

ALSA Board of Directors Minutes October 12, 2022

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. CDT

Roll call:

Board Members:	Cathie Kindler, President Anna Reese, Vice-President Ron Baird, Secretary Lauren Wright Ulin Andrews
Others:	Linda Kendall, Executive Secretary Becci Kunkel, Office Vern Wright, Treasurer

Office Report:

Linda:

1. I am getting shows put in as fast as I can! I worked 11 straight days and made quite a bit of progress. The results that are submitted via the new spreadsheet are a snap to get loaded onto the database, thus the website. The results that are emailed and are on a PDF form were proving to be problematic. I used the debit card and purchased from ADOBE software to convert PDF files to Excel files at a cost of \$1.99/month. This was a game changer and saved hours and hours of retyping everything, thus saving ALSA money. I verified animal numbers for 2 of Kathy Duval's double shows in less than two hours. And they were DONE! In contrast it took me 2 8-hour days to do one of Tami Lash's Millennium shows. One of the drawbacks I am hearing and utterly understand is that not everyone has access to Microsoft Excel. Personally, I would die without it, and we get it for a minor fee through Karl's employer. So, I get it; Microsoft office is expensive and who wants to pay that kind of money just for ALSA results. SO...between Karl and Becci I am convinced that Google Docs is the way to go. Once I get 2022 done, I will set 2023 up on Google Docs.
2. Anna brought up the "no animal name" on the youth results on the website. There is a column header for animal name, but our current results show this column as a blank. The BOD agreed in the December 2021 meeting to capture the animal number. This is more accurate than a name because as we have all seen names can change (i.e., Tiny Dancer, Pleasant Acres Tiny Dancer, Dancer, JJ, JJ Watts, J Wats) from show to show. In researching this situation further, I looked back to 2017 and lo and behold the animal's name was listed on the website results page. I questioned how this came about. In looking at the individual "Add youth points" recording record there is a field to manually type in the name of the animal, whereas when entering animal points, the animal number brings up the animal's name for verification.

Linda commented that she is making great progress getting shows entered. There are some problems with animal names and numbers.

The Board recommended she use only the ILR numbers for the animals when entering data.

YOUTH Showpoints Entry Form

ShowID: 2012 March Magic - Emerald

MemberID: McClung

Animalname:

Year (click here for 2004): Primekey (do NOT change this):

If this record has a problem, FLAG it: Description:

Show Details

ShowID: 2013 2012 March Magic - Emerald 03/17-18, 2012

The only way to have the animal's name show up on results is to enter each and every entry one by one as we did in the past. I can see if Karl cannot get that animal number to print in that column on the website for now. He is a bit reluctant to make such changes in our current website for fear of "breaking it." Once we move to a new website we can put the name, the number, the eye color, or the age of the animal.

Becci:

1. When can members start renewing for 2023? I had a new member contact me about paying for a new membership and it rolling over to 2023? Cathie and the Board agreed that if a member is renewing at this time of year, the membership is valid until the end of 2023.
2. Previously there was discussion about adding me to the email? I am just following up with this to see if this is still something the Board wants me to do. The Board definitely wants Becci added to the email, so she is cognizant of all inquiries.
3. I would like to add Facebook to the ALSA phone, it would make it easier for me to answer messages and post information, especially when at shows and at Nationals. I would need additional information for the app account, I think billing address mainly. The Board approved Becci adding Facebook to the ALSA phone charges, so there is more exposure to ALSA and its activities.

Discussion related to the weekly telephone meetings Linda and Becci hold to discuss their work. For Board members to join this call, notify Linda beforehand for admission to the conversation.

Motion: Pay the office expenses of Becci Kunkel in the amount of \$756.00 and the \$1,113.75 office expenses for

Linda Tinsley. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Anna. Motion unanimously passed.

I. Treasurer's Report:

Vern stated that due to Hurricane Ian, his property, house, barns, and everything else were in a mess. He has not had time to bring the financials up to date as he usually does. ALSA has \$93,831 in cash and the Youth Scholarship Fund has \$7,528 available for awards.

He will need time to get the financials done due to the hurricane and his move to Buffalo, New York very shortly. Vern is working with Susan Leslie on the Grand National funding requirements.

Meanwhile, deposit ALL Grand National checks and other funds in the Chase account. Keep a record of who send the funds, what they are for, and so forth so the records will be complete. Susan will manage the Kirkwood Center bill at the end of the show.

Vern left the meeting at 7:44 p.m. CDT.

See the financials appended hereto.

II. 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 suggested changes concerning the Bylaws or Standing Rules. The Committee has not received direction from the Board of Directors to begin a Bylaw or Standing Rule change.

Respectfully,

Lougene Baird, Chair

Elections - Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Cathie

The next General Election and Election of Directors will take place in October 2023. An ALSA member in good standing with the organization may declare himself or herself a candidate between July 1, 2023, and September 1, 2023. Please consider running for the ALSA Board. As a director your time will be invested in the future of ALSA. Please direct your questions concerning how to place your name on the ballot to the Election Committee.

Lougene Baird, Chair

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 and in the addendum.

Fleece – Chair: **OPEN**, Liaison: Lauren

No activity

Grand National – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Cathie

Susan reported ALSA had met its goal of \$5,000 in show sponsorships. Show program is at the printer. Entries were to be all completed by this evening, with 45 to 50 exhibitors expected.

Entries compared to last year

	2021	2022
Open performance.	43.	52
Youth.	45.	29
Halter.	91.	122
Fiber.	22.	31

Susan Leslie, Grand Nationals Chairman and Superintendent

Handbook – Chair: Adryce Mathisen, Liaison: Ron

Nothing new from the Handbook Committee.

Adryce Mathisen, Chair

Judges' – Mary Jo Miller Chair, Liaison: Ulin

No activity

Mary Jo Miller, Chair

Membership, Publications, Promotions, Marketing & Website – Chair: Linda Tinsley, Liaison: Ulin

Linda reports there are many more new members from the Midwest and that renewing members are more than last year. The Board thought the show location has much to do with this. As of this meeting, ALSA has 190 members. Linda Tinsley, Chair

Performance – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna

No activity

Regional Committee – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna

There was a small Western Regional show this year. The Southeast Regional Show, this coming weekend, is shaping up to be quite large despite Hurricane Ian with more animals already entered than last year.

Show Management, Policy & Planning – Chair: Kathy Devaul, Liaison: Lauren

No activity

Youth Committee – Chair: Donna Justin, Liaison: Cathie

No activity

III. Old Business:

a. Grand National Show update.

See the above report.

- b. Update on interested parties' request to be certified as ALSA Judges (from Judges' Committee).

The Judges' Committee is working on these requests.

- c. Update on a request concerning holding an alpaca clinic (report from Judges' committee).

This is a good idea, so long as the clinic has two instructors, to present different methodologies.

V. New Business:

- a. Discussion concerning succession on Board and recruitment of new members to the Board.

The Election Committee will look at holding a Special Election for a new Board member to fill out the rotation schedule and provide a complete Board complement. There will, soon, be a need to update the Bylaws through a membership vote.

The next regular Board meeting will be
November 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. CST.

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 p.m. CDT. Motion by Anna.
Seconded by Ron. 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.

**Addendum
Financial Statements**

Not presented this month due to Hurricane Ian