to see a new surge in renewal and new memberships now that the show season is starting.

Protocol for ALSA Office: President and Treasurer will be contacts for office.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. ALSA Strategic Planning & Oversight Taskforce:

The ALSA task force has made connection through email, offering introductions and priority ideas of the topics we would like to discuss in order to make recommendations and give feedback to the Board.

The next step will be to set up a conference call schedule. The group is working on suggestions for meeting procedures and production goals.

### 2. LaMorte Letter:

*Discussion: ALSA attorney has been contacted.*

### 3. Date to have CLR write up and maximum amount of space (words):

*Discussion: Cathie will get in touch with Election Committee to request write-up for the ALSA election ballot.*

### 4. Copyright Complete

*Discussion: ALSA copyright has been added to all show forms.*

### 5. Application for ALSA Show Sanctioning

*Discussion: New form is posted.*

### 6. Open & ILR Shows have been removed from ALSA Show Calendar.

### 7. Showring Labels have been sent to the printer. One copy of Showring will be sent to each member's household.

### 8. Database Project

*Discussion: The database company has been contacting us weekly with progress reports and is now right on schedule with the release date of April 3, 2009! Contacts are being made to have show superintendents and some scheduled shows test the program as soon as it is released. Help will be available for any show superintendents if needed. Information is being sent out to all show superintendents with details and instructions for the new system and how to set up instructions for their exhibitors.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. Date for Nationals:

*Discussion: Only two dates were available for ALSA for 2009. The Grand National Committee recommends that the 2009 show be held on the same weekend as in the previous year. Marilyn made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation and schedule the 2009 show for the weekend of October 23 – 25, 2009. Larry seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.*



2. Goals and Objectives for 2009

*Discussion: Setting measurable goals and objectives. Trish will organize for review and discussion.*

3. Membership Communications

*Discussion: Overall opinion is that communications need to go out to the membership more than once a month. Discussion resulted in a decision to send email newsletters twice a month. In addition a Board Communication Plan will be set up.*

4. Weekly Email Blasts to Membership – See above.

5. Request for CLR Information

*Discussion: Marilyn requested that questions regarding the CLR be sent to CLR for information. Questions will be sent to BOD to determine whether questions should be submitted by the BOD or by Marilyn as a member.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Alpaca Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

**3. Election Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Marilyn inquired about the costs of adding additional information to election ballots. Cathie will check with Election Committee.

**4. Ethics Committee:** (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Margaret Henry

No Report

**5. Fiber Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fiber Committee's current discussion points:  
New Business:

1. We have accepted a request from LANA to postpone the Llama Fleece Clinic scheduled for June, 2009. We are currently discussing a date and location for a late summer or early fall event. LANA will sponsor and promote the clinic at its new location.

2. Our committee's goal is to offer two Beginning/Advanced Llama Fiber Clinics in 2009. In addition to the aforementioned clinic to be in the west and hosted by LANA, it is our intention to offer one in the Ohio/Kentucky region this fall. Locations and dates are yet to be determined. We will continue to work with the Judges Committee to finalize all clinic details.

We look showing our llamas and their fleece in 2009!

**6. Finance & Budget Committee:** (*liaison: Tom*)

Chair: Tom Parsons

See Treasurer's Report above

**7. Grand National Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Norris Berg

*Discussion: The resignation of committee Chair, Norris Berg, was accepted.*

*Trish made a motion to accept the Grand National committee's recommendation to continue with the 3-judge system for the 2009 show. Marilyn seconded. Roll call vote: Trish, yes; Marilyn, yes; Cathie, no; Larry, yes; Ulin, no. Motion passed by a majority vote. The halter classes will use three judges and the performance classes will use two judges.*

**8. Handbook Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

**9. Judge's Committee:** (*liaison: Cathie*)

Chair:

*Discussion: A committee Chair will be appointed to serve on the Protest Committee.*

**10. Membership Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair:

No Report

**10. Nomination Committee:** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

**11. Performance Committee** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair:

No Report

**13. Policy & Planning Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Lora Crawford

Report tabled until April meeting.

**14. Promotion Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair:

No Report

**15. Protest Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair: Ken Austin

No Report

**16. Publications Committee:** (*liaison: Trish* )

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

No Report

**17. Regional Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

No Report

**18. Show Management Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Bill Schultz

**ISSUE:**

Due to many concerns regarding qualifying shows, I would like to ask the board to seriously consider voting to approve the following:

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Please think about this proposal. The Celebration would be just perfect for this. This would also boost the show numbers for the super. Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Ryberg

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**COMMITTEE VOTE**

Proposal One being the original proposal from Cheryl stated above.

Proposal Two being the one that the Show Management Committee put together - below.

**Results of Committee Vote:**

Proposal One – No by unanimous decision.

Proposal Two – Yes by majority decision.

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**Proposal Two**

**Show Management Committee New Proposal**

Any ALSA member attending an OPEN SHOW, judged by an ALSA Judge, following closely with ALSA rules & guidelines will receive (if the show superintendent approves):

- 1) Entrance into the ALSA Nationals by winning a Grand or Reserve and paying the \$5.00 show recording fee. (Animal must have been recorded with ALSA or pay additional animal recording fee.)
- 2) Nothing is given for placing in the class.
- 3) No points awarded for any placings including Grand and Reserve.
- 4) We recommend the Regionals are open again this year, no qualifying necessary.
- 5) Admittance to the Nationals can be reached through regular ALSA rules, through winning Gr. or Resv. at an OPEN SHOW (see #1) or if a ALSA member attends 4 or more ALSA shows, regardless of their placement at any of those shows with the same animal. The Regional show will be included as one of those 4.

- 6) Double points for attending any ALSA sanctioned show in 2009 retro active to Jan 1, 2009.
- 7) Entrance into the Nationals for the top 6 at Regionals

Discussion: *Proposal Two was reviewed and discussed with items 1 thru 3 being considered separately from items 4 thru 7 since these three items related to the original proposal. Marilyn made a motion to not approve items 1 thru 3. Cathie seconded.*

*Motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

*Ulin made a motion to accept Proposal One. Cathie seconded.*

*Ulin made a motion to amend the main motion.*

*Ulin made a motion to accept Proposal One as only a trial run at the 2009 Celebration Show. Cathie seconded. Roll call vote: Cathie, yes; Marilyn, no; Trish, yes; Larry, no; Ulin, yes. Motion passed by a majority vote.*

*Item 4. Ulin made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation. Trish seconded. Roll call vote: Cathie, yes; Ulin, yes; Trish, yes; Marilyn, no; Larry, no.*

*Item 5. Cathie made a motion to not approve Item 5. Larry seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous decision.*

*Item 6. Cathie made a motion to not approve Item 6. Larry seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous decision.*

*Item 7. Ulin moved to accept the committee's recommendation that the Top 6 at every Regional will qualify for the 2009 Grand National Show. Trish seconded. Roll call vote: Trish, yes; Marilyn, yes; Ulin, yes; Cathie, yes; Larry, no. Motion carried by a majority vote.*

**19. Website Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

No Report

**20. Youth Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair:

No Report

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

1. Ken Forster
2. Mary Jo Miller
3. Barney McClung
4. Dale Peterson
5. Eileen Ditzler

Members will be sent a reply to their letters.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Cathie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m. EST.  
Trish seconded.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** March 18, 2009

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary

# Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA

BOD Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2009

The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Julie Heggie, at 8:30 p.m. EST.

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Members present:**

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

Tom Parsons – Treasurer, was not present.

This meeting was recorded.

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

**Next Board Meetings:** Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer**

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2009

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Cash : \$45,931

Cash-Investment Account: 82,347

Cash-Memorials 17,462

Total Current Assets 145,740

#### Fixed Assets

Software 21,190

TOTAL ASSETS \$166,930

### EQUITY

Retained Earnings \$166,930

1. Insurance for Shows – Tabled until May meeting.
2. Review of figures for 2009 ALSA Shows reveal that compared to all ALSA shows held in 2008, 2009 ALSA shows are only down 12% as of this time. Many fall shows have not yet been sanctioned so we anticipate that percentage to even be less at the end of the year. At the same time we are seeing an increase in ALSA fees indicating more animals are being shown this year as compared to the same time frame in 2008. Most ALSA shows held already this year are reporting 10–20% increase in attendance. ALSA cash position is strong.

**OFFICE BUSINESS:** Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

We sent out 291 Youth Top Ten Certificates and are in need of purchasing more certificate folders, price for 3,000 is \$2,138. These are a good way of sending and storing ALSA Certificates. Please approve this purchase.

**Discussion:** *This item was referred to the Treasurer for further recommendation.*

We have had a lot of recent renewals and new memberships both adult and youth. We should reach 1,200 memberships by the end of April as many members do not renew or join until they enter their first show of the new year.

I request permission to again attend the Camelid Community Conference and encourage a director to join me. This is a group of all of the large lama organizations and we need to be represented. I will be glad to share a room as I did last year to help with expense.

**Discussion:** *Trish made a motion to send Cheryl and BOD member, Cathie Kindler, to Kansas City to represent ALSA at the Camelid Community Conference. Ulin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. Database

**Discussion:** *The database was put online for testing as scheduled on April 3. Committee members, as well as “testers” have been combing through the system and are very pleased with the results. As would be expected, some minor tweaking needs to be done at this time, further testing, and then out to the membership.*

### 2. Goals and Objectives for 2009

**Discussion:** *Setting measurable goals and objectives. Trish will organize for review and discussion.*

### 4. Bi-Monthly Email Blasts to Membership

**Discussion:** *ALSA News will be sent out this week as scheduled.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. Organizational Management Proposal:

**Discussion:** *Tabled until the May meeting. In addition, Marilyn introduced further discussion regarding concern for the short length of terms of Committees and annual changes of committees. After BOD discussion, the majority felt no need for change was necessary.*

### 2. Sample Communication Plan:

**Discussion:** *Tabled until the May meeting.*

### 3. Regional Representatives for BOD:

*Discussion: Trish proposed that starting in 2010, the BOD would be made up of a representative from each Region who would be elected by their region only. Trish will write up a formal proposal with all details to present to the BOD. The proposal will then be sent to Policy & Planning Committee for review and recommendations.*

4. Expanded ALSA Show Number:

*Discussion: An expanded ALSA Show Number for all animals was discussed for when the new database is released and in operation. This will be a new valued enhancement of our new database system. Trish made a motion to accept the concept of the Expanded ALSA Show Number to be implemented with the release of the new database as an additional benefit to ALSA members. Larry seconded. Motion carried with a majority vote.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Alpaca Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

**3. Election Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

The ALSA membership has responded vigorously to the Petition process for this year's General election. This year, the committee has e-mailed all members who supplied their e-mail address on the Petition to Nominate Form that their form had been received.

The Committee again urges each member to take an active part in the election process by verifying with the ALSA office that member information, including accuracy of mailing address, is correct in order to receive a ballot.

The day of record for this year's election is April 24. The ALSA office must receive all outstanding dues by this date for a label to be generated for ballot mailing and memberships must be in good standing.

**4. Ethics Committee:** (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Margaret Henry

No Report

**5. Fiber Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

No Report

**6. Finance & Budget Committee:** (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Tom Parsons

See Treasurer's Report above

**7. Grand National Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair:

**Discussion:** *Cathie made a motion to accept Carolann and Malcolm Tallmon as Chairs of the Grand National Committee. Trish seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**8. Handbook Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

**9. Judge's Committee:** (*liaison: Cathie*)

Chair: Susan Tellez

**Discussion:** *It has been brought to the attention of the BOD that the acceptance of the resignation of the previous Judge's Committee Chair, Lavona Fercho, had not been acknowledged in the minutes. Sincere appreciation goes out to Lavona for her leadership of the Judge's Committee and the many positive changes that have occurred since her appointment to this committee.*

*Susan Tellez was approved as Chair of the Judge's Committee by an email vote of the BOD.*

Committee Report:

Halter: Deb Yeagle; Performance: Mike Haumschild; Fiber: Cindy Ruckman;  
Instruction: Susan Tellez; Ethics: Penny Davidson; Alpaca: Mary Reed.

[A]. Here is my brief report for the BOD. No recommendations at this time.

[B.] We have 42 responses to remain as ACTIVE ALSA Judges and no name withdrawals. So far approximately 18 persons have said they need to attend a Clinic in '09

[ C. ] I believe it is imperative the committee review the actions of the committee the past 2-3 years, the changes made, and the Judges Certification Requirements, before we move on any major items.

Again ... Minutes from the BOD Jan 16, 2008 and March 11, 2008 will provide these.

[D.] Lavona is still forwarding materials and will ship boxes next week

**10. Membership Committee:** (*liaison: Larry* )

Chair:

No Report

**10. Nomination Committee:** (*liaison: Trish* )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

The election is moving along swiftly. At this point in time there are nine petitionees. They all have the correct amount of petitions for each candidate. There is a possibility of another petitionee, which would give us ten candidates.

**11. Performance Committee** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Les Flinn

Trish reported that Les Flinn will continue to serve on the committee, but could not serve as Chair at this time. Trish made a motion to approve Steve Katazakanian as the Chair of the Performance Committee. Larry seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.



**13. Policy & Planning Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Lora Crawford

Here are the two docs for bylaws and standing rules changes.

1. By-laws - Election Committee concerns two items.
  - a. Last year's BOD approved and asked me to write a bylaws change to allow Alaskan, Hawaiian and Canadian members to be attached to a Region for the purposes of election
  - b. Ballots may be faxed in to the CPA, this clarifies what has been done for several years.
2. Standing Rules changes do not have to be put to the membership for a vote. The Rules may be changed by a majority of BOD vote. This change allows for the membership to be informed via the Website rather than SHOWRING on election outcome. This is also a housekeeping item because this is how we broadcast election results in today's electronic way.

**14. Promotion Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin* )

Chair:

No Report

**15. Protest Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair:

No Report

**16. Publications Committee:** (*liaison: Trish* )

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

No Report

**17. Regional Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

No Report

**18. Show Management Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Bill Schultz

After much discussion the Show Management Committee is submitting the following recommendation to the ALSA Bod regarding contradictions and additions to rules contained in the 15th edition handbook.

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Regarding combining Non-Breeders age divisions. Page 38 Item D-2. The current rule is as follows. 2. Non-Breeder. These divisions may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in any age division.

Our committee believes that the benefits received by exhibitors, by allowing them the opportunity to show in their proper age division and then possibly compete for Grand and Reserve in that division far out weigh any advantage to be gained by combining ages. Therefore our proposal is no combining ages in non-breeders. This action will then be in agreement with Page 38 item C. Page 38 item D-2 will read as follows.

2. The following age divisions may not be combined in any way.

**Discussion:** After BOD discussion, Marilyn made a motion to accept the Committee's proposal to not allow Non-Breeder age divisions to be combined in any way. Trish seconded. Roll call vote: Trish, yes; Larry, abstain; Cathie, no; Ulin, no; Marilyn, yes. President broke the tie with a "no" vote. Motion was not carried.

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Regarding combined wool divisions. Page 42 Item B-2

Our committee believes that both the Suri and Classic fiber divisions have very detailed and descriptive definitions as to their specific fiber type and phenotype. We believe that combining Suri and Classic fiber with the three other fiber divisions (Light, Medium, Heavy) would negate the purpose of creating a Suri and Classic division. The purpose of these specific defined divisions is to assure similar llamas are exhibited against similar phenotype. The SMC decision is to not allow combining Suri and Classic Llamas division. Light, Medium and heavy wool divisions may be combined in any fashion.

Therefore our recommendation to combining wool divisions will be; only Light, medium and heavy wool divisions maybe combined.

On page 42 item B-2 will read as follows.

2. At the show management's discretion the wool divisions of Light, Medium, and Heavy Wool may be combined.

**Discussion:** BOD discussion included:

1. Superintendents should have the option to offer classes needed for their areas.
  2. Classic is an optional class at this time.
  3. BOD expressed concern over implementing more rules at this time when shows need to appeal to all exhibitors.
  4. BOD did not accept this proposal.
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Regarding combining of ages in the Suri fiber division.

We recommend removing the verbiage on page 43 Sec. 1 item D and replacing it with following statement.

Page 43 Sec. 1 item D. Revised

D. Under no circumstance will ages within the division be combined and under no circumstance will males and females be combined.

**Discussion:** BOD asked that this issue be returned to the Committee for review. BOD feels that item C in the Handbook already states the request so a repeated statement in item D is not necessary. Can Item D just be removed from the Handbook?

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Regarding the addition of verbiage to page 43 B-8 to include Classics.

Page 43 item-8 revised.

The Classic and Suri wool divisions will be judged prior to light, medium and heavy wool divisions. This is to permit Llamas that do not fit into the Suri or Classic wool divisions to be moved to the proper divisions.

Regarding Page 43 Section I. C-4. Revised age divisions.

**Discussion:** Discussion included the issue of allowing animals to be shown in the correct division if these particular classes are held prior to light, medium, and heavy wool divisions. Cathie made a motion to approve the Committee's proposal. Trish seconded. Motion carried by a majority vote.

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The SMC is exploring ways to increase total numbers of llamas at Nationals and to provide more llamas the opportunity to be exhibited at regional. We feel this would be good time to change the yearling age divisions. We are aware that at the previous National Show the yearling age division class was the largest class. At the 2007 Grand National show 43% of the show were in the yearling class. At the 2008 Grand National Show 38% of the show were in the yearling class. So with this thought in mind, we feel ALSA will benefit from allowing the yearling class to be divided, therefore allowing more entries to both Regional and National shows. This age division should appeal to exhibitor that are hesitant about showing their younger yearling against yearlings that may be near twice their llama's age. This method of dividing the yearling class will allow more entries to participate, therefore increasing revenue for ALSA . We appreciate your consideration to the following age divisions.

4. Age divisions

- a. Juvenile-5-12 months
- b. Junior Yearling -12-18 months
- c. Senior Yearling-18 -24 months
- d. Two Year olds-24-36 months
- e. Adults-over 36 months

**Discussion:** *BOD recommends that this proposal be reviewed again by the Committee to even reach out further to additional divisions other than Yearling. i.e. Some adult Non-Breeder classes are very large and could also be divided for additional exhibitor benefit. It was suggested that it could be the Show Superintendent's discretion to configure the classes to whatever works best for his show.*

**19. Website Committee:** (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

No Report

**20. Youth Committee:** (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Michele Batt

**Discussion:** *Michele Batt was approved as Chair of the Youth Committee by email vote of the BOD.*

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Trish made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 p.m. EST.  
Cathie seconded.

**MINUTES APPROVED: April 16, 2009**

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary

# **Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA**

BOD Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2009

**The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Julie Heggie, at 9:06 p.m. EST.**

(the meeting originally started at the regularly scheduled time, 8:00 p.m., but due to member's work schedules, it was postponed for one hour to allow more BOD members to attend.)

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Members present:**

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Tom Parsons - Treasurer

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

This meeting was recorded.

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

**Next Board Meetings:** Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST

(BOD meetings will be scheduled at 9:00 p.m. EST until the time change)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer**

Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2009

### **ASSETS**

#### **Current Assets**

Cash : \$21,776

Cash-Investment Account: 112,471

Cash-Memorials 10,706

Total Current Assets 144,953

#### **Fixed Assets**

Software 21,190

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$166,143**

### **EQUITY**

Retained Earnings **\$166,143**

1. Insurance for Shows – Some information has been received, but Tom is still shopping.
2. ALSA Directors & Officers Liability Policy is due for renewal in June. Cheryl asked for BOD approval to pay the invoice. Approval given by majority vote. Comparison bids for insurance will be added to the January list of Action Items.
3. Tom suggested the following be added to the financial guidelines that were listed in the minutes of 1-13-09: "Treasurer will provide a monthly Profit & Loss Statement as well as a monthly Balance Statement to the BOD on the Friday before the scheduled BOD meeting."

**OFFICE BUSINESS:** Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

We have worked to incorporate the Go To Meeting format for the Board and Committee conference calls the total cost is less than \$500 for one year usage of Conference calls and connectivity to the internet for each director or committee member to log in and be able to view, on that website, what everyone else is. This service has many other added values which will be explored and potentially implemented as time goes on.

I am requesting a 2-year extension to the office contract for a variety of reasons; the most important of these is the conversion and database. I do not wish for any changes in the existing contract other than to extend it to the end of December, 2011.

We are caught up with shows and are receiving applications for new members weekly.

**Discussion:** *The request for a two-year contract will be reviewed at a later time when the Office Duties are confirmed as a result of the new database. In addition, the BOD needs to address the Office contract for 2010.*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. Database

**Discussion:** *The progress of the database has been delayed somewhat due to technical difficulties, but is now back on track and should progress quickly. Trish was appointed by the BOD to oversee data transfer and integration of the old and new databases. The Database Committee will continue with completion of the “user’s area”. Trish and Marilyn will work together for a prompt completion and keep each committee informed of all progress and communications.*

### 2. Membership Directory

**Discussion:** *Scratched from the agenda*

### 3. Classics/Minis

**Discussion:** *Show Management Committee will be asked to review the wording in the Handbook, p. 106, in order to clarify that classes offered as optional may award ALSA points.*

### 4. ALSA/ILR Shows

**Discussion:** *Previously addressed.*

### 5. Goals & Objectives for 2009

**Discussion:** *Scratched from agenda.*

### 6. Organizational Management Proposal

**Discussion:** *Tabled. Marilyn will re-send document to BOD.*

### 7. Sample Communication Plan

**Discussion:** *Tom presented a sample plan for communication to the membership. He will work up a more detailed version for presentation at the June meeting.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. Operation of ALSA

*Discussion: Scratched from agenda.*

### 2. ALSA Office Concerns

*Discussion: Tabled for later in the meeting.*

### 3. Guidelines for Regionals and Nationals

*Discussion: Larry suggested that information in the Director's Books be reviewed and/or updated to reflect necessary guidelines for new committees.*

### 4. ALSA Accounts

*Discussion: Marilyn requested that Cheryl provide the new credit card information and the information for the database website to the listing of ALSA Accounts (a listing of all pertinent ALSA information, user names, and passwords) which is kept by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.*

### 5. ALSA Annual Report

*Discussion: Approval was given to start work on the ALSA Annual Report to be given to the membership at the time of the ALSA Grand National membership meeting.*

### 6. Llama Exhibit at FFA National Convention

*Discussion: A request was made by Barb Baker for a sponsorship for the llama booth at the FFA National Convention in the fall of 2009. Marilyn made a motion to give \$500.00 to the llama booth. Cathie seconded. Roll call vote: Cathie, yes; Larry, yes; Trish, no; Ulin, yes; Marilyn, yes.*

*Cheryl was request to look for the invoice of the last printing of the ALSA brochure and report back to BOD.*

Larry made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:28 p.m. Cathie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ulin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:57 p.m. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Alpaca Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

### **3. Election Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

The ALSA election ballots were mailed to the membership on Friday, May 8.

**4. Ethics Committee:** (*liaison: Trish* )

Chair: Margaret Henry

No Report

**5. Fiber Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fiber Committee's current discussion points.  
Old Business:

1. We are working to finalize plans for the National Llama Fleece Show to be held in conjunction with the 2009 ALSA Grand Nationals. With the approval of the BOD, we would like to select two judges from the current *Senior Llama Fleece Judge* list. One judge will primarily judge shorn fleeces and the other will primarily judge Walking Fleece.

New Business:

1. According to an e-mail from Mary Reed, ALSA Alpaca Committee Chair, there will not be a National Alpaca Fleece Show at the ALSA Grand Nationals in 2009. We will plan the National Llama Fleece Show accordingly.

2. We propose the following criteria for Walking Fleece Class participation: *First, second, third, fourth and/or fifth place in any ALSA Sanctioned Walking Fleece Class held during the 2009 ALSA Show season.*

3. With the Board's approval, we are excited to begin working with the Judges Committee and the Alpaca Committee to explore the possibility of a combined Llama and Alpaca Fleece Clinic (Beginning and/or Advanced) to be held in late 2009.

Correspondence: We are finalizing our response to an ALSA member's letter regarding Classic Fleece.

Discussion: All items presented to the BOD have been approved.

**6. Finance & Budget Committee:** (*liaison: Tom*)

Chair: Tom Parsons

See Treasurer's Report above

**7. Grand National Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair:

Have begun work on the committee. Will report as soon as there is something.

**8. Handbook Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report. The BOD requests a copy of the formatted 15<sup>th</sup> edition Handbook used for printing. Handbook Committee is requested to provide updates of changes to the BOD at six month intervals.

**9. Judge's Committee:** (*liaison: Cathie*)

Chair: Susan Tellez

**I. JUDGE CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

(A). OVERMAN, DOUG - Request to be Certified as a Senior Llama Halter Judge

(B). FORSTER, KEN - Request to be certified as a Senior Llama Halter Judge

Discussion: The above two certification requests were approved by the BOD.

(C). SHELLABARGER, Debbie - Request to be certified as Senior Llama Halter Judge

Discussion: *The above certification request was returned to the Judge's Committee for further review.*

II. Request to increase the maximum number of Alpacas (up to 125 in a Division) to be judged by (Level) Alpaca Halter Judges.

Discussion: *Approved*

**III. ALSA JUDGE CLINICS –**

The JUDGE Committee requests ALSA BOD approval to utilize the committee members, as Chairs of their respective individual committees (i.e. Alpaca, Llama Fleece, Performance & Halter, Instruction & Education), in a coordinated effort for the planning, development, and presentation of respective ALSA CLINICS and any related Testing Situations. This will create a more efficient Model.

Discussion: Returned to committee for further review.

**IV. CLINIC for LLAMA JUDGES .....**

The JUDGE committee requests the BOD approval to Host a Llama Clinic for Beginner and Advanced Llama Judges including BASIC TRAINING for LL Walking Fleece, Alpaca Halter evaluation and Alpaca Walking Fleece for up to 25 Alpacas and/or Llamas. This Clinic would be a cooperative effort with the Llama Fiber and Alpaca Committees.

Discussion: *Approved*

The Judge Committee requests approval to Develop and Host a combined Beginner & Advanced Llama Clinic, in conjunction with the Llama Fiber committee and Alpaca Committee, to include Alpaca Halter, and Alpaca & Llama Walking Fleece training and certification up to 25 Alpacas and/or Llamas.

Discussion: *Approved*

**V. CLINIC for LLAMA and ALPACA FLEECE JUDGES ....**

The Judge committee requests permission to Develop, with cooperative efforts of the Llama Fleece Committee and the Alpaca Committee, and Host, an ALSA FLEECE Clinic, with instruction, training and certification capabilities for both Llama and Alpaca fleece Judges.

Discussion: *Approved*

**VI. Apprentice Judging Guidelines – Conflicts of Interest – Part U. Sec.5.D**

Request of Waiver of this Ruling regarding Family member exhibitors applied to an Apprentice



(Ramona Simpson has requested a Waiver of the Conflict of Interest Rule for this show- May 16, 2009.)  
Request approval for the Apprentice to be assigned different judging tasks outside the arena,  
during the Division in question, and not to appear in the ring with the Official Judge.

*Discussion: Approved*

VII. ALPACA SHOW FORMAT ....

The Committee requests that the correct, complete, approved Current Alpaca Show Format (presently listed within or as Parts D, J, K, N, and O in the present Handbook) be provided to all Judges, all Show Managers, and any ALSA Members owning alpacas.

*Discussion: Approved*

VIII. ALSA SHOW JUDGING FORMS .... The Committee requests that the ALSA Office provide to every Show Manager a packet including a copy of Guidelines and ALL Show Forms complete with the ALSA Logo imprinted. Web Site Forms should include ALSA Logo also.

*Discussion: All show forms may be downloaded from the ALSA website or may be requested from the ALSA Office.*

**10. Membership Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair:

No Report

**10. Nomination Committee:** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

**11. Performance Committee** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

No Report

**13. Policy & Planning Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Lora Crawford

No Report

**14. Promotion Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair:

No Report

**15. Protest Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair:

Cathie made a motion to approve Leigh Snyder for Chair of the Protest Committee. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Publications Committee:** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

No Report

**17. Regional Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

Need approval for 2 Regional Judges!

Great Lake Regionals--date 10/03-10/04

Location Jefferson County Fairgrounds-Jefferson, WI

Judge: Phil Feiner

Eastern Regionals---Will have an update shortly---she is finalizing the location

Southwestern & Northwestern Regional: I have contacted Pam Trauth in Fallon, Nv to see if she would be interested in being the Super & combining the two regionals together to make the Western Regional again. Will let me know in the next couple of days.

Buckeye; Central; Rocky Mountain & Southeastern were contacted yesterday for an update--no response. Will call everyone this afternoon & tonight. I will update you as soon as I have any information. (Central--trying to combine Central with the Tulsa show--but I haven't heard anything one way or the other on that)

*Discussion: The following judges were approved for the 2009 Regional Shows:  
Bill Schultz – Buckeye; Beth Myers, Eastern; Patti Morgan Southeastern; Phil Feiner, Great Lakes.*

**18. Show Management Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Bill Schultz

The Show Management Committee has reviewed the April request and is submitting the following items for Board approval.

Items 1a, 1b and 1c address conflicting rules in ALSA Handbook 15<sup>th</sup> Addition.

**Item 1a)**

**In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the removal of section D on page 43, Part I, Section 1, Item D. This change removes the contradiction with rule C-3 in this section and would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.**

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

*Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas*

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.

2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.

**3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.**

4. Age divisions

a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months

b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months

c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months

d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class. On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

*D. With respect to the Suri Wool division, at show management's discretion, if there are fewer than three (3) llamas in any age division, age divisions may be combined: that is, if there are fewer than three (3) juvenile females, they may combine with yearling females, and so on.*

*Under no circumstances will males and females be combined.*

**Item 1b)**

**In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the removal of verbiage pages 38, Part H, Section 1, Item D-2. Remove the verbiage: *These divisions may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division.* This statement contradicts with the above rule and its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.**

Part H. Llama Show Classes

*Section 1. Approved Llama Halter Classes*

D. Age Divisions:

1. Males/Females – Breeding. The following divisions for males and females may not be combined in any way.

- a. Juvenile
- b. Yearling
- c. Two-Year Old
- d. Adult

2. Non-Breeder. *These divisions may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division.*

- a. Yearling
- b. Two-Year Old
- c. Adult

**Item 1c)**

**In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules between page 111, Part P, Section 11, Item b-3 and Part P, Section 11, Item D; we suggest the acceptance of the change of Part P, Section 11 and remove item D. Item D contradicts with Section B-3 in this section. Its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.**

*Section 11. Miniature llama classes*

Halter classes:

A. Wool Divisions.

1. There is no separate division for wool classes at this time.

**B. Sex and Age division**

1. Male classes are for intact males.

2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.

**3. Sex and Age divisions may not be combined in any manner.**

4. Age divisions:

- a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
- b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
- c. Two Year old – 24 to 36 months
- d. Mature – 36 months and older

C. Judging criteria

1. Miniature llamas should be judged on the same general criteria as large llamas; correctness of conformation, movement and balance.

2. When deciding a tie between equally proportionate llamas, credit should be given to the smaller llama for the age to aid the judge, the AMLA recommends that llamas enter the show ring in reverse age order (oldest first).

D. At show management's discretion, if there are fewer than three (3) llamas in any age division, age divisions may be combined; that is, if there are fewer than three (3) juvenile females, they may combine with yearling females, and so on. Under no circumstances will males and females be combined.

**Item 2)**

**In order for large shows to have the ability to divide classes we suggest the addition on page 43, Part 1, Section 1, Item C- 4-e & page 44, Part 1, Section 2, Item C-4. This rule change would allow large shows to sub divide age classes thus allowing more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.**

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

*Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas*

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.

2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.

3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.

4. Age divisions

- a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
- b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
- c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
- d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class.

On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

*e. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> places will compete for Grand and Reserve.*

## 1. Section 2. Non-Breeder Halter Classes

A. Requirements

1. These classes are for geldings, vasectomized males and spayed or non-reproductive females that are suitable for other purposes.
2. Non-Breeders do not have to be registered, but must have a 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.

B. Sex and Wool Divisions

There are no sex or wool division in this class.

C. Age Divisions

1. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
2. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
3. Adult – 36 months and over
4. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> places will compete for Grand and Reserve.

### Item 3)

**Per page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B, Youth Showmanship classes already have the ability to split age groups. We request the change in verbiage to page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B to allow Youth Performance classes to also split age groups. This rule change would allow more youth to receive the "FIRST PLACE" that is needed for the new Youth Awards System and allow more youth to qualify for Regional Show competition.**

#### *Section 4. Age Categories:*

All ages are as of January 1 of the calendar year of the show except a Youth who turns 8 during the calendar year, who is at that time considered eligible for ALSA shows.

A. Junior: 8 years through 11 years

B. Intermediate: 12 years through 14 years

C. Senior: 15 years through 18 years. Youth who turn 19 after January 1 but before the Grand National of their final showing year, may complete the year as a Youth in the Senior division.

## 2. Section 5. Age Divisions

A. All three age divisions may be offered in Level I shows, but all three age divisions must be offered in Level II and III shows. The age divisions at any show may be combined if there are fewer than 8 total entries in any two of the age divisions. This applies to Youth Alpaca classes as well.

***B. Should the number of entries in a Youth Showmanship &/or Youth Performance class exceed 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by exhibitor age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.***

### Item 4)

**We request the following be added to page 69, Part L, Section 4-C.**

**Thus allowing more exhibitors to qualify for Regional Show competition.**

*C. If Adult Showmanship class exceeds 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class and run two or more identical classes. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.*

**Discussion:** *The Show Management report will be discussed by email.*

**19. Website Committee:** *(liaison: Marilyn)*

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

No Report

**20. Youth Committee:** *(liaison: Marilyn)*

Chair: Michele Batt

No Report

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Replies have been sent to two members.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Cathie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. EST.  
Larry seconded.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** May 20, 2009

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 9, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. EST.  
by President, Julie Heggie.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler - Vice President

Marilyn Nenni - Secretary

Ulin Andrews - Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck - Board Member

Larry Lewellyn - Board Member

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST

**PROCEEDINGS:**

**1. Julie called for motion to go into Executive Session.**

Motion by Cathie: To enter Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

Seconded by Trish

Motion carried

Motion by Ulin To exit Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

Seconded by Trish

Motion carried.

**2. ALSA Attorney Letter regarding Mr. LaMorte.**

a. ALSA attorney recommended Bob LaMorte be reinstated, and  
"his replacement be removed contemporaneous with Mr. LaMorte's  
reinstatement".

Motion by Ulin: To reinstate Bob LaMorte to the ALSA Board as  
recommended by the ALSA attorney.

Seconded by Trish

Roll call vote: Cathie, no; Trish, no; Larry, no; Marilyn, yes;  
Ulin, yes.

Motion not carried

Motion by Cathie: Per our previous agreement, to accept the  
recommendation of our attorney.

Seconded by Trish

Motion by Marilyn: to divide the question.

Seconded by Larry

No vote taken-Question can not be divided.

Roll call vote: Trish, yes; Ulin, yes; Marilyn, no;  
Larry, no; Cathie, yes.

Motion carried

Larry was asked to leave the BOD meeting.

**3. 2009 Election**

Comments: The election was carried out exactly as in 2008, and previous years, therefore the challenge has no validity.  
Motion by Ulin: to accept election results as run this year, and the Election Committee look into possible ways to make it more exact.

Seconded by Cathie

Roll Call vote: Cathie, yes; Marilyn, yes; Trish, yes;  
Ulin, yes.

Motion carried unanimously

Julie will instruct the Election Committee to release the results of the election.

Meeting continued at 10:17 pm. EST. after brief recess to contact other members to join the Board meeting.

Tom Parsons – Treasurer

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

Bob LaMorte – Board Member

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Letter/LaMorte - See above.

2. Database

The committee working with data migration has received diagrams and mapping from the contractor. Meeting is scheduled with contractor.

3. Year End Statement

Comments: All committees will be requested to send in a report for the 2009 Year End Statement. Final version issued at October Membership meeting.

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2009

##### **ASSETS**

##### **Current Assets**

Cash	\$16,010
Cash-Investment Account:	112,592
Cash-Memorials	9,227
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>137,829</b>

##### **FIXED ASSETS**

Software	21,190
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$159,019</b>
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##### **EQUITY**

Retained Earnings	\$159,019
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- Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.
- Each Regional Superintendent is to submit a budget for their Regional Show.

**OFFICE BUSINESS:** Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

1. There are requests to please add a Juvenile Non Breeder Class.  
Comments: An RMLA study does not recommend gelding at such an early age.
2. The transition to GO TO MEETING has been seamless.  
conference calls saving money.  
Committees need to be aware there are no quantity or time limits for calls, call Cheryl to have a call set up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Regionals
  - a. Regional Committee is in charge of making decisions for Regional requirements.
2. Youth Scholarships:
  - a. Youth scholarship information is on the web site.
3. Regional Ribbons/National Ribbons  
Motion by Trish: Pay a Regional/National ribbon deposit of \$6,000.00.  
Seconded by Bob  
Motion carried unanimously  
Cheryl will send check.
4. Shorn and Walking Fleece at Regionals  
Motion by Cathie: Shorn & Walking Fleece classes not required this year, but if the classes pay for themselves, then Regional can add them at will.  
Seconded by Bob  
Motion carried
5. ALSA Discussion Board  
Motion by Cathie: We do not put the ALSA Discussion Board back up.  
Seconded by Bob  
Discussion: Lack of overall use, not as successful as intended.  
Roll call vote: Ulin, yes; Bob, yes; Trish, abstain; Marilyn, no; Cathie, yes.  
Motion carried

Tom left the meeting, no longer need treasurer input.  
Cheryl left the meeting, no longer need office input.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Mary Reed
2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Lougene Baird
  - a. To enhance the voting procedure the committee has made



- some recommendations.
- b. BOD comments-Lougene Baird and her committee are to be commended for the professional and ethical job on this election.
3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )  
Chair: Margaret Henry  
No Report
4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)  
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
- a. Geri Rutledge and Deb Yeagle have agreed to judge the 2009 ALSA Grand National Llama Fleece Show.
5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)  
Chair: Tom Parsons  
See Treasurer's Report above. Balance Sheet included in the minutes.
6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)  
Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman
- a. We have a commitment from Holiday Inn Express--3939 N. 26th St. for \$80.00 per night. This hotel is in the vicinity of 27th & Cornhusker.
- b. Need approval for National Judge David Allen  
Motion by Trish: Approve David Allen for the National Judge Performance replacement.  
Seconded by Cathie  
Motion carried
- c. Class list has been submitted to the BOD for approval.  
Comment Committee approves class list.
7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)  
Chair: Wally Baker  
No Report.
8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Susan Tellez
- a. ALSA JUDGE CLINICS  
submit a more appropriate name other than "Experts" if title of Chair is to be replaced.
- b. The Committee requests the BOD approve a Llama Halter clinic (Advanced & Beginner if necessary)  
For the 2nd weekend of November 13-15, 2009  
McFarlands Farm in Ohio.  
approved- the Judge's Clinic November 13 - 15, 2009.
- c. JUDGE CERTIFICATION Recommendation

The Judge Committee requests the ALSA BOD to approve Mary Reed as a certified LLAMA JUDGE  
The committee requests a WAIVER of the 3rd Apprenticeship, and immediate approval as a Llama Halter, Performance and Fleece Judge.

Motion by Cathie: Mary Reed be approved as a certified llama judge.

Seconded by Ulin

Discussion: It was discussed that anyone applying to be an ALSA judge should complete all the requirements as stated in the ALSA rules.

Roll Call Vote: Trish, no; Bob, yes; Marilyn, no; Ulin, yes; Cathie, yes.

Motion carried

d. Shannon McConnell, Alpaca Judge

The Committee requests approval of inactive status and dues payment for 2009, for Shannon McConnell, Alpaca Judge, due to Family Medical emergency Care situation.

approved- to put Shannon McConnell on inactive status.

9. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers  
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

a. The Performance Committee recommends that the ALSA BOD change the weight requirement to remove the weight requirement for all animals.

Comments: BOD suggests the consideration of reducing the weight requirement rather than eliminating it altogether.

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair: Lora Crawford  
No Report

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Ulin )

Chair:  
No Report

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Ulin)

Chair:

approved- Leigh Snider for Chair of the Protest Committee.

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Gail Woodsum  
No Report

17. Regional Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

- a. All Regional Superintendents are in place.
- b. All regions except Central have their locations & dates locked in.
- c. ALSA office has contracts for The Western & The Great Lakes Regions, with the deposit being sent to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. I have requested as of this date (06/03/09) that all contracts be sent to the ALSA office asap & Cheryl will fax copies to me.
- d. All regions except Central & Rocky Mountain have their Judges approved.
- e. I have contacted Royal about the ribbons & have requested a deposit be sent to them. (This deposit will cover the Regional & National ribbons.)
- f. Each Regional Super has sent in their ribbon inventory.
- g. I have attached a Regional Class list for BOD approval, with exceptions to changes that need to be made.  
Comment Committee approves class list.
- h. Waiting on the BOD for the amount of premiums that ALSA is going to pay at each regional.

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Bill Schultz

Comments: Not all BOD members had the May Show Management report.

Motion by Marilyn : Table this report until the July meeting.

Seconded by Trish

Motion carried unanimously

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

No Report

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair: Michele Batt

a. Michele Batt requested replacement for position of Chair. approved - Christie Stewart as Chair of the Youth Committee.

b. Michele Batt may still serve on the committee.

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters were reviewed by the BOD.

Motion by Cathie: to adjourn

Seconded by Ulin

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:32 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted by Trish Brandt-Robuck

MINUTES APPROVED:

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 21, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. EST.  
by President, Julie Heggie.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler - Vice President

Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary

Tom Parsons-Treasurer

Bob LaMorte - Board Member

Keith Wattigney - Board Member

Ken Forster - Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST

**PROCEEDINGS:**

**1. Approval of minutes for June 9, 2009.**

Minutes needed some corrections therefore they will be  
approved by email as soon as corrections are made.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

President-Julie Heggie

Motion by Cathie:

Second by Bob:

Carried unanimously

V. President- Cathie Kindler

Motion by Keith:

Second by Tom:

Carried unanimously

Secretary-Trish Brandt-Robuck

Motion by Cathie:

Second Keith:

Carried unanimously

Treasurer- Tom Parsons

Motion by Trish:

Seconded by Cathie:

Carried unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Database**

Email Motion by Trish: I make a motion to disband the

Database Committee immediately. The committee has worked hard to get the database requirements to Open Professional Group. This was their mission and it has been accomplished. Thank you Marilyn Nenni, Sharon Carrier, Diana Lewis and Cheryl Ryberg for the many hours that were put into this mission.

Moving forward, all work and communication with Open Professional must be done with and by professionals to accomplish ALSA's goals.

With Trish Brandt-Robuck as the liaison, and Steve Katzakian as Chair of the New ALSA System and Database Committee.

Email Seconded by Cathie:

Email Discussion requested by Ken, therefore automatically moves motion and votes till the next BOD meeting.

Discussion: Timeframes promised, monies spent, and new monies requested, in acquiring what was originally proposed and promised to BOD and members in 2008.

Roll call Vote: Bob-yes, Cathie-yes, Keith-abstain,  
Ken-no, Tom-no, Trish-yes

Motion carries.

Questions by new BOD members, for OPG and Steve K. to better understand how the New ALSA System is progressing will be handled by Trish, and Cheryl will collect questions.

## 2. ALSA Attorney Letter:

Information passed to the ALSA attorney was discussed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2009

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Cash:	\$21,272
Cash-Investment Account:	97,745
Cash-Memorials	<u>9,243</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	128,260

#### FIXED ASSETS

Software	21,190
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$149,450</u>
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#### EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings	<u>\$149,450</u>
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- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.
1. Umbrella Policy Insurance for GN and all ALSA Shows, big costs savings for ALSA and Show Superintendents.
2. ALSA needs to apply for non-profit Bulk mailing. Cheryl will check into this. Will help on all mailings and Showring.

3. Entry Fees for 2009 Regionals and Nationals
  - a. Entry fees at Regionals will be uniform, but stall fees are the superintendents jurisdiction.
4. Premiums for Regionals and Nationals discussed.
  - a. monies will be given to winners in envelopes.
5. Sponsors have generously given \$9,000 to date.

**OFFICE BUSINESS:** Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

1. There were requests for information and these were resolved.
2. Official contract for the office is the marked up version.

**OFFICE REPORT:**

The office is busy gearing up for a spectacular Grand National and Regional Season. So many members that have never come to National are already planning their trip. With a live band and western theme, members can certainly plan on being entertained as well as being able to see the finest llamas that our country has to offer. Many of our Regionals are being very innovative in planning exciting events. We are creating individual labels for judge cards and envelopes for premiums, created a new result sheet to handle our Master and Novice classes, Mailed supers their initial expense checks and sent contracts for our judges. All Insurance Certificates have also been mailed out to our supers at a savings of over \$4,000 from last year.

We have emailed and mailed pertinent information to all directors regarding past financials, total membership data, liability insurance coverage and so on.

Additionally, I have studied HOW-TO and completed two email blasts to be approved by the board to send to members. I have also made changes to the .NET side of our website by removing all discussion board news, adding information regarding regionals and changing the judge list for Nationals. The directors will be changed once the new slate has been voted in.

Cheryl Ryberg

Cheryl Ryberg left since she is no longer needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Regionals
  - a. Western Regionals change of judge to Bill Feick since Margret Henry is unable to make it.  
Motion by Ken: Approve Bill Feick as Western Regionals Judge.  
Seconded by Keith:  
Carried unanimously
2. Cheryl would like to address Adding Llama awards to the ILR Registrations at the Camelid Community meeting since ILR and ALSA will be there. She will bring it up at the Open Forum.

Motion by Tom: Have Cheryl address the Open Forum regarding  
ILR Certificates with ALSA awards on them.

Seconded by Trish:

Carried unanimously

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

The General Election for 2009 was completed with the counting of ballots on Monday, June 8. The Ballots contained three Sections: 1. Election of Directors, 2. Acceptance of the CLR as an optional Registry, and 3. Approval of an ALSA Bylaw change.

The Committee was directed to hold the election results pending the ALSA Board of Directors' decision regarding a challenge received by the Election Committee. Following the Board's request the Committee released the results to its Board Liaison.

Three members of an independent Certified Public Accountant firm certified the election. None of the CPA's counters were ALSA members or otherwise associated with ALSA.

Section I. Board of Directors' election

Elected to the Board of Directors are:

Tom Parsons – Great Lakes – 171 votes

Keith Wattigney – Central – 148 votes

Ken Forster – Great Lakes – 132 votes

The Alternates to the Board of Directors are:

Bill Feick – Central – 127 votes

Marilyn Nenni – Buckeye – 126 votes

Ulin Andrews – Great Lakes – 82 votes

Kathy Peterson – Southeast – 64 votes

Malinda Norman – Central – 62 votes

Section II.



To accept or not accept the CLR as an optional registry for ALSA shows

Yes (Accept) – 93 Votes

No (Do not Accept) – 238 Votes

Abstained – 4 Votes

Section III.

To approve or not approve the ALSA Bylaw changes

Yes (Approve) – 264 Votes

No (Do not Approve) – 53

Votes

Abstained – 18 Votes

Congratulations to the ALSA membership! 335 ballots representing 40.6% of the 824 ballots mailed to the membership were returned. This is higher than the 2008 election and will stand as the highest percentage returned for an election in ALSA history.

Again, the Election Committee would like to thank the ALSA Board of Directors for working with it to facilitate making this year's election most transparent. The Committee worked with the Nomination Committee by keeping it informed of the number of Petitions received by each potential Nominee during the Petitioning process.

The Committee would also like to thank the ALSA office for the speed and accuracy with which all information requested by the Committee was delivered. The office was a major contributing factor to the success of the Committee meeting all deadlines for the election.

Last but certainly not least, the Chair appreciates the continued team work of committee members Jerry Dunn and Sherry Adamcyk. These members round out the committee making a solid, dedicated and thinking team that has strong knowledge of the ALSA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair:

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fiber Committee's current discussion points.

Old Business:

1. We continue to work on the National Llama Fleece Show to be held in conjunction with the 2009 ALSA Grand Nationals. Lee Ann King, Show Superintendent, is finalizing show information for the ALSA website and securing show sponsors. As in the past, all sponsor money will be used to pay out premiums. This year we will need premiums for both shorn and walking fleece classes.
2. In conjunction with the *Judges Committee* and the *Alpaca Committee* we are exploring the possibility of two combined 2009 Llama and Alpaca Fleece Clinics (Beginning and/or Advanced). One to be held in California and one to be held in Ohio. If we do not offer a combined clinic, we would like to offer a stand alone Llama Fleece Clinic (Beginning and/or Advanced).

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

Motion by Cathie: Approve GN request to move Lora Crawford  
from Performance Judge to Halter Judge.  
Gayle Woodsum to be the performance judge.

Seconded by Trish:

Discussion: Linda Rogers unable to make the show.  
carried unanimously

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

Handbook Committee Report: ALSA Board Meeting, July 14, 2009

Committee has completed current ALSA Handbook updates, as provided by the Election Committee ensuing from the bylaw change passed by the membership during the June 2009 election. Updates are attached with this report for board review and website posting.

The above handbook edits are the only official updates received for year 2009. As previously mentioned to the ALSA Board, with the exception of the aforementioned bylaw change, other handbook changes can only be made when formal board approval and acknowledgement are noted in board meeting minutes - including specific language and Handbook Part and Section. This process enables the handbook committee to keep current on organizational guideline changes as they occur, as well as providing a means to verify and maintain accuracy of subject amendments before documenting in the handbook.

**2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:**

ALSA Bylaws:

ARTICLE III - Board of Directors Section 3. Elected Representation

(a) The Board of Directors should represent the membership from as many different regions as possible.

(b) A maximum of 2 directors from within any one region shall be allowed to serve concurrently. **The Regional Show Committee shall specify the regions within the Continental 48 states at the time of election. Alaska will be attached to the Northwestern Region, Hawaii will be attached to the Southwestern Region and Canadian Provinces will be attached to their common boundary Region of the 48 states.** (6/05/09 - ALSA Election - ALSA Handbook page 160)

ARTICLE III - Board of Directors Section 6. Election

(a) Directors shall be elected annually by a written ballot from the

membership in good standing. Ballots **may** be received by mail through the United States Postal Service, even though they may originate from a postal service outside the United States, such as Canada Post in Canada. **Ballots may also be faxed to the entity tabulating the results as described within the balloting information.** (6/05/09 - ALSA Election - ALSA Handbook page 161)

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Susan Tellez

ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE REPORT - JUNE ACTIVITIES -  
30 June 2009

- I. Judge (Re-) Certifications ... a letter has been sent to the judges who will need to re-certify their License by attending a Clinic or furnishing CEC information.
- II. PROPOSED CLINICS ... Committee recommends the approved Fall ALSA Beginner\Advanced Llama Halter Clinic and the delayed 2008 ALSA Fleece Clinic (Hosted by LANA organization) be held, if there is sufficient number [minimum 10] of (Non-auditing) Judges or Apprentices attending to cover the expenses.  
This Fleece Clinic is being requested by Maryan Baker, a LANA BOD member to be held in Northern California on 2 Host Farms and will include training for both Llama and Alpaca Walking Fleece, as well as a share program for Owner Education in Fleece.  
Instructors would include Cindy Ruckman and Mary Reed.

A letter requesting notice of intention or interest to attend either Clinic is being sent to all ALSA Judges and Apprentices to determine the feasibility of hosting these Clinics at this time.

- III. Proposed Apprenticeship\Training practice - ALPACA Fleece and Walking Fleece  
**The Committee requests APPROVAL** of an Apprenticeship Alpaca Fleece Training Exercise to be held in the Findlay OH Area the weekend of September 18-20, 2009, where an optimal number of Alpacas will be available .  
Due to the lack of available Alpaca Show Apprenticeship opportunities, this would provide Alpaca Judges and Apprentices experience and practice in judging Fleece and observe an Alpaca Show event.  
Instructors involved would include Lavona Fercho, Deb Yeagle, Mary Reed and Susan Tellez.  
If a sufficient number of persons request Certification, there could be an added Testing Period.  
This opportunity is also being announced to all Judges and Apprentices to determine the level of interest and potential participation.  
a. Cathie will verify no cost to ALSA and email vote will follow.

IV. The Judge Committee welcomes the new Board of Directors and wishes them well.

Please contact us with any concerns or requests. We appreciate your efforts and time devoted to ALSA.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair:

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair:

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Gail Woodsum

a. Mailing the Showring would cost less with non-profit status Bulk rate.

b. Gayle needs from each BOD member

. short bio

. picture

c. Anyone with an idea for article can email Gayle and she will help make it happen.

17. Regional Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

a. One Regionals will be combined with the Tulsa State fair.

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

Tabled from June meeting

The Show Management Committee is submitting the following items for Board approval.

Items 1a, 1b and 1c address conflicting rules in ALSA Handbook 15<sup>th</sup> Addition.

Item 1a)

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the [removal of section D on page 43, Part I, Section 1, Item D](#). This change removes the contradiction with rule C-3 in this section and would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

*Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas*

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.
2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.
- 3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.**
4. Age divisions
  - a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
  - b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
  - c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
  - d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class. On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

**D. With respect to the Suri Wool division, at show management's discretion, if there are fewer than three (3) llamas in any age division, age divisions may be combined: that is, if there are fewer than three (3) juvenile females, they may combine with yearling females, and so on. Under no circumstances will males and females be combined.**

**Item 1b)**

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules we suggest the removal of verbiage [pages 38, Part H, Section 1, Item D-2 & page 44, Part I, Section 2-C](#). Remove the verbiage: **These division may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division**. This statement contradicts with the above rule and its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part H. Llama Show Classes

*Section 1. Approved Llama Halter Classes*

D. Age Divisions:

1. Males/Females – Breeding. The following divisions for males and females may not be combined in any way.
  - a Juvenile
  - b. Yearling
  - c. Two-Year Old

- d. Adult
- 2. Non-Breeder. **These division may be combined at Show Management's Discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in an age division.**
  - a. Yearling
  - b. Two-Year Old
  - c. Adult

*Item 1c)*

In order to remove contradiction and conflicting rules between page 111, Part P, Section 11, Item b-3 and Part P, Section 11, Item D; we suggest the acceptance of the change of Part P, Section 11 and remove item D. Item D contradicts with Section B-3 in this section. Its removal would allow more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Section 11. Miniature llama classes

Halter classes:

A. Wool Divisions.

- 1. There is no separate division for wool classes at this time.

B. Sex and Age division

- 1. Male classes are for intact males.
- 2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.
- 3. Sex and Age divisions may not be combined in any manner.**
- 4. Age divisions:
  - a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
  - b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
  - c. Two Year old – 24 to 36 months
  - d. Mature – 36 months and older

**\*\*Motion by Tom:** Not accept combining of age divisions as recommended by Show Management Committee.

Seconded by Ken:

Roll call: Bob=yes, Cathie=no, Trish=yes, Keith=no, Ken=yes, Tom=yes.

Motion Carried

*Item 2)*

In order for large shows to have the ability to divide classes we suggest the addition on page 43, Part 1, Section 1, Item C- 4-e & page 44, Part 1, Section 2, Item C-4. This rule change would allow large shows to sub divide age classes thus allowing more animals to compete for Grand and Reserve and make more animals eligible for Regional Show competition.

Part I. Approved Llama Halter Classes

*Section 1. Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas*

C. Sex and Age Divisions

1. Male Classes are for intact males.
2. Female classes are for fertile, breeding females.
3. Sex and Age, divisions may not be combined in any manner.
4. Age divisions

- a. Juvenile – 5 to 12 months
- b. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
- c. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
- d. Adult – 36 months and over

For example, if an animal is born 5/6/03, then on 5/6/04 the animal must be shown in the yearling class. On a llama's date of birth, the llama moves up to the next older class.

e. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve.

## *Section 2. Non-Breeder Halter Classes*

### *A. Requirements*

1. These classes are for geldings, vasectomized males and spayed or non-reproductive females that are suitable for other purposes.
2. Non-Breeders do not have to be registered, but must have a 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.

### *B. Sex and Wool Divisions*

There are no sex or wool division in this class.

### *C. Age Divisions*

1. Yearling – 12 to 24 months
2. Two-Year Old – 24 to 36 months
3. Adult – 36 months and over
4. Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entrees, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etcetera. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve.

**\*\*Motion by Cathie to approve section 1, 4, e. and Section 2, C, 4.**

Seconded by Tom

Carried unanimously

**Item 3)**

Per page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B, Youth Showmanship classes already have the ability to split age groups. We request the change in verbiage to page 115, Part Q, Section 5-B to allow Youth Performance classes to also split age groups. **This rule change would allow more youth to receive the “FIRST PLACE” that is needed for the new Youth Awards System and allow more youth to qualify for Regional Show competition.**

*Section 4. Age Categories:*

All ages are as of January 1 of the calendar year of the show except a Youth who turns 8 during the calendar year, who is at that time considered eligible for ALSA shows.

A. Junior: 8 years through 11 years

B. Intermediate: 12 years through 14 years

C. Senior: 15 years through 18 years. Youth who turn 19 after January 1 but before the Grand National of their final showing year, may complete the year as a Youth in the Senior division.

*Section 5. Age Divisions*

A. All three age divisions may be offered in Level I shows, but all three age divisions must be offered in Level II and III shows. The age divisions at any show may be combined if there are fewer than 8 total entries in any two of the age divisions. This applies to Youth Alpaca classes as well.

**B. Should the number of entries in a** Youth Showmanship &/or Youth Performance class exceed 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by exhibitor age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.

**Item 4)**

We request the following be added to page 69, Part L, Section 4-C.

Thus allowing more exhibitors to qualify for Regional Show competition.

**C.** If Adult Showmanship class exceeds 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class and run two or more identical classes. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes.

**\*\*Motion by Cathie: to accept B under item 3, and C under item 4.**

Seconded by Ken:

Carried unanimously

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)  
Chair:



20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)  
Chair:

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Larry Llewlyn
2. Carlos Mendosa
3. Ken Forster
4. Marilyn Nenni

Motion by Cathie: to adjourn

Seconded by Keith

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:03 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Secretary  
July 31, 2009

MINUTES APPROVED: August 1, 2009

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
August 18,2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. EST.  
by President, Julie Heggie.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler - Vice President

Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary

Tom Parsons-Treasurer

Bob LaMorte - Board Member

Keith Wattigney - Board Member

Ken Forster - Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, September 8,2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Motion by Cathie to approve July minutes  
Second by Trish  
Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New ALSA System Application and Database
  - a. call with OPG is being arranged, to discuss realistic timelines and costs.
2. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates:  
The ALSA proposal for awards to be printed on the ILR Certificates for a fee, needs to go to the ILR Board for decision.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2009

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Cash: \$10,264

Cash-Investment Account:	97,894
Cash-Memorials	<u>9,254</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	117,412
 FIXED ASSETS	
Software	21,190
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$138,602</u>
 EQUITY 4	
Retained Earnings	<u>\$138,602</u>

a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

Motion by Ken to approve the treasurers Report.

Seconded by Keith

Carried

1. All the BOD members received copies of the Annual 990 Return, prior to mailing it. BOD reviewed it. We are very appreciative that Tom prepared our taxes at the last minute, since our regular tax preparers wanted a long term contract at the very last minute. Kudos to Tom.
2. Tom and Cheryl will be looking for a new firm for our taxes.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

The office is caught up with shows but have requests out for show information/fees not received yet.

Regional paperwork, judge cards with labels, premium envelopes with labels mailed to supers. Judge contracts mailed. We are also co-ordinating efforts with the Regional Committee to acquire free number shows for all shows at a significant savings to ALSA.

All Regional/Grand National Information has been posted to website. Request that the Website Committee review website and send the office the URL of any pages that are out of date/ need changed or removed. The ALSA Office is being trained and helped with all website requests by our current Webmaster and most requests have been accomplished within 24 hours or

less.

The Camelid Community meeting was another great opportunity to interact with leaders of the lama industry from across the country. The alpaca industry was heavily represented this year. The ILR Representatives have agreed to put our proposal regarding adding ALSA Awards to the ILR Pedigree Certificates on their BOD Agenda. The Camelid Community is very active in working together to help new and existing owners in a variety of ways, and make this information widely available.

I have not received any committee paragraphs for our year-end report. If we have one from the President, Office, Treasurer as well as a comprehensive report regarding our new software,

A simple request for these reports is a paragraph describing what was accomplished in 2008 and or what is being planned for 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Ryberg  
ALSA Office

Cheryl Ryberg left since she is no longer needed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. ALSA Standing Rules and Bylaws:
  - a. Ken has some questions and is sending them to the correct committee for comment and/or review.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

Following up on our telephone conversation I have attached a word file that contains the previously board approved draft of alpaca handbook parts J and K. I have made two changes to the draft that I was asked to submit to Kay Sharpnack in December 2007 for the 2008 Handbook.

I have changed the reference to Level I judge to Level Judge and Level II and Level III judge to Senior Judge, to conform with the Judge designation changes that were adopted last year.

I also included the handbook change that separated previously shorn yearling Suri from not-previously shorn yearling Suri Alpacas, approved by the board in 2008.

While there are numerous corrections that need to be made to the 2008 handbook, these two sections contain the most significant errors and will impact the management of Alpaca shows offered in 2009.

In Part J, Section 1, B. The handbook omitted the word **NOT** and would allow a show to combine all alpaca classes, Huacaya and suri, full fleece and shorn, into one class. This is totally incorrect and is tremendously significant to show management.

There are a number of minor corrections when you compare the previously submitted section J to that printed in the 2008 Handbook. It is apparent that the handbook committee never received the approved sections from the board liaison, Kay Sharpnack.

Section K details rules governing Alpaca Halter Classes, and is the most important Alpaca related section in the handbook. The errors include Section 1.A.2. Did not include Variegated Color in the Mixed Group, approved as a handbook change in 2007. This also affects C. Color Description Definitions, changed to include variegated light and dark.

In section 2 A 4., B.2. and C.2. corrections were made to the requirements for color groups and combining of color groups at level I, II and III shows. This is the most important correction being requested.

In Section 3, B. The Yearling Suri 2008 approved handbook change for previously shorn and not-previously shorn length restrictions were listed under Huacaya yearling in the new handbook. This change has been made to the Suri fiber length requirements in the attached draft.

Also in Section 3. 2. Shorn Class the 2008 Handbook duplicated g and h. and should instead allow for classes to be divided by color, following the same color divisions as in full fleece classes. This is a significant error, as the 2008 handbook rules do not allow show management to divide shorn classes by color. Shorn classes would only be divided by breed, sex and age. We added the division by color as a handbook change several years ago.

In Section 6. Negative Traits for judging - C. Negative Traits for Unshorn Huacaya and Suri Fleece - the approved changes were not included and this section is not consistent with our judge training materials.

Thanks for taking this request to the board for approval. It would be terrific if the on-line version of the 2008 handbook could be corrected to include these sections J. and K. We can defer the remaining corrections to the 2009 Handbook.

Mary Reed

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

**Election Committee Report – August 11, 2009**

The 2009 General Election total expenses incurred by the Committee was \$1,434.07 or \$1.74 per member receiving a ballot.

Anticipating an increase in supplies and postage for the 2010 General Election, a budget of \$1.89 per member is being submitted. This final cost will be determined by the number of ballots mailed.

The Chair is requesting the Board approve the return of Jerry Dunn, Golden Colorado, and Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Colorado, be approved as Committee members. Their history of Committee involvement, understanding of urgency and timeliness, knowledge of the ALSA Bylaws and Standing Rules and ability to objectively think through issues presented to the Committee is outstanding. Their past service stands for their value to the Committee.

The Committee is requesting the Board of Directors supply the Committee with a table or booth in a common area at the Grand National Show. The Committee would be present for the purpose of answering questions regarding the 2010 General Election and call member's attention to where the Petition to Nominate Forms will be located on the ALSA website. This would be a positive opportunity for those attending the GN to begin thinking about running for the Board or who they might Petition to be placed on the Ballot. The table need not be available during the entire show.

Respectfully,

Lougene Baird

Chair, ALSA Election Committee

Motion by Cathie: Give permission to set up booth at Grand Nationals.

Seconded by Tom

Carried

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair:

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

No Report

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

**2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:**

None

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Susan Tellez

THE ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE respectfully submits the following Activity Report

**ALSA FLEECE CLINIC** - Grass Valley, California - September 11-13, 2009

Co-Sponsored by ALSA and the LANA organization will be held for the combined training

For Alpaca and Llama Fleece and Walking Fleece for Beginners and present Halter Judges.

Coordinator is Maryan Baker; Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Cindy Ruckman

**ALSA ALPACA FLEECE** - Apprenticeship Judging Activity – Findlay, Ohio – September 18-20, 2009

Apprentice Activity for Huacaya and Suri held in Findlay for fleece and Walking Fleece Instructional Practice for Apprentices and Halter Judges.

Coordinator: Deb Yeagle; Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Deb Yeagle

The following activities will be co-ordinated and supervised by Judge Committee members involved with respective areas and supervised during Nationals by Judges and Committee Chair Susan Tellez

**ALSA LLAMA FLEECE CERTIFICATION** Activity will be offered at the ALSA National Show

**ALSA WALKING FLEECE APPRENTICESHIP** and/or **CERTIFICATION** will be offered at the **ALSA Nationals**

**ALSA JUDGE'S MEETING** - at **ALSA NATIONAL SHOW** -

THURSDAY 6:00 PM – 22 October, 2009

ALSA ALPACA SECTIONS of RULES and GUIDELINES will be corrected and available through the ALSA Office for Show Management and Alpaca Judges or Apprentices. This Document will replace the present Alpaca Sections of the Handbook .

The Judges Committee has no proposals or recommendations for Judge Certifications at this time. The Committee has reviewed 2009 Recertification and will make a recommendation for future Halter and Fleece Judge Certification Clinics to accommodate the large number of up-coming renewals for 2010.

Respectfully,  
Susan Tellez  
Chair, ALSA Judge Committee

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Jim Rutledge  
Motion by Ken: Approve Jim Rutledge as chair.  
Seconded by Cathie  
Carried

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers  
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

The Performance Committee recommends that the ALSA BOD change the weight requirement for a pack as specified in the 2008 ALSA handbook, 15th edition, (Part M, Section 14, Item A, Paragraph 2; Part M, Section 14, Item B, Paragraph 2; and any other sections which may designate a minimum pack weight for a Pack Performance class) be modified to remove the minimum weight requirement for all animals. In addition, it is also recommended that the language which specifies that the pack is "complete with fill material to simulate a full pack loaded for an actual packing trip" be added to reference all packs for all animals. Since the rules specify that "packs must be proper scale for the animal's size" it is likely that this will require a ruling by each judge prior to a competition. It is requested that the BOD make a recommendation to the Judges' Committee to provide appropriate training to judges to determine properly filled packs.



Since a performance class is meant to “simulate” conditions and demonstrate the intelligence and versatility of these animals, it is the founded opinion of this committee that removing the minimum weight requirement for packs will have no effect on those objectives and this change will address three areas of concern:

1) Health and Safety of handlers - We now have many handlers that have difficulty lifting 40 lbs. (due to age, or injury, or some other factor).

2) Health and Safety of animals - Many of these animals are not conditioned to carry such weight as the only time they actually carry that weight is during the pack class competition at a show. In addition, a smaller animal (e.g., mini llama or very small llama) may be overloaded with such weight.

3) Improving participation in Pack Class - Frequently, the pack class is lowest in participation. It is believed that the two above mentioned issues are key to this lack of participation. Removing the weight requirement will make it possible for more people and more animals to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Katzakian

ALSA Performance Committee Chair.

comments: BOD would like to have some weight carried,  
can this be resubmitted with consideration of  
some weight.

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair: Penny Davidson

Motion by Bob: Approve Penny Davidson as chair.

Seconded by Tom

Carried

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Gail Woodsum

17. Regionals Committee:

Chair: Sharon Carrier

The following is the monthly update to the BOD for the Regionals shows:

1. All locations for the Regionals shows are under contracts & signed.
2. Ribbons are being finished in order by show dates & will be sent out accordingly.
3. All judges contracts have been sent out & are waiting on three to be signed & sent back to the ALSA office.
4. All plans for the Regional shows are being finalized.
5. Volunteers are being contacted.

After such a slow start, the Regionals Supers have done their job like no others. They have planned stud auctions, dinners and just plain good fellowship & fun. This year, thanks to the determination of one of the Regional Supers, they have even been able to tie the Regional show to a livestock show which is also a double show, to allow the exhibitors to show at three shows at one time, with an opportunity to earn four times the points.

At this time I would like to thank each & every Super for a great job & patience with a new Regional Chair.

Sharon Carrier

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

Barb Parsons

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

1. Bill paid for 1 year of housing website.

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

Report did not get to all BOD members

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Larry Llewellyn- Tom will contact him
2. Pearson- Idea for stickers regarding ALSA awards passed to Promotion committee for costs and review.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Trish

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:21 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Secretary

August 19, 2009

MINUTES APPROVED:

**EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:**

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

Motion by Ken: Approve Youth Committee

Seconded by: Tom

Chair Christie Stewart

members; Michelle Batt, Kim Kyst, Barb Parsons, Marilyn Nenni.

Carried July 30, 2009

Motion by Tom: Discontinue the Services of Piper Associates. Tom will prepare Federal 990 Return.

Seconded by Trish

Carried: August 8, 2009

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 8, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. EST.  
by Vice President, Cathie Kindler

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Cathie Kindler - Vice President  
Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary  
Tom Parsons-Treasurer  
Bob LaMorte - Board Member  
Keith Wattigney - Board Member  
Ken Forster - Board Member  
Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Motion by email to approve minutes  
Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New ALSA System Application and Database
  - a. System group will keep BOD updated weekly.
2. Conference call with OPG.
  - a. comments made and Tom sent report to BOD
3. Task Force
  - a. Tabled till October 13 meeting.
4. Year End Statements
  - a. needed for all committees-Drop dead timeframe is Ocoober 1, 2009
5. Committee Updates for Website
  - a. In progress
- 6.. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates:
  - a. ILR Board will make decision at next BOD meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer  
Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2009

## ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash:	\$ 6,408
Cash-Investment Account:	98,022
Cash-Memorials	<u>7,767</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	112,197

## FIXED ASSETS

Software	21,190
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$133,387</u>

## EQUITY 4

Retained Earnings	<u>\$133,387</u>
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- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

### OFFICE REPORT:

There is great interest among members about qualifiers for this year's Grand National.

A double show, the Florida Open has applied for the free liability insurance. They have a new location and even though they canceled for 2009, are planning on a double show in 2010. That information has been submitted to our insurance company.

We are also receiving much interest for the fiber clinic in California.

Website Committee lists were updated last Thursday as scheduled.

Very busy here working with National and Regional Committees getting ready for the season, which is rapidly coming upon us.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. Office Contract

Motion by Trish: Extend existing agreement for 2 years with the contingency in the 4th quarter of 2010, ALSA will renegotiate Contract fee for 2011. ALSA can terminate on 12/31/2010 if no agreement.

Seconded by Bob:

Roll call vote: Tom-Yes, Keith-Yes, Bob-Yes, Ken-Yes, Trish-Yes

Carried Unanimously

**1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Alpaca Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

No Report

**2. Election Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

No Report

**3. Ethics Committee:** (liaison: Trish )

Chair:

No Report

**4. Fiber Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fiber Committee's current discussion points.

**Old Business:**

1. We continue to work on the National Llama Fleece Show to be held in conjunction with the 2009 ALSA Grand Nationals. Lee Ann King, Show Superintendent, has finalized show information and it is now available on the ALSA website. She continues to secure show sponsors. As in the past, all sponsor money will be used to pay out premiums. This year we will need premiums for both shorn and walking fleece classes.

2. We would like to commend the work done by LANA, host organization for the ALSA Fleece Clinic to be held September 11-13 in Grass Valley, CA. We expect an excellent turnout of participants. In reference to inquiries from Non-ALSA Members wanting to attend and enter the ALSA Apprentice Judging Program midyear, would the Board consider a reduced - midyear membership and Apprentice dues fee for those joining ALSA to attend the Clinic. Our suggestion is a combined \$50.00 for midyear ALSA Membership and ALSA Midyear Apprenticeship dues.

3. An Advanced Llama Fleece Clinic is scheduled for October 30-November 1, 2009 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio at McFarland's Llama Farm. We are currently working on information and a registration form to be posted on the ALSA website.

**New Business:**

1. Letter for discussion dated 8.28.09.

As a note, the Llama Fiber Committee continues to work diligently

to follow the 15th Edition of the ALSA Handbook. As we work hand-in-hand with the Judges Committee, we want to ensure that the criteria for ALSA Llama Fiber Clinics, the Llama Fiber Judging Clinic Manual and Clinic Instructor Materials be approved and maintained by our Committee. It is our recommendation that ALSA not proceed with their tentative plans to certify/recertify Llama Fleece Judges at the ALSA Grand Nationals.

Motion by Ken: Not to accept #2 a reduced midyear membership and Apprentice dues fee.

Second: Tom

Comments:Not fair for those who pay entire fee and/or dues.

Carried

#### 5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

#### 6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

Everything is running right on schedule. Of course, we won't know anything definite on sponsors until....Everything that has to do with the clerking is completed, i.e. numbers, tickets for both the dinner and the separate dance, etc.

The ribbons for the Regionals are done and the National ribbons are starting to be printed now.

The trophies (youth also) are taken care of and will be transported to Lincoln by Norris to save on shipping. ( Kathy is bringing the youth trophies with her.)

We have 6 confirmed vendors with 2 more in the talking stages and Dee has a couple of more in mind to contact.

I have not seen a list of those that have committed to sponsor or the ones that have said maybe. I really would like to see the entire list and it has been requested, but so far no success. It might be that I could have a word with the maybies and see what I can do.

#### 7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

#### **2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:**

***The following four (4) current guidelines preclude the combining of divisions respective to sex and age of animals. However, the handbook contains a number of conflicting rules to these directives:***

**Part H - Approved Llama Show Classes (Page 38) Section 1 Approved Llama Halter Classes**

**C. Sex Divisions**

The following divisions may not be combined in any way

1. Male
2. Female
3. Non-Breeder
- D. Age Divisions:
  1. Males/Females - Breeding. The following divisions for males and females may not be combined in any way.
    - a. Juvenile
    - b. Yearling
    - c. Two-Year Old
    - d. Adult

Part I - Approved Llama Show Classes (Page 43) Section 1 Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas

C. Sex and Age Divisions

3. Sex and age divisions may not be combined in any way

Part P Optional Classes (Page 110) Section 11 Miniature Llama Classes

B. Sex and Age division

3. Sex and Age divisions may not be combined in any manner

***The following three (3) changes were made for consistency with the aforementioned guidelines regarding not combining divisions based on sex and age of animals.***

***Part H - Llama Show Classes Section 2. Non-Breeder Halter Classes***

C. Age Divisions (Page 44)

(Delete) The following age divisions may be combined at Show Management's discretion, if fewer than 3 llamas are in any age division.

1. Yearling - 12 to 24 months
2. Two-Year Old - 24 to 24 months
3. Adult - 36 months and over (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

***Part I - Approved Llama Show Classes (Page 43) Section 1 Halter Classes for Breeding Quality Llamas***

D. (Delete) With respect to the Suri Wool division, at show management's discretion, if there are fewer than three (3) llamas in any age division, age divisions may be combined: that is, if there are fewer than three (3) juvenile females, they may combine with yearling females, and so on. Under no circumstances will male and females be combined. (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

***Part P Optional Classes (Page 111) Section 11 Miniature Llama Classes***

D. (Delete) At show management's discretion, if there are fewer than three (3) llamas in any age division, age divisions may be combined; that is, if there are fewer than three (3) Juvenile females, they may combine with yearling females, and so on. Under no circumstances will males and females be combined. (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

Part I - Approved Llama Halter Classes

Section 1.

C. Sex and Age Divisions (Page 43)



**4. e. (new)**

**Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entries, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etc.**

The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve championship. (revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)

***Part I - Approved Llama Halter Classes***

Section 2 -

C. Age Divisions (Page 44)

**4. (new)**

**Large shows may divide age divisions based by age of entries, divided into equal groups of 1/2, 1/3, etc. The show must divide the individual classes so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. All 1st and 2nd places will compete for Grand and Reserve championship. (Revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)**

***Part L - Showmanship***

Section 4. Adult Showmanship (Page 69)

**C. (new) If Adult Showmanship class exceeds 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class and run two or more identical classes. Each class will win its own premiums, ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes. (Revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)**

***Part Q - Llama and Alpaca Youth Program***

Section 5. Age Divisions (Page 115)

**B. (revision) Should the number of entries in a Youth Showmanship and/or Youth Performance class exceed 20 entries, the show may divide the individual class so that there are at least 10 in each new class chronologically by exhibitor age and run two or more identical classes per age division. Each class will win its own premium ribbons, ALSA points and eligibility for Regional Show competition. There will be no runoff of the classes. (Revised 7/21/09 Board Meeting)**

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Susan Tellez

The ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE submits to the ALSA BOD the following:

**[1]. REQUEST APPROVAL - TO EXTEND DATE FOR RE-CERTIFICATION to 2010 Clinic**

JUSTIFICATION - These judges are scattered from East Coast to Central to West Coast.

There are too few to justify the expense to accommodate all named. Extension to apply to these Named Judges:

Level Halter, Youth, Performance - Allen, Edmunds, Neal, Nenni, Yates

Level Performance & Youth - Sykes

Senior Judge - Feiner, Gordon, Harris

Llama Fleece - Ishman-Lynch, Miller

Motion by Trish: Accept recertification till 2010 clinic.

Seconded by Keith:

Carried

REPORT

**[2].** The ALSA Judge Committee is working with the Llama Fleece Committee to determine a possible

**Llama Fleece Certification Clinic\Testing situation** to accommodate the 2 judges for Re-Certification and 4 Apprentices requesting Certification Testing. Tentative Date is Oct. 31, 2009 in Mt. Vernon, OH.

REPORT

**[3]. The ALSA FLEECE CLINIC** - combined Llama and Alpaca Fleece & Walking Fleece Training - will be held September 11-13, 2009, in Grass Valley California in conjunction with the LANA Organization Fiber Education Day.

Coordinator: Maryan Baker

Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Cindy Ruckman

**\*\* REQUEST APPROVAL FOR** either ....

A 50% Discount for combined ALSA and Judge Dues for end of year New Members ..... OR

Full ALSA & Judges Dues Pd for this Clinic will carry through to end of 2010.

Motion by Ken: Not approve discount and not approve any dues paid for these clinic to carry through 2010.

Second by Bob.

Discussion: Not fair to those who have paid all fees already.

REPORT

**[4]. ANNUAL JUDGES MEETING** - scheduled for THURSDAY at 6:00pm - during the 2009 ALSA GRAND NATIONAL SHOW. A notice has been sent to all Judges and Apprentices and a Reminder will follow.

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Jim Rutledge

Motion by Ken: Approve Bill Feick on committee.

Seconded by Keith  
Carried

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers  
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian  
Questions on Jan.1. 2009 rules, from prior BOD, need to check on BOD approval date.

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair: Penny Davidson  
For Committee consideration and research

1.. 2010 Grand National Champion Auction. the concept has been received with a strong approval across the country. It could work in the following manner Fri. night 10 Llama's sell that would show on Sat. the remaining 20 would sell Sat evening, going in the show ring on Sun. this concept would generate \$money for premiums for the Nationals. The commission would go to the following years Grand Nationals. It would be up to the committee to sort through the details. It ought to create excitement, and give Show people an opportunity to bring Champion blood lines into their breeding programs.

2. Send to committee: for a East Coast -West Coast Nationals.

3. Representation from every Region, The Election committee has in the past recommended this to the board it was not acted on at the time. again I continue to receive from member their support for such a proposal being sent to the membership.

#2 and #3 would have to be approved by the board after coming back from committee and then sent to the members for ratification, next spring.

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:  
No Report

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman  
No Report

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Gail Woodsum

Motion by Trish: Have Showring mailed electronically, and discontinue the hard copy.

Seconded by Bob:

Discussion: Expensive to mail and expensive to create a hard copy magazine. ALSA can save money by sending it electronically like so many other organizations do. Advertisement would be seen by more people.

Carried.

17. Regionals Committee:

Chair: Sharon Carrier

All regionals have finalized the arenas, judges, volunteers & etc. Ribbons are being completed & should be sent out shortly.

The Supers are beginning to receive entries. After talking with the Supers, we have one Region that has already past last years animal count & is still receiving entries. All of the Supers have done a great job planning this year. Each & every Region has many different things planned to make it enjoyable & fun for the Exhibitors.

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

Motion by Trish: Approve Chair Steve Katzakian, and committee members Les Flynn and Joy Petroni.

Seconded by Bob:

Discussion: BOD would like a new design, better for marketing and to capture new members.

Having all computer work combined can save money in hosting and make transitions of information easier.

Carried

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

**Section 16. Qualifying for Grand National page 122**

The Youth qualifying criteria for ALSA Grand National shall be as follows:

A. All youth exhibiting at ALSA Grand National Show must be a Youth Member of ALSA.

B. The Performance Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at any sanctioned ALSA show held after the previous year's respective ALSA Grand National Show ~~Regional~~. They will qualify in Youth Obstacle, Youth Public Relations and Youth Pack classes.

C. Youth Showmanship and Youth Judging qualify for the ALSA Grand National Show ~~Nationals~~ by placing 1st at any ALSA sanctioned show (held after the previous year's respective ALSA Grand National Show) with a minimum of three in the class.

D. Youth who have earned a Superior award may show in the class for which the award was earned, using any animal they choose.

E. Youth who have earned an the Ultimate Youth award may show in all the Youth classes offered, ~~using~~ at any ALSA Grand National Show, using any animal they choose.

F. Youth who have earned the Elite Youth Award may show in all Youth classes offered at ALSA Grand National show using any animal they choose First, second and third place in all Youth Showmanship and Performance classes at any ALSA ~~an approved class at Regional show as defined in Part B3-B9., at any sanctioned ALSA show.~~ Fourth place in Youth Showmanship and all Performance ~~an approved class of~~ at least 15 entries at a any ALSA Regional Show Fifth place in an approved class of at least 25 entries at a Regional.

G. The Youth may use any animal to compete at the Grand National Show in Youth Showmanship. ~~In this class the Youth, not the animal, is judged and the points go to the Youth.~~

H. In all Youth Performance classes, the Youth must use the same animal that was used in the qualifying show(s). In the event of ill health, death, or sell of animal outside the control of the youth, the youth may substitute an alternate animal. ~~The Youth may petition the ALSA Board to use a substitute animal if the qualifying animal is unable to be shown.~~

~~I. All Youth exhibiting at the Grand National Show must be a Youth Member of ALSA.~~ ( move to the top as point A)

J. At any ALSA Regional(s) Show, the top ~~four~~ six placing in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions in Youth Judging

~~qualify to attend the Grand National Show.who are able to attend the Grand National Show, will receive invitations to the Grand National to represent the Region. The goal is to have full teams representing each Regional at Grand National.~~

Also, the committee feels that there are other concerns with the handbook. I would like to bring it to the boards attention and see if we could recommend some changes at the next board meeting.

The ALSA youth committee would like to thank the board at looking at the changes that we feel should be made. Until next time, have a good evening,

Christie Stewart  
ALSA Youth Committee Chair

Motion by Ken: Approve youth committee report, and  
recommendations.

Seconded by Tom:  
Carried.

#### **MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Nenni-Trish will respond
2. Pearson- Cathie will respond

Motion to adjourn by Trish  
Seconded by Bob  
MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:07 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Secretary  
September 9, 2009

MINUTES APPROVED:

#### **EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:**

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

1. Accept Alpaca Handbook changes
2. Accept Protest committee
  - Chairperson Doug Overman
  - Past Board Member: Ulin Andrews
  - Senior Judge Alan Davis
  - An Exhibitor Deanna Sexton
  - Exp Show Supt Patti Wattigney
3. Accept Novice at GN without Qualifing

## **ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting October 13, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. EST.  
by President, Julie Heggie

### **ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President  
Cathie Kindler - Vice President  
Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary  
Tom Parsons-Treasurer  
Bob LaMorte - Board Member  
Keith Wattigney - Board Member  
Ken Forster - Board Member  
Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Face to Face

Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. EST.

Lancaster Event Center-Nebraska Room

### **PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Motion by email to approve minutes  
Carried

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New ALSA System Application and Database
  - a. System group submitting BOD weekly reports.
  - b. Extensive details on what we have and recommendations on how to proceed at Face to Face.
2. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates
  - a. E-mail from Mark Smith wanting formal request for ALSA. ILR was concerned about authenticity of request even though it was presented verbally at Camelid Community Conference. And ILR BOD member was called by ALSA BOD member.
  - b. Due to ILR's recent action of stickers on ILR certificates, ALSA no longer interested in requesting similar sticker or printing on Certificate.
  - c. Trish will write response to ILR's email.
3. Task Force
  - a. Decision to no longer have Presidents Task force.
4. Committee Updates for Web site
  - a. All committees have been updated.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Youth Placements :
  - a. Qualifications due to class size will be similar to adults.  
Motion by Cathie  
Seconded by Ken  
carried  
Cheryl will send out an email Blast with these new rules.
2. Youth Scholarships  
Motion by Cathie to approve the scholarship person who is very  
deserving of this award and to have her  
picture on our web site.  
Seconded by Trish  
Carried
3. Complying with regulations therefore ALSA Corporate Bylaws were sent  
to all BOD members
4. Corporate Bylaws also require all minutes be kept.  
Trish will copy the past minutes from the web site and put them on Zip  
drives. These can be archived.
5. Flow Chart (Tom) BOD responses to emails
  - a. Chart contained info. on email to BOD, mass emails, and time  
requirements for responses.
    1. A Letter or email to BOD:
      - a. BOD will now be responsible for final reply, regardless  
of who writes reply. All BOD members to receive copy.
    2. Letter or email to BOD will be directed to a committee if  
required. Final response, and by whom, will be determined by  
BOD.
    3. Letter or email to Chairperson only.
      - a. Chair responds with copies to BOD and Office
6. Board Meetings (Tom)
  - a. proposal to have more than one meeting per month. Will discuss this  
at the face to face meeting.
7. Regional/National for 2010 (Tom)
  - a. Will discuss at face to face meeting.
  - b. But it is OK to put down a deposit for 2010 venues.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Parsons, Treasurer



Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash:	\$55,202
Cash-Investment Account:	48,146
Cash-Memorials	<u>7,777</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	111,125
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FIXED ASSETS

Software	28,015
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$139,140</u>
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Retained Earnings	<u>\$139,140</u>
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- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

Finalizing Annual Report for Members, will make 75 copies.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed  
No Report

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

**Election Committee Report - October 4, 2009**

This report is a revised Election Committee report and replaces the report forwarded earlier.

On September 30, 2009, the Election Committee received a challenge to the General Election 2009 from Marilyn Nenni. The Election Committee comments on the challenge have been delivered to the committee's Liaison on this date. The committee has also forwarded to the Liaison the challenge and all backup documents that were received with the challenge. Nenni was notified by the committee that the challenge and backup documents were received. The Election Committee respectfully requests the Board review all documents and make a decision on this challenge at its next Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lougene Baird, Chair  
ALSA Election Committee

A. Cathie will write response to Election Challenge

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair:

No Report

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

Need to have the Alpaca committee look at everything effecting their committee.

Motion by Ken Not to accept fiber committee report in Judges committee report. Needs Alpaca committee review also.

Seconded by Cathie  
passed

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

No Report

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

**Handbook Committee Report** – October 13, 2009 Board Meeting

Committee has completed current ALSA Handbook updates in accordance with August 18, 2009 and September 8, 2009 board meeting minutes. Handbook recommendations were submitted by Alpaca Committee and Youth Committee and approved by the Board. Above revisions are attached with this report for board review and website posting.

Wally Baker

Handbook Committee, Chair

**2009 ALSA HANDBOOK REVISION (8-18-09)**

**Part J & Part K handbook revision from August 18, 2009 ALSA Board Meeting. In addition to below changes, terminology reference "fleece" has replaced "fiber" in the majority of Parts J & K. These changes are reflected in the updated ALSA Handbook.**

**PART J. ALPACA SHOW CLASSES**

**Section 1.C (page 49)**

C. Sex Divisions: The following divisions may **not** be combined in any way.

1. Male
2. Female
3. Non-Breeder

## **PART K. APPROVED ALPACA HALTER CLASSES**

### **Section 1.A.2.d (page 52)**

#### **d. Variegated (Dark and/or Light)**

### **Section 1.C.3 & 4 (Pages 53 -54)**

3. **Mixed:** Any animal that does not fit into solid or gray color definitions. **Pinto** exhibits two colors, one of which is always white. The secondary color occurs in large solid patterns, typically on the blanket, neck and extremities. Fancy are multi colored alpacas which do not fit into the other classes. These are alpacas with three or more colors, pinto-gray, appaloosa etc.

4. **(Previous #4 becomes #5) Variegated (Dark and/or Light):** Variegated color definition includes those alpacas that have an easily recognizable white or light fawn fiber in a dark fleece (dark variegated) or a brown or black fiber in a light (beige or white) fleece (light variegated).

### **Section 2.A.4 & 7 (Page 54)**

4. May offer three Color Groups: Mixed (all grays and multicolored, **pinto, fancy and variegated**); **Dark Solid** (medium fawn, dark fawn, light brown, medium brown, dark brown, bay black, true black); **Light Solid** (white, beige and light fawn); and or combine to one Color Group with limited number of entries.

7. May use an **ALSA Level Alpaca Judge** for Halter classes.

### **Section 2.B.2 & 8 (Page 54 - 55)**

2. May offer four Color Groups: Mixed (all grays and multicolored, pinto, fancy and **variegated**); **Dark Solid** (medium fawn, dark fawn, light brown, medium brown, dark brown, bay black, true black); **Light Solid: (white, beige and light fawn); White Solid; or combine to two Color Groups:** Solid (dark, light and white) and Mixed (gray and multicolored) if fewer than 6 alpacas per class.

8. Must use an **ALSA Senior Alpaca Judge** for Halter Classes.

### **Section 2.C. 2 (Page 55)**

2. May offer all seven Color Groups: Gray (all grays); Mixed (pinto, fancy, **variegated**); Black (bay black, true black); Brown (light brown, medium brown, dark brown); Fawn (medium fawn, dark fawn); **Light (beige, light fawn); White: and or combine to four Color Groups:** Mixed (gray and multicolored); **Dark Solid (browns and blacks)** Light Solid (fawns and beiges); and White Solid if fewer than 6 alpacas in a class.

### **Section 3.B.1.a.b (Page 56-57)**

#### **B. Class Descriptions:**

##### **1. Full Fleece**

(a) Huacaya **Fleece** Length

(1) Juvenile: Minimum of 2 inches and no maximum

(2) Yearling: **Minimum of 2 inches on blanket and a maximum of 7 inches on the blanket, neck and leg.**

(3) Two-year old and older: Same as Yearling.

**b. Suri Fleece Length:**

(1) **Juvenile: Minimum of 3 inches and no maximum. (2) Yearling:**

(a) Previously shorn: Minimum of 3 inches and maximum of 9 inches.

(b) Not previously shorn: Minimum of 3 inches and no maximum.

(3) 25 months and older: Minimum of 3 inches and a maximum of 14 inches or length to knee at the longest point, whichever is greater.

**Section 3.B.2.g (page 57)**

g. At the discretion of show management, shorn classes **may be divided by color following the same color divisions as in full fleece classes.**

**Section 5.C. (page 62)**

11. Staple length

**Section 6.C. 1-13 (page 63)**

1-13 (minor changes not affecting overall content noted in updated handbook) # 5 below is addition.

5. Excessive guard hair

**Section 8.A.C.7 (page 64)**

7. Multicolored: Mixed, **variegated**

**Section 8.A.3.c (page 65)**

c. Color groups should be made in each age division following full fleece color group division criteria. (1) Black

(2) Brown (3) Fawn (4) Light (5) White (6) Gray

**2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:**

ALSA Handbook revision from September 9, 2009 ALSA Board Meeting. **PART Q LLAMA AND ALPACA YOUTH PROGRAM Section 16. Qualifying for Grand National (Page 122)**

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B. The Performance Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at any sanctioned ALSA show held after the previous year's ALSA Grand National Show will qualify in Youth Obstacle, Youth Public Relations and Youth Pack.

C. Youth Showmanship and Youth Judging qualify for the ALSA Grand National Show by placing 1st at any ALSA sanctioned show **(held after the previous year's Grand National Show)** with a minimum of three in the class.

D. Youth who have earned a Superior award may show in the class for which the award was earned, using any animal they choose.

E. Youth who have earned an Ultimate award may show in all the Youth classes offered **at any ALSA Grand National Show** using any animal they choose.

F. Youth who have earned the Elite Youth Award may show in all Youth classes offered at ALSA Grand National Show using any animal they choose. First, Second and Third place in all Youth Showmanship and Performance Classes with at least 15 entries at any ALSA Regional Show; Fourth place in Youth Showmanship and Performances classes with at least 15 entries at any ALSA Regional Show; or Fifth place in Youth Showmanship and Performance classes at any ALSA Regional Show with at least 25 entries.

**G. The Youth may use any animal to compete at the Grand National Show in Youth Showmanship.**

**H. In all Youth Performance classes, the Youth must use the same animal that was used in the qualifying show(s). In the event of ill health, death, or sale of animal outside the control of the youth, the youth may substitute an alternate animal.**

**I. At any ALSA Regional Show, the top six placings in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions in Youth Judging qualify to attend the Grand National Show.**

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Susan Tellez

**ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE - REPORT to the ALSA BOD - September 2009**

*The ALSA Judge Committee submits these Items [I. thru IV.] for review and APPROVAL*

**[I.] REQUEST APPROVAL FOR:**

**2009 PROPOSAL - for Change to the present Judge Program -**

**REQUIREMENTS to ADVANCE to ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS**

**ALSA Judges must meet these minimum requirements prior to making application for Advancement to ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS.**

**The ALSA Judge must have :**

Maintained current ALSA Judge Status in good standing for a minimum of 3 years

A minimum of 3 positive Evaluations from Show Superintendents

NO Negative reviews, comments or unprofessional behavior noted on file

\*[ Unprofessional behavior may be documented by negative or derogatory

Comments regarding other judges, exhibitors, Superintendents or ALSA shows and/or activity]

Judged a minimum of 7 Shows since the most recent Certification

Judged a minimum of 2 Full Shows with more than 85 Individual llamas\alpacas entered in Halter and Performance (this does not mean 85 total entries)

Judged a minimum of 3 Full Shows with 55-85 Individual Entries

Judged 2 shows which included multiple entries in Youth Judging & Driving

Completed a current CEC Report

Completed all preceding Annual Judge Reports

Completed a Clinic which includes training for basic Walking Fleece Trait evaluation

Successfully completed an Advanced Judges Clinic, with a score over 85%  
Extensive experience and knowledge to apply for a waiver of requirements.  
Those Judges desiring Certification for Combination Judging of the minimum number (25) of  
Alpacas, Fleece, or Walking Fleece entries, must complete all 10 points above, plus must Pass  
with a score over 85%, a Training and Certification Clinic covering Alpacas and Fleece.

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### **[III.] REQUEST **APPROVAL** for Change**

#### **QUALIFICATIONS for ALSA REGIONAL and NATIONAL SHOW JUDGES**

An ALSA Member and Judge in current good standing with no negative reviews, comments or reports in the files

Not be a member of the BOD or Major Committee Chairperson with policy-making authority within another SHOW organization.

Have ALSA SENIOR JUDGE Status with a minimum of 5 years judging experience

Have judged a Regional Show before selection as an ALSA Grand National Judge

Have attended or audited a recent Advanced Judge Clinic and/or attended Annual Judges Meeting for knowledge of current update, guidelines and rules.

### **[III.] Recommendation **APPROVAL** for the following Changes to WALKING FIBER \ FLEECE Criteria and Judging guidelines**

#### **PART H. Llama Show Classes**

##### **Section 3. Approved Llama Fiber Classes**

##### **A.2. Walking Fiber**

##### **ADD c. Walking Fiber Length Divisions**

**PRIMARY - a minimum of 3"length of Fiber over the body, to include the prime fiber area, OR a PATCH [6"X 6"] of 3"long Fiber on the Mid-side.**

**SECONDARY - a minimum of 3"length of Fiber over the extended neck, shoulder, hip and leg areas; prime body area may be shorn**

#### **PART O. FIBER**

##### **Section I. Llama Fiber**

##### **B. Llama Walking Fiber Class**

.....(Page 100)

1. The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Llama Fiber Judge,

**OR a Senior Halter Judge with Certification for judging the Minimum number (25) of Llama Walking Fleece or Alpacas\ Alpaca Walking Fleece.**

2. Use the same age and fiber divisions as for shorn fiber class, **and then Divide by PRIMARY or SECONDARY for the appropriate Prime Fleece Length**

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##### **Section 3. Alpaca Walking Fleece Class**

The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Alpaca Fleece Judge, **OR a Senior Halter Judge with Certification to judge the minimum number (25)**

## Of Alpaca or Llama Walking Fleece

[ IV. ] Request **APPROVAL** for the following:  
**CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS**

*This Proposed Format below is to accommodate the 37 judges and Apprentices scheduled for Certification Clinics in 2010; these are split half\half for WEST and EAST location.*

*This will require 3-4 Instructors, for llama, alpaca and fleece presentations*

*Could include Beginner Information and Owner attendee Session if requested*

[ A. ] **ALTERNATIVE ADVANCED (or Combo) JUDGES CLINICS** will include Training and Testing \Certification for both Llama and Alpaca in an extended 5-Day Format, in Western and Eastern Locations, to allow Judges and Apprentices to participate in all aspects of ALSA judging

1. Halter – Llama and Alpaca

Performance – including Driving  
Youth and Youth Judging  
Walking Fleece – Llama and Alpaca  
Shorn Fleece – Llama and Alpaca

[ B. ] **BEGINNER and EDUCATIONAL THEORY PRESENTATIONS** and **UPDATED Rules and Guidelines** may be presented to Judges Apprentices and Owners in a combined session, at an Advanced Judges Clinic, if there is demand and a Host in that location

[ C. ] **ALSA FLEECE CLINICS** - will include Training and Certification for both Llama and Alpaca Fleece, and may incorporate Owner Education Portions when there is demand.

*There will be an East and West Fleece Clinic for 2010 to accommodate the Apprentices (ALL due in 2010 to complete 3rd year Apprentice requirements) and Judges. Most Fleece Judges will not be due for a Recertification Clinic until 2011*

*Alpaca and Llama Fleece Committees will coordinate with the Instructors for the training Materials and Formats for these combined ALSA FLEECE CLINICS, as well as be prepared to present and test during the 5-Day Combined Advanced Judge Clinics East and West.*

[ D. The **Prior 3-Day Halter, ADVANCED\BEGINNER JUDGE** Clinics for Halter, Youth Performance and\or Fleece for (Llama \ Alpaca) may be held for locations unable to accommodate the 5-Day Combo Format.

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Respectfully Submitted to the ALSA BOD

5 October 2009

Susan Tellez-Chair

ALSA Judge Committee

Minutes of March 11, 2008 have new judges criteria, BOD requesting

set of present rules to minimize changes.

Motion by Trish to not accept the report at this time and wait till Nationals and face to face.

Seconded by Ken  
carried

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Jim Rutledge

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurray

Eileen Ditsler

Steve Katzakian

Ellen Goldsmith

Barb Harris

Brock Royal

Motion by Trish to accept members of performance committee

Seconded by Tom

carried

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair: Penny Davidson

No Report

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:

No report

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair:

17. Regionals Committee:

Chair: Sharon Carrier

No report, too busy working on Regionals and Nationals.



18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

No Report

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

No Report

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

No Report

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

#1. Tom will contact Superintendent to resolve this issue.

Bob will write letter indicating no refund was made.

#2. Regarding Estes Park

Trish will write Thank you for information

#3. Youth Placements

Cheryl will write response

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Keith

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:34 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

**EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:**

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

1. Motion By Trish to have Treasurer Pay Lancaster Event Center Bill.

Seconded by Ken

carried

## **ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting October 22, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 8:11 a.m. CST.  
by President, Julie Heggie  
Face to Face at ALSA Grand Nationals

### **ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Julie Heggie-President

Cathie Kindler - Vice President

Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary

Tom Parsons-Treasurer

Bob LaMorte - Board Member

Keith Wattigney - Board Member

Ken Forster - Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. New ALSA System Application and Database**

Les Flynn and Joy Pedroni gave a presentation on the trial of inputting a dual show with fiber show, and a single show, and then having a person, Joy try to enter shows. This real life testing was extremely cumbersome, with some basic errors, no changes allowed, entering the same animal over and over for each new class, etc... The committee felt the show superintendents would not spend 3 hours or more inputting a single show, and 6 hours for a double show, and 1,134 classes to choose from. Also it was extremely time consuming for a member to enter a show, and any error would cause the member to completely re- enter information. This is unsatisfactory and the program would definitely not be utilized. Therefore we are reviewing the best course of action to rectify this. Need to create requirements for all facets of system.

Motion by Ken to have committee write up requirements for system.

seconded by Keith

carried

#### **2. ALSA awards listed on ILR Certificates**

a. It was decided ALSA no longer was interested in this. Some new ideas are being pursued.

#### **3. VP Corporate Book (Trish coping all old minutes to computer)**

#### **4. Letter to member regarding position on election. Cathie writing letter**

5. Judges committee report from October 13, 2009 meeting per request to move this item till the face to face due to content and length.

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Motion by Cathie

Seconded by Bob

passed

2. A minimum of 3 positive Evaluations from Show Superintendents

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Seconded by Bob

passed

3. NO Negative reviews, comments or unprofessional behavior noted on file

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Comments regarding other judges, exhibitors, Superintendents or ALSA shows and/or activity.

Motion by Cathie

2nd NO second

Discussion requirements for moving up, is it forever?

What about moving down.

NEED CLARIFICATION

4. Judged a minimum of 7 Shows since the most recent Certification

Motion by Bob

Seconded by Cathie

passed

5. Judged a minimum of 2 Full Shows with more than 85 Individual llamas\alpacas entered in Halter and Performance (this does not mean 85 total entries)

Motion by Cathie

Seconded by Bob

passed

6. Judged a minimum of 3 Full Shows with 55-85 Individual Entries

Motion by Bob

Seconded by Keith

passed

7. Judged 2 shows which included multiple entries in Youth Judging & Driving  
Motion by Trish  
Seconded by Cathie  
passed

8. Completed a current CEC Report  
Motion by Bob  
Seconded by Cathie  
passed

9. Completed all preceding Annual Judge Reports  
Motion by Bob  
Seconded by Trish  
passed

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10. Completed a Clinic which includes training for basic Walking Fleece Trait evaluation.

SEND FOR REWRITE

11. Successfully completed an Advanced Judges Clinic, with a score over 85%  
Motion by Bob  
Seconded by Tom  
passed

12. Extensive experience and knowledge to apply for a waiver of requirements.  
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Motion by Cathie  
No 2nd

SEND BACK FOR MORE DETAIL

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Motion by BOB  
Seconded by TOM  
Passed

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**Section I. Llama Fiber**

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Motion by BOB- SEND TO FLEECE COMMITTEE

Seconded by KEN

PASSED

SEND TO FLEECE COMMITTEE

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**Section 3. Alpaca Walking Fleece Class**

The judge is required to be a certified ALSA Alpaca Fleece Judge, **OR a Senior Halter Judge with Certification to judge the minimum number (25) Of Alpaca or Llama Walking Fleece**

SEND TO ALPACA COMMITTEE FOR CLARIFICATION

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**[ IV. ]** Request **APPROVAL** for the following:  
**CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS**

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*This Proposed Format below is to accommodate the 37 judges and Apprentices scheduled for Certification Clinics in 2010; these are split half\half for WEST and EAST location. This will require 3-4 Instructors, for llama, alpaca and fleece presentations Could include Beginner Information and Owner attendee Session if requested*

**[ A. ] ALTERNATIVEADVANCED (or Combo) JUDGES CLINICS** will include Training and Testing \Certification for both Llama and Alpaca in an extended 5-Day Format, in Western and Eastern Locations, to allow Judges and Apprentices to

participate in all aspects of ALSA judging

1. Halter – Llama and Alpaca

Performance – including Driving

Youth and Youth Judging

Walking Fleece – Llama and Alpaca

Shorn Fleece – Llama and Alpaca

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[ B. ] **BEGINNER and EDUCATIONAL THEORY PRESENTATIONS** and **UPDATED Rules and Guidelines** may be presented to Judges Apprentices and Owners in a combined session, at an Advanced Judges Clinic, if there is demand and a Host in that location

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[ C. ] **ALSA FLEECE CLINICS** - will include Training and Certification for both Llama and Alpaca Fleece, and may incorporate Owner Education Portions when there is demand.

*There will be an East and West Fleece Clinic for 2010 to accommodate the Apprentices (ALL due in 2010 to complete 3rd year Apprentice requirements) and Judges. Most Fleece Judges will not be due for a Recertification Clinic until 2011*

*Alpaca and Llama Fleece Committees will coordinate with the Instructors for the training Materials and Formats for these combined ALSA FLEECE CLINICS, as well as be prepared to present and test during the 5-Day Combined Advanced Judge Clinics East and West.*

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[ D. The **Prior 3-Day Halter, ADVANCED\BEGINNER JUDGE** Clinics for Halter, Youth Performance and/or Fleece for (Llama \ Alpaca) may be held for locations unable to accommodate the 5-Day Combo Format.

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Respectfully Submitted to the ALSA BOD

5 October 2009

Susan Tellez-Chair

ALSA Judge Committee

6. Letter from member, response from Bob.

7. Tom to call about the Kentuckian show.

8. Letter from member response by Trish.

9. Letter written by Cheryl to member in response to Youth Placements

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Office is overwhelmed when Regionals are just 2 weeks prior to Nationals, consider more time between these major events.

2. Ideas to increase membership,

i.e. Bring in X new members, receive free membership, or free llama

ALSA number

Recommend these ideas go to membership committee.

3. Structure for National Face to Face with membership.
  - a. meeting from 7:30 am to 9:30 a.m. CST.
  - b. President takes question, passes to BOD member for reply.
4. All show superintendents will be sent a letter of appreciation signed by the BOD. Signatures were taken and will be scanned and sent to Office.

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Letter proposing bylaw changes  
sent to committee to review and advise.
2. Letter regarding Mission Statement missing in 15th  
edition. This information was sent to Wally Baker,  
Handbook committee to correct and add to next edition.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie  
Seconded by Keith  
MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:06 p.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

# **Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA**

BOD Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2009

**The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by Vice President, MaryAlice Pilbin, at 8:04 p.m. EST.**

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Members present:**

MaryAlice Pilbin – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Cathie Kindler – Treasurer

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

### **Members not present:**

Julie Heggie – President

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

**Next Board Meetings:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST  
Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST

**Approval Of Minutes:** December 9, 2008 – approved by email vote.  
December 23, 2008 – minutes were approved by email vote.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer**

(Email vote was taken to approve Tom Parsons as Treasurer)

1. 2008, despite poor influence of the economy, shows a net profit of \$800.00.
2. Proposed 2009 Budget will be sent to BOD members.
3. 2008 Profit and Loss Statement will be sent to BOD members for review.
4. Financial statements of 2008 Regionals and ALSA Grand National will be sent to BOD members for review.

How ALSA finances will continue to be handled properly was proposed by Tom and discussed by the BOD. Trish made a motion that:

- no checks will be written without an invoice
- copies of all invoices must be sent to the Treasurer
- checks in the amount of \$500 or less may be signed by the Office Manager alone
- checks in the amount of \$500 to \$3500 may be signed by the Treasurer without BOD approval
- checks in the amount of \$3500 or more need BOD approval before signing
- all bank statements must be sent to the Treasurer unopened.

Marilyn seconded. Roll call vote: Cathie, yes; Marilyn, yes; Trish, yes; Ulin, yes; Larry, yes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.



5. Cheryl was requested to obtain the signature cards for the Checking account for updating.
6. Marilyn was requested to obtain the signature cards for the Cap One accounts for updating.
7. ALSA finances look good for our 2009 programs.

**OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager**

Cheryl reported on new members, membership renewals, new shows, and show sanctioning. Numbers are very positive and ALSA is looking forward to a good year for their membership.

ALSA Office hours have now changed to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST Monday thru Friday.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Database Project Update

*Discussion: The new Database is progressing well. We are at the final stage of approving all specifications. Coding should begin next week. We are looking at a date of March 15 to be live with ALSA's new program. The benefits of this program are more than ever imagined and will be exciting for show superintendents and members.*

2. ALSA Lama Marketplace

*Discussion: Cathie made a motion to approve the design of Lama Marketplace and open it to the ALSA membership and the public. Larry seconded. The new Lama Marketplace, proposed by the Website Committee last month, will go live on the ALSA Website. Lama Marketplace offers advertising and promotion for ALSA members at rock bottom prices on the most visited camelid website on the internet. See the new link to Lama Marketplace on the ALSA website and send in your farm ads.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. New ALSA Membership Directory

*Discussion: A new ALSA Membership Directory is still in the financial plans for ALSA and plans will continue. The new directory will be offering advertising space for ALSA members and vendors. Memberships must be renewed and updated by March 15, 2009 in order to be included in the new Membership Directory.*

2. Member request to contribute both resources and historical data to the new show association.

*Discussion: After discussion, the request was declined.*

3. ALSA Refund Policy

*Discussion: Trish made a motion to implement a "no refund policy" starting January 13, 2009. Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Cathie, yes; Marilyn, yes; Trish, yes; Ulin, yes; Larry, yes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

4. Survey Comments Released to Members

Discussion: Larry made a motion to release the member comments from the recent ALSA survey to any ALSA member upon request. Cathie seconded. Marilyn, yes; Trish, yes; Ulin, yes; Larry, yes; Cathie, yes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. List of survey comments may be requested from the ALSA secretary.

## 5. ALSA Discussion Board

Discussion: The ALSA Discussion Board will continue for the benefit of ALSA members only. BOD will be communicating with the membership via this Discussion Board. ALSA members will find a link to the Discussion Board on the ALSA website and can sign up to participate.

## 6. ALSA Judges

Discussion: Ulin made a motion that ALSA will not propose any restriction on any ALSA judges as to the shows they judge, but will recognize and reward loyalty to ALSA. Trish seconded. Roll call vote: Trish, yes; Ulin, yes; Marilyn, yes; Cathie, yes; Larry, yes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## 7. Confidentialty Agreement - Tabled

## 8. Posting Agenda

Discussion: Trish made a motion to post the ALSA BOD agenda on the ALSA Discussion Board before each regular monthly meeting for membership viewing and input. Marilyn seconded. Roll call vote: Ulin, yes; Larry, yes; Trish, yes; Cathie, yes; Marilyn, yes. Motion carried by a unanimous decision.

## 9. Ad hoc Committee

Discussion: Marilyn made a motion to form ALSA Taskforce 2009, composed of members from various regions, for the purpose of promoting and improving ALSA. Cathie seconded. Roll call vote: Larry, yes; Ulin, yes; Trish, yes; Marilyn, yes; Cathie, yes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Members will be finalized at Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Alpaca Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

To support further growth of Alpaca shows within the ALSA, experienced halter and fleece judges are needed at the senior level. The National Champions' Alpaca Show is a good example of the current shortage of experienced judges. With 300 halter entries and 156 walking fleece entries, the show employed 4 ALSA judges: Anthony Stachowski – halter, Lavona Fercho-walking fleece and shorn fleece, Susie Smithers – Sample show, and Penny Davidson-Showmanship & Performance. This show is expected to double in size next year, requiring 2 halter judges and 2 walking fleece judges at the senior level, in addition to a performance judge and a fleece/sample judge. We have 5 senior judges – Shannon McConnell, Deb Yeagle, Lavona Fercho, Anthony Stachowski and Mary Reed. Unless additional judges are approved at the senior level, participation will be required of all the senior judges to put on this show next year. Two of these judges are organizers of the show (Reed/Yeagle) and are not available to judge. The current list of judges will not support the anticipated growth for this show.

To remedy the problem we make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the ALSA board approve the provisional one year certification of 3 additional senior judges, all of whom have extensive alpaca halter and fleece judging experience, participated in the ALSA alpaca judging apprenticeship program or were previously certified by ALSA as alpaca judges, and are not currently AOBA certified judges. The list includes Susan Tellez (Texas and Ohio), Jane Tellier (Canada) and Nard Mullan (Washington). All three should be provisionally approved to judge halter and fleece, including walking fleece. In addition the committee recommends that a prior ALSA apprentice judge, Laurye Feller (Pennsylvania) be evaluated through an extensive apprenticeship with an ALSA senior judge, which, upon satisfactory completion will result in provisional judge certification.
2. We recommend that ALSA offer a halter/fleece clinic within the next year, whose satisfactory completion will be required for the extension of these provisional judging certifications.
3. We recommend approval of Susan Tellez and Anthony Stachowski, DVM as alpaca halter and fleece clinic instructors.
4. We recommend that Senior Judge Anthony Stachowski be recertified as a Senior Alpaca Fleece judge, so he is available to judge walking fiber.

We appreciate the board's favorable consideration of these recommendations.

*Discussion: Larry made a motion to accept items 1 thru 4. Trish seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**2. Education & Show Clinic Committee:** (liaison: )

Chair: Dawn Moore

No Report

**3. Election Committee:** (liaison: )

Chair: Lougene Baird

*Discussion: Committee has submitted Nomination Forms for the 2009 BOD Election. Details and forms have been posted on the ALSA website.*

**4. Ethics Committee:** (liaison: )

Chair: Margaret Henry

No Report

**5. Finance & Budget Committee:** (liaison: )

Chair: Tom Parsons

Members are Malcom Tallmon & Craig Swindler.

**6. Grand National Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Norris Berg

1. GNC has the judges list dated 12-15-2008 to make selections for the 2009 Grand National show. Please have the ALSA Office provide a list of the Senior Halter and Performance judges who have paid their annual renewal fee per Page 3, 2008 ALSA Handbook, 15<sup>th</sup> edition which is Part A, Section 2, para B1. Once judges are selected we must present to the ALSA BOD for final approval. Once approved the Regional Superintendents may select their judges
2. The Chair has had no contact with the Lancaster Event Center to review and sign a contract for 2009. Dates have been penciled in.

3. One bill remains outstanding for the 2008 Grand Nationals. Vendor has not provided a proper invoice to review for payment. When received it will be sent to the ALSA Office for payment.
4. The GNC requests a ruling from the ALSA BOD on the subject of Judge eligibility for the Grand National show. If an ALSA judge agrees to judge other shows (specifically an ILR show) are they prevented from judging the Grand Nationals and/or other ALSA shows? This may have a major impact in the selection process by reducing the number available. This BOD decision should be made immediately as our selections are suppose to be available to the ALSA BOD for their February conference call.

*Discussion: Plans for the 2009 Grand National Show Of Champions will continue. BOD will discuss immediate issues with committee Chair.*

**7. Handbook Committee:** (liaison: )

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

**8. Judge's Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lavona Fercho

1. The Judges Committee would like to recommend a change to the Handbook. Though we do not expect any change to the 15 Edition Handbook is printed, it should be changed now for the record, as it is an error that creates contradiction. The reason being, Alpaca clinics have been stand alone since 2006, as there are more numbers and demand for full alpaca shows. This rule was in place in 2004 when there were few alpacas at shows. As it now stands, it contradicts alpaca rules for a Level 1 Alpaca halter show, Judges rules, and Llama and Alpaca clinic formats.

This one is highlighted as a new change in the 15th edition, when it was to be deleted from the 14th edition.

The first one is (page 136) Part S. Section 4, B. 12. Only Judges re-certifying and successfully completing and Advanced Llama Judges Clinic (with Limited Alpaca) may judged combined llama and alpaca shows if alpacas do not exceed 25 in number. (all in green to be deleted)

The second is page 18, Part D. Section C. 1. Requirement for Alpaca Shows. 1. "Shows must have an approved ALSA Alpaca Judge, for shows with 25 or more Alpacas in a breed". ( all in green to be deleted)

3. The Judges Committee recommended Mary Jo Miller attend an additional alpaca Apprenticeship for more experience. She completed the fourth apprenticeship with Anthony Stachkowski at the Champion ALSA Alpaca Show on Dec. 6-7. With successful completion of this additional apprenticeship, we now recommend she be approved as a ALSA Level Alpaca Halter Judge.

*Discussion: Cathie made a motion to approve Item #2 and to earmark Item #1 for the 2010 rule changes. Larry Seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

**9. Llama Fleece Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

I am pleased to inform you of the ALSA Llama Fiber Committee's current discussion points:

New Business

1. There have been inquiries from fleece judges and apprentices who have contracted/planned to judge shows that have recently been changed to "non-ALSA" shows. At first glance this situation seems to be no different than judging a "4-H show" and should be a personal decision for each judge. We have not yet responded to these inquiries. Because this is not only a "fleece judge" issue, we respectfully ask the Board to clarify their (ALSA's) position. This will allow our committee to respond with an official and consistent answer to all inquiries.

2. There are grammatical errors in the recently issued 15th Handbook. We are in the process of correcting those errors. Action: We plan to submit those changes to the BoD for their approval. Once approved the corrected document will be sent to the Handbook committee for use in the 16th Handbook.

Old Business

1. Along with the Judges Committee, we continue to finalize plans for one Llama Fleece Judges Clinics in 2009 and we have a goal to add one more;

2. We plan to have a final ribbon proposal for the GN Fleece Show this month. There are no other changes in preparations for the 2009 GN show.  
We look forward to working along side of you in 2009.

**10. Membership Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Pam Jensen

The Membership committee has been working on the membership spotlight for the ALSA website. The first members spotlight will be posted this month with our highlighted farm being Figment Ranch in Texas. The youth spotlight will be coming in January also. Have to get some pictures to go with this article.  
Currently this is the work of the membership committee.

**11. Nomination Committee:** (*liaison:* )

Chair: Carolyn Myers  
No Report

**12. Performance Committee** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Niki Kuklenski  
No Report

**13. Policy & Planning Committee:** (*liaison: Mary Alice*)

Chair: Lora Crawford

Our committee has been asked to review the issues listed below:

**1. National Youth Program**

We feel this program should be revisited by the new Board members. Several new Board members have just recently been added to the ALSA Board and out of honor and respect to them; they will need to review the proposed National Youth Program.

We acknowledge the tremendous work Marilyn Nenni has done in the development of this proposal; however we would like the new Board members to be familiar with the program and the impact on the ALSA organization at this particular time.

If the current Board wants to move forward with this program, the P&P committee will resume work with direction from the Board.

**2. Deadline for Rule Book changes (January 1 – September 30)**

The committee suggests this be added to “Standing Rules” and probably the Handbook. The committee will work on the verbiage and placement. With Board endorsement, it would not require membership approval.

**3. Standing Rules update**

The committee will be working on this over the next 2 months. The final document would be submitted to the Board by the March 2009 meeting for approval.

**4. Bylaws update**

The committee will be working on this over the next 2 months. The final document would be submitted to the Board by the March 2009 meeting for approval. Bylaw changes must be voted on by the membership. These changes will be finalized so they can be on the 2009 election ballot.

Bylaws and Standing Rules were sent out to all committee chairs or their liaisons in November 2008 for input. Responses have been received from:

*Alpaca Committee – Mary Reed; Fiber Committee – Cindy Ruckman; Youth Committee - Barb Harris; Election Committee - Lougene Baird; Handbook Committee – Wally Baker*

We encourage committees to respond.

*Discussion: Item #1. BOD has expressed the desire to move forward in 2009 with the National Youth Llama Association.*

*Item #2. Request declined. It is currently stated that all new rules take effect January 1 of the following year.*

*Item #3. Accepted*

*Item #4. Accepted*

**14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: )**

Chair:

No Report

**15. Protest Committee: (liaison)**

Chair: Ken Austin

No Report

**16. Publications Committee: (liaison: )**

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

**March/April 2009 Issue      Important Dates and Details**  
**January 22** Articles, Letters, Photos and Announcements Due  
**January 23** Ad Deadline

**Submission Format Requirements**

*Showring* readers are invited to send articles, letters, general ideas for content you would like to see. What are we looking for? Written and photographic content that celebrates the fun, the competition, the hard work connected to all aspects of llama and alpaca showing (before, during and after). Have some advice? An interesting story? Don't keep it to yourself - **share it with the world**. Suggested length for written pieces is 250 - 750 words in length.

Whenever possible, magazine **contributions should be submitted electronically**. Copy can be sent within an email message or as a document attachment (.doc or .rtf accepted). Send to Gayle Woodsum at dbllamas@aol.com. If electronic submission is not possible, contributions can be mailed to Gayle Woodsum, P.O. Box 612, Laramie, WY 82073.

**Photographs** are to be sent as .jpg or .tiff attachments only, not sent within the email message. Best results are for photos to be sent at 300 dpi resolution.

Camera ready ads can be sent according to the appropriate ad size, at 300 dpi, in either .jpg or .pdf format. Again, be sure the resolution is set at a minimum of 300 dpi.

We are happy to build your ad for you at no extra charge. In this case, just let us know what copy you would like in the ad, and attach any photos or logos according to the photograph guidelines above. If you plan on having us create your ad, please try to send the components to us as early as possible, rather than waiting until the final deadline.

**Editorial policy:** All contributions are subject to editing for length and clarity. The *Showring* editor and ALSA board of directors reserve the right to refuse publication of contributions and ads.

**Due to a problem with phone connections, the remaining committee reports were tabled until the Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The Secretary called to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m. EST.

**Time: 11:40 p.m. EST**

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 10, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. EST.  
by Vice President, Cathie Kindler

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Cathie Kindler - Vice President  
Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary  
Tom Parsons-Treasurer  
Bob LaMorte - Board Member  
Keith Wattigney - Board Member  
Ken Forster - Board Member  
Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

Some difficulty with communications due to Hurricane Ida.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Motion by Keith: approve Oct. 13, 2009 minutes  
Seconded by Tom:  
Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New ALSA System Application and Database, in the future will be committee report.
2. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates-Cathie will respond to ILR.
3. VP Corporate Book(Trish has minutes copied from web)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31, 2009

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Cash:	\$ 39,802
Cash-Investment Account:	48,225
Cash-Memorials	<u>7,786</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>95,813</b>



FIXED ASSETS	
Software	28,015
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$123,828</u>
 EQUITY 4	
Retained Earnings	<u>\$123,828</u>

- a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

Administrative Manager Report, November 2009

The office has printed and is organizing 1778 Membership Renewal forms, which should all be mailed by the end of this week. This includes 2009 and 2008 members for renewal.

We have asked MG-Softnet if they would put together a “running tally” on the website, of all National Qualifiers starting in January for the 2010 show season. This would include all of the existing and as they occur, Champion awards in all categories as well as Youth Grand and Reserves, Show Grand and Reserves, ALSA Grand and Reserves. Any Classes of Adult Showman, Produce-of-Dam, and Get-of-Sire with at least 3 in the class will also qualify for National if they receive 1st place.

Show Grand and Reserves do not count toward ALSA Champion awards, but I have also asked that they be posted on our website for members to see as there is confusion when there is not 8 in the division. The posting will have a description of the difference between a Show Grand and Reserve and an ALSA Grand and Reserve.

In addition, once the 2009 show season has been completely recorded, the previous years points and Grand and Reserves will be listed under llamas with recording numbers. This is something that was requested by members at the membership meeting and not a difficult request as it is something already seen on my screen which may be posted when uploading to the website.

We will be doing a certificate mailing later this week.

The office is working with several new shows which will be starting to show up on our website as we receive the information.

We are also still in the process of receiving credit card information and checks. We are working on a spread sheet which lists all of our shows and how much we have received from them in

recording fees which will be shared with the board when completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg  
ALSA Office  
Administrative Manager

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2010 Camelid Symposium Davis, California-request for sponsorship  
Motion by Ken to be a \$100 sponsor.  
Seconded by Trish  
Carried
2. Committee's- Handbook changes by 12-31-09 FYI
3. Trophy Cups- Discussed costs
4. Regional Judges Issue-Tabled
5. Grand National Scoring-Discussed different scoring methods-tabled
  - a. Committee sends back recommendations.
6. Handbook
  - a. Section E Regional Championships D 6  
Handbook says, "Notifications of animals qualified for Regional Championships will be posted on the ALSA web site.  
Motion by Trish: deleting from the handbook the above section E, D6.  
Seconded by Keith:  
Carried
  - b. Summarize changes to handbook on January 1 and dates of changes.  
Send email blast to all members of this information.  
Motion by Tom: As of Jan. 1, 2010 post new additions and deletions  
and/or changes to Handbook.  
Seconded by Ken:  
Carried
7. Website Help- discussed getting webmaster- office states about 1 hour per week.
8. Points-Animals in Division- need to help members with numbers and location in Handbook.
  - a. Office will do Email Blast on how points are awarded.
9. GN Task Force- Tom will head up a task force to look at costs, new venues, scoring etc.

- a. Liaison to GN will be Tom and Regionals will be Keith.
- 10. Review of Judges Committee motions.
  - Motion by Ken: Rescind entire Judges Committee Report and votes on 1,2,4,5,6,7.
  - Seconded by Bob
  - tabled
- 11. Regionals-
  - a. Discussion of locations and costs. Referred to Committee.
- 12. Membership Renewal-Letter usually included
  - a. Can OK letter by email
- 13 Youth Scholarship
  - a. Need Bio and picture for website. Youth committee to get info.
- 14. Sanctioning of shows with other show organizations.
  - a. ALSA show Insurance considerations.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
  - Chair: Mary Reed
  - No Report
- 2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)
  - Chair: Lougene Baird
  - No Report
- 3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )
  - Chair:
  - No Report
- 4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)
  - Chair: Cindy Ruckman
  - No Report
- 5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)
  - Chair:
  - See Treasurer's Report above.
- 6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)
  - Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman
  - No report

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report as per Handbook chair

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Susan Tellez

**ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE - REPORT TO BOD -**

**3 November 2009**

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

**MEETING at the GRAND NATIONAL** - was attended by 14 Judges, including the 2 Fleece Judges; I personally met with each of the Halter and Performance Judges (5) later to pass the paperwork and share discussion.

**ITEMS** discussed included:

**PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR** and appropriate attitude - HandOut Paperwork

**Double Show sanctions** – how to handle ALSA responsibilities, follow ALSA Rules and promote ALSA to Exhibitors and Apprentices

Specific Performance Show issues – passed to Trish for that committee

**Combining Llama & Alpaca Fleece Training Clinics - POSITIVE**

Possible **5-Day Combined Clinics** to offer all aspects of Certification - **POSITIVE**

**CLINIC – 1st Combined Llama and Alpaca Fleece Clinic** – was held at McFarland's in Ohio with

Instructors Lavona Fercho and Cindy Ruckman, and 8 attendees. This was a resounding success and the word is around the industry how well it was presented and how much was learned.

**INSTRUCTORS** and Attendees reported the **COMBINED Llama and Alpaca TRAINING** was invaluable and should be continued for all **CLINICS** for Shorn and Walking Fleece.

**EXPENSES:** 8 Attendee Fees will just cover the \$2000 expense and fee cost for Instructor Fercho. Instructor Ruckman will use clinic for Certification; Lunch expenses only for ALSA.

**CALIFORNIA FLEECE CLINIC – Nov. 20-22 is in progress as a Beginner\Owner Education Clinic**

**FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION - Combining LIGHT WOOL and CLASSIC LLAMA DIVISIONS** - This was pronounced a **POSITIVE IDEA for the BOD to consider as an adoption** to increase numbers in a Division which could then hold Championship Classes.

The Committee is working to provide expanded descriptions for Professional Appropriate and\or Negative Behavior, which may be attributed to Judges.

**DOUBLE ALSA SHOWS** - decision for presenting Oral Reasons.

**F. Request APPROVAL for Change PART D. Sanctioned Shows, Section. 1, B. 2.** (Pg. 16)

***.. Printed Class List for Double Judge Show states ..... Oral Reasons will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Judges for Educational purposes***

***\*\*\*\*DID NOT APPROVE THIS SECTION, NEED TO REVISIT***

Respectfully Submitted to the ALSA BOD

4 November 2009

**Susan Tellez-Chair**  
**ALSA Judge Committee**

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Jim Rutledge

We spent time at ALSA Grand Nationals networking and recruiting members for this Membership Committee. We have found a great team. We look forward to bringing bright ideas to the BOD for recruitment, retention and improvement in the Youth area.

Holly Russell  
Glenna Hinde  
Bill Feick  
Tabbethia Haubold

Nov. Discussion

1. Ideas for recruitment. If a member signs up 2 new members, they get a free membership. If this member is Lifetime, they would get a free animal recording number. The group thought this should be done in a six month time period for trial basis. Look at it again in May to see response.
2. Ideas for increase in Llama Recording numbers. Register two animals get one animal free. Again put this in a Jan to June trial basis to see what increase we have.
3. Have a new member use references to join ALSA. The group is not in favor of this at all.
4. Renew early for 2010. Probably too late in the year to make any announcements for enrolling by a certain date and getting something free. We think we should table this until 2010 and bring it back around toward the end of the summer. Then develop a plan for Oct., Nov., Dec early bird registration.
5. Youth Recruitment. Texas has been working with FFA Ag, Extension offices to get Youth numbers in the Llama area up. Idea to increase Scholarships, incentives for Youth throughout the year, end of year recognition. Maybe something per Region. Discussion about shows offering Halter and Performance with Youth Divisions in all areas. Some areas favor Halter only, or Perf only. This is a Show Supt decision that individual need to take on in their area. If a Youth can recruit 2 more, give them a free year. Again time frame Jan to June for tracking purposes.

We look forward to implementing any of these ideas. Just let us know what you need done next.

Jim

BOD will send back to committee with numbers requested.

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurry

No Report

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair:

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Leigh Snyder

email vote carried for new chair to be Leigh Snyder

17. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

**Youth Committee Report November, 2009**

**Item 1. Elite Youth Award**

Approved April 15, 2008 – to be effective Jan., 2009. Not in the 15th Edition Handbook.

Committee requests approval of the following for the Elite Youth Award and for the Handbook, p. 121:

#### H. Elite Youth Award –

Qualifying - Youth who have demonstrated outstanding achievement above the Ultimate Youth Award may qualify for the Elite Youth Award by winning at least:

- 10 first places in Showmanship

- 10 first places in either Obstacle or Public Relations

- 5 first places in either Obstacle or Public Relations – opposite class from item b.

- 5 first places in Pack

- 5 first places in Youth Judging

Point Accumulation

Points will be accumulated by the ALSA Point Chart

Points will be awarded to each qualified youth in any approved Youth class.

All points for the youth program will be tabulated in accordance with the official ALSA Point Chart.

Note: The Elite Award as approved in April, 2008 had requirements of:

- 6 Showmanship first places

- 6 Obstacle first places

- 6 PR first places

- 6 Pack first places

- 6 Youth Judging first places

This committee feels that additional placings in Showmanship and Obstacle above the Ultimate Award should be required for the Elite. (the Ultimate Award requires 6 Showmanship & 6 Obstacle) and therefore suggests the change to ten firsts in Showmanship and in Obstacle or PR.

### **Item 2. Ultimate Youth Award – p. 121**

For the Ultimate Youth Award, 6 first placings are needed in Obstacle, and 2 firsts in PR or Pack. Some animals have more of a PR personality than Obstacle. We would like to update the qualifying of the Ultimate Youth Award to read:

- a. Six first places in Showmanship

Six first places in Obstacle or PR

Two first places in Obstacle or PR – opposite class from Item b.

Two first places in Pack

### **Item 3. Annual ALSA Youth High Point Award –**

The committee would like to award an annual Senior Youth High Point Award, Intermediate Youth High Point Award, and a Junior Youth High Point Award.

This award would be an accumulation of all the points earned during the current year and would

be tabulated from the Annual Top Ten High Point Awards. Committee feels that this will:  
Give some purpose to the youth earning points as now only first placings are recognized for youth awards.

Encourage youth to attend more shows in order to earn more points. More \$\$ to ALSA.

Enable youth who do not obtain first placings to still achieve recognition in the ALSA youth award system.

Encourage more youth to attend Regionals and Nationals where double and triple points are awarded.

Give added recognition to our ALSA Youth Program and encourage youth to become and stay involved.

After Annual Top Ten High Point Awards are posted by the Office in the new year, the Youth Committee will tabulate the three Annual High Point Awards. Therefore not causing any further work to the Office.

The Committee would like to award an embroidered show chair to the 2009 annual recipients and will take care of collecting funds if ALSA financials do not permit this at this time.

Youth attending the Youth Meeting at the Nationals, 2009 were in great favor of this proposal and would like to see it approved.

For Handbook: p. 121

ALSA Annual Youth High Point Award.

An annual Youth High Point Award will be awarded to a Senior, Intermediate, and Junior youth who have the top ALSA show point accumulation for the current year.

Points will be calculated from the following classes: Showmanship, Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, and Youth Judging.

Points for these awards will be calculated using the ALSA Point Chart.

(Handbook – p. 121 Current C would become D

Current D would become E – Ultimate Youth Award

Current E would become – Elite Youth Award – as listed above

Current E would become F, current F would become G, current G would become H)

**Item 4. Approved in the Show Management Committee report** in minutes of December 9, 2008 is the awarding of the Top Ten Regional Awards for youth only. This was to encourage more show attendance during the year and also more attendance at Regionals. And to give more importance to our ALSA regions.

**Item 5.** In 2008 the BOD approved the National Lama Youth Association and 2009 membership cards included the name of this association. Committee would like approval to add the following to the Handbook: p. 113

Section 1.

National Lama Youth Association

All youth who join ALSA and pay the \$25.00 annual ALSA youth



membership fee are automatically members of the National Lama Youth Association.

The purpose of the National Lama Youth Association is to promote youth interaction with llamas and alpacas by serving youth involved in ALSA, 4-H, and FFA.

All ALSA members will receive an annual Lama Youth Association membership card from the ALSA Office, an ALSA Handbook, an ALSA Youth Judging Manual, and a copy of the ALSA Showing.

A youth steering committee will be elected to work with members of the ALSA Youth Committee and/or Youth Association Advisor to determine and promote Youth Llama activities, programs, and benefits.

Report: The Youth Committee met with the youth at the National Show, 2009 and formed a youth steering committee for this year and received input from the youth regarding what they would like to see from their association. Youth Committee will continue to meet with this new Youth Steering Committee for future plans to our ALSA youth program.

The ALSA BOD needed more time to review. Therefore this will be handled in email vote by next tuesday.

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Letter re: Complimentary letter-Julie acknowledged receipt
2. Letter re: Wool vs. fiber-sent to judges, fiber and show management committees.
3. Letter re: Show postings-Ken will answer this.

Motion to adjourn by Trish

Seconded by Ken

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:36 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

**EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:**

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

1. Motion by Bob:
  - a. Allow 72 hours for BOD approval unless circumstances dictate immediate action, and shorter approval.
  - b. And 48 hours on business days to approve email blasts.

Seconded by Ken:  
Carried



# **Regular Monthly Meeting of ALSA**

BOD Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2009

**The ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Julie Heggie, at 8:04 p.m. EST.**

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Members present:**

Julie Heggie - President

MaryAlice Pilbin – Vice President

Marilyn Nenni – Secretary

Tom Parsons – Treasurer

Larry Lewellyn – Board Member

Ulin Andrews – Board Member

Trish Brandt-Robuck – Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg – Office Manager

This meeting was recorded.

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

**Next Board Meetings:** Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. EST

**Approval Of Minutes:** January 13, 2009 – approved by email vote.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Parsons, Treasurer**

1. Tom suggested and will investigate getting insurer to cover all ALSA shows as a benefit for all Show Superintendents and shows.

## **OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager**

1. Forms and Reports:

*Discussion: 2500 printed Award Certificates are on the way to the Office. Cheryl will let the BOD know when only 500 remain so more can be ordered.*

2. Forms are the website are being updated.
3. Grand National Fleece Show Results – Cheryl reported that 2008 GN Fleece show results are not on the website.
4. Julie requested that Cheryl check the membership numbers with the financial records to report on at the next meeting. Cathie will work on getting new 2009 Judge's List updated for the website. Cheryl will keep updated list sent to BOD on sanctioned shows.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Membership Directory

*Discussion: A new membership directory is planned to be printed if financials allow. BOD will check with Handbook Committee to look at issue in its entirety and promote advertising to help with expenses. Membership will be informed to have all memberships and membership information correct by March 15, 2009.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Confidentiality Agreement

Discussion: *A confidentiality agreement will not be drawn up for BOD members to sign.*

2. ALSA Taskforce 2009 (formerly called ad-hoc committee)

Discussion: *Julie will select members from various regions for the the 2009 ALSA Taskforce to be approved by BOD members. 2009 Taskforce will for the purpose of promoting and improving ALSA and will report to the ALSA president.*

3. Database

Discussion: *We are ready to sign off on the final specifications. Some additional specs relating to show superintendent's information and reports are going to incur an additional fee of approximately \$5700.00 if out-of-scope items are to be included in the original release of the new program. Trish made a motion to approve the amount of \$5700.00 for the database. Larry seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

*Discussion occurred regarding online credit card procedures. Tom will investigate the credit card procedures for the new database.*

4. ALSA Concerns:

*Mary Alice made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:23. Cathie seconded. Motion carried. Trish made a motion to exit Executive Session at 11:20 p.m. EST. Marilyn seconded.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Alpaca Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

**2. Education & Show Clinic Committee:** (liaison: Larry)

Chair:

**3. Election Committee:** (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

**4. Ethics Committee:** (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Margaret Henry

**5. Fiber Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

**6. Finance & Budget Committee:** (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Tom Parsons

Glen Unzicker approved as member

**7. Grand National Committee:** (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Norris Berg

**8. Handbook Committee:** (*liaison: Larry*)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

**9. Judge's Committee:** (*liaison: Cathie*)

Chair: Lavona Fercho

It has been very recently brought to the attention of the Judges' Committee that some discussion items submitted by the Alpaca Committee in their January report to the BOD, specifically Judge recommendations certification and advancements, was incorporated and passed by the BOD. While the Alpaca Committee were seeking favorable approval of these requests, approval of these requests without submission by the Judges Committee are invalid and in direct opposition and conflict to stated ALSA 15 edition, Handbook rules regarding the Judges' Committee responsibility, and questioned by other Judges.

The Judges Committee has been in communication with the Alpaca Committee through out the informal part of this plan and are aware of the urgency for additional alpaca judges. There are several procedures regarding Judges entering the Judges programs including application, paid fees, annual reports, and certification whether with clinic or CEC reports that must be implemented.

Many dedicated ALSA Judges have at their own great expense, attended every clinic, apprenticeships and dedication in submission of all paperwork and tests. We endeavor to be fair to all of them.

The Alpaca Committee made the recommendation without contacting all Judges whose names were presented nor indicated requirements for entering the ALSA Judges program. I know all of them having had them as an apprentice at some point or worked with them. In my discussion with Jane Tellier, whose name was put forward, she has declined to be involved. She has no desire to Judge, to make application or pay Judges fees at this time so her name has been removed.

The Judges' Committee, having examined Judges files verifying status and requirements, and based on all complying Handbook rules, make the following recommendations:

Susan Tellez (Ohio/Texas) be reinstated as ALSA Senior Alpaca Halter and Fleece Judge with submission of Judges fees.

Nard Mullen (Washington) be approved as Senior Alpaca Halter and Fleece Judge, with submission of application and Judges fees, and with the provision she attend an Advanced Clinic before being re-certified in 2010.

Anthony Stachowski be re-certified as Senior Alpaca Fleece Judge with submission of request and completed three year CEC report submitted for his file.

Laurye Feller (Pennsylvania), having previously completed ALSA apprenticeships, be certified Level Alpaca Judge, with completion of application, submission of Judges fees, as well as an extensive review with a Senior Judge and successful completion of an Advanced Clinic.

Susan Tellez and Anthony Stachowski be approved as Beginning and Advanced Alpaca Halter and Fleece Instructors,

Thank you for attention to this request and importance to observing correct ALSA Handbook procedures.

Discussion: Report approved.

**10. Membership Committee:** (*liaison: )*

Chair: Pam Jensen

**10. Nomination Committee:** (*liaison: Trish* )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

**11. Performance Committee** (*liaison: Trish*)

Chair:

**13. Policy & Planning Committee:** (*liaison: Mary Alice*)

Chair: Lora Crawford

**14. Promotion Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin* )

Chair:

**15. Protest Committee:** (*liaison: Ulin*)

Chair: Ken Austin

**16. Publications Committee:** (*liaison: Trish* )

Chair: Gayle Woodsum

**17. Regional Committee:** (*liaison: Julie*)

Chair:

**18. Show Management Committee:** (*liaison: MaryAlice*)

Chair: Bill Schultz

**19. Website Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Mike Hoopengardner

Report tabled from 1-13-09.

I would like to request that Margo Schultz be approved for the website committee.

The marketplace is in the works with pages being reviewed and developed.

The educational and fleece areas are being reviewed for information and content. We should have specific recommendations for the website for February.

**20. Youth Committee:** (*liaison: Marilyn*)

Chair: Barb Harris

Report tabled from 1-13-09.

The ALSA Youth Committee received an email submitted by an ALSA member expressing concern over the combining of Youth Performance Classes with Alpaca Youth Performance Classes at their 2008 Regional.

The committee discussed this concern both from the standpoint of the youth and the show. A youth that has an alpaca may be at a disadvantage due to size of animal when competing against llamas.

In this economy it may be necessary for Regional shows to combine classes to best utilize premium money.

Our feelings on this subject are as follows:

Youth who have qualified through local shows offering Alpaca Youth Performance classes should not be penalized by now requiring them to compete against llamas at Regional. A Regional should be comprised of classes that have been offered at local shows that feed into it.

Considering the economy it may be time to investigate premiums offered at Regional and National be based on a sliding scale. This would allow these shows to best utilize premium money without leaving any class out due to lack of attendance. An example that could be submitted to the Regional and National committees for review would be that premiums for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> would be based on total entry fees paid for the class (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> would get 50% of the total entry fees, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30% and 3<sup>rd</sup> 10%). If there is one in the class then they would get back 50% of their entry fee. If there are 10 in the class then it could be 50% of the total amount of entry fees for that class or a set amount if there are over a certain number in the class.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. EST.  
Cathie Seconded.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** February 19, 2009

Marilyn Nenni, Secretary

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
December 8, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. EST.  
by Vice President, Cathie Kindler

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Cathie Kindler – Vice President  
Trish Brandt-Robuck – Secretary  
Tom Parsons-Treasurer  
Bob LaMorte – Board Member  
Keith Wattigney – Board Member  
Ken Forster – Board Member  
Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: January 12, 2010 8:00 PM EST.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of November Youth Committee Report
  - a. Report will be resubmitted.
2. Youth Scholarship winner
  - a. Need picture and Biography from Youth Committee.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2009

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Cash:	\$ 44,621
Cash-Investment Account:	48,283
Cash-Memorials	<u>6,795</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>99,699</b>

**FIXED ASSETS**

Software	28,015
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$127,714</u></b>
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**EQUITY 4**

Retained Earnings	<u>\$127,714</u>
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Motion by Ken: Accept treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Bob:

Carried Unanimously

a. Tom provided monthly and an annual profit and loss statement .

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Julie Heggie resignation**

a. Julie sent email to BOD on December 8, 2009 resigning her position on the BOD.

Motion by Ken: Accept Julie's Resignation as of December 8, 2009.

Seconded by Keith:

Carried

Motion by Ken: Appoint next person eligible for 6 and 1/2 months to fill Julies position on the BOD.

Seconded by Keith:

Carried

Motion by Bob: Elect Tom Parson's to the President's position.

Seconded by Ken

Carried

Motion by Trish: Elect Keith as the treasurer.

Seconded by Bob:

Roll call vote: Ken - yes, Keith - yes, Trish- yes, Cathie- yes,  
Bob abstain.

carried

#### **2. GN Task Force:**

Sharron Carrier added to the Task Force.

### **OFFICE BUSINESS:** Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

December 8, 2009

We are currently involved with:

Ending the year in the ALSA Database. This involves having all shows recorded and accounted

for in the database. Once the final show has been entered we can turn the database to begin recording for 2010. This is a slow process to make sure that all members and animal receive their correct points and ultimately receive their certificates.

Processing 2010 memberships. This involves careful documentation into the ALSA Database and making sure that the Quickbook entries match with the same name as the member. During this process we also “clean-up” our members information by using new information that they have supplied to us when returning their membership renewal application, or in the case of a member having moved and we get that envelope back, we re-enter new addresses if supplied by the post office or do what we can to find members new information so we can forward to them. Most all of our members that have used the mail system used the addressed envelopes that we supplied to them., so far we have 9 members that have renewed that had not renewed since 2008. We are working to finish up all bills that need to be paid for 2009 before the end of December so we have an accurate accounting of moneys that have come in and are owed for 2009.

We realize that the board would like to see email blasts every two weeks. We are extremely busy but would be glad to post any notice that the board or committee would like to send if forwarded to the office.

The Membership committee has requested 5 years, by the month comparison of memberships. I have not had time to compile this information yet. All of the data can be accessed in Quick books. I do know that if they are looking for trends that the largest surge of membership renewals is in November and December then most members renew right before a show. I will get to that project when time permits, right now it is most important to deal with the database, memberships and upcoming shows which is taking up most of our time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ryberg  
ALSA Administrative Manager

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)  
Chair: Mary Reed

BOD tabled report, need to send to Fiber Committee for review.

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

Motion by Trish: To increase BOD in 2010 to 8. Therefore electing 2 members in the 2010 election.

Seconded by Bob:

Carried Unanimously

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair:

No Report

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Cathie )

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

No Report

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

*The Grand National Show was the best ever!!! The stalls were decorated beyond belief. Thank you for making this year fun & be sure in your ideas for Themes for next year. The Lincoln Event Center did a great job on the Dinner Buffet and of course the Martha White Band was the high light of the evening.*

*The Photo Contest was a success. Thank you Marilyn for a job well done. If you didn't get to the youth party, you really missed a lot of fun. The games & the fellowship were fantastic. This year was the first year for the National Youth Committee. The Committee gave each youth a sports bag when they check in. Thank you Youth Committee. The Youth worked very hard competing at the Skillathon. If you haven't stop by the Skillathon – next time you might want to stop by & take the test along with our youth.*

*Plans are for the 2010 Grand Nationals are now starting. Some of the things that are up for discussion, preparing a check list for our needs as we look at other locations. Also explaining how the scoring is done at Nationals, so it is easier for exhibitors to understand. A meeting is planned in January, 2010 at the Fort Worth Livestock show for the GN Committee. Another item on the agenda for next year is to make sure that the stall walls are cleaned before they are setup.*

Prepared by Sharon Carriger for Malcolm Tallmon

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

No Report

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Susan Tellez

*The ALSA Judge Committee thanks the ALSA BOD for Approval of the basic new format for the APPROVAL for SENIOR JUDGE STATUS.*

## **ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE - REPORT to the ALSA BOD - November 23, 2009**

*The ALSA Judge Committee thanks the ALSA BOD for Approval of the basic new format for the APPROVAL for SENIOR JUDGE STATUS, and further submits these Revisions [NOTED IN RED] for review and APPROVAL.*

**[I.] 2009 with minor REVISIONS for Change to the current ALSA Judge Program –**

**[A]. REQUIREMENTS for ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS [H,Y,P & FLEECE Requirements stated separately ]**

**The JUDGE COMMITTEE, as Justification for the Suggested Major Revisions and Additions to the prior limited criteria approved in March 2009, and to the New Format approved in October 2009, re-states these Judge Certification Goals :**

- 1. Maintain Integrity and high capability of ALSA Judges for exhibitor confidence.**
- 2. Assure capable judges are Qualified and provide Exhibitors/Owners with quality, accurate and professional evaluations, especially where economic value may be involved, such as in the unique ALSA Regional & Grand National Shows**
- 3. Assure that all Senior Judges have sufficient experience and training to handle all situations in a professional manner in public venues to maintain the prestigious image of the ALSA Organization and its programs**

**NOTE: All committee members are judges and feel responsible for assuring the ALSA BOD , Superintendents, and the Owners/exhibitors that ALL JUDGES are trained, have experience and qualify to uphold the above stated Goals. Our combined years of experience provides each and all of us with solid decision-making ability to evaluate the individuals requesting this Advancement to the SENIOR STATUS as an ALSA Judge.**

**SUGGEST INSERTION TO HANDBOOK – Part. S. [Judges and Apprentices} to**

**Section 3. C. APPROVAL for SENIOR JUDGE STATUS – Halter, Youth, Performance, or Fleece**

**ALSA Judges must meet these GENERAL minimum requirements, since the most recent Certification, prior to making application for APPROVAL for ALSA SENIOR JUDGE STATUS in Llama or Alpaca. Approval by both the Judge Committee and ALSA BOD will be based on, but not limited to, these general and specific items.**

**Part.S.Sec.3.C.1.The ALSA Level Judge (Llama or Alpaca) must have :**

- a. Maintained current ALSA Level Judge Status in good standing for a minimum of 3 yrs
- b. A minimum of 3 positive Evaluations from Show Superintendents.
- c. Completed a current 3-year comprehensive CEC Report with Request to Advance
- d. Completed all preceding Annual Judge Reports since last Certification
- e. Successfully completed an **Advanced Judges Clinic, with a score of 90% or above**
- f. Extensive experience and knowledge to apply for a waiver of any requirements
- g. NO repeated Negative reviews or comments from Show Superintendents regarding any unprofessional behavior in individual's file.**

ALSA BOD- g was now acceptable.

Question where 90% came from, past was 85%. Please check.

**C. 2. The ALSA Level HALTER, Youth, Performance Judge must have:**

- a. Completed all C. 1. Requirements
- b. Judged a minimum of 7 ALSA Shows since the most recent Certification
  - c. Judged a minimum of 2 Full Halter \ Performance Shows with more than 85 Individual llamas\alpacas entered in Halter Classes
- d. Judged a minimum of 3 Full Shows with 55-85 Individual Entries in Halter and Performance Classes
- e. Judged 2 shows which included multiple entries in Youth Judging & Driving

**C. 3. The ALSA Level LLAMA FLEECE Judge must have:**

- a. Completed all C. 1. Requirements
- b. Completed an Advanced Llama Fleece or a Combination Alpaca\Llama FLEECE Training and Clinic with a Certification score of 90% or above
- c. Judged a minimum of 4 shows with a total of 100 or more Fleece Entries (Shorn and/or Walking Fleece) which include:
  - .... a minimum of 50 entries in Shorn, 30 entries in Walking Fleece for Llama
  - .... a minimum of 25 Suri, 25 Huacaya and 50 Walking Fleece for Alpaca

ALSA BOD- Question 90% , 85% was past score. Please Check.

**NOTE: ALL Current SENIOR JUDGES for Halter, Youth, Performance and Fleece in both the**

**Llama and Alpaca Divisions meet the above stated Criteria for Advancement.**

**II. NAMES of SENIOR JUDGES QUALIFIED for ALSA REGIONAL and NATIONAL SHOWS.**

**QUALIFICATIONS for ALSA REGIONAL and NATIONAL SHOW JUDGES ....**

**Pg. 26 & 30**

APPROVED by the BOD – OCT. 2009

An ALSA Member and Judge in current good standing, with no repeated negative reviews, comments or reports from Show Superintendents in the files

Not be a member of the BOD or Major Committee Chairperson with policy-making authority within another SHOW organization.

Have ALSA SENIOR JUDGE Status with a minimum of 5 years judging experience.

Have judged a Regional Show before selection as an ALSA Grand National Judge.

Have attended or audited a recent Advanced Judge Clinic and/or attended Annual Judges Meeting for knowledge of current update, guidelines and rules.

**II. (A) ALSA SENIOR JUDGES holding major positions with Policy-making Authority In Other Show Organizations**

McDougall  
Shellabarger

Kauffman  
Myers

Jensen  
Miller(BOD and Committee)

Morgan

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## **II (B) . SENIOR JUDGE NAMES for REGIONAL \ NATIONAL Judge Consideration**

**HALTER** - Baker, Davidson, Davis, Feick, Feiner, Fercho, Howard, Kindler, Moser, Yeagle

**FLEECE** – Fercho, King, Ruckman, Baker, Rutledge, Yeagle, Reed

**ALPACA** - Fercho, Reed, Stachowski, Yeagle

**PERFORMANCE** – Haumschild, Wally & Maryan Baker, Nenni, Forster, Nenni

**SUGGEST** Judges may be selected to judge **in different Categories** (i.e. Halter, Performance, Fleece) in one Regional AND in the Grand National in the same year.

ALSA BOD felt this was an Incomplete list, please resubmit with all names applicable.  
Separate for Regional from National.

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### **[III.] SUGGESTED CHANGE to HALTER SHOW FORMAT**

**Justification for:**

... increasing the number of entries balanced in the Classic , Light and Medium Wool

**Divisions of Llama Halter Classes, allowing for Championship Classes**

... increasing the consistency of appropriate phenotypic and fiber appearance of the entries

**within each Division, creating a more equivalent evaluation**

**COMBINE CLASSIC \ LIGHT WOOL into one DIVISION .**

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### **[ IV] . REQUEST for PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

The Judge's Committee has representatives for all aspects of the ALSA Show Program, and most are a member or chair of that respective committee. Unfortunately, I was unaware we had no direct link to the Performance Committee. I request that Mike Haumschild, the JC Rep for Performance, be appointed to the ALSA Performance Committee to act as our liaison for any rules and issues related to Performance. Thank You... Susan Tellez, JC Chair

ALSA BOD--Performance Committee considering this request presently. (IV)

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### **[V.] REQUEST for APPROVAL ...**

Recommendations from the Judge Committee for Certification of Judges recently completing the Combination Alpaca and Llama Fleece Clinic:

**APPRENTICES who had completed all Llama Fleece Apprentice requirements:**

\_Lisa Blidar\_ - Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge – Alpaca Apprentice

\_Judy Ross\_ . Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge – Alpaca Apprentice

**CURRENT JUDGES:**

**Joy Bishop-Forshey . Re- Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge;**

**Certify as Level Alpaca Fleece Judge**

**with completion of final Apprenticeship 5 Dec. 2009**

**Beth Myers - Certify as Level LLAMA Fleece Judge -Restrict to 25 walking fleece-  
upon completion of a Walking Fleece Apprentice at a Show**

**Present Status: Senior Llama Halter, Youth, Performance  
Level Alpaca Halter Judge; Alpaca Fleece Apprentice**

**Mary Jo Miller - Re-Certify as Senior LLAMA Fleece Judge – No Restrictions**

**Certify as Level Alpaca Fleece Judge – with completion of 1 Show Apprenticeship**

**Present Status: Senior Llama Halter, Youth, Performance Judge;  
Senior Llama Fleece Judge, Level Alpaca Halter Judge; Alpaca Fleece Apprentice**

**Cindy Ruckman – ASST. INSTRUCTOR\ Clinic HOST**

**Re-certify as Senior LLAMA Fleece Judge – No Restrictions**

**Certify as Level Alpaca Fleece Judge - with Waiver of 3rd Apprenticeship by  
credit as recent Combined Alpaca\Llama Fleece Clinic Instructor and Host**

**Present Status: Senior Llama Fleece Judge (10 yrs); Approved Fleece Instructor**

**Lavona Fercho – PRIMARY FLEECE CLINIC INSTRUCTOR**

**Re-Certify for Senior Llama Fleece Judge -**

**Re-Certify as Senior Alpaca Fleece Judge -**

**Present Status: Senior Judge\Instructor – HALTER and FLEECE for LLAMA and  
ALPACA**

**There are no additional Requests for Approval of Senior Status for Level Judges who have  
completed all requirements and are prepared to handle the responsibilities and image of  
a Senior ALSA Judge.**

#### **ALSA BOD-**

Motion by Cathie: to Approve above Judges from Alpaca and Llama Fleece Clinic (#V).

Seconded by Trish

Carried

Judge Committee Report ..... Submitted 2 December 2009 ... Susan Tellez, Chair

**ALSA BOD needs some parts resubmitted since not everyone had identical copies prior to  
meeting due to lack of electricity by HURRICANE IDA.**

#### **9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )**

**Chair: Jim Rutledge**

The Committee sent an email to Youth Comm about the idea for Youth Membership retention and recruitment. There has not been a response yet.

The Membership Committee would request the BOD approve a "Youth Membership Recruitment and Retention" from the time period of Jan 1 to June 30th, 2010. The committee would then bring back in June 2010 a new idea for an Adult Membership drive. This would include the idea of recruiting and offering free animal numbers that may or may not have a limit.

membership committee is requesting information from the office.

1. annual total membership numbers for the past 5 years
  - \* Tom can give them 2 years easily. BOD thinks this will meet their needs.
2. breakdown of how many memberships are renewed in what month
3. how many lifetime members have been submitted annually for the past 5 years.
4. How many lifetime members bought animal numbers last year and of those that did buy numbers how many animal numbers did they buy?
5. What's the average amount of animal numbers the annual members buying?
6. How many annual members are not buying animal numbers at all?
7. Can we get a breakdown of youth numbers by region for the past couple of years?

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers

No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Melanie McMurry

No report

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair: Penny Davidson

No Report

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:

No Report

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Doug Overman

No Report

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Leigh Snyder

Having been approved as the Chairman of the Publications Committee, I would like to get some input/ideas on what you as the Board would like to see in Showring. It was my understanding that you were wanting to go with an email version.

So I have a few questions that I'd like to have some guidance on before I select the rest of



my committee. It is my intention to select 4 committee members from all over the U.S. in order to have someone 'responsible' for getting the 'scoop', show results, farm info, member info, etc. in that section of the llama country.

Name: What do you want to call this version.....'Showring E-Style'.....???????

Do you think we still need a paper/published version? I'm sure I can get it published locally for far less than what Able was doing it. Cheryl has told me that we are no longer under contract with them.

Advertising and rates: This can be much cheaper by doing the E version and with local publishing. Being here on the University of Illinois campus, I have resources to get quality printing jobs done reasonably. Also, can we include members ads for various animals, items, events, etc.

BOD would like to see cost for printing and sending 800 hard copies before making decision to go with E mail.

17. Regionals Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair: Sharon Carrier

*As the year comes to end, all of the regional results have been turn into the ALSA office. The expenditures & income also have been reported. The year has brought many different ideas on how to improve the different Regional Shows & to make them more profitable.*

*One idea that was tried this year & worked really well was to join a Regional Show with a Livestock show. A few minor problems arose, but were handled at the time. Also, this year we joined two different regions together, and that also worked really well.*

*My suggestion for next year, is to continue what we started this year, but add another change for next year. If possible, I would like for the BOD to consider combining The Buckeye & The Great Lake Regional into one region. This should help cut costs and should help on the class sizes, also.*

*Thank you.*

*Sharon Carrier  
Regional Chair*

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

No Report

19. Web site Committee/ Computer System (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

The team is working on their overall plan and a proposal to go before the BOD. The proposal is designed to outline what work is to be addressed and what deliverables are to be produced along with what commitments we will need from the BOD. We have our plan in a "draft" version now and we are refining it. Due to holidays, illnesses, storms, and various other issues, we have been delayed in getting this complete. We are currently targeting completion by the end of 2009. Any questions, please refer to me.

Thanks,  
Steve K.

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

No report

**MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:**

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Letter re: election challenge

Tom will write letter with changes being implemented by  
ALSA.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Ken

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:44 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Brandt-Robuck  
Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

**EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:**

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

none

**ALSA Regular Monthly Meeting  
August 18,2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. EST.  
by President, Julie Heggie.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:

Julie Heggie - President

Cathie Kindler - Vice President

Trish Brandt-Robuck - Secretary

Tom Parsons-Treasurer

Bob LaMorte - Board Member

Keith Wattigney - Board Member

Ken Forster - Board Member

Cheryl Ryberg- Office Manager

Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, September 8,2009 at 9:00 p.m. EST.

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Motion by Cathie to approve July minutes  
Second by Trish  
Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New ALSA System Application and Database
  - a. call with OPG is being arranged, to discuss realistic timelines and costs.
2. ALSA Awards listed on ILR Certificates:  
The ALSA proposal for awards to be printed on the ILR Certificates for a fee, needs to go to the ILR Board for decision.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Tom Parsons, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2009

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Cash: \$10,264

Cash-Investment Account:	97,894
Cash-Memorials	<u>9,254</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	117,412
 FIXED ASSETS	
Software	21,190
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$138,602</u>
 EQUITY 4	
Retained Earnings	<u>\$138,602</u>

a. Tom provided monthly profit and loss statement and a financial forecast for the remainder of the year.

Motion by Ken to approve the treasurers Report.

Seconded by Keith

Carried

1. All the BOD members received copies of the Annual 990 Return, prior to mailing it. BOD reviewed it. We are very appreciative that Tom prepared our taxes at the last minute, since our regular tax preparers wanted a long term contract at the very last minute. Kudos to Tom.
2. Tom and Cheryl will be looking for a new firm for our taxes.

OFFICE BUSINESS: Cheryl Ryberg, Office Manager

OFFICE REPORT:

The office is caught up with shows but have requests out for show information/fees not received yet.

Regional paperwork, judge cards with labels, premium envelopes with labels mailed to supers. Judge contracts mailed. We are also co-ordinating efforts with the Regional Committee to acquire free number shows for all shows at a significant savings to ALSA.

All Regional/Grand National Information has been posted to website. Request that the Website Committee review website and send the office the URL of any pages that are out of date/ need changed or removed. The ALSA Office is being trained and helped with all website requests by our current Webmaster and most requests have been accomplished within 24 hours or

less.

The Camelid Community meeting was another great opportunity to interact with leaders of the lama industry from across the country. The alpaca industry was heavily represented this year. The ILR Representatives have agreed to put our proposal regarding adding ALSA Awards to the ILR Pedigree Certificates on their BOD Agenda. The Camelid Community is very active in working together to help new and existing owners in a variety of ways, and make this information widely available.

I have not received any committee paragraphs for our year-end report. If we have one from the President, Office, Treasurer as well as a comprehensive report regarding our new software,

A simple request for these reports is a paragraph describing what was accomplished in 2008 and or what is being planned for 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Ryberg  
ALSA Office

Cheryl Ryberg left since she is no longer needed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. ALSA Standing Rules and Bylaws:
  - a. Ken has some questions and is sending them to the correct committee for comment and/or review.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 1. Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Mary Reed

Following up on our telephone conversation I have attached a word file that contains the previously board approved draft of alpaca handbook parts J and K. I have made two changes to the draft that I was asked to submit to Kay Sharpnack in December 2007 for the 2008 Handbook.

I have changed the reference to Level I judge to Level Judge and Level II and Level III judge to Senior Judge, to conform with the Judge designation changes that were adopted last year.

I also included the handbook change that separated previously shorn yearling Suri from not-previously shorn yearling Suri Alpacas, approved by the board in 2008.

While there are numerous corrections that need to be made to the 2008 handbook, these two sections contain the most significant errors and will impact the management of Alpaca shows offered in 2009.

In Part J, Section 1, B. The handbook omitted the word **NOT** and would allow a show to combine all alpaca classes, Huacaya and suri, full fleece and shorn, into one class. This is totally incorrect and is tremendously significant to show management.

There are a number of minor corrections when you compare the previously submitted section J to that printed in the 2008 Handbook. It is apparent that the handbook committee never received the approved sections from the board liaison, Kay Sharpnack.

Section K details rules governing Alpaca Halter Classes, and is the most important Alpaca related section in the handbook. The errors include Section 1.A.2. Did not include Variegated Color in the Mixed Group, approved as a handbook change in 2007. This also affects C. Color Description Definitions, changed to include variegated light and dark.

In section 2 A 4., B.2. and C.2. corrections were made to the requirements for color groups and combining of color groups at level I, II and III shows. This is the most important correction being requested.

In Section 3, B. The Yearling Suri 2008 approved handbook change for previously shorn and not-previously shorn length restrictions were listed under Huacaya yearling in the new handbook. This change has been made to the Suri fiber length requirements in the attached draft.

Also in Section 3. 2. Shorn Class the 2008 Handbook duplicated g and h. and should instead allow for classes to be divided by color, following the same color divisions as in full fleece classes. This is a significant error, as the 2008 handbook rules do not allow show management to divide shorn classes by color. Shorn classes would only be divided by breed, sex and age. We added the division by color as a handbook change several years ago.

In Section 6. Negative Traits for judging - C. Negative Traits for Unshorn Huacaya and Suri Fleece - the approved changes were not included and this section is not consistent with our judge training materials.

Thanks for taking this request to the board for approval. It would be terrific if the on-line version of the 2008 handbook could be corrected to include these sections J. and K. We can defer the remaining corrections to the 2009 Handbook.

Mary Reed

2. Election Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Lougene Baird

**Election Committee Report – August 11, 2009**

The 2009 General Election total expenses incurred by the Committee was \$1,434.07 or \$1.74 per member receiving a ballot.

Anticipating an increase in supplies and postage for the 2010 General Election, a budget of \$1.89 per member is being submitted. This final cost will be determined by the number of ballots mailed.

The Chair is requesting the Board approve the return of Jerry Dunn, Golden Colorado, and Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Colorado, be approved as Committee members. Their history of Committee involvement, understanding of urgency and timeliness, knowledge of the ALSA Bylaws and Standing Rules and ability to objectively think through issues presented to the Committee is outstanding. Their past service stands for their value to the Committee.

The Committee is requesting the Board of Directors supply the Committee with a table or booth in a common area at the Grand National Show. The Committee would be present for the purpose of answering questions regarding the 2010 General Election and call member's attention to where the Petition to Nominate Forms will be located on the ALSA website. This would be a positive opportunity for those attending the GN to begin thinking about running for the Board or who they might Petition to be placed on the Ballot. The table need not be available during the entire show.

Respectfully,

Lougene Baird

Chair, ALSA Election Committee

Motion by Cathie: Give permission to set up booth at Grand Nationals.

Seconded by Tom

Carried

3. Ethics Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair:

4. Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Cindy Ruckman

5. Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Tom)

Chair:

See Treasurer's Report above.

6. Grand National Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair: Malcolm and Carolann Tallman

No Report

7. Handbook Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Wally Baker

**2009 ALSA HANDBOOK CHANGES:**

None

8. Judge's Committee: (liaison: Cathie)

Chair: Susan Tellez

THE ALSA JUDGE COMMITTEE respectfully submits the following Activity Report

**ALSA FLEECE CLINIC** - Grass Valley, California - September 11-13, 2009

Co-Sponsored by ALSA and the LANA organization will be held for the combined training

For Alpaca and Llama Fleece and Walking Fleece for Beginners and present Halter Judges.

Coordinator is Maryan Baker; Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Cindy Ruckman

**ALSA ALPACA FLEECE** - Apprenticeship Judging Activity – Findlay, Ohio – September 18-20, 2009

Apprentice Activity for Huacaya and Suri held in Findlay for fleece and Walking Fleece Instructional Practice for Apprentices and Halter Judges.

Coordinator: Deb Yeagle; Instructors: Lavona Fercho and Deb Yeagle

The following activities will be co-ordinated and supervised by Judge Committee members involved with respective areas and supervised during Nationals by Judges and Committee Chair Susan Tellez

**ALSA LLAMA FLEECE CERTIFICATION** Activity will be offered at the ALSA National Show

**ALSA WALKING FLEECE APPRENTICESHIP** and/or **CERTIFICATION** will be offered at the **ALSA Nationals**

**ALSA JUDGE'S MEETING** - at **ALSA NATIONAL SHOW** -

THURSDAY 6:00 PM – 22 October, 2009



ALSA ALPACA SECTIONS of RULES and GUIDELINES will be corrected and available through the ALSA Office for Show Management and Alpaca Judges or Apprentices. This Document will replace the present Alpaca Sections of the Handbook .

The Judges Committee has no proposals or recommendations for Judge Certifications at this time. The Committee has reviewed 2009 Recertification and will make a recommendation for future Halter and Fleece Judge Certification Clinics to accommodate the large number of up-coming renewals for 2010.

Respectfully,  
Susan Tellez  
Chair, ALSA Judge Committee

9. Membership Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Jim Rutledge  
Motion by Ken: Approve Jim Rutledge as chair.  
Seconded by Cathie  
Carried

10. Nomination Committee: (liaison: Trish )

Chair: Carolyn Myers  
No Report

10. Performance Committee (liaison: Trish)

Chair: Steve Katzakian

The Performance Committee recommends that the ALSA BOD change the weight requirement for a pack as specified in the 2008 ALSA handbook, 15th edition, (Part M, Section 14, Item A, Paragraph 2; Part M, Section 14, Item B, Paragraph 2; and any other sections which may designate a minimum pack weight for a Pack Performance class) be modified to remove the minimum weight requirement for all animals. In addition, it is also recommended that the language which specifies that the pack is "complete with fill material to simulate a full pack loaded for an actual packing trip" be added to reference all packs for all animals. Since the rules specify that "packs must be proper scale for the animal's size" it is likely that this will require a ruling by each judge prior to a competition. It is requested that the BOD make a recommendation to the Judges' Committee to provide appropriate training to judges to determine properly filled packs.

Since a performance class is meant to “simulate” conditions and demonstrate the intelligence and versatility of these animals, it is the founded opinion of this committee that removing the minimum weight requirement for packs will have no effect on those objectives and this change will address three areas of concern:

1) Health and Safety of handlers - We now have many handlers that have difficulty lifting 40 lbs. (due to age, or injury, or some other factor).

2) Health and Safety of animals - Many of these animals are not conditioned to carry such weight as the only time they actually carry that weight is during the pack class competition at a show. In addition, a smaller animal (e.g., mini llama or very small llama) may be overloaded with such weight.

3) Improving participation in Pack Class - Frequently, the pack class is lowest in participation. It is believed that the two above mentioned issues are key to this lack of participation. Removing the weight requirement will make it possible for more people and more animals to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Katzakian

ALSA Performance Committee Chair.

comments: BOD would like to have some weight carried,  
can this be resubmitted with consideration of  
some weight.

11. Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Bob )

Chair: Penny Davidson

Motion by Bob: Approve Penny Davidson as chair.

Seconded by Tom

Carried

14. Promotion Committee: (liaison: Keith )

Chair:

15. Protest Committee: (liaison: Keith)

Chair:

16. Publications Committee: (liaison: Ken )

Chair: Gail Woodsum

17. Regionals Committee:

Chair: Sharon Carrier

The following is the monthly update to the BOD for the Regionals shows:

1. All locations for the Regionals shows are under contracts & signed.
2. Ribbons are being finished in order by show dates & will be sent out accordingly.
3. All judges contracts have been sent out & are waiting on three to be signed & sent back to the ALSA office.
4. All plans for the Regional shows are being finalized.
5. Volunteers are being contacted.

After such a slow start, the Regionals Supers have done their job like no others. They have planned stud auctions, dinners and just plain good fellowship & fun. This year, thanks to the determination of one of the Regional Supers, they have even been able to tie the Regional show to a livestock show which is also a double show, to allow the exhibitors to show at three shows at one time, with an opportunity to earn four times the points.

At this time I would like to thank each & every Super for a great job & patience with a new Regional Chair.

Sharon Carrier

18. Show Management Committee: (liaison: Bob)

Chair: Larry Laux

Barb Parsons

19. Web site Committee: (liaison: Trish)

Chair:

1. Bill paid for 1 year of housing website.

20. Youth Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Christie Stewart

Report did not get to all BOD members

MEMBER'S LETTERS TO THE BOD:

Member's letters and/or email were reviewed by the BOD.

1. Larry Llewellyn- Tom will contact him
2. Pearson- Idea for stickers regarding ALSA awards passed to Promotion committee for costs and review.

Motion to adjourn by Cathie

Seconded by Trish

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:21 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Brandt-Robuck

Secretary

August 19, 2009

MINUTES APPROVED:

**EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:**

BOD policy: email motions need a second to be attached to the minutes.

Motion by Ken: Approve Youth Committee

Seconded by: Tom

Chair Christie Stewart

members; Michelle Batt, Kim Kyst, Barb Parsons, Marilyn Nenni.

Carried July 30, 2009

Motion by Tom: Discontinue the Services of Piper Associates. Tom will prepare Federal 990 Return.

Seconded by Trish

Carried: August 8, 2009