

ALSA Board of Directors Minutes August 9, 2023

Call to order: 7:10 p.m. CDT.

Roll call:

Board Members:	Cathie Kindler, President (absent) Anna Reese, Vice-President Ron Baird, Secretary Lauren Wright Ulin Andrews Denise Fehrenbach (absent) Holly Jensen
Others:	Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary Vern Wright, Treasurer

I. Office Report

Sorry for the delay, I kept telling myself I would get the report out sooner but between our county fair, Ohio State Fair, and Indiana State Fair it definitely didn't happen.

We currently have 47 shows sanctioned for 2023! This includes nationals and 3 regionals. I have 3 show results that I am working on posting and I believe those are the only 3 results so show supers are doing a great job reporting results in a timely manner.

All Youth Top Ten signs have been delivered and most of the youth and adults I talked with really liked them. All the certificates have been emailed out too.

I am working with Vern on getting QuickBooks online payments set-up that will help streamline some of the accounting.

Website:

As far as the website goes, we are at a bit of a stand still. I am waiting on committees to get me updated information. I will probably have to go ahead and submit what I can and come back later once the site is built and update information. I know this time of year is very busy with 4-H and shows. Most of the information and documents has been updated, it's mostly the judges, fleece, and youth sections.

The logo is coming along, hopefully we should have a preview by the next meeting.

Does anyone have any high-quality photos of llamas and alpacas at shows and around the farm? It would be nice to add a few photos, but they need to be of good quality.

Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,530.00
Motion by Ron. Seconded by Holly. Motion
unanimously passed.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Vern reported the following pertinent financial information:

ALSA has the following cash balances:

Checking:	\$31,257.17
Savings:	\$50,019.72
Youth:	<u>\$10,752.14</u>
Total:	\$31,257.17

July income and expenditures were as follows:

Starting balance:	\$32,112.21
Deposits:	\$ 1,649.59
Checks written:	\$ 1,869.28
Debit card:	<u>\$ 635.35</u>
Ending July balance:	\$31,257.17

Vern pointed out ALSA is entering into a time-period during which we have some one-time annual expenses that come due. So, right now, reported expenses are higher than usual.

Discussion was held focused on adding a phone line to the office iPad. This would have auto features such as an answering service and others that would improve communications between members and non-members and the office. The cost of this addition would increase expenses by \$20.00 monthly. The board agreed with Vern and Becci that the addition would be a good move for ALSA to take.

Vern departed the meeting at 7:24 p.m. CDT.

III. Committee Reports:

Alpaca – Chair: Vicky Donley, Liaison: Lauren
No activity

By-laws and Standing Rules – Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Ron Baird

There continue to be no recommended changes.

Regards,
Lougene Baird, Chair
ALSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Elections - Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Cathie

Nominations have opened for the ALSA General Election 2023. Nominations close September 1. The committee still is awaiting inquiries.
Regards,

Lougene Baird, Chair
ALSA Election Committee

Ethics and Protest- Chair: Cheryl Lambert, Liaison: Ulin
No activity

Finance & Budget – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Ron
Please refer to the Treasurer’s report presented above.

Fleece – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise
No report

Grand National – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Holly
Susan Leslie, Chair

Handbook – Chair: Adryce Mathisen, Liaison: Denise

Hello

Here are a few of the changes proposed to the Handbook for your review and approval.

Changes have been highlighted in blue.

Introduction to ALSA - Changed number of BOD positions to align with Bylaws.

Added: Fleece to the types of classes included in shows.

Part A - Membership and Dues - Changed upper age limit for Youth to 19 years of age.

Part B - Committees - Added: section explaining the current system of creating Addendums to the Handbook between complete Handbook revisions.

Added: statement that the official Handbook and Addendums are the ones online.

Updated committee membership requirements for the Judges' Committee.

Combined membership requirements and responsibilities where committees have been combined.

Part C - Eligibility for Llama and Alpaca Shows - Combined sections related to Permission to Show form.

Added: all the options for animal tracking numbers.

Please review and approve or let me know what changes you want. More to come soon!

Adryce Mathisen, Chair

Motion: Approve the Handbook changes as presented. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Lauren. Motion unanimously passed.

Judges' -- Mary Jo Miller Chair, Liaison: Ulin

Ulin said Courtney Onslager wants to be an ALSA Judge again. It said the iLR was considering her application there. It was discussed and suggested ALSA wait to learn what action the ILR takes. Tabled until September meeting.

Membership, Publications, Promotions, Marketing & Website – Chair: Becci, Liaison: Cathie

Current ALSA membership is:

165 Adult Members - 1 renewal in July
174 Youth Members - 5 New youth or renewals in July and 7 so far for August

125 Lifetime members

Becci gave an update to the above numbers – 168 Adult members and 175 Youth members.

Becci Kunkel, Chair

Performance – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna
No activity

Regional Committee – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna
Ribbons have been ordered to all the regional shows.

Show Management, Policy & Planning – Chair: Kari Price, Liaison: Holly
No activity

Youth Committee – Chair: Jennie Hodgen, Liaison: Denise
No report

IV. Old Business:

None

V. New Business:

Ulin moved to create a new committee to write the history of ALSA for the new website. He recommended Ron chair the committee, which would consist of members of his choosing.

Motion: Form a committee to collect the history of ALSA. Motion by Ulin. Seconded by Anna. Motion passed.

The next regular Board meeting will be September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:41 p.m. CDT. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Ulin. Motion unanimously passed.

The ALSA Board of Directors may convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, any items on this agenda or to consult with Legal and/or Accounting Counsel.