

ALSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

July 9th, 2025 via Zoom

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

Roll call:

Board Members: Denise Fehrenbach, President

Harvey Pool, Parliamentarian and Vice President

Brianna Evert, Secretary

Kelly Squires- absent

Vicki Donley- in at 8:30 CST.

Timothy Smith

Others present: Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary

Vern Wright, Treasurer

Kristen Varas

Cathie Kindler

Motions passed by e-mail in the interim:

[ALSA Motion Spreadsheet](#)

Amy Bowling approved as an ALSA fleece judge, vote passed unanimously.

I. Office Report: Becci-I am almost caught up on 2025 show results, I have 2 more shows to upload which should be done by the meeting. I did have an issue with internet connection and access which has slowed me down but seems to be working better again. It's an issue with that old database losing connection frequently but not sure why.

We have 44 shows sanctioned for 2025 including Nationals and the Regional shows. I'm still waiting on another show or 2 to sanction for 2025.

Membership:

156 Adult members

119 Youth members

Adult and Youth Lifetime are unchanged

25 new members for 2025 plus a number of memberships that have renewed for the first time in quite awhile.

I should be done with 2019 by the meeting next week.

I have been in contact with QuickBooks about fixing the issues that came about from the transfer. I was told the journal entry should be done by 7/7/25 and they are looking into the 1099 employee requirements for me and should have an answer on 7/7 also.

There's a number of things I am trying to get wrapped up and organized for Nationals, the big one is banners and working on the show books. I also plan to start posting the entry forms, hotel info and anything else this coming week.

Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,395.00

Tim- motion

Harvey 2nd

II. Treasurer's Report:

Assets:

Checking: \$25,407.98

Savings: \$50,029.29

Youth Scholarship: \$10,754.16 Youth scholarship recipients will mail check tomorrow for \$750.00

Liabilities

Income: \$8,783

Expenses: \$19,479

Net Income: No profit made yet -\$10,696

NB: Financials are reported as of today, 7/9/25.

Harvey on account yet? Has not been to bank yet. Harvey Has agreed that he will be going to the bank ASAP so we can remove the previous account holder, and add Kristen to the ALSA account.

III. Committee Reports:

Alpaca – Chair: Deb Yeagle Liaison: Vicki

Deb Yeagle for Chair-

Motion- Brianna

2nd- Tim

Passed unanimously

By-laws and Standing Rules – Chair: pending; Liaison: Tim

No report

Elections - Chair: Kelsi Matthews; Liaison: Vicki

There are two people running

Ethics and Protest- Chair: Steve Auld Liaison: Tim

No report

Finance & Budget – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Harvey

Please refer to the Treasurer's report presented above.

Fleece – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise

Next meeting 7/29.

Grand National – Chair Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Harvey

10 buckles sponsored, Showmanship-4; 6 performance buckles, nov, adv master, all youth. Denise asked if anything else needs sponsored- Cathie- looking to get sponsors for versatility youth and open- want a total for \$500. Youth- Performance, Showmanship, Fiber, Judging. Open- performance, fiber, halter. This year instead of youth scholarship money will go to upgrading the database. This year only. Looking for background theme red, white and blue. Dedication- CarolAnn and Malcolm Tallmon.

Handbook – Chair: vacant Liaison: Brianna

No report.

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

See attachment A below

Motion to accept but strike word “advanced”

2nd Brianna

Passed unanimously

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

2025 Membership:

156 Adult members

119 Youth members

Adult and Youth Lifetime are unchanged

2024 Membership

141 Adult Members

102 Youth Members

Performance – Chair: Cathie Kindler- Liaison: Brianna

Considerations on what the group considers fair to move animals from novice to advanced:

- Keep the number of grands and reserves the same
- Add a requirement that the grands/reserves come from at least two different shows
- Grands/reserves from Junior youth should not count towards bumping an animal
- Grands/reserves from non-approved sanctioned shows should not count towards bumping an animal.
- Once approved, Cathie will send an email to ILR for their consideration

Proposed changes:

- In order for an animal to be bumped from novice performance to advanced performance their grands/reserves must come from at least two different shows
 - Grands and reserves from Junior youth or non-sanctioned shows will not count towards bumping an animal from novice to advanced
- Votes taken
 - Megan - yes
 - Vanessa - yes
 - Pedro - yes
 - Kayla - yes
 - Amanda - yes
 - Andrea - yes

Next item of discussion: An animal's owner is responsible for contacting the ALSA office with the shows and grands and reserves that would bump them to advanced

- This would go out as an announcement with the rule change to update people of the rule change, if approved by the ALSA board, to go into effect January 1st, 2026

Changes in handbook tabled for next meeting

- July 16th, same time

Motion- to approve as amended- Brianna, Harvey 2nd.

Passed unanimously.

Regional Committee – Chair: Kelsi Matthews Liaison: Denise

No report.

Show Management, Policy & Planning –Chair: Kari Price, Liaison: Tim

No report.

Youth Committee – Chair: Jennie Hodgen Liaison: Kelly

No report.

IV. Old Business:

None

V. New Business:

Read minutes and vote to approve within 10 days.

The next regular Board meeting will be: 8/13/25 @ 7pm CST

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:38pm CST- Vicki

Seconded by Harvey

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.

Attachment A

Section 5.

Judging Clinics

A. The Judges' Committee has full responsibility for scheduling and organizing the Judges' Clinics. Alpaca and Fleece Clinics will be upon the recommendations of the Alpaca and Fleece Committees.

B. The Judges' Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for Instructors.

1. Instructors must be apprentice accepting judges and apply to the judges' committee for approval to become an instructor. After approval the Judges' committee will make a recommendation to the ALSA Board who will be responsible for final approval.

C. 1. The list of Instructors and Assistant Instructors will be maintained by the Judges' Committee and provided to the ALSA Board annually.

D. 1. ILR-Show Division judges who carry an Advanced Teaching Judge status are allowed to be an ALSA Instructor after making a request for certification to the Judges' Committee and approval of both the Judges' Committee and the ALSA Board of Directors.

D. The Judges' Committee also has the option to incorporate "expert presenters", for example, a fiber or anatomy expert.

E. Each Judges' Clinic will be taught according to guidelines as approved and developed by the Judges' Committee. Participants at an Advanced Judging Clinic will be given a numerical score on the following clinic activities:

- 1. Terminology***
- 2. Conformation (Identification)***
- 3. Conformation (Knowledge)***
- 4. Halter classes judged***
- 5. Reasons or Oral presentations***
- 6. Performance (Knowledge)***
- 7. Performance classes judged***
- 8. Performance scoring reasoning***
- 9. Showmanship (Knowledge)***
- 10. Showmanship classes judged***
- 11. Youth Judging***
- 12. Fleece (Knowledge and Identification)-only Fleece clinic***
- 13. Fleeces judges -only Fleece Clinic***
- 14. Ring management, ethics, & working with show management***

F. Clinic material will be uniform, current and relevant.

G. Clinic hosts will set clinic fees and submit to Judges' Committee and then approved by the ALSA Board of Directors.

G. Judges are encouraged to audit clinics to increase their knowledge and/or experience. Auditors will not be required to participate in the testing part of the clinic. If the clinic is full, auditors may not be allowed.