

ALSA Board of Directors Minutes

April 10, 2024

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

Roll call:

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

Others: Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary
Vern Wright, Treasurer

I. Office Report

The Youth Top Ten is mostly finalized. I am doing a final check and then signs should be printed this next week and I'll finishing the certificates. I am waiting on a meeting with a sponsor about an additional award we had discussed at an earlier meeting. With it being a large company, I am not sure how fast they will move and if this would be possible for this year.

Handbooks have been mailed out to everyone that ordered them. I have additional handbooks for any new judges/apprentices or anyone else that orders one.

All shows results submitted to me have been uploaded to the database. They are not on the website since the new website should be going live soon.

We have 33 ALSA sanctioned shows, including Nationals and two Regionals. Four shows are new to ALSA.

I'm still working on 2021 shows. With everything going on with Noah, I had to delay working on them but am back at it and trying to get them finalized asap.

For 2023, I am down to three shows left to finalize. For two, I'm just waiting on payment but have been in contact and talked with both shows. The third show is the one I have been having issues with. (Phone calls just go to answering and no responses are received. The superintendent will be informed of possible sanctions if the issues are not quickly resolved.) I have received partial results but no others, no show recap, and no payment. (A day after this meeting, the show superintendent conveyed the 2023 show results and fees to the ALSA office.)

Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,770.00 for March.

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

II. Treasurer's Report:

Vern reported the following financial information:

Revenues are a bit behind last year at this time. This is due to a combination of factors: some Judges prepaid their 2024 Judges' dues, and a number of members paid their 2024 dues in 2023. All told, progress is evident. A refund is being obtained from QuickBooks as ALSA has not been able to implement some features of it.

A suggestion was made that we should look into moving our savings accounts from low-paying bank savings accounts into certificates of deposit to earn more monies from their investment. Vern said he would follow up on this suggestion and report back on it to the Board.

Additional financial information is presented at the end of this report.

Vern departed the conference call at 7:23 p.m. CDT.

III. **Committee Reports:**

Alpaca – Chair: Vicky Donley, Liaison: Lauren

Vicki Donley, Chair

The previously approved clinic may be delayed until the Fall unless more participants sign up for it in the extremely near future.

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 become 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

The election process was discussed. Nominations for the 2025 Board of Directors can come from every region except the Great Lakes and Southeast regions, which already have their maximum number of allowed Board members.

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

No report.

Finance & Budget – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Ron

Please refer to the Treasurer's report presented above.

Fleece – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise

The Judges' Committee brought the idea of a dual ALSA-ILR fleece clinic in Washington state organized by Amanda Wick and taught by Fran Soukup to the Board and asked it to be approved. Discussion was by email and the following Motion subsequently offered:

Motion passed by email vote:

Motion: Approve the proposal of a joint ALSA-ILR fleece clinic to be held in Washington state and taught by Fran Soukup and organized by Amanda Wick. Motion by Anna. Seconded by Lauren. Motion Unanimously passed.

Denise brought to the Board a request from the clinic for a \$250.00 donation to help defray clinic costs. After some discussion, the following Motion was offered:

Motion: Donate \$250.00 towards the expenses of The joint ALSA-ILR fleece clinic. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Denis. Motion Unanimously passed.

Grand National – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Holly

Holly has asked that the following items be discussed at this Board meeting:

- Approval to add a classic/light wool division in llama halter.

There ensued considerable discussion about the merits of implementing this division at the Grand National Show. One of the situations that is occurring is participants entering llamas

in classes other than what their wool really is to place higher than they otherwise would. Institution of a different division system would alleviate this as well as give animals an opportunity to compete against similar animals.

A decision was therefore made as follows:

Motion: At the Grand National Show add a classic llama division that is separate and distinct from light wool. Motion by Denise. Seconded by Anna. Motion unanimously passed.

- Decision on not having alpaca halter and just doing alpaca performance. Last year there were very few entries in halter. That has been the trend for the past few years.

This also was discussed at some depth. The fact is sometimes only one or several alpacas are presented in classes. This creates expense in several ways, not only the cost of engaging a qualified alpaca Judge to judge very few animals but also expenses related to awards. Why more exhibitors do not enter alpacas at the show is unknown but has created the current situation. As a result of this discussion, the following Motion was adopted on a roll call vote:

Motion: Remove alpacas from the 2024 Grand National Show due to lack of participation. Review and reconsider this decision for the 2025 Grand National Show. Motion by Tim. Seconded by Anna. Motion passed.

Handbook – Chair: Open, Liaisons: Denise and Ron
No report.

Judges' -- Mary Jo Miller Chair, Liaison: Anna
No report.

Membership, Publications, Promotions, Marketing & Website – Chair: Becci, Liaison: Tim
Membership
Adult: 122
Youth: 89
Adult Lifetime: 125
Youth Lifetime: 3
Becci Kunkel, Chair

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

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

Show Management, Policy & Planning – Chair: Kari Price, Liaison: Holly
No report

Youth Committee – Chair: Jennie Hodgen, Liaison: Denise
Denise reported there is a Youth Committee meeting scheduled for later this week and there will be a report at the next Board meeting as to its discussions and recommendations.

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.

Tim pointed out it is early in the show season for people to even be thinking about this Fall's Grand National Show. However, this effort will begin in earnest in July when the show season is well underway, and people are starting to look forward to the Grand National Show.

The next regular Board meeting will
be May 8th at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:49 p.m. CDT. Motion by Denise.
Seconded by Lauren. The motion was 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.

8:10 AM
04/10/24
Accrual Basis

Alpaca and Llama Show Association

Balance Sheet

As of April 10, 2024

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ASSETS

Current Assets Checking/Savings

Chase - Operating	39,321.11
Chase Savings Account	50,016.83
Youth Scholarship Account	10,751.52
Total Checking/Savings	<u>100,089.46</u>

Total Current Assets

100,089.46

TOTAL ASSETS

100,089.46

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Accounts Payable

Total Accounts Payable	<u>-4,150.00</u>
	-4,150.00

Total Current Liabilities

-4,150.00

Total Liabilities

-4,150.00

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	49,204.42
Retained Earnings	53,568.20
Net Income	1,466.84
Total Equity	<u>104,239.46</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

100,089.46

Income and Expenses

Total Income
Total Expense
Net Income

\$3,092.37
2,686.33
\$406.04