

# ALSA Board of Directors Minutes

## February 14, 2024

**Call to order:** 7:05 p.m. CST.

**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**

24 Sanctioned shows for this year.

Handbooks printed - cost of 50 handbooks, spiral bound, card stock cover, 180 half size pages, black and white. Front and back color.

Office Depot - approximately \$801.70 or \$16.00 a book,

Staples - approximately \$41.00 a book,

Classic Graphics - approximately \$518.85 or \$10.37 a book (I do need to go into their shop and confirm what they are doing - I sent a request for an estimate over their website),

Fast Print Inc. - approximately \$1,101 plus tax or \$22.20 a book,

New Haven Print - approximately \$500.44 or \$10 a book,

Local Print Shop in Decatur - \$705.00 could be less if we do more books.

Vern said he had printed the Handbooks previously at Office Depot and was able to obtain a discount. Denise stated she knows of a center that might print less expensively and would contact it for a quote.

I am attaching the award we used last year or 3 new designs in case the Board wants to go with something different.

Following discussion, the decision was made to use the same format as last year.

I am still waiting on show results from 2 shows for 2023. One show's results were lost in the mail, so they are resending them. The other show, I was told, I would have results back in December and since then phone calls and emails have gone unanswered. There are a few shows that still owe per animal fees and show recap forms. I have been in contact with most of them.

This involved some discussion concerning the tardiness of shows reporting results and/or remitting fees to ALSA. The result was the office will send a friendly reminder to shows to promptly submit their results or possibly face a penalty of some sort.

We should have a preview of the website by the end of next week. Hopefully, by the meeting.

**Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,485.00 for January. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Lauren. Motion unanimously passed.**

**II. Treasurer's Report:**

Vern reported the following financial information:

As of February 14, 2024:

Cash balances:

Checking: \$42,439.55

Savings: \$50,022.21

Youth: \$10,752.67

Total: \$103,214.43

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

**III. Committee Reports:**

***Alpaca*** – Chair: Vicky Donley, Liaison: Lauren

Lauren reported the committee was interested in a judging clinic in May, however, it might occur on the same weekend as Mark Smith's joint clinic. There ensued discussion about possible alternative dates and just who the instructors for the clinic would be. Lauren will report later as to her findings.

***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

**A continued gentle reminder: this year, there will be three Board seats opening with the mandatory retirements of Cathie, Lauren, and Ron. Start planning now to run for election to the Board, which happens next Fall!**

Regards,

Lougene Baird, Past Chair

***Ethics and Protest***- Chair: Cheryl Lambert, Liaison: Tim

Tim received congratulations on becoming the liaison for this committee and was asked to undertake several tasks regarding it.

***Finance & Budget*** – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Ron

Please refer to the Treasurer's report presented above.

***Fleece*** – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise

Cathie mentioned the committee is looking to put together a dual-sanctioned judging clinic, date, and location to be announced.

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

It was reported a new performance course designer would be needed for the 2024 Grand National Show. Qualifications of such designer were discussed.

Tim suggested that, to encourage alpaca owners to participate in the Grand National, ALSA invite AOA members to the show.

**Handbook** – Chair: Open, Liaisons: Denise and Ron

Adryce Mathison has tendered her resignation as chair of the important Handbook Committee after many, many, years of diligent service in this position. A volunteer is needed to replace Adryce in this position. Members: this is YOUR organization, join in the effort to continue its success – contact liaison to discuss becoming chair of this committee.

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

No report

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

87 Adult Members

46 Youth Members

I picked up the mail and have several more membership applications to add to this number.

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

**I. Old Business:**

None

**V. New Business:**

**A.** Discussion regarding reinstatement of Fran Soukup and Mark Smith as ALSA Judges.

Qualifications of these ILR judges were reviewed and a Motion was offered as follows:

**Motion: Reinstate Fran Soukup and Mark Smith as ALSA Judges. Motion by Anna. Seconded by Lauren. The motion unanimously passed.**

**C.** Discuss the need for a volunteer or committee of volunteers to obtain donations for the Youth Scholarship Fund and Grand National awards.

The need for some members to take over the management of the stud raffle and silent auction at Grand Nationals --- both of which benefit ALSA Youth members – was reviewed and discussed. Denise said she would undertake this effort. Tim volunteered to assist Denise.

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

Cathie asked the entire Boar to submit names of outstanding ALSA volunteers to be honored at the 2024 Grand National Show. Such names and why these people should receive the recognition will be submitted at the March Board meeting.

The next regular Board meeting will be March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:52 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.***