

ALSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

February 11th, 2026 via Zoom

Call to order: 7:06 p.m. CDT.

Roll call:

Board Members: Denise Fehrenbach, President
Lauren Wright, Vice President absent
Kayla Rogers, Secretary
Harvey Pool, Parliamentarian
Brianna Evert
Kelly Squires
Timothy Smith, Assistant Treasurer

Others present:

Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary
Vern Wright, Treasurer absent
Kristen Varas

Motions passed by e-mail in the interim:

[ALSA Motion Spreadsheet](#)

I. Office Report: Sorry I'm late with the report, I've been sick this week so I'm slow right now.

We have 20 shows sanctioned for 2026 so far, including one that is returning after a year's hiatus. I have been busy processing lots of memberships.

2026

Adult - 108

Youth - 61

Lifetime Members have stayed the same

I am finalizing the Youth Top Ten, there are a couple of issues I do need to talk with the board about before announcing anything. Hopefully, I have a quote for the signs by the meeting too.

Website has been updated as far as the Board and committees and the handbook changes. I also sent out the handbook changes to all the Show Superintendents too.

Everything for the CT Corp is squared away and taken care of for 2026. I'll have some more info and quotes for that by the meeting.

I had a meeting with Showman App and can discuss that a bit more at the meeting.

Ribbons for Regionals and Nationals have been ordered. I am working on quotes for 2027. We are on a year by year standing with our old ribbon company so I think it's time to find a new company to work with.

All show results are in other than Boone County Llama and Alpaca show. I have tried to reach out multiple times since September.

Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,440.00

Motion Kelly, second Brianna passed unanimously

II. Treasurer's Report: No report

Checking:

Savings:

Youth Scholarship:

Net Income:

NB: Financials are reported as of _____

III. Committee Reports:

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

No report

Elections - Chair: Kelsi Matthews; Liaison: Kayla, Co-Liaison: Kelly

No report, to set up committee

Ethics and Protest- Chair: vacant Liaison: Tim

No report

Finance & Budget – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Denise

Please refer to the Treasurer’s report presented above.

No report

Fleece – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise

Committee members: Joy Bishop, Niki Kuklenski, Patti Morgan, Rawna Hamann

No report

Grand National – Chair Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Lauren

Jennie Hodgen, Becci Kunkel, Katie and Julie Mazac, Kristen Varas

Performance crew, office secretary***

Hey,

Wondering if you want to put together a committee.

Questions for the board.

1. Do we want to give the buckles and versatility awards again? If so, we need 10x\$100 for the buckles and \$500 for 2 versatility awards. Price needs to be \$110 per buckle. Check with data sheet to see how many buckles are needed. Board members are working on getting them sponsored.

It would be great if the board could get 2 buckles each .

2. Theme is 40 and going strong and We'd like to use the 80's as our theme.

3. Did anyone have good decorating ideas?

4. Do we want to do a stall decorating contest. Give either money or free entries for next year.

How about awards for farthest travelers or first entries? Or we can do a raffle. Give each entry a ticket and give a prize for adults and youth.

5. I'd love the board to search out corporate sponsors for prizes or raffle items.

6. I'd like the approval to just do banners for grand and reserve but no ribbons.

- Board decided to give out ribbons already bought

7. Is there any chance we could get Jason to do some of his metal trophies for special awards?

- Jason is doing a BOS male and a BOS female

8. I'd love to have the board get involved with helping with the show. We need someone to be in charge of the raffle items, organizing them and getting them set up and looked after. We need someone to get volunteers to help with the show. (Running numbers, gate keeping, etc)

- BOD redirected this to the Grand National Committee

9. Are you planning the stud raffle again? What do we need to do for that?

- Kelly and Harvey are willing to work with a committee to put that together

10. Does anyone have an in with the Iowa Llama Association to see if they want to sponsor breakfast?

- Becci is willing to call

Are there things you want done? Are there any questions for me at this time? We have Nick Hauptly doing the youth judging Friday night. We need to make sure that is noted on the entry forms. Steve Auld will announce Sunday after he's finished judging. Catherine Steele will again clerk.

That's all I have for now.

Cathie Kindler

Moose Hill Llamas

- Denise and Jennie are going to work on Corporate sponsors this weekend.

Halter Committee - Chair: Liaison Harvy

Harvey to work on a description for this committee

No report

Handbook – Chair: vacant Liaison: Lauren

No report

Part B section 1G

Denise will share out sections of handbook for board edits and approval

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

Judges Committee meeting February 10, 2026 held via Zoom

Members present

Mary Jo Miller - Committee Chair

Mike Haumschild

Terese Evenson

Anna Reese

Tricia Schneeberger

Adryce Mathisen

Harvey Pool - Board Liaison

Called to order at 7:10pm by Mary Jo Miller

A request was submitted to the committee by Nikki Kuklenski to be approved as an ALSA Clinic Instructor via email prior to meeting. A motion was made to approve, seconded and vote was taken via email. Due to tie vote and members abstaining from vote discussion was held during meeting.

After lengthy discussion original motion was withdraw. A new motion was made to decline the request by Nikki Kuklenski to be approved as an ALSA Clinic instructor. Motion seconded and approved. Mary Jo will work on drafting response to inform requestor that request has be declined.

A request from Isaac Beck to be grand fathered in as an approved ALSA judge had been received via email and a motion to approved had been made via email prior to meeting. Due to motion not having been completed via email, discussion was held during meeting. Motion to approve was seconded and passed during meeting.

Mary Jo presented 3 additional requests she had received for judges requesting to be approved as ALSA Clinic instructors from Harvey Pool, Cathie Kindler and Tor Sorensen.

Harvey was asked to remove himself during discussion of his request. Motion was made to approve Harvey Pool as an ALSA Clinic Instructor, seconded and motion passed.

Motion was made to approved Cathie Kindler as an ALSA Clinic Instructor, seconded and motion passed.

Motion was made to approved Tor Sorensen as an ALSA Clinic Instructor, seconded and motion passed.

Mary Jo presented an email from participant that was concerned over inconsistencies in showmanship placements and oral reasons. Discussion was held on how to decrease inconsistencies to improve exhibitor experience. While reminding judges of guidelines was the first and foremost of discussion it was decided that the first step may need to be to revise and update Showmanship guidelines.

Committee will start process.

A thank you was given for Mary Jo for all her hard work as Committee Chair.

Motion to a adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 8:39pm

Nick Hauptly and Tami Lash approved by email to be ALSA Clinic Instructors

ALSA BOD went into executive session at 10:20 CDT and ended at 10:32 CDT

- Board agreed that the letter needs to state the reasons for the applicant to be declined, and state what changes need to be made for the future to be considered.

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

Harvey makes a motion to use the Showman app experimentally for nationals 2026, seconded by Kelly, passed unanimously

Performance – Chair: Cathie Kindler, Liaison: Brianna

Jason Fehrenbach, Megan Fruits, Amanda Olszewski, Pedro Carreno, Andrea Johnson, Vanesa Carter

No report

Regional Committee – Chair: Kelsi Mathew Liaison: Harvey

Committee consists of regional show supervisors

Show Management, Policy & Planning –Chair: Tami Lash, Liaison: Tim

“Tami Lash, Michele Batt, Andrea Johnson, Niki Kuklenski, Kelly McWhorter, Leslie White

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tami Lash, Michele Batt, Niki Kuklenski, Kelly Mcwhorter, Leslie White, Becci Kunkel, Tim Smith

EXCUSED: Andrea Johnson

The first meeting of the ALSA show Management Committee was held on 2/1/2026 and was called to order at 2 PM EST. Committee members consist of Tami Lash, chair, Niki Kuklenski, Kelly Mcwhorter, Leslie White, Andrea Johnson, Michele Batt, Becci Kunkel, Tim Smith

Our committee has been tasked with coming up with a guide to planning shows, especially for new superintendents and those new to ALSA. Included in this is how to run double sanctioned shows. Becci Kunkel is currently working on a Frequently asked question and answer page for the ALSA website.

- Committee reviewed **“Planning An ALSA Show” Hints & Helps**. Discussion followed on updating this guide including adding guidelines for double sanction shows. The current one is from 2009.

- Proposed updates:

1. Page 1- facility for llamas/ *change 17th edition to 23rd edition.*

2. Remove facility for Alpacas

3. Removal of blank page #3

4. Page 6- Performance Crew/ add: *It is recommended and strongly encouraged and copy of the Performance design forms be sent to your performance judge two weeks before the show.*

5. Page 6- Clerks/ Check to make sure that all llamas entered(except for youth classes) have their registration. Non-Breeders do not have to be registered, but must have a vet certificate stating their Non-Breeder status, i.e. gelding, vasectomized, spayed, or non-reproductive female. 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 class.

(Needs to have the note about being listed/tracking number)

(Needs to be consistent with bullet points 3 and 4)

6. Page 8- Judges/ remove paragraph regarding size of show determines what level of judge you will hire.

Add: Apprentices may be used to assist with Performance classes once they have completed acceptable apprenticeship and evaluation as deemed by the Judge.

7. Show Finances/ remove #3 Insurance

8. Page 10- Planning your show information book

First bullet- change 17th to 23rd

Third bullet- All llamas entered in approved classes, with the exception of youth classes, and performance classes, must be registered or have passed screening with the ILR or the Canadian Livestock Record Corp (CLRC). 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 class. Animals entered only in Youth classes, Novice, Advanced, Master or Open Performance classes do not need to be registered but must have a tracking number. Owner must obtain an ALSA tracking number from the ALSA office.

Forth bullet- Non-Breeders do not have to be registered, but must have a vet certificate stating their Non-Breeder status, i.e. gelding, vasectomized, spayed, or non-reproductive female.

Eighth bullet- Youth classes- Sub Junior and Junior youth should not show intact males 18mo and older

(Needs to match what the handbook states)

9. INFORMATION FOR THE ENTRY FORM:

Number 1- If the entrant is not an ALSA member he must pay a \$50 non member fee to participate in the show. Youth non member fee is \$15.

Non-Members may enter one (1) ALSA sanctioned show per year, excluding ALSA Grand Nationals and Regional Shows, without paying the \$50. Non member Farm Fee or the \$15. Non member youth fee. The ALSA per animal fee of \$5.00 per animal still applies. Animals and exhibitors entered under this non-member allowance will not earn ALSA points.

Number 2- Animals registered with ALSA before 1/1/2020 will use their ALSA number for tracking if they have one. Animals after 1/1/2020 will be tracked using their ILR number as long as the owner is a current ALSA member.

c. add- Membership status can be verified through the ALSA office.

Remove d.

Tim Smith stated the Ethics and Protest Committee is looking for a new Chairperson. “

Youth Committee – Chair: Jennie Hodgen Liaison: Kayla

Londyn Rubek, Kim Kyst, Donna Justice,

No report

Motion to accept committee reports with clarifications by Kelly, seconded by Harvey, passed unanimously (The clarifications need to be added in this minutes)

IV. Old Business: none

V. New Business: none

The next regular Board meeting will be: 3/11/26

Motion to Adjourn @ 11:32pm CST - Harvey

Seconded by Kelly

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.