

ALSA Board of Directors Minutes

March 13, 2024

Call to order: 7:05 p.m. CDT.

Roll call:

Board Members: Cathie Kindler, President
Anna Reese, Vice-President
Ron Baird, Secretary
Lauren Wright
Denise Fehrenbach
Holly Jensen
Timothy Smith

Others: Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary
Vern Wright, Treasurer

I. Office Report

Shows sanctioned for 2024: 27 Shows including 3 new shows. All show results for 2024 that have been submitted have been uploaded to the database.

I am making good headway on 2021 show results and hope to have them finished within a month. I would like to do certificates for the 2021 youth Top Ten that would be emailed.

Following discussion, it was decided to post the 2021 youth Top Ten to the website and not attempt to find all and send certificates.

I have the 2023 Youth Top Ten list finalized except for the Boone County show.

There was discussion as to how to obtain those results as Becci has expended considerable effort on this matter.

This discussion also considered what to do about shows that do not promptly send their results and fees to the office.

There is an issue I will address at the board meeting. I have been in contact with the company doing the awards. I'm not sure of the timeline for getting the signs done but hopefully soon. I will try to have an update for the board meeting.

As far as 2023 shows, I have been in touch with all of them about final payments, show results and have most everything wrapped up except for one show. I have worked on an email that includes everything I need from show superintendents and a timeline.

We've had a good response about the Handbooks, which are ordered. A lot of positive comments about the price. I'm hoping we can have 10-15 of them for Showcase and start delivering them.

The ALSA office telephone has been switched over to the new service and an application for it is now on Becci's phone, enabling increased flexibility.

As far as the website is concerned, I will hopefully have a final up before the board meeting but sometime next week.

Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,665.00 for February. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Lauren. Motion unanimously passed.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Vern reported the following financial information:

Treasury work is completely caught up. Revenues are slightly behind last year's at this moment, but that is due to a high volume of prepayment at yearend 2023. The Department of Labor has changed its definitions of what constitutes an independent contractor versus an employee. Vern will be spending time examining this for what effect it could have on ALSA.

Financials as of February 29, 2024"

Total revenues: \$5,440.23

Total expenses: 944.43

Net Income: \$4,495.80

Total assets: \$103,118.42

Total liabilities: -4,150.00

Equity: \$107,268.42

Vern departed the conference call at 7:32 p.m. CDT.

III. Committee Reports:

Alpaca – Chair: Vicky Donley, Liaison: Lauren

I'm happy to say there were a total of 20 Alpacas and 1 llama at the Boone County Illinois - Alpaca & Llama Show in 2023. Classes were 2 oz fiber samples, halter, performance, and costume. The fair board requested animals be on the grounds from Wed to Sunday. I am now stating that if the animals have CVI's they can indeed show Sat & Sun. More information is coming for the 2024 show. This is the LARGEST county show in Illinois! Consider participating!

With that said, we NEED more judges!! There is a clinic at Alpaca Pines LLC Farm and Fiber Mill May 17-20. Please consider this great opportunity! A deposit is needed before the clinic. I'm so happy about this clinic. I've attached the info, please, if you have questions, email me or call Deb.

Next, ALSA Nationals, let's pack the place with fibery goodness!! Call your friends, 4-H groups and get them to participate!! I cannot stress this enough. We also need though fiber! Isn't that what these beautiful animals are bred for?

Lastly, I'm going to do my best to stress the importance of getting animals registered.

I'm very excited about 2024.

ALSA is a great organization.

Thanks everyone!!

Any questions please email me.

Vicki Donley

Alpaca Chair

Also see the alpaca clinic announcement appended hereto.

By-laws and Standing Rules – Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Ron
There continue to be no recommended changes.

Regards,
Lougene Baird, Chair

Elections - Chair: Kelsey Matthews, Liaison: Cathie

An urgent reminder: Three Board seats open this year with the mandatory retirements of Cathie, Lauren, and Ron. Plan now to run for election to the Board, which happens next Fall!

Regards,
Lougene Baird, Past Chair

Ethics and Protest - Chair: Steve Auld, Liaison: Tim

Tim reported a new Ethics Committee has been seated. They are:

Steve Auld, Chairman

Maylene Hall, Secretary

Alisca deRegnier

Alyssa Jensen

Michelle Gohr

The committee is using Facebook Messenger as a common means of communication to be used during investigation of issues. They are ready to go.

Tim was asked to convey the thanks of all ALSA to Cheryl Lambert, the past chair, who led this important committee for many years.

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

Cathie reported on the facility for the 2024 as well as a person to head up the important task of designing obstacle courses.

Handbook – Chair: Open, Liaisons: Denise and Ron

As mentioned under the office report above, the 2024 ALSA Handbooks are in the process of being printed.

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

No report

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

Membership
Adult: 111
Youth: 61
Adult Lifetime: 125
Youth Lifetime: 3

Becci Kunkel, Chair

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

Regional Committee – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna
No report

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:

A. Report on a volunteer or committee of volunteers to obtain donations for the Youth Scholarship Fund and Grand National awards.

Denise and Tim oversee this and should have a report at the April Board meeting.

B. Submit names of individuals who have performed services as ALSA volunteers for honoring at this year's Grand National Show.

Tom and Barb Parsons were selected for this year's President's Award.

The next regular Board meeting will
be April 10th at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:48 p.m. CST. Motion by Tim.
Seconded by Ron. The 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.

Alpaca and Llama Show Association, Inc.

BEGINNING & ADVANCED ALPACA HALTER JUDGES CLINIC,
May 17,18,19,20

Instructors: Deb Yeagle, 419 6801186, loftypine@yahoo.com

Application Deadline: April 20, 2024

Vicki Donley

Alpaca Pines LLC Farm and Fiber Mill

21756 Beaverton Rd.

Poplar Grove, Illinois

This Alpaca Judges Clinic is open to ALSA members interested in Beginning Alpaca Halter Judging or Advanced Alpaca Halter Judging, as well as those needing to re-certify as an Alpaca Halter Judge. The clinic will cover two and one half intense days of instruction, judging, and testing in two parts. The first part of the clinic will cover criteria for evaluating both Suri and Huacaya fiber, terminology, evaluation process, placement, and the Alpaca fleece judging card criteria. The second half will cover alpaca conformation, anatomy, phenotype, defects and movement. Participants are expected to successfully complete the minimum requirements in both areas of the program for certification. Breeder clinic can stay for the entire clinic if they chose during the Friday can do so and pay the rest of the clinic costs.

Alpaca Halter Judges Clinic will cover the following:

*Review of Current ALSA Handbook * Alpaca Halter Classes: Ethics, Rules, Judging
Criteria * Halter Class Judging * Fleece Evaluation* Showmanship Judging *
Performance Classes * Ring Procedures * Practice Judging of Halter Classes *
*Oral Reasons * Fleece Analysis Procedure * Testing and Evaluating of Judges *

I am attending the Clinic as: (check applicable)

ALSA Alpaca Halter Judge Beginning Auditing (with Permission) \$300.00

ALSA Alpaca Halter Judge Advanced Auditing (with Permission) \$300.00

ALSA Alpaca Halter Judge Re-Certifying(help teacher)possible instructor
\$150.00

ALSA Alpaca Fleece Certifying/recertifying start May 17,9 am to 8pm, May18, 9 to 8, May 19,,
half Sunday May 20, 9am to 2pm, 3 pm half day all evening , full May 21 to 3pm llama might
be and will alpaca fiber will be half fiber as it is half of the halter 150. Must be there all
days but Friday if you are just doing fiber start at 1 pm goes to monday at 3 call Deb if you
have questions.

Breeders clinic May 17 th 10 am - 5 pm 75.00

Fees: All persons attending the Clinic will pay a \$300 fee. This fee includes the Manual, lectures, work with
animals and one lunch for Alpaca halter, performance, showmanship for judge or apprentice. 150 is for the fiber in
addition. There will be no refunds, however fees can apply to another clinic.

Name(s): _____

Ranch/Farm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

For further information contact: Deb Yeagle, loftypine@yahoo.com, 419 6801186
Vicki Donley 815 621 8116 for information, lodging, and rides from airport.