

# ALSA Board of Directors Agenda

## June 12, 2024

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

**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:**

For 2024 there are 40 shows sanctioned.

All results have been uploaded except for one show that I received last week.

The board insurance is due, I am attaching the invoice and policy. It is on a 2-year term, I just need to pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment to keep it current.

Event Helper was paid.

The website is almost completed, and we should have a full preview at the end of this week or early next week. They are finalizing the forms for payment and adding in the tables from the database and then it should be ready. I am working on getting everything ready on my end for the stuff that needs to be updated.

I am remarkably close to finishing 2021 show results.

**Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,575.00 for May. Motion by Anna. Seconded by Ron. Motion unanimously passed.**

**II. Treasurer's Report:**

Assets:

Checking:	\$46,457.03
Savings:	50,023.84
Youth Scholarship:	<u>10,753.01</u>
	\$107,233.00

No Liabilities

Vern noted financials as presented on the on-line QuickBooks system are presented as of the date they are obtained. In the above case, the financials are as of June 11, 2024.

Vern departed the meeting at 7:16 p.m. CDT.

**III. Committee Reports:**

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

Vicki Donley, Chair

No report.

**By-laws and Standing Rules** – Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Ron

As of this date, there are no recommended changes.

Regards,

Lougene Baird, Chair

**Elections** - Chair: Kelsey Matthews, Liaison: Cathie

Lougene, the past Chair, spoke to the Board concerning the importance of getting the 2024 election process started at once. Dates for nominations to begin being accepted, date of nominations to close, date of submission of statements of candidacy, and date of commencement of the voting process are set by the Bylaws and must be followed in an exact manner.

After discussion Becci volunteered to get with Kelsey and begin getting announcements and other preparations underway.

**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

No report

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

Anna reported design of the banners has begun. Nicely, the theme for this year’s Grand National Show will be “**Year of the Camelid**”, which correlates with the United Nations designation of 2024 as the International Year of Camelids. Camels, llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and guanacos are an important source of livelihood for millions of families - most of them pastoralists - in dryland and mountainous rangeland ecosystems around the world. The year is meant to raise the public’s and policymakers’ awareness of the significant role of camelids in protecting ecosystems, conserving biodiversity, assuring food security, and adapting to climate change.

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

No report.

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

Vote on the following recommendations from the Judges’ Committee for Judges and Apprentices:

David Barboza, Ben Carothers, Venesa Carter, Denise Fehrenbach, Stephen Fritz, Alexis Irwin, Jacob Kessler, Kelsi Mathew, Donna Rector, Kelsi Robinson, Cassandra Williams, Austin Wright

There followed a lengthy discussion concerning the way clinics are conducted. Over the years, requirements and evaluation procedures have gradually been altered. The Board will investigate if this has caused a degradation in the process and whether it

needs to be modified. There were also questions regarding whether members who never had participated in, for example, performance classes at shows were really pre-prepared to begin understanding the nuances of performance judging in a competent manner.

Following this discussion, the following Motion was offered:

**Motion: Accept and approve the Judges' Committee's recommendations for the above-named parties to become ALSA Judges and Apprentices. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Anna. Motion passed with one abstention.**

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

138 Adult Members

101 Youth Members - 3 are Lifetime Youth Members

126 Adult Lifetime Member

Becci Kunkel, Chair

**Performance** – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Denise

No report

**Regional Committee** – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna

Anna stated that ribbons for both Nationals and Regionals have been ordered.

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

No report

**Youth Committee** – Chair: Jennie Hodgen, Liaison: Denise

No report

**IV. Old Business:**

None

**V. New Business:**

As regards the discussion above under the Judges' Committee, Denise suggested the committee might be create a rubric by which to judge participants.

The next regular Board meeting will  
be July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:46 p.m. CDT. Motion by Tim.  
Seconded by Lauren. 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.***