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Letter From The Editor

I hope you all survived this strange winter and are ready for the spring. Did you all have enough cold weather? I did and so did my llamas! We will probably all wish it was back when the summer hits us!

So here we go in the south getting ready to “summerize” our llamas. (This is not a real word, but I know all you southern ALSA members understand this, right?) For those of you that are not in the south and are still having a brisk Spring season, I understand you may not need to do what I need to do right now, but you will soon!

There has been a great response from ALSA members toward the Showring Magazine. I have received many good articles and pictures from different parts of the USA. Thank you! Don't forget if you are a superintendent of an ALSA sanctioned show, I will help you put together an ad for your show... and remember this is FREE to you! Send in your articles and pictures You, too, could be famous!

And on another note, I am asking that y'all please advertise your business, ranch, or just advertise to say hello! The rates are very affordable and are inside this Showring Magazine and on the ALSA website here, http://www.alsashow.net/2014_Showring_Ad_Rates.pdf. (Remember you do not have to be a member of ALSA to advertise.)

Support your magazine – ALSA and the llama/alpaca industry need you!

I hope you all enjoy this issue of the Showring Magazine. I will talk to you all soon.

Your friend,

Ruby



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Office Talk



Are you ready for 2014? So far we have been up and going at the ALSA office with work on *New memberships, *Membership renewals, *Sanctioning ALSA shows, *Having ALSA shows, *Posting ALSA shows, *Updating the ALSA website, and much, much, more!

And speaking of the ALSA website, inside the site is everything you will need to know or wish to see from the current Handbook to your memberships to your animal's points and other important information. May I please ask that if you see ANYTHING that needs to be updated on the website, or is not working correctly, to let me know! **I can only fix something if I know about it!** We would like to make sure that everything is in order and easily accessible for you to enjoy and be successful with your showing! I have realized that some of you did not know what was available for you to see on the ALSA website: www.alsashow.org It would be great if we had a "tutorial" that would help you navigate around the site but there is just too much information and methods to see it to do this. I will be more than happy to help you go through the site. I will talk to you on the telephone while you are on your computer. Just contact me and let's do it together! It will be like ALSA website 101, right?

Now - down to the office business.... and by the way, the minutes from the January 2014 and February 2014 Board of Directors meeting are inside this issue and on the ALSA website : <http://www.alsashow.net/minutes.html> . (The minutes will help you see many facts, but here is the current scoop.....)

- As of , March 15, 2014, we have 419 members.
- As of , March 15, 2014, we also have 28 sanctioned ALSA shows. You can find the show information by following this link: <http://www.alsashow.org/nshows2003.asp> or go directly to the ALSA website and look under the ALSA Show Calendar: www.alsashow.org
This calendar is updated all the time, so remember to check back if you do not see the show you are looking for.
- Shows are being posted in a timely manner once the ALSA office receives the information from the show superintendents. The show results are found directly on the ALSA website under the Show Results here: www.alsashow.org or you may follow this link: <http://www.alsashow.org/webshowfindByYear.asp?year=2014> (shows prior to 2014 are also found on the website or follow this link: <http://www.alsashow.net/results.html>)

I would also like to address the issuing of Award Certificates. There have been many certificates sent, but I'm sure that some of you were missed and that is not acceptable. We want you to have them! Please contact the ALSA office and let's make sure you have what you need and deserve. (I am also speaking to the youth members!)

By now I'm sure that most of you are aware of the new 18th Edition ALSA Handbook that is online : <http://www.alsashow.net/handbook.html>
Many of the shows you will be attending are sanctioned under this current Handbook, so I wanted you all to familiarize yourself with the right one. Please feel free to contact me concerning the printing of the Handbook, etc.

And please don't forget our BOD election process taking place right now. Let's give everyone a voice with a broad spectrum leadership within the Board. I hope you have received the email blasts explaining process to nominate an adult member for the Board of Directors. All the election information may be found on the ALSA website or you may follow this link: <http://www.alsashow.net/election.html> . April 10, 2014 is the deadline for nominations.

I have enjoyed visiting with many of you! Please feel free to call the ALSA office anytime! Good luck showing !

Robin

Chew on This!



The Age Old Question: Does Size Matter?

By Cheryl A. Cave

I recently visited a large ALSA sanctioned llama show. The exhibitors were quite diverse, representing several states. The animals too displayed great diversity in color, markings, fiber, origin, and size. Selecting the finest animals was a nationally acclaimed, ALSA Level III judge. This judge is someone I personally respect and admire a great deal. As is always the case, some exhibitors were very happy with the judge's decisions, while others questioned them.

While presenting oral reasons, this judge frequently stated that one of the lower placing animals was the most "conformationally correct" and "best moving", but was placed lower due to being smaller (than the higher placing llamas in the class). Let me clarify. This judge did not say that the top placers and the smaller animal were equal in conformation and movement, but that the smaller animal was the best in the class in terms of conformation, overall balance, and movement. In several classes throughout the show, the judge publicly acknowledged a selection of size over correctness. It was refreshing to see that this judge was publicly "owning up" to what so many judges do, without acknowledging it.

For a few years now I have watched a number of judges place animals according to size first, then correctness. I often wondered if this was an unpublished ALSA mandate to the judges. In preparation for this article I contacted four judges who assured me that this is not the case. Before you start writing

letters to me, let me state for the record that I realize there are many aspects (of conformational correctness) in which size plays a role: size appropriate to age, developmental maturity for age, etc.

Still, I challenge these judges to think about the message they are sending to breeders; the message that "bigger is better".

A few years ago the number of really large llamas at a show or sale represented perhaps 2% of those in attendance; now it is easily more than 50%. Are llamas just naturally growing larger

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in the United States (than those in their native lands) as a result of better nutrition and care? Is this a result of environment and natural selection, or is it a result of selective breeding? The facts show us that llamas have been allowed to breed largely by natural selection in

South America for many, many generations. On the whole, those llamas are small by U.S. standards. So is it an accident of nature that North American llamas are so large? Or is it a result of market-driven selective breeding for larger size animals? Logic tells us it is the latter, rather than the former. OK, so Americans are guilty of selectively breeding llamas for size; is there anything wrong with that? The answer is "It depends". (Don't you hate that answer?)

It is generally held that we can best predict the future by studying the past. The philosopher George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." For this reason I chose to research the theories and outcomes surrounding selective breeding. This article is not intended as an exhaustive scientific study, nor do I hold myself out as an expert. This is simply a compilation of my research and observations.

Theories

In 1859 British naturalist Charles Darwin published his theories on the "Origin of the Species", citing the benefits of selective breeding in certain species. Over time this theory has been embraced among animal breeders who stand to gain in celebrity or wealth. Although Darwin advocated a conscientious, slow evolution, many breeders have approached this with an attitude of "if a little is good, then a lot is even better" philosophy. Sad to say, Americans seem to be the leaders in this thinking.

Does Size Matter?

Let's review the outcome of some of these. Following are excerpts from various studies, which are credited in the footnotes.

Seeds of Selective Breeding Meat Production

"**Belgian Blue cattle** were selectively bred to possess double muscle mass, producing twice the amount of beef, and thereby doubling profits. However, their limbs cannot support the added muscle mass. They suffer weakness in ligament and bone structure, and endure a fair amount of pain. The calves have to be delivered by Caesarean section."

"**Broiler chickens** now reach slaughter weight in 42 days (twice as quickly as 30 years ago). As a result, their hearts and lungs cannot cope and even during their brief lifetime, fatal heart attacks are not uncommon. Others will suffer lameness and broken bones as their legs collapse beneath their ballooning weight. Birds that escape slaughter are rarely able to live much longer."

"**Turkeys** (selectively bred for profit) have experienced similar problems. White turkeys bred for hypertrophied chest muscles (to provide more breast meat) have to be artificially inseminated. Their new 'improved' shape may have provided more meat, but it has made reproduction all but impossible. This would not occur in nature because animals which cannot mate cannot pass on their genes, and the trait dies out.

"**Pigs** have been bred to gain weight more quickly and now suffer hip and joint problems as well as lung and heart conditions.

"**Dairy cows** (bred to) produce ten times more milk than their calves could ever drink...suffer nutrient deficiencies, lameness, and mastitis.

Pets and Show Animals

"**Siamese cats** bred to an extreme type for show success are now frail and fragile.

"The **Peke-faced Persian cat** whose face is so flat that its eyes and sinuses are deformed (due to breeding to the extremes of show standards), has to be on antibiotics for life."

The **Chinese Shar Pei** has been bred to exaggerate the number of wrinkles for show success, resulting in severe respiratory defects.

Pug dogs, whose show breed standard is "eyes that are very large, globular in shape" have a tendency for exophthalmoses and exposure keratitis.

The **British Bulldog** breed standard advocates "The skull should be very large – the larger the better". The breed now experiences a high number of dystocia (difficulties in birthing) and "roach" backs.

The **Dachshund's** breed standard dictates that "The whole trunk should be long". Over zealous breeders, taking this to the extreme, have exacerbated the occurrence of prolapsed intervertebral discs (caused by a longer trunk than the frame can support) in the breed.

Large and giant breed dogs suffer hip dysplasia, arthritis, and a host of other genetic maladies resulting from breeding for the hypertype.

Similarly, **toy and miniature breed dogs** suffer from arthritis, tracheal collapse, and cataracts.

Miniature horses (often bred to perpetuate the small size, in spite of known dwarf characteristics) suffer many health issues and very high reproductive mortality.

Many descendants of Impressive, the muscular, top-winning halter (**Quarter Horse**) stallion of all time, carry his genetic mutation linked to the often-fatal muscular disorder known as hyperkalemic periodic paralysis.

Humans Too?

Perhaps the most disturbing interpretation of Darwin's theory is its application in the human animal, known as eugenics.

One of the most disconcerting rulings of the "enlightened" 20th century was the 1927 case of *Buck v. Bell*, which legalized forced sterilization of

"undesirable" populations. It is this case in which "Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.(is credited with his) most infamous opinion (upholding Virginia's castration program for the feeble minded), with the pithy 'three generations of idiots are enough.'" In three years, approximately 10,000 people were sterilized without their consent.

Perhaps the most abhorred practitioner of eugenics was Adolf Hitler. His Nazi party's efforts to rid Europe of all "inferior" people, starting with the handicapped in Germany, and moving on to include Jewish people, Poles, the Romany, homosexuals, and groups opposed to the Nazi ideology are frequently accepted as a purely German invention. However, Nazi eugenics philosophies were largely based on the precepts of legalized sterilization of inferior humans set forth by the state of California. Recently state governments in Virginia, Oregon, and South Carolina have published statements of apology to tens of thousands of patients, mostly poor women, who were sterilized against their will in state hospitals between the 1900s and 1960s. In March 2003, California Governor Davis and Attorney General Lockyer added their regrets for the injustices committed in the name of "race betterment".

What About Llamas?

A llama breeder once told me that she rarely has crias with a birth-weight below 40 pounds on her ranch, and that she culls females who do not produce to this standard. In truth, I believe this was more braggadocio than reality, but consider, if true, the effect on her dams. If we take a benchmark of 325 pounds for the average North American female llama, this means the dams are giving birth to offspring that are 12.5% of their own weight. This is equivalent to a 130 pound woman giving birth to a baby weighing more than 16 pounds.

Is there evidence that the llama species is suffering any ill effects from hypertype breeding? We've all heard rumors of breeders who euthanize crias born with genetic flaws to conceal defects passed on by their prize studs.

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We've heard that decorative blankets have been used to conceal compromised topline (resulting from generations of breeding for size over soundness), and that "creative shearing" is used to conceal numerous flaws.

Since a substantial amount of money is at stake for breeders (and veterinarians), genetic flaws are typically well concealed. Only after generations of defective animals have been identified can we substantiate our suspicions, but at what cost to the animals?

Other Characteristics

While a good deal of the information available suggests that breeding to increase animal size has historically played a role in increasing genetic flaws, it should be stated that breeding for the "extreme" of any characteristic is equally dangerous.

I've heard breeders of small or "miniature" llamas boast that their stud is a product of six generations of minis. I've heard breeders covet llamas with "tree trunk" (heavily boned) legs. I've seen hundreds of breeders scurry to produce suri fiber following an auction or sale where a suri-type llama commanded an extravagant sale price. Our brief history of camelid breeding in North America suggests that none of these characteristics are detrimental to the species unless taken to the extreme.

Correcting Our Mistakes

European Legislation

In 1995 the Council of Europe (which covers 41 member countries including the UK), concerned about the gradual shift towards American-style ultra-types (referred to as "hypertypes") in domestic pets, issued the "European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals". This treaty encourages breeding associations to:

"Reconsider breeding standards and amend any causing potential welfare problems. It would ensure, by educating breeders and judges, that breeding standards are interpreted so as to discourage

development of extreme characteristics (hypertype.) which can cause welfare problems. In other words, it is up to breeders to curb, and even to reverse, the excesses of ultra-typing before matters are taken out of their hands by European legislation."

In "Some Practical Solutions to Welfare Problems in Dog Breeding", P D McGreevy and F W Nicholas of the Department of Animal Science, University of Sydney suggest ethical breeding practices for dogs. In the abstract of the paper, they state "Some breed standards and selection practices run counter to the welfare interests of dogs, to the extent that some breeds are characterized by traits that may be difficult to defend on welfare grounds. Meanwhile, little selection pressure seems to be exerted on some traits that would improve animal welfare and produce dogs better suited to modern society." "There are several constructive ways to overcome these challenges. Breed associations can ensure that reduction of welfare problems is one of their major aims; they can review breed standards; they can embrace modern technology for animal identification and pedigree checking; they can allow the introduction of 'new' genetic material into closed studbooks; and they can encourage collaboration with geneticists in identifying and using DNA markers for the control of inherited disorders." Certainly dog breeding controls cannot and should not be applied across the board to other species, but I do feel that some of the recommendations may have application for the camelid species.

North American Breeding Ethics

I am reluctant to align with the innumerable groups who portray Americans as greedy and self-serving, but in this case I believe the Europeans are acting in the best interest of the animals.

ALSA has carefully set standards for llama and alpaca conformation guidelines that perpetuate soundness in the species. In my opinion, our industry is best served when:

- judges adhere to strictly to those guidelines.
- breeders consider the soundness of

the species over novelty or income potential.

• buyers consider the long-term consequences of purchasing (and breeding) the latest "trends".

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Cheryl and husband, Tom, began researching the llama lifestyle, reading everything they could find and visiting llama farms across the country. In 1998 they purchased a home with acreage and bought their first two llamas. By the end of that year, their herd was up to twelve, and by 2002 the herd size exceeded 60. Cheryl became actively involved in many facets of llama care, shearing and consulting professionally. She often attended surgeries and procedures at the local veterinarian's office. In 2001 Cheryl traveled to Chili to select and import several Argentine llamas. She has enjoyed a great deal of success in the show ring, with a national champion and several ALSA hater champions to her credit.



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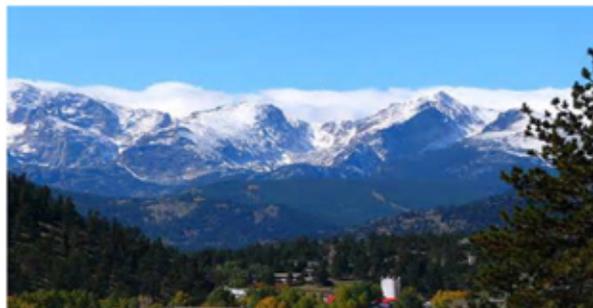
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CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital to Study Gastric Ulcers in Camelids

By Stacey Byers, DVM, MS, DACVIM

The veterinarians at the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital are studying methods to diagnose and treat C3 gastric ulcers in camelids. Currently, there are no reliable methods to accurately diagnose gastric ulcers in live llamas and alpacas. So, veterinarians rely on animal behavior, clinical signs, and gut instinct (sorry for the pun) to make a presumptive diagnosis. Further, because we cannot accurately diagnose gastric ulcers in camelids, we do not know if our preventatives and treatments are successful. There hasn't been any published research identifying the rate of occurrence of gastric ulcers; however they are commonly found on postmortem examinations in camelids that died or were euthanized for unrelated causes as well as in animals where they were suspected.

Our planned research has several phases:

- Phase 1: Investigate several products that can be administered orally and have different absorption between normal camelids and camelids with gastric ulcers. Then a simple blood test can be performed after administration to detect ulcers.
- Phase 2: Develop a model to induce and visually evaluate gastric ulcers through a surgically placed gastric cannula. This will allow us to visually monitor ulcer development and the response to various treatments, and compare our visual findings to

the results from the blood test.

- Phase 3: Evaluate the ulcer test and ulcer treatment methods in camelid patients with suspected naturally occurring gastric ulcers.

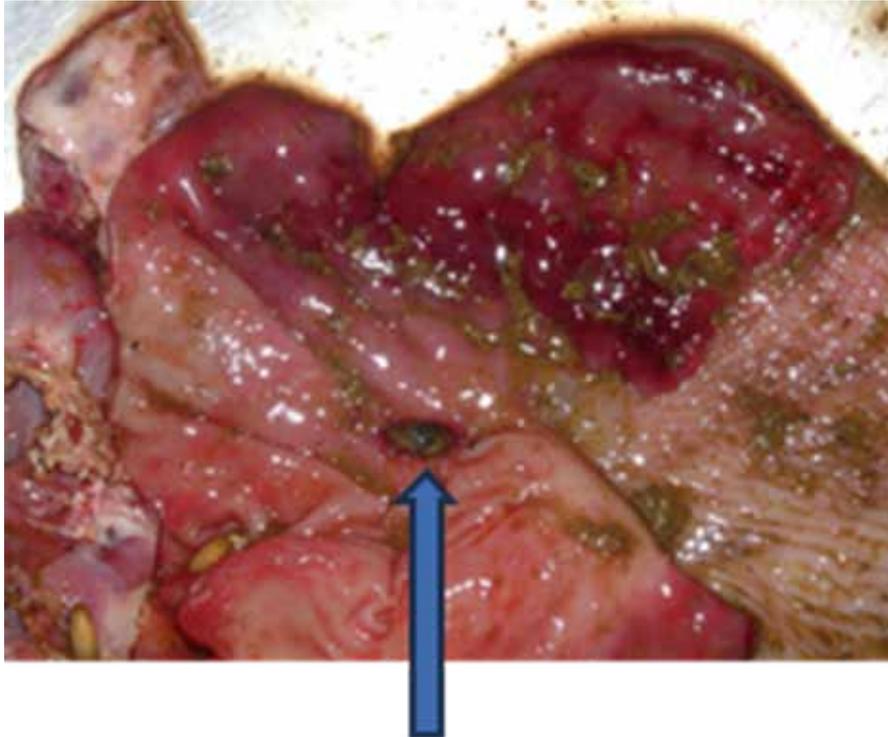
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Additional research animals and resources will be required as we progress into Phase 2 and 3. We expect additional costs to complete this research to approach \$7000-10,000. This is higher than originally mentioned in an email sent to RMLA members due to additional charges that we discovered we will need to cover. The funds will be used to help pay for the following:

- Animal care and housing costs
- Laboratory supplies, medications for ulcer

- treatment and prevention
- Laboratory sample testing
 - Student salaries to assist in animal care
 - Laptop computer for data collection and analysis, and preparation of manuscripts for publication of results

website (<http://csu-cvmb.colostate.edu/vth>) and follow the Make a Gift link. From there, you can select the "Camelid Research and Education" fund from the Information drop down menu (about 2/3rds the way down the list). Once making your donation, if you write 'ulcer research' in the comment



We expect to complete the first 2 phases in in less than 2 years. As discussed above, phase 3 will be a clinical study, and we will be enrolling client-owned animals to verify our diagnostic and treatment protocols. This phase will take an additional 1-2 years depending on the time needed to recruit sufficient animals into the study. As this project continues, we will keep RMLA members informed on our findings through articles in the Journal.

If you are interested in assisting with the funding for this research by providing a tax deductible donation, please visit the CSU VTH

box, it will get to the correct fund.

Thank you everyone. It is exciting to finally be pursuing this research in memory of the many llamas and alpacas that have suffered or even died from complications associated with gastric ulcers.

We are grateful to Dr. Stacey Byers for contacting the Stankos regarding this important camelid research project. Look for project updates in future issues of the Journal. In the interim, please direct questions or comments about this project to Glenn & Kathy Stanko at turkeytrots2@gmail.com. These will be forward to the appropriate person at CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

**Gastric Ulcer Research
Project Update
By Stacey Byers,
DVM, MS, DACVIM
Colorado State University
Veterinary Teaching Hospital**

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The C3 ulcer study is underway, but moving a bit slowly at this time. We are having difficulty modifying a laboratory analysis technique that will be used to detect one of the oral compounds we are interested in evaluating. This product should be absorbed across an ulcerated C3 surface and be measured in the blood or urine. Once the kinks are worked out in the laboratory assay, we are ready to finish evaluating the absorption and excretion rates in healthy alpacas.

So far we have given one of the oral products to an alpaca and collected urine and blood for 48 hours. This involved inventing a body suit and urine collection bags that would not spill or interfere with normal behav-

ior such as when the alpaca kushed or wanted to roll around.

We are fortunate to have received an additional \$1000 in donations from five sources. THANK YOU! If you are interested in assisting with the funding for this research by providing a tax deductible donation, please visit the CSU VTH website (<http://csu-cvmb.colostate.edu/vth/Pages/default.aspx>) and follow the Make a Gift link. From there, you can select the "Camelid Research and Education" fund from the Information drop down menu (about 2/3rds the way down the list). To ensure your donation gets to the right place, please note 'camelid ulcer research' in the comment box.

Oh, and a side note: the alpacas are currently being housed outdoors with a long-term bovine patient as companions for her. The gang is getting along famously and the cow has not started humming, yet!

If you have questions about the study, please contact Dr. Stacey Byers at 970-297-5000 or srbyers@colostate.edu.





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Look for more information on this research in upcoming issues of the RMLA Journal.

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Ann & the Alpacas

Cuddles, fleece and pedicures—they're all in a day's work.

Several big-eyed alpacas warily size me up as I offer a handful of feed pellets. Cautiously, one shy female starts to nibble. Soon two more nose in, stretching long necks. Their fuzzy heads and expressive faces are adorable!

"Alpacas bring out your inner rancher,"

Cindy Harris says, and mine has happily surfaced at her ranch near Somis, California.

She and husband Doug Fieg own about 100 registered alpacas and board another 100 on the 25 acres they've named Alpacas at Windy Hill.

"Alpacas are raised for their fabulous fleece," says Cindy as we walk out to check the herd this warm spring morning. Groups of them graze peacefully, nibble hay from feeders or bask in the sun in a grid of grassy pastures, each about 25 ft. x 200 ft.

Baby alpacas are called crias. Of the 75 expected by summer's end, three have already been born. Cindy catches one, a cute brown

critter just three days old, for me to cuddle. Its fleece feels softer than soft. The mom hums nervously until I put her little one down. Cindy says alpacas also make a honking noise, a little like geese or a bicycle horn, when threatened.

Though the alpacas are not usually fed by hand, we offer pellets to a group of females so I can get acquainted. Initially they're shy, almost aloof. But the treats are tempting, and soon I'm surrounded. Each alpaca has a name and a unique personality. Chandon is bold, intent on getting more than her share. While she munches, I stroke her back.

Then we check the sires in the far pasture and the young males next to them.

"There are two types of alpacas—suri and huacaya," Cindy says. "Just remember 'silky suri' and 'woolly huacaya' (pronounced wa-KAI-ah)."

Most of the herd has already been sheared, but her show animals are still in full fleece. The huacayas are crimped, teddy-bear fuzzy. I stroke the long, silky locks of suri Apache's Golden Sun, recently named a champion. Alpacas' heads aren't sheared—the fleece offers sun protection, and the suris' hair, which falls toward their eyes, makes a natural visor.

A Rancher Is Born

Cindy's inner rancher won out after she'd worked as a fourth-grade teacher and raised her four children in Los Angeles. "I'd boarded my horse for years and thought how nice it would be to have my own place," she recalls. "I retired and bought a small ranch. Then a friend introduced me to alpacas, and I got my first ones in 2000. (Doug married into the business in 2005.) Alpacas are great for people who want livestock but don't have a lot of land."

Soon after, she also began boarding them.

So soft! With long, silky twists, this champion suri fleece is just as wonderful to the touch as it looks.



BY ANN KAISER, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

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Bundles of joy. Cindy and Ann cuddle crias just a few days old. A cria weighs about 15 pounds at birth.

EDITOR IN THE COUNTRY

"Currently we have 15 clients. We provide their animals with daily care—feeding, halter training, basic immunizations, shearing and grooming," she says. "We mentor those who want to establish their own ranch. It's alpaca ownership with a safety net."

I get a lesson in haltering and leading. Cindy helps me back Ebony into the corner of a pen, where I can slip a halter over her small head. She follows nicely as I walk her around.

Next we move a group of pregnant females from a pasture to an area of smaller pens where Cindy will keep an eye on them. We set up gates to create a path, then circle behind to herd the group.

Alpacas can run! Most lope toward the pens. Some turn in; others overshoot the entrance, and we have to drive them back. Cindy's three Anatolian shepherd guardian dogs supervise all the activity. Coyotes and other predators don't have a chance with these burly canines on duty.

On Their Toes

Back at the barn, I learn to trim toenails. Cindy puts a white suri in the chute and instructs me to pick up her foot. She resists, but finally I manage to pull it up, revealing two soft padlike toes, each with a pointy front nail. "Use the point of the clipper to clean the dirt out of the nail, then clip both sides and snip the tip," she instructs me.

We've given several pedicures when veterinarian Jana Smith arrives for her weekly visit. Cindy and I bring today's patients to her, one with an ear infection, another

with a skin rash.

Later, we spread a sheared suri fleece on a mesh-topped table and pick out bits of grass, straw and other debris. The process is called skirting, and it's wonderful to touch the luxurious fiber.

An adult alpaca produces 5 to 10 pounds of fiber with each shearing, Cindy says. The premium fleece contains no lanolin; fans say it's lighter, softer, warmer and more durable than sheep's wool.

Alpacas are still a small industry in the U.S., so there are no commercial mills. Cindy has some of her fleece spun into yarn at a mini-mill. The yarn, raw fleece and items she crochets are sold at the ranch shop.

Creating Community

Cindy and several fiber artists she's enlisted (meet one, below) teach classes in alpaca care, spinning, dyeing, knitting, crocheting and felting at the ranch.

"People come for classes and fall in love with the fiber and the animals," she says. "We also open the ranch to the public once a month and host a few special events."

"It's a joy to see the sense of community as people interact with each other and with the alpacas. Just hanging out in these peaceful surroundings can be a pleasure. Many people want and need a country experience."

Ah, yes—Alpacas at Windy Hill definitely provides nourishment for one's inner rancher! 🐫



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Following Fleece

Fiber artist Kate Kravits found more than she expected at Alpacas at Windy Hill. "I came in search of alpaca fleece to spin," she says. "Then Cindy asked if I'd like to teach spinning and weaving classes there. Soon after, a rental house on the property became available, and I moved in!"

A registered nurse who works in Los Angeles, Kate commutes to work three days a week and does research from home.

"Alpaca fleece feels wonderful and is easy to handle," she says. "Spinning it is peaceful and therapeutic for me. I also enjoy the sense of community while teaching classes in this beautiful setting, just steps from the animals!"

For more about Kate's and other classes at the ranch, click on the Fiber Studio link at alpacalink.com.



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Fun, Frolic & Fiber

1. Ann helps Cindy move a group of alpacas from the pasture into smaller pens for birthing, immunizations and other treatments.

2. Cindy and husband Doug use Anatolian shepherds to protect the herd from predators.

3. Alpacas, smaller cousins of llamas, are native to the Andes Mountains of South America. First brought to the U.S. in 1984, they now number about 250,000.

4. Kate, Cindy and Ann skirt a suri fleece, picking out debris and spreading the fleece toward the table's edges.

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6 & 7. The soft, warm fleece is carded and then spun into yarn.

8. Cindy's alpacas usually aren't hand-fed, but she makes an exception so Ann can get acquainted.

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In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the fiber of llamas.

This substance, called *amo-bacter equui*, it has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans:

- Reluctance to cook
 - Reluctance to perform housework
 - Reluctance to wear anything but boots
 - Reluctance to work except in support of a llama
- Physical craving for contact with llamas (may be an addiction)

Beware: If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance, be prepared to talk about llamas for hours on end.

This has been a public service announcement.

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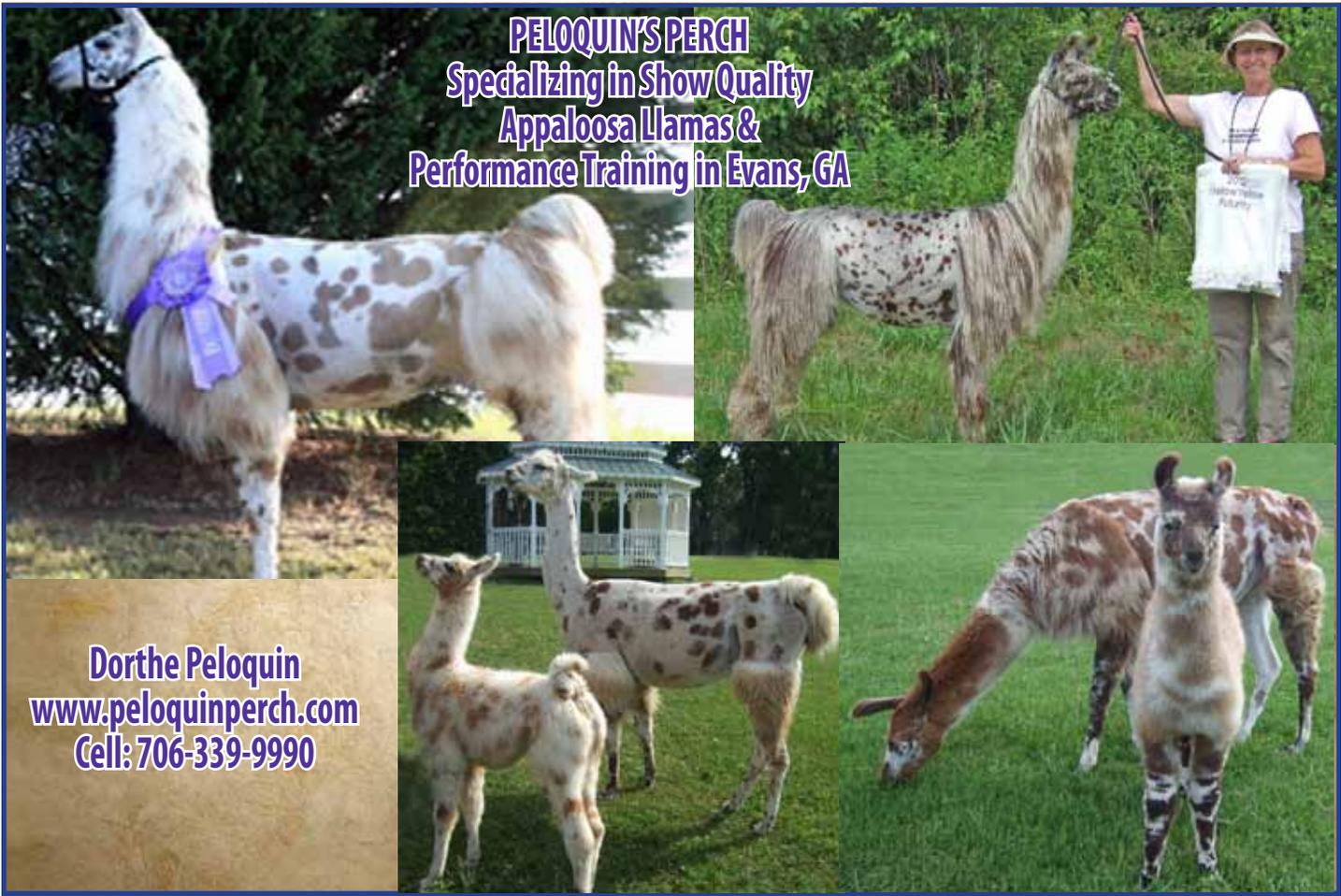


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BE THERE!

APRIL 5, 2014 World's Fair Park Knoxville, TN!!

This is the Scoop

The Great Llama Race is a day full of fun and activities, with the main event being the Llama Race. Each llama (approximately 40) will represent a different public or private school from the greater Knoxville area. Each llama is sponsored for \$1,000 by a local business, group, or individual. The school will be responsible for choosing which llama they want for their school, being involved in soliciting their sponsor(s), and dressing it up on the day of the race with their school colors and sponsor information.

Each llama will have a local celebrity that will run with it in a sprint type race of 100 yards. There will be several heats of five llamas each until the winning llama is determined. The school which sponsored first, second and third overall race winners will be awarded a cash prize to be allocated to a project of their choice.

Casa de Sara (an international non-profit with headquarters in Knoxville and organizer of the event) is the primary recipient of the overall funds raised, with proceeds targeted to support of their elementary school in La Guardia, Bolivia. A percentage of overall proceeds will also be awarded to South East Llama Rescue and Indian Creek sanctuary.

Why Llamas?

Why llamas? Why schools? Casa de Sara, whose programs are in Bolivia, runs the event. The llama is the national animal of Bolivia, and education is a main component of Casa de Sara's mission, making this a perfect fit. Casa de Sara is partnering with the local community to benefit as many groups as possible. They have signed up quite a few schools as well as a number of corporate sponsors already with the goal of having school sponsorship for all 40 llamas.

The Plan

There will be a number of concurrent activities and the camelid community has been invited to set up vendor and/or exhibition areas at no charge. What a wonderful way to promote your farm, your products or just to help educate people in regards to the rewarding world of camelids. Other activities will include various vendors, entertainers, food, music, a children's section, crafts, games, and other competitions will be spread out around the grounds. All competitions will be set up as "enter-to-win" competitions and the winners will take a prize.

Why you should consider participation

This is the biggest opportunity EVER to showcase llamas because unlike a show, it is targeted expressly to the public and it is focused SPECIFICALLY on llamas.

We will need a ton of support from the camelid community to enter llamas in the "race" as well as set up vendor areas to sell fiber and other goods. Although the focus is the llama, this is also the perfect opportunity to showcase alpacas and all the lovely items which can be made from their fiber.

Because education is one of the focuses of this event, those would be interested in doing exhibitions for shearing, spinning, etc. would be a bonus.

Breeders are encouraged to showcase animals and also to bring banners and any other promotional items which can be displayed in the pen area or if they are participating as a vendor or exhibitor, in that area as well. This event will most assuredly generate a lot of interest and may be a great opportunity to encourage visitors to your farm, your farm store or perhaps even your booth at the farmer's market.

Please note: This is NOT just an ad hoc thing you can pop in for. If you are interested in bringing llamas for the race we need a picture and a bio so we can set up a gallery for the schools as each will sponsor an animal and begin internal fundraising and other activities centered around "their" animal. Many will be having contests to decide what the banner their animal will be wearing will look like. They will be simple throws with a simple tie behind the front legs but the actual color and design will be up to the schools.

It may be that they don't get all 40 animals sponsored this first year. We should know that well before the event, in which case we would like to have as many as possible dressed in costumes even if it is just a throw over with their farm name on them.

Information for race participants

Information for Vendors

NOTE: all animals that will be on site during this event will be required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection to ensure the safety and welfare of all.

For additional information:

- www.thegreatllamarace.com
- Facebook Page: [The Great Llama Race](#)
- Southeast Llama Rescue: www.southeastllamarescue.org
- World's Fair Park, Knoxville, TN (Map, parking, park rules): worldsfairpark.org

Larry Lewellyn Loves His Llamas

When you head to the stock show this year be sure to check out one of the most interesting things to be seen: the llamas!

Larry and Deanna Lewellyn, owners of Foothills Llamas in Sedalia, show their champion bred llamas every year.

They have owned Foothills Llamas for 32 years. The first 14 years, they bred llamas as pack animals for hunting and fishing expeditions. Now they breed them for show.



In fact, all of the llamas they show are champions. This year Foothills Caspian, Foothills Kaliman, and Foothills Seabreeze all won in the competitions that the Lewellyns entered in. Kaliman and Caspian won the Produce Category for llamas from the same mother, while all three won the Get-a-Sire Category for llamas with the same father.

But you might wonder, how can you show llamas? People may think that it would be really difficult because they have a bad rap for being mean animals that spit.

However, as Larry Lewellyn puts it, "You'd have a better chance of getting spit on by a cowboy than a llama."

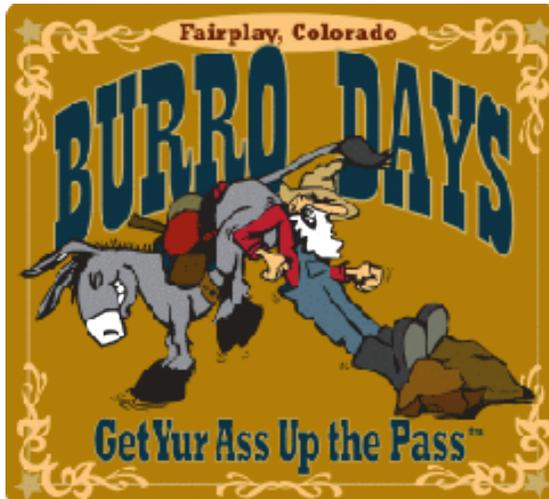
Contrary to popular belief, even though some llamas are bred as guard animals for other livestock, llamas are actually very friendly animals. According to Lewellyn, "They can be snuggly animals, but on their own terms."

If you take care of the health issues of llamas, place a roof over their heads, and give them food to eat, they can be just as much as a man's best friend as a dog is. Lewellyn's llamas are so gentle that he let 8-year-old Avery Webb feed Foothills Caspian then lead him up to the show ring.

The Lewellyns love for llamas is clear, so it is no wonder that they are all champions.

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Pack/Walk Llama Race

This excellent opportunity for the general public allows them to experience the abilities of the llama on a defined course. The [Rocky Mountain Llama Association](#) is striving to have more than enough llamas to go around so that anyone who wants to can participate in the race.

Llama Camp

Llama owners and llamas will begin arriving on Friday. A Llama Camp is set up approximately four miles outside of town. It is an excellent location for the llamas to graze for the weekend and for the llama owners, racers, and general public to gather.



photo by Julie Bullock

Race Day

The race is a 3-mile flagged course loaded with man-made and natural obstacles, including three or more river crossings. The race starts at South Park City, the ghost town on Front Street. The finish is in front of the Hand Hotel, also on Front Street. The best time is just over 21 minutes for the 3-mile course. Each llama in the pack race will carry a total of 30 pounds (including pack and panniers) in the race from start to finish.



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Weigh-in concludes about 15 minutes before race time. The runners and llamas on leads will run four blocks to the pack-load area, load their packs onto the llama and proceed through the marked course to the finish line.

Previous Year Participants

We invite all previous race winners and other participants from previous years to return this year to better their times and enjoyment.

Awards

The Amateur Division is made up of the following age divisions: 12-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+, by male and female classes. Place ribbons will be given for the first three places in each division. Participant ribbons are given to all amateur pack racers and walk entries, as well as each child entered in the Llama Lunacy obstacle course.

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Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by April 11, 2014, to be included in show program and to receive the groovy cool tie dye t-shirts. Hey, we need time to make all those groovy cool shirts!! Entries will be accepted up to and

Woodstock Llama Show 2014 – Show Information

on the show date. If you are going to enter at the show, we would appreciate a heads up a couple days before for the lunch count!

Non-ALSA member ALSA Fee: Exhibitors entered in the non-youth classes who are not ALSA members must also pay a \$60 non-member fee. Exhibitors entered in the Youth classes who are not ALSA members must also pay a \$15 non-member fee.

Awards: Button magnets will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd place – hey, these are groovy! Really groovy prizes will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion for ALSA performance and driving divisions.

Lunch: Complimentary lunch!! Menu includes hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixins, chips & dips, pasta salad, green salad, desserts, drinks and other yummylicious goodies. There will also be a hospitality table set up for the day with complimentary coffee, tea, water, sodas, Danish pastries, fruit, and other yummys.

Mail entries to: DeeAnn Forrester, PO Box 546, Friant, CA 93626

Arrival/Departure: Earliest arrival is 6:30 am on Saturday, April 26 with no specified departure time. Awards will be handed out once all the classes are completed. If you need to arrive the night before, or depart the day after, please contact the Show Superintendent, DeeAnn Forrester, to make arrangements.

Health Papers: Health papers are not required for llamas entering CA from out of state.

Stalling: There are no stalls so you may self-stall your llamas in your trailers, set up portable panels near your trailer, or stake your llamas out near your trailer at no charge.

Camping: There is dry camping at the show site at no charge. A porta potty is available and there is also a sink and hose bibs at the barn. Hey, this is Woodstock! Please contact the Show Superintendent, DeeAnn Forrester, if you are considering camping at the show site.

Motels: There are none nearby – hey, this is Woodstock, we're camping out!

Loving llamas compete at Fort Worth Stock Show

FORT WORTH — Jubal nuzzled his owner's neck, politely asking for a kiss, after he won grand champion in his class at the Southwestern Llama Show at the Fort Worth Stock Show on Thurs.

"He is a sweetheart. He loves kisses," said **Brennda Gilmore of Boyd**, Jubal's owner. "They are like dogs and cats; every one has a different personality. You know when to leave them alone, if they have a headache, or whatever is going on."

Gilmore said Jubal, 5, knows when he is competing, because he isn't just "plopping around – he struts."

Jubal is a pet. He has, on occasion, come into the house. He will even sit quietly for a Skype call with Gilmore's grandchildren, she said.

Llamas have been used as pack animals for centuries.



Photo by Diana Collins



Photo by Ruby Herron

Wally Juntilla, a llama owner at the event Thursday, uses his to carry supplies when he hikes.

"They are better than the horses and all the other stuff," Juntilla said. "They are neat animals and have neat personalities."

Their docile personalities make them good with children and llamas can be used as therapy animals.

In the show, which continues today, llamas jump over obstacles, carry packs and participate in "public relations," offering comfort through tasks such as lowering their heads to someone in a wheelchair.

But their fierce protective instinct means the animals will protect a herd — any herd — from just about anything, said a competitor in Thursday's show, **Marcie Saska-Agnew**.

Saska-Agnew of Sunset got her first llama to guard her horses against coyotes and other predators.

Her 6-month-old, Lone Ranger, took second place in his class at the stock show. Classes are based on age, type of wool and gender.

The number of llama entries at the stock show is down by about half this year, said Jim Doyle, llama show coordinator. There were 67 entries for 2014 compared to 127 in 2013 and 167 in 2012



Photo by Nan Hannush



Jens Rudibaugh

Photo Marcie Saska Agnew

Jim Doyle, who raises llamas in Krum in Denton County, blamed the economy and the rising cost of travel. Saska-Agnew said the show's timing in the middle of the week limits the number of people who can enter, because kids have school and many adults can't get off work. Doyle said stock shows are still the best way to advertise livestock and make sales. Doyle, who travels around the southern United States for stock shows, said the people and the llamas make the experience worth it. "They are a unique animal. They just respond to people," he said

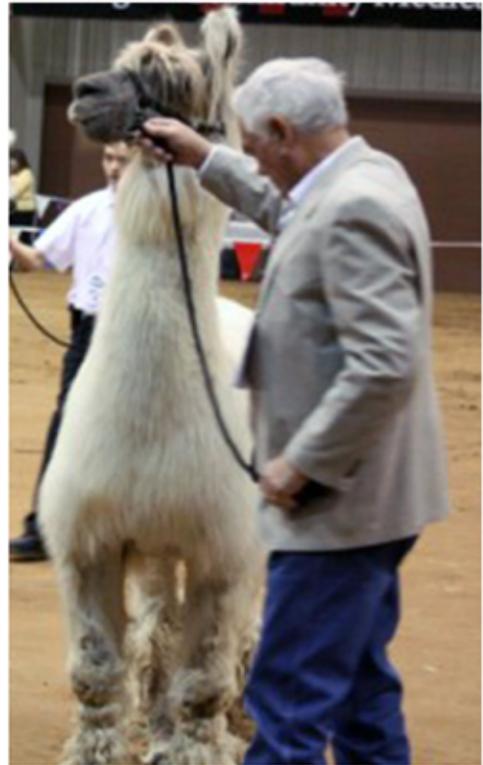


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The SSLA Hillbilly Llama Show

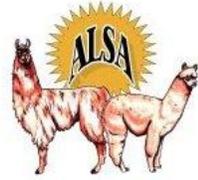
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Photos by Michael









ALSA SHOWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

ALSA Sanctioned Shows as of 3-15-2014. Shows are being sanctioned daily www.alsashow.org

View separate schedules for [Alpaca Shows and Alpaca/Llama Fleece Shows](#)

View a map showing where ALSA [Regions are located!](#)

01/10-12, 2014	2014 NWSS Llama Show 465 Humboldt St. Denver, CO80216 Judge: Margaret Henry-Halter/Performance Other Judges: Deb Yeagle-Fiber	Stephen Quackenbush 303-299-5559 edorsey@nationalwestern.com Show Contact: Erin Dorsey	Show Info: http://www.nationalwestern.com
01/23-24, 2014	2014 Southwestern Exposition Llama Show 3400 Burnett Tandy Drive Ft. Worth, TX76107 Judge: Cheryl Juntilla-Halter/Performance Other Judges: Johnna Edmunds-Performance	Bruce McCarty 817-877-2400 bruce@fwssr.com Show Contact: Bruce McCarty	Show Info: http://www.fwssr.com
02/08-09, 2014	2014 LANA Hobo Classic - Silver Show Stanislaus County Fairgrounds - 900 Broadway Turlock, CA95380 Judge: Barb Harris - Halter & Performance Other Judges: 2nd Performance Judge - TBA	Maryan Baker 951-685-6778 llamamaryan@yahoo.com Show Contact: Joy Pedroni	Show Info:
02/08-09, 2014	2014 LANA Hobo Classic - Gold Show Stanislaus County Fairgrounds - 900 Broadway Turlock, CA95380 Judge: Wally Baker - Halter/Performance Other Judges: Patti Morgan-Performance/Fiber	Maryan Baker 951-685-6778 llamamaryan@yahoo.com Show Contact: Joy Pedroni	Show Info:
02/15-16, 2014	2014 Riverside County Fair National Date Festival 82-503 Hwy. 111 Indio, CA92201 Judge: Margaret Drew Other Judges:	Tracey Wallace 909-792-3711 dandt22@aol.com Show Contact: Kelly O. Secord	Show Info: http://www.datefest.org
02/23-24, 2014	2014 San Angelo Stock Show 200 W. 43rd San Angelo, TX76903 Judge: Margaret Henry	Diana Collins 325-716-3602 dcollins1017@suddenlink.net Show Contact:	Show Info: http://www.sanangelorodeo.com

	Other Judges: Patti Morgan	Brittini Kaczyk	
02/28/03/01-01, 2014	2014 SSLA Hillbilly Hoedown Llama Show - Hatfield GA National Fairgrounds - Agricenter Perry, GA Judge: Beth Myers Other Judges: Mary Jo Miller	Kathy Devaul 229-347-1698 kdevaul@bellsouth.net Show Contact: Kathy Devaul	Show Info: http://www.ssla.org
03/01-02, 2014	2014 SSLA Hillbilly Hoedown Llama Show - McCoy GA National Fairgrounds / Agricenter Perry, GA Judge: Mary Jo Miller Other Judges: Beth Myers	Kathy Devaul 229-347-1698 kdevaul@bellsouth.net Show Contact: Kathy Devaul	Show Info: http://www.ssla.org
03/20-23, 2014	2014 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 8334 Fannin Street Houston, TX77054 Judge: Patti Morgan Other Judges: David Barboza	Danette Marrs 281-731-4437 hdmccleary@sbcglobal.net Show Contact: Allyson Tjoelker	Show Info: http://www.rodeohouston.com
03/22-23, 2014	2014 March Madness 2550 W. Ave H Lancaster, CA93535 Judge: Niki Kuklenski Other Judges:	Neal Weisenberger 661-609-5962 nealweisenberger@gmail.com Show Contact: Sharon Weisenberger	Show Info:
04/26, 2014	2014 Hillsdale Hobo Hootenanny Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, 115 S. Broad St. Hillsdale, MI49292 Judge: Rick Neal-Halter Other Judges: Tricia Schneeberger-Perf.	Glen Unzicker 574-825-4459 glenunzicker@earthlink.net Show Contact: Glen Unzicker	Show Info: http://www.kleinhimmel.com/hobo.html
04/26, 2014	2014 Woodstock Llama Show 46324 Rolling Oaks Dr. Friant, CA93626 Judge: Linda Hayes-Performance/Driving Other Judges:	DeeAnn Forrester 559-341-0621 performancellama@yahoo.com Show Contact: DeeAnn Forrester	Show Info: http://www.teamjorjio.com
05/03, 2014	2014 Oklahoma Heartland Youth Show Canadian Co 4-H Barn, 220 N. Country Club Rd. El Reno, OK73036 Judge: David Allen Other Judges:	Joy Swihart 405-387-9413 swihart@pldi.net Show Contact: Pat Bodkin	Info: http://www.alsashow.org/Hearland_Youth_Llama_Show_2014.pdf

05/03, 2014	2014 Stars n Stripes 2209 Road 9 Waco, NE68460 Judge: Allen Davis-Halter/Perf. Other Judges:	Jim Rutledge/Catherine Steele 402-366-9304 buckshollow@wildblue.net Show Contact: Catherine Steele	Show Info:
05/10-11, 2014	2014 Mid-Michigan Llama Show Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran Ave. Charlotte, MI48813 Judge: Mary Jo Miller-Halter/Perf. Other Judges:	Jerry Miller 517-645-2719 millerlama@aol.com Show Contact: Tricia Schneeberger	Show Info: http://www.michiganllama.org
05/17, 2014	2014 Grand Mesa Llama Classic Mesa County Fairgrounds, 2785 U.S. 50 Grand Junction, CO81503 Judge: Patti Morgan-Halter Other Judges: Linda Hayes-Perf.	Cheryl Juntilla 970-434-6092 cjwdj@aol.com Show Contact: Cheryl Juntilla	Show Info:
05/18, 2014	2014 Kokopelli Llama Classic Mesa County Fairgrounds, 2785 U.S. 50 Grand Junction, CO81503 Judge: Linda Hayes-Halter Other Judges: Patti Morgan-Perf.	Cheryl Juntilla 970-434-6092 cjwdj@aol.com Show Contact: Cheryl Juntilla	Show Info:
05/24-25, 2014	2014 Cielo Estate Llama and Alpaca Fete 3040 Ponderosa Shingle Springs, CA95682 Judge: TBA-Halter Other Judges: TBA-Perf.&Fleece	Trish Brandt-Robuck 916-663-2716 rbranch@sbcglobal.net Show Contact: Steve Katzakian	Show Info:
05/31, 2014	2014 LOCC Spring Show 11804 CR 1 Florissant, CO80816 Judge: Cheryl Juntilla-Halter Other Judges: Mary Wickman-Performance	Jim and Brenda Vance 719-689-0553 brenda.vance@splitrockllamas.com Show Contact: Jim Vance	Show Info: http://www.coloradollamas.com
06/07-08, 2014	2014 San Diego County Fair 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. Del Mar, CA92014 Judge: TBA Other Judges:	Jaime Mendoza 858-792-4283 livestock@sdfair.com Show Contact: Robey Cobb	Show Info: http://www.sdfair.com

06/07-08, 2014	2014 Estes Park Wool Market Llama Show - SILVER Stanley Park Fairgrounds - 1209 Manford Ave. Estes Park, CO80517 Judge: Mike Swanson-Halter Other Judges: Margaret Henry-Performance	Jill Knuckles 970-487-0223 talltailamas@bigplanet.com Show Contact: Jill Knuckles	Show Info: http://www.estes.org/woolmarket
06/07-08, 2014	2014 Estes Park Wool Market - Fleece Show Stanley Park Fairgrounds - 1209 Manford Ave. Estes Park, CO80517 Judge: Joy Bishop Forshey Other Judges:	Jill Knuckles 970-487-0223 talltailamas@bigplanet.com Show Contact: Jill Knuckles	Show Info: http://www.estes.org/woolmarket
06/07-08, 2014	2014 Estes Park Wool Market Llama Show - GOLD Stanley Park Fairgrounds - 1209 Manford Ave. Estes Park, CO80517 Judge: Margaret Henry-Halter Other Judges: Mike Swanson-Performance	Jill Knuckles 970-487-0223 talltailamas@bigplanet.com Show Contact: Jill Knuckles	Show Info: http://www.estes.org/woolmarket
06/20/2014	2014 All American Youth Jamboree 2003 Pleasant St, Noblesville, IN46060 Judge: TBA Other Judges:	Marilyn Nenni 317-773-1201 llamas@shagbakridge.com Show Contact: Kay Dugger	Show Info: http://www.youthjamboree.net
08/09-10, 2014	2014 Erie County Fair ALSA Llama Show 5600 McKinley Parkway Hamburg, NY14075 Judge: TBA Other Judges:	Michele Batt 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 kwilos@ecfair.org Show Contact: Laura Kwilos	Show Info: http://www.ecfair.org
08/13, 2014	2014 Missouri State Fair Missouri State Fair Grounds - 2503 W. 16th St. Sedalia, MO65301 Judge: Mike Swanson Other Judges:	Carol Busier 314-392-9882 ckreif384@gmail.com Show Contact: Carol Busier	Show Info: http://www.mostatefair.com
09/13, 2014	2014 Llama-Lympics 7369 Kate Ave. Sparta, WI54656 Judge: Mary Jo Miller Other Judges:	Kristy Brown 608-269-3292 brownderosa@centurytel.net Show Contact: Kristy Brown	Show Info: http://www.midwestllamapacking.com

10/04-05, 2014

2014 Llamas of the Wine Country Harvest Celebration

Linda Solomon

Sonoma County Fairgrounds 1350 Bennett Valley Rd.

707-889-6100

Santa Rosa, CA95404

heunique@comcast.net

Judge: TBA

Show Contact:

Show Info: <http://www.llowc.com>

Other Judges:

Janie Rogala





Protest 1:

Per the Sept 17, 2013 ALSA Board of Directors minutes the following protest was upheld by the protest committee and the ALSA Board of Directors..
**Recommendation on Protest Submitted to Committee
8/23/2013**

On August 23, 2013 the committee received a protest regarding failure of Ken Forster, ALSA President, to submit in a timely manner correspondence or information received to the board so that each member had adequate time to prepare for discussion prior to a vote.

This is in direct conflict of the following Standing Rule as found in the ALSA Handbook: Section 5 Communications (b) The President will forward, in a timely manner, all communications and letters addressed to the BOD members for review at the next BOD meeting.

After review the committee concluded this was a valid protest and that all monies paid by the party submitting the protest should be returned. Information received from Ken Forster states that he received a phone call request on or about the 22nd of July, 2013 but this information was not shared with the board until the meeting of 13th of August, 2013. At that time the information was shared with the board and a vote called for over the protest of member(s) of the ALSA BOD.

Therefore it is the findings of this committee that Ken Forster be censured for failure to follow the Standing Rules as they appear in the ALSA Handbook.

Yes, Ken Forster apologizes for not bringing this to the attention of the Board sooner.

It is our further belief that the board needs to bring the Standing Rules in to compliance with what is commonly held as a standard protocol and that is all

submissions to a board member must be submitted in writing or by email. Those submissions are then submitted to the remaining board members so that all members have a minimum of two (2) weeks in which to investigate and prepare for discussion prior to a vote. If for some reason said submission cannot be disseminated to remaining board members a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to a board meeting and it is not something that will adversely affect the financial wellbeing of the organization, then any votes will be tabled until a future meeting.

Please see the motion below.

It is the responsibility of all ALSA BOD members to be aware of the Standing Rules and all protocols associated with them. It is the responsibility of all ALSA BOD members to uphold the Standing Rules and to bring into questions occurrences that may be in violation of said rules.

Since there was a vote involved on this submission the ALSA BOD, in all good conscience, should rescind the vote and request from the party who made the initial phone call submission to submit the request in writing. This would then be submitted to the entire ALSA BOD in a timely manner prior to a vote. If the board is in unanimous agreement that said action will not result in a change of the initial vote then they may choose to allow the initial vote to stand.

Respectfully submitted,
ALSA Protest Committee

The ALSA BOD then approved the following Standing Rule change presented by Ken in order to clarify the rule.

Ken: I propose the below rewrite of Section 5 in order to clear up this section. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(a) The President will acknowledge receipt of all communications addressed to the Board of Directors with a confirmation by email, phone, or mail within 48 hours.

- b) The President **and/or any BOD Member** must forward, in a timely manner, all communications and letters addressed to all BOD members for review **a minimum of seven (7) days before** the next BOD meeting. **If for some reason said submission cannot be disseminated to remaining board members a minimum of seven (7) days prior to a board meeting and it is not something that will adversely affect the financial wellbeing of the organization, then any votes will be tabled until a future meeting.**
- c) **Committee reports and Office report should be submitted in a word document form. If Committee reports and Office report are not received by seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting; the BOD will decide if to be acted on immediately or tabled and added to the Agenda of the following meeting.**
- (c) changes to d) All letters, replies, and communications sent out by the President and/ or any BOD Member must first be reviewed and approved by the BOD.**

Protest 2:

Per the Dec 30, 2013 ALSA Board of Directors minutes the following protest was upheld by the protest committee and the ALSA Board of Directors. No penalties were imposed on the member involved. The Protest Committee received a protest against an ALSA member in regards to an instance that occurred at the 2013 ALSA Nationals. The protest was based on violations of the following handbook rules and guidelines: Part V, Section 2 (A), (2) D-F, page 145, also Part U, Section 3, (A) and (D) page 139.

After complete review the Protest Committee agrees that this is a valid protest and the protest fee should be returned to the person filing the protest. It is our belief that the situation that occurred is an example of behavior that is being seen across the country from other exhibitors. Therefore it is the committee's belief that the ALSA BOD should have an email blast sent to all ALSA members reminding them that unsportsmanlike conduct against judges, show management, volunteers, other exhibitors or animals should not be tolerated by show management and should be dealt with immediately.

Exhibitors exhibiting this kind of behavior could face reprimand by show management, expulsion from the show or a possible protest filed against them.

It is the hopes of this committee that this will help prevent incidences like this one and others from continuing to occur.

ALSA Monthly BOD Meeting Jan. 14, 2014

(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

This meeting will be recorded

Call to order 8:06 PM E.S.T.

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday, February 11, 2014; 8:00 pm CST

Roll call:

Members Present:

President: Ken Forster

V. President: Jim Doyle

Treasurer (Non Board) Patti Wattigney- Joined at 9:15 PM E.S.T. - Patti Left the call at 9:47 PM E.S.T.

Secretary: Kitty Tuck-Hampel

Board Members: Charles Poillion and Susan Leslie

Kitty: Motion to go into Executive session.

Charles: Seconds the motion

Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive session at 8:07 PM. E.S.T.

Kitty: Motion to leave Executive Session.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The Board exited Executive session at 9:12 PM E.S.T.

Robin and Patti joined the call at 9:15 PM E.S.T.

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager:

a) Review report received 01-06-14.

Office Report, January 14, 2014

There were many goals that were set in January of 2013 that were met.

- 1). One of the first goals was to continuously update the ROM winners, ALSA Champions, etc. on the website. This process has been programmed to do this is.
- 2). Another goal was to send the minutes and any information to the members of ALSA first and in 24 hours to post this information. This was done and the response from the members has been appreciative.
- 3). There was also a push for keeping the points up to date for all llamas/alpacas and to have the website reflect a more friendly way to see this.
- 4). Discuss membership: Discuss membership – there have been 116 membership cards sent out, there are 33 youth members, there are 52 judges, and there are 109 LIFE Members. We are receiving applications daily. When the email blast went out about renewal, we received over 30 applications. That makes our total membership so far 310. Our end of the year 2013 total was approximately 639.
- 5). Discuss sanctioned shows there are 14 so far. At this time last year there were 13 sanctioned shows.

- 6). We received the results and fees for the National Champions Alpaca Show on January 10, 2014. This show took place in October 2013. Discuss
 7.) Discuss goals from BOD for office?

Kitty: Motion to approve Robin's office Report.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

(Non BOD) Patti Wattigney

a) Review Treasures report.

Treasurer Report for the Month of December 31, 2013

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled
- 2)
- 3)

Current Assets

Checking Accounts	\$	16,249
Investment Account		45,051
Cash Memorials		<u>3,358</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 64,658

Liabilities

Accounts Payable 0

Total Liabilities 0

Equity \$ 64,658

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 64,658

Cash Balance on Hand November 30, 2013 \$ 66,930

Receipts

Membership Revenue	\$	3,250
Show Fee		
Revenue		1,070
Grand National Sponsorship/Vendor Fees		1,000
Regional		
Entry Fees		693
Judge / Judge Clinic		
Fees		1,600
Other		
Revenue		<u>158</u>

	Total Receipts	\$	7,771
Disbursements			
	Grand National Expenses	2,224	
	Regional Show Expenses	2,995	
	Membership Expense	175	
	Bank / Credit Card Fees	0	
	Office Contract/Expenses	3,609	
	Judge Clinic Expenses	0	
	Handbook Committee BOD	0	
	Expenses	139	
	Website Expenses	901	
	Total Disbursements	\$	<u>10,043</u>
	Balance on Hand December 31, 2013	\$	<u><u>64,658</u></u>

Susan: Motion to approve Patti's Treasurer's report.

Charles: Second the motion.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

a) E-mail motion concerning 2013 Youth High Points e-blast.

Jim: Motion the email blast stands as is and the 2013 Youth High Points stands.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

a)

12-31-13: Robin request approval of 2013 Youth High Points Award e-blast.

01-04-14: Jin=yes, Susan questioned items.

01-06-14: Susan called for discussion. Kitty questioned items.

New Business:

a) E-mail received from Joe Payne 01-12-14.

Reply letter has been approved to send to Joe Payne.

b) E-mail received from Larry Lewellyn 01-06-14 & 01-13-14.

c) Youth/Adult Lifetime members. *The Board will be doing research regarding this.*

Committee Reports:

1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Susan Leslie)

Chair: Kevin Sullivan

No report

2) Election Committee: (liaison: Ken)

Chair: Lougene Baird

- a) Review report received 01-06-14.
- b) Review suggested e-blast for approval.
- c) Assign 2014 liaison.

Kitty: I motion the 2014 election will be seating 2-directors for 3-year terms.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Kitty: I motion for the Election Eblast to be approved.

Jim: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The Board approves Kitty as the new Liaison to the Election Committee. Lougene will be informed of all of the decision made immediately.

- 3) Ethics: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Paul Schwartz
No report
- 4) Fiber Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
No report
- 5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Patti Wattigney
No report other than the Treasurer's report.
- 6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Susan Leslie
No report
- 7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew
They are working on the new Handbook.
- 8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris
a) Review report received 01-06-14

ALSA Judges' Committee Report January 2014

The committee has received a request from Tami Lash for reinstatement as an ALSA Judge in llama halter/performance and fiber as well as alpaca halter/performance and fiber.

She submitted all required paper work and the committee has reviewed all of it. At this time our recommendations are as follows:

Approve Tami Lash as a llama halter/performance and fleece judge. It is the feelings of the committee that Tami has exceptional previous experience in the alpaca area but hasn't actually judged that for awhile. Therefore since all llama halter/performance judges may also judge up to 25 shorn alpaca

we would like to see Tami complete one small show on this level in addition to one alpaca fleece apprenticeship in order to provide a refresher for her. Upon completion of these two requirements she would automatically be approved as an alpaca halter/performance and fleece judge.

The BoD will be tabling the above portion of the Judge's Committee report until some research can be done.

Lora Crawford also submitted to the committee her review of Margaret Drew as an assistant instructor based on Margaret's work at the Grass Valley clinic in September. At this time the committee would like to recommend approval of Margaret as an assistant instructor.

Jim: Motion to accept Margaret Drew as an assistant Instructor.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Harris – Chair

Margaret Henry

Deb Yeagle

Patti Morgan

Maryan Baker

- 9) Membership Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Kathy Devaul
No report
- 10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: None
No report
- 11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Anna Reece
No report
- 12) Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: Barb Harris
No report
- 13) Promotion Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: None
No Report
- 14) Protest Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Margaret Henry
- 15) Publications Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: Ruby Herron
- 16) Regional Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

a) Review report received 01-07-14.

A final accounting of 2013 Regional income and expenses is being provided to the Board for its information. Many thanks to Patti Wattigney for her assistance in compiling the information for this accounting. Some of the Regions fared better than others financially, with facility cost being one of the major factors contributing to the differences in expenses between Regions. The overall net income for the 2013 Regional Championships was \$1,716.45.

Looking forward to 2014 I am happy to report that most of the Regional Superintendents have agreed to serve again this year. One exception is Penny Thomas in the Central Region who feels that she has not yet recovered enough take on the responsibility this year. She appreciates everyone who stepped up to help last year and hopes that the Central Regional Championship can continue to be held in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Fair as that seems to have worked well for the exhibitors. We will miss working with Penny and wish her all the best as she continues her recovery. In the meantime, we will need to recruit a volunteer to serve as Superintendent for the Central Regional Championship.

In other Regions, Barb Harris has agreed to serve as Superintendent for the Rocky Mountain Region; Bob LaMorte has agreed to serve as Superintendent for the Midwestern Region; Kathy Devaul and Cheryl Lambert have agreed to serve in the Southeastern Region; and Joy Pedroni has agreed to serve in the Southwestern Region. At this time we don't have volunteers for the Northwestern and Eastern Regions.

Hodges Badge Company is running a Winter sale and we can save 10% on ribbons ordered before February 18, so we would like to order ribbons as soon as possible. We request that the Committee Liaison be permitted to let us know right away if the Superintendents who have volunteered for 2014 are approved by the Board without having to wait for publication of the meeting minutes.

We would like to thank the Board for approving our requested revisions to the Handbook as the changes should make the Regional Superintendents' jobs a little easier.

Cheryl Juntilla
Regional Championship Committee Chair

Kitty: I motion to approve the Regional Committee Report

Jim: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The Board approves to give the Regional Committee the immediate information regarding this meeting.

17) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Kitty)

Chair:

No report

18) Web Site Committee: (liaison: Jim)

Chair: Ruby Herron

No Report

19) Youth Committee: (liaison: Susan)

Chair: Michelle Kutzler

I would like to add a co-chair to my youth committee. When Michelle accepted her position, she told me she may have time restraints, so I would like to add a Co-chair in order to help her with committee business. I would like to recommend Terry White as the Co-chair for the youth committee.

thanks

Jim: Nominates Terry White as the Co-Chair for the youth committee.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The youth qualifications for Grand Nationals for youth showmanship and judging are being reviewed by the Board of Directors and will be submitted.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

a) Covered above in old business.

b)

12-30-13: Kitty submitted minutes from Dec 30th Special meeting.

01-06-14: Susan-yes. Kitty-yes, Ken-yes.

01-06-14: No corrections or additions received. Minutes stand as approved.

c)

01-02-14: Robin requested approval of e-blast: ALSA Judges and Apprentice Judges - DUES DUE FOR 2014

01-02-14: Jim-yes; Susan-yes.

01-03-14: Kitty-yes; Charles-yes, Ken-yes. E-blast approved.

d)

01-06-14: Robin request approval of Membership e-blast.

01-06-14: Susan-yes; Jim-yes; Kitty-no questioned wording; Charles-yes.

01-10-14: Ken-no. E-blast approved by majority vote.

e)

01-07-14: Kitty requested approval of letters to be sent.

01-07-14: Susan approved. Ken approved.

01-08-14: Charles approved.

01-10-14: Letters approved.

Kitty: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM E.S.T.

Minutes: Kitty

ALSA Monthly BOD Meeting Feb 11, 2014

(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

Call to order: 8:04 E.S.T.

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday March 13, 2014; 8:00 pm CST

Roll call:

Members Present:

President: Ken Forster

V. President: Jim Doyle

Treasurer (Non Board): Patti Wattigney (Joined the call at 9:32 - left the call at 9:46 PM E.S.T.)

Secretary: Kitty Tuck-Hampel

Board Members: Susan Leslie & Charles Poillion

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager:

a) Review report received 02-04-14.

February 11, 2014 BOD Meeting Office Report

1. Membership.

A. We have approximately 186 Regular Members, 68 Youth members, and 109 Life members. The total membership so far is 360. As of this present time, all membership cards have been mailed out. In the January BOD meeting, these categories were all added up with the judges list included in the total. This was an incorrect assessment. Last month, our total at the time of the BOD meeting was 258 members. At this time, we have increased our membership by 105 members. We are receiving applications daily.

B. Discussion about the "renewing membership" of old members coming back to ALSA.

(FYI - The total membership for 2013 was 639.)

2. Judges.

We also have 55 judges available on our judges list. For the year of 2013 we had 53 judges.

This is an increase of 2. (There was one judge that did not renew). I have received the new judges list from Barb Harris for 2014 and it is online.

3. Shows.

A. We currently have 22 sanctioned shows for 2014. This is an increase from the BOD meeting last month of 14. This is down from the shows sanctioned at this time last year, there were 29 shows sanctioned by this time in 2013. However, I have heard from some superintendents that are meaning to send sanctioning forms in and have not yet. One is a new show in California.

B. We have had four shows that have taken place at this time. We have received results for two shows that took place in January. We have started posting on the ALSA website and I've received their fee.

4. Old and New Superintendents.

Kitty and I have had discussions and have come up with some different scenarios to have happen when a superintendent wants to sanction a show. There will also be updates on the Superintendent information page on the website.

5. General Election

I have been in contact with Lougene Baird, the Election Chair. So far 2 email blasts have gone out to remind people to renew their memberships or join ALSA, nominate, and vote! There will be more to come.

6. Discussion about letter received from member, Suzy Hassler.

The BoD would like to thank Suzy for such a kind letter. Thank you so much for taking the time to write to us and give us such an uplifting note.

Kitty: Motion to approve the office report.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

(Non BOD) Patti Wattigney

a) Review Treasures report.

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>
Equity	\$ <u>69,198</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ <u><u>69,198</u></u>

Cash Balance on Hand December 2013 \$ 64,658

Receipts

Membership Revenue	\$ 5,375	
Show Fee Revenue	1,593	
Grand National Revenue/Sponsorship	0	
Judge / Judge Clinic Fees	1,000	
Other Revnue	<u>172</u>	
 Total Receipts		 \$ 8,140

Disbursements

Grand National Expenses	0
Corporate Filings	365
BOD Expenses	0
Bank / Credit Card Fees	317
Office Contract/Expenses	2,918
Linda Pierce Awards	0
Handbook Committee	0
Publications Committee	0
Website Expenses	<u>0</u>

Total Disbursements	\$ <u>3,600</u>
Balance on Hand January 31, 2013	\$ <u><u>69,198</u></u>

Treasurer's report accepted as submitted.

Also submitted to the board was the December 31, 2013 financial reports.

Jim: Motion to approve the December 31, 2013 end of year financial reports.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

A) Correction to Grand National meeting minutes.

Make a correction to the last sentence on the Grand Nation Meeting Minutes: We would like to thank Mark Foerder for sponsoring the Youth Versatility Award and LANA for sponsoring the Versatility award. Motion carried to approve the Grand National Meeting Minutes.

Please accept our apology to Mark Foerder and LANA for this oversight.

B) Approval of 2014 Handbook.

Jim: I make a motion to approve the 18th Edition of the 2014 Handbook.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

C) Dual shows and fees: Show forcing exhibitors to enter both ILR and ALSA show.

We will be making a phone call to the superintendents to explain how this is not in the best interest of the llama community to force exhibitors to compete in both shows at a dual show.

D) Letter from Tammi Lash.

The board is still reviewing information and will get back with this member as soon as possible.

E) *Ken Forster: As President I make the following motion: Since we continue to receive emails from members that are counterproductive, disruptive, negative and often disrespectful to others and often contain threats of filling a Protest, etc.; those letters will be placed after committee reports and will be handled as time permits.*

Kitty: Seconds the motion

Roll Call vote: Kitty- Yes, Charles- Yes, Jim- Abstain, Susan- Yes, Ken- Yes.

4-Yes votes, 1- Abstention.

Motion carried.

New Business:

A) Letter from Glenn & Kathy Stanko.

The BoD will be writing a letter of reply to the Stankos.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Susan Leslie)
Chair: Kevin Sullivan

No Report

2) Election Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Lougene Baird
Jim: Motion to approve the Election Guidelines.
Charles: Seconds the motion
Motion carried.

3) Ethics: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Paul Schwartz
No Report

4) Fiber Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
No Report

5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Patti Wattigney
See Treasurer's Report

6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Susan Leslie

We are requesting that until the change can be implemented for the 2015 hand book, that the eligibility for Grand Nationals, for youth judging and youth showmanship be reduced to 1 in a division and with 4 or more in a class, 2 would qualify.

I would also like to propose that this be reduced to 1 in a division as well for GOS and POD classes.

Thanks

Jim: I motion to try the above portion of the Eligibility for the Grand National Show for a trial period of 1-year.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Susan: I motion to approve Jim's travel expenses to research Grand National facilities.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew

The BoD would like to thank the Handbook Committee for their hard work and dedication to getting this handbook put together.

8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris
No Report

9) Membership Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Kathy Devaul
No Report

10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Kitty)

Chair: None

Charles: I motion to make Kitty the liaison to the Nomination Committee.

Susan: I second the motion.

Motion carried.

Kitty: Motion to nominate Anna Reese as the Chairperson of the Nomination Committee.

Jim: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Kitty)

Chair: Anna Reece

No Report

12) Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Charles)

Chair: Barb Harris

No Report

13) Promotion Committee: (liaison: Charles)

Chair: None

No Report

14) Protest Committee: (liaison: Jim)

Chair: Margaret Henry

The Protest Committee received a protest and it was ruled invalid.

15) Publications Committee: (liaison: Charles)

Chair: Ruby Herron

a) Review report received 02-03-14

I have a request for the 2014 Showring Magazine.

I have had request for larger ads plus a variety of ads for the Showring.

I would like to submit these sizes and rates starting with the next edition.

I also would like to send this information to the members to let them know about the ads that are available.

Kitty: Motion to approve the new rates.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

16) Regional Committee: (liaison: Kitty)

Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

Bob LaMorte asked for confirmation that it would be okay to have the ALSA and ILR performance classes at his show both on the same day because last year it was very tiring for the exhibitors and volunteers to do performance courses two days in a row.

Susan: I motion to approve the confirmation for Bob LaMorte to have the performance classes on the same day with separate ALSA and ILR judges.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Regional report received and will be tabled rest of the report until it can be further reviewed.

17) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Charles)

Chair:

Kitty: Motion to nominate Charles as the liaison to the Show Management Committee.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

18) Web Site Committee: (liaison: Jim)

Chair: Ruby Herron

No Report

19) Youth Committee: (liaison: Susan)

Co-Chairs: Michelle Kutzler & Terry White

(Covered in the Grand National Report.)

Other Business:

A) E-mails from Larry Lewellyn 02-07-14 11:55 am and 1:07pm.

B) E-mail from Larry Lewellyn 02-10-14.

C) E-mail from Larry Lewellyn 02-11-14.

We have reviewed these items and after discussion, no motions were made.

Robin left the call at 11:24 PM E.S.T.

Jim: Motion to enter Executive session

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The BoD has entered into executive session at 11:24 PM E.S.T.

Jim: Motion to leave executive session.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The Board has left executive session at 11:39 PM E.S.T. and Robin rejoined the call at 11:40 PM E.S.T.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

Copy of resolution adopted by BOD for 2014 election.

RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS
ALPACA AND LLAMA SHOW ASSOCIATION, INC.
(the organization)

WHEREAS on Dec 10, 2013; Larry Lewellyn was removed from the ALSA Board of Directors for violating executive session information of BOD meeting as stated in the ALSA Bylaws. As there were no alternate candidates remaining from the ~~2011~~ 2013 election; the position was not filled and BOD number was dropped to five members.

WHEREAS per ALSA Bylaws; ARTICLE III - Board of Directors; *Section 1. Number.*
The number of directors shall be not less than five or more than nine. The exact number of directors, within the range of the above, shall be fixed and may from time to time be changed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. Any reduction of the authorized number of Directors does not remove any Director prior to the expiration of such Director's Term of office.

WHEREAS per Jan 14, 2014 ALSA BOD minutes. Motion was passed to open two positions for the June 2014 election thus increasing the BOD to six members.

The undersigned, being the Board of Directors of the organization, a Wisconsin Corporation, by unanimous consent in writing pursuant to the authority contained in the corporate law of the State of Wisconsin and within the association bylaws Article III, Section 1. Number; do hereby consent to the following action of the organization, to begin as of the 1st of July, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED: This resolution supersedes any previous resolutions on this matter.

BE IT RESOLVED: This resolution may be signed by the directors in as many counterparts as may be necessary, each of which so signed shall be deemed to be an original, (and each signed copy sent by electronic facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be an original) and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument and notwithstanding the date of execution shall be deemed to bear the date as set forth above.

Multiple copies on file with the President and the election committee showing all signatures.

CONSTITUTING ALL OF THE DIRECTORS

A)

- 01-14-14: Kitty submitted Jan 14, 2014 minutes for approval.
- 01-14-14: Jim and Ken submitted correction.
- 01-15-14: Charles and Susan submitted correction.
- 01-19-14: Kitty submitted corrected minutes for approval.
- 01-19-14: Jim-approve; Susan-approve; Kitty-approve; Charles-approve.

01-19-14: Minutes of Jan 14, 2014 BOD meeting approved.

B)

- 01-19-14: Kitty: I motion to rescind the motion disallowing notes and instating what our Performance Committee recommended of "73. sect 4. I No written notes may be used in the actual performance classes, but written notes may be taken on paper during the walkthrough."
- Charles seconded.
- Charles-yes; Kitty-yes.
- 01-21-14: Jim-yes; Susan-yes.
- 01-21-14: Motion carried.

C)

01-25-14: Ken: Motion to amend the motion in Dec 17, 2013 BOD minutes concerning:

M73. sect 4. K,
Exhibitors may not enter or practice in the ring or around the obstacles during or before the show. Such action WILL disqualify the exhibitor.

To read as:

Exhibitors may not enter or practice with their llamas and/or alpacas in the ring or around the obstacles during or before the show. Such action will disqualify the exhibitor. Exhibitors may still volunteer to help Show Management with setup of obstacles.

This wording change to be effective Jan 1, 2014.

Also request approval to notify handbook committee upon acceptance of the motion.

01-25-14: Jim seconded.

01-25-14: Jim-yes; Susan-yes.

01-26-14: Charles-yes.

01-29-14: Ken-yes.

Four yes votes; motion carried.

D)

01-29-14: Kitty submitted the 2013 Grand National membership meeting minutes for approval.

Jim requested one correction.

Jim-yes; Kitty-yes.

01-30-14: Charles-yes; Susan-yes.

Grand National meeting minutes approved.

E)

01-29-14: Ken request approval of reply letter to Paul Schwartz.

Susan-yes; Jim-yes.

01-30-14: Kitty-yes; Charles-yes.

Letter to Paul Schwartz is approved.

F)

01-30-14: Ken request approval of letters to Maryan Baker and Trish Robuck.

Jim-yes; Susan-yes; Charles-yes.

01-31-14: Kitty-yes.

Letters approved.

G)

02-07-14: Ken request approval of write-up for protest to be placed in Showring.

Jim-yes; Kitty-yes; Susan- yes

02-08-14: Charles-yes

Motion approved

H)

02-07-14: Ken request approval of write-up for second protest to be placed in Showring.

Jim-yes; Kitty-yes; Susan- yes

02-08-14: Charles-yes

Motion approved.

Kitty: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 PM E.S.T

Minutes: Kitty

ALSA Monthly BOD Meeting

March 13, 2014

(All times posted are EST, if not noted)

Call to order: 8:04 PM E.S.T.

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday April 8, 2014; 8:00 pm CST

Roll call:

Members Present:

President: Ken Forster

V. President: Jim Doyle

Treasurer (Non Board) Patti Wattigney- Joined at 9:22 PM- Left the call at 10:07 PM E.S.T.

Secretary: Kitty Tuck-Hampel

Board Members: Susan Leslie and Charles Poillion

Robin ALSA Executive Secretary: Joined the call at 8:36 PM E.S.T.

Request for Executive Session:

Kitty: Motion to go into executive session.

Jim seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The board entered into Executive session at 8:05 PM E.S.T.

Charles: Motion to leave Executive session.

Jim seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

The board exits Executive session at 9:17 PM E.S.T.

Office Business:

Robin Turell, Office Manager:

- a) Review report received

1. Membership

We have approximately 201 Regular Members, 92 Youth members, and 109 Life members. The total membership so far is 402. Last month, our total at the time of the BOD meeting was 360 members. At this time, we have increased our membership by 42 members. We are receiving applications daily.

2. Shows

We currently have 26 sanctioned shows for 2014.

3. Posting of Shows

These are the steps that happen when the ALSA office posts the results of a show:

- The superintendent gets the results to the ALSA office via email or USPS.
- If these results are sent via email, they are followed up by the USPS along with the judges' cards, recap sheet and fees.
- The results are then posted **WITHOUT** a change unless I have noticed something that does not match in which I contact the superintendent **BEFORE** any correction is made.

4. Discussion about youth scholarship email sent to Ken on Feb. 12, 2014 and on Feb. 16, 2014.

5. Discussion about Superintendent Letter sent to Ken on Feb. 12, 2014.

6. Discussion about Handbook Printing. An email with the bid sent to BOD on Feb. 15, 2014.

An eblast will be sent to the membership asking if the membership would like the opportunity to pre-order Handbooks. (BoD)

Susan: I make a motion we pay the \$450 to update the software for a live reporting of the youth award system.

Kitty: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Kitty: Motion to accept the office report.

Jim: Seconds the report.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

(Non BOD) Patti Wattigney

- Review Treasures report received 03-05-14.

Treasurer Report for the Month of February 2014

- 1) All bank accounts have been reconciled
- 2) The Office Contract Amount includes payment for February and March
- 3)

Current Assets

Checking Accounts	\$	17,943
Investment Account		45,081
Cash Memorials		<u>3,352</u>

Total Current Assets	\$	<u><u>66,376</u></u>
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable		<u>0</u>
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Total Liabilities		<u>0</u>
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Equity	\$	<u><u>66,376</u></u>
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Total Liabilities & Equity	\$	<u>66,376</u>	
Cash Balance on Hand January 2014	\$		69,198
Receipts			
Membership Revenue	\$	2,525	
Show Fee Revenue		925	
Grand National Revenue		0	
Judge / Judge Clinic Fees		50	
Other Revenue		<u>36</u>	
Total Receipts	\$		3,536
Disbursements			
Grand National Expenses - 2014		163	
Corporate Filings		0	
BOD Expenses		0	
Bank / Credit Card Fees		247	
Office Contract/Expenses		5,833	
Linda Pierce Awards		0	
Judge Clinic Expenses		115	
Publications Committee Website Expenses		<u>0</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$		<u>6,358</u>
Balance on Hand February 28, 2014	\$		<u>66,376</u>

Charles: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a) Tami Lash-

Kitty: I motion to reinstate as a judge, Tami Lash on the grounds she must serve 1-year probation as a llama halter judge and llama/alpaca performance judge only. At the end of the one-year probationary period, she will be permanently reinstated in accordance with the 18th Edition of the ALSA Handbook. Tami Lash will be subjected to the 5-year recertification time period at the end of the probation year in accordance with the 18th Edition of the ALSA Handbook.

Jim: Seconds the Motion.

Roll Call:

Kitty- Yes, Charles- Yes, Jim- Yes, Susan-Yes

4-yes votes- Motion carried.

b) Cathie Kindler

Susan: I motion that the requirement for Cathie Kindler to be a judge, she must either complete an Advanced Clinic OR complete the requirements of the 18th Edition of the ALSA Handbook for recertification- Pg 130, Part S Sec. 3-c. After meeting one of those requirements, she must serve 1-year probation as a llama halter judge and llama/alpaca performance judge only. At the end of the one-year probationary period, she will be permanently reinstated in accordance with the 18th Edition of the ALSA Handbook. Cathie Kindler will be subjected to the 5-year recertification time period at the end of the probation year in accordance with the 18th Edition of the ALSA Handbook.

Jim: Seconds.

Roll Call:

Kitty- Yes, Charles- Yes, Jim- Yes, Susan- Yes

4-yes votes- Motion carried.

New Business:

a) Letter from Marilyn Nenni.

A new eblast will be sent out regarding this.

b) Letter from Jens Rudibaugh.

The letter was sent to the performance committee for review.

c) Letter from Robin Turrel.

Reply sent to Robin.

Committee Reports:

1) Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Susan Leslie)

Chair:

Kitty: I motion to remove Kevin as the Chairperson of the Alpaca Committee due to not being a member of ALSA.

Jim: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

2) Election Committee: (liaison: Kitty)

Chair: Lougene Baird

ALSA Election Committee Report – March 3, 2014

The Day of Record for the 2014 General Election is Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The Day of Record is the last day a person may pay dues and become a member in good standing as part of the qualifications to participate in the election process. The Treasurer and office Manager shall reconcile the list of members using the day of Record to create an up-to-date list to present to the Board of Directors for approval.

The deadline members to submit Petition to Nominate Forms is April 10th. The committee has received approximately 30 Petitions for 4 potential candidates.

The Committee has received a request for a Bylaw change from members at large. The Committee is obligated to send the information to the ALSA Board for review. The Committee has organized that request so that it would logically fit into the current Bylaws. Please review the member's request and then deny or accept the change to be put on the 2014 ballot. The request, underlined below, is as follows:

Bylaws - Article III – Board of Directors Section 8. Resignation and Removal.

Towards the end of that section..

A board member may be censured, suspended or ejected for unauthorized activity by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Unauthorized activity may be described as, but not limited to, violation of Executive Session confidentiality, publicly discussing member hardships or authorizing unapproved expenditures. Accusatory language and rude behavior to fellow Directors, Committee Chairs, volunteers or ALSA personnel will not be tolerated as it is not in the best interest of the membership or the organization and does not allow the Directors to accomplish the work for which each was elected. Once removed, that person may not run for office, be elected or serve for the remainder of their term and a period of two (2) years.

The pre-approved e-blasts are being sent to the membership as planned. Conversations are ongoing with the electronic voting company to assure a smooth transition from paper to electronic balloting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lougene A Baird, Chair

ALSA Election Committee

Charles: I make a motion to approve the bylaw change as recommended by the Election Committee.

Kitty: I second the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

March 11, 2014

To the Election Committee Liaison. Nomination Committee Chair and the ALSA Board,

The below is EC comments on a member's request for "Candidate's names to be put on ALSA website" prior to the formal review of the official list of members verifying membership in good standing as approved by the ALSA Board and other information.

A person is not a "candidate" until they meet all of the requirements of a "member in good standing" as described in the ALSA Bylaws and agree to put their name on the ballot, this is usually discovered during the Statement of Candidacy process. (April 10 to April 29)

Please refer to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Election Committee uses the list of members that is compiled by the Treasurer and office manager for 'verifications' in the election process. The list of members who have paid their dues is completed after the Day of Record (April 1) and approved by the ALSA Board of Directors. In addition, the Board also approves other requirements of a member-in-good standing which is not reflected in the ALSA accounting system. The EC receives notification of Board

approval of the list of members-in-good standing and other verification ONLY through its Liaison. That list is used in the election process.

As a member, Robin (the ALSA office manager) was the only person who requested the verification procedure be changed so that each person would know if he/she had enough or “necessary 5 petitions”. The EC did that per Robin’s request but only in its operational policy which the Board approved. Per the change in procedure, the EC has since given each person a list of people who submitted petitions on their behalf. Those folks can check the website, or ask the petitioners who petitioned, to manage their own nomination process to verify whatever each feels necessary.

The Bylaws explicitly state the EC will use the membership list compiled by the Treasurer and office and approved by the Board. The EC uses no other list. The EC does NOT verify membership by using the ALSA website as this would not be working within the Bylaws/Standing Rules. In addition, the other information to be received from the Board and required by the Bylaws is not on the website! This is located in Article II Membership, Section 6 Membership in Good Standing in its entirety

In the past, a small percentage of members have asked how many petitions they had received. With the procedure change, it has been taken a step further. Each interested potential candidate not only is told how many but from WHOM their petitions were received. Not if the petitioners dues are paid.

I keep detailed notes of phone conversations regarding EC and election process and work regardless of who I speak with. According to my notes, last year Robin contacted me as she was concerned that ALSA would incur election expenses last year when an election was not ‘really necessary’. And, rightly so! The amount of candidates (2) matched the openings (2) on the Board. She asked what might be done to avoid those costs last year. With that in mind, I wrote a Bylaw change and submitted that to the Board for its approval to be put on last year’s ballot. The membership approved the change and it will avoid the same scenario in future elections. ALSA will never incur election expenses when there is no need to have an election unless the Bylaws are reversed on that note.

I do not have my notes with me at work this morning. From recall, Robin (as a member), a few weeks ago called to say that it would be nice to know if a person already had enough petitions. In short, she used the example that if a person already had 5 Petitions, she would not ‘waste’ her petition on someone who already had enough but use them for another person. She also stated she and her partners have 2 petitions between all of everyone. With that suggestion, the EC rewrote the part of the Procedure, the ALSA Board approved it so that the EC may notify potential candidates of who and how many Petitions the EC had received on their behalf. So now those folks can check with a person to see how many they have received so petitions are not wasted.

It is my understanding that Robin’s concern is that ‘we do not have a lot of participation in the election process anymore’. If it will help put your minds at ease, the EC is working with five people who have received way more than 5 petitions each. So it looks like ALSA will have a healthy ballot if all choose to run!

From election history I know that the ALSA office has helped and will continue to help the EC. Cheryl did and now Robin does. Both worked beautifully in concert with the EC through the election process. However, the EC, the NC and the office are obliged to work under the process as described in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Running for the ALSA Board, and if elected, serving on the Board requires an immense commitment. Each person deserves to be treated fairly, their privacy respected and all must be treated equally. These folks are able to manage their own process to become petitioned and follow all of the rules as recorded in the Bylaws and Standing Rules if they so choose, to follow their quest to become a Director.

As it has been in the past few years and will be this year, as soon as the ballot names are finalized, the full Statements of Candidacies will be posted on the ALSA website.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance in the Board's understanding of how the EC works within the Bylaws and Standing Rules in the election process.

Lougene

Kitty: Motion to accept the Election Committee Report.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

- 3) Ethics: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Paul Schwartz
No Report
- 4) Fiber Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Cindy Ruckman
No Report
- 5) Finance & Budget Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Patti Wattigney
Under Treasurer's Report
- 6) Grand National Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Susan Leslie
No Report
- 7) Handbook Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Marcie Saska Agnew
No Report
- 8) Judge's Committee: (liaison: Ken)
Chair: Barb Harris
Report received 03-02-14:

On January 31st 2014 the committee held a conference call to discuss new ideas and approve judges and instructors.

At this time the committee is working on replacing the requirement that all judges must attend at least one annual meeting at the Grand National every 5 years. Our proposal will be that each member of the committee and either the chair or one other committee member will conduct a conference call with all judges and apprentices in their area. In this conference call all previous year rule changes will be covered. Discussion of concerns and questions will be included. A judge who is unable to participate on a conference call in their area may sit in on another region's call. This conference call may also be used to replace the annual open book test.

A conference call may be replaced in an area if there would be an opportunity to have a face to face at another venue.

We are still working on the details for this proposal but feel that in this economy this will help judges from incurring ever increasing costs to travel to the Grand National just to attend the annual meeting.

The committee reviewed all the judges and apprentices and approved them for 2014. The list was submitted to the ALSA office for publication.

The following instructors were approved by the committee for 2014 and are being submitted to the board for approval.

Llama Halter/performance

Deb Yeagle

Judie Moser

Hank Kauffman

Barbara Harris

Lora Crawford

Margaret Drew – assistant – one left

Cheryl Juntilla – assistant – one left

Danielle Wagoner – assistant – one left

Phil Feiner – assistant – two left

Alpaca Halter/performance

Deb Yeagle

Mary Reed

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Patti Morgan

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The committee addressed a concern that had been expressed regarding an apprentice and an email was sent to said apprentice.

It was also brought to the committee's attention that there are several judges who have been soliciting judging positions. The show superintendents who have contacted the committee didn't wish to file a formal complaint for fear of retaliation. The committee has sent a blanket email to all judges and apprentices advising them that this is a violation of one of the Standing Rules for ALSA judges.

The committee would also like to express concern over the increase in the non-member fee to show. We are out there as judges and come into contact with many superintendents across the country. They in turn are in contact with many exhibitors. We have been hear complaints about this increase and what it has done to the number of exhibitors who are participating in shows. In some areas there is only one or maybe two shows and exhibitors can't quite justify a full ALSA membership but this increase drives them further away. This is especially true for shows that are trying to encourage alpacas to come to an ALSA show. In these times of high gas prices, increased hay prices and economic downturn we as a llama community need to be thinking outside of the box to encourage involvement in our llama shows. Higher fees are not the answer.

Respectfully,

ALSA Judges' Committee

Barb Harris – chair

Jim: I make a motion to approve the instructors in the committee report.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Membership Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Kathy Devaul
No Report

- 10) Nomination Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Anna Reece
No Report

- 11) Performance Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Anna Reece
No Report

- 12) Policy & Planning Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: Barb Harris
No Report

- 13) Promotion Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: None
No Report

- 14) Protest Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Margaret Henry
No Report

- 15) Publications Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair: Ruby Herron
No Report

- 16) Regional Committee: (liaison: Kitty)
Chair: Cheryl Juntilla

Report received 03-03-14.

Here's the Regional Championship Committee report for your next Board meeting.

Dates that have been set for 2014 Regional Championships are as follows:

August 30 & 31 - Rocky Mountain Regional Championship to be held in Castle Rock, Colorado

September 13 & 14 - Midwestern Regional Championship to be held in Valparaiso, Indiana

September 19 & 20 - Central Regional Championship to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 11 & 12 - Southeastern Regional Championship to be held in Perry, Georgia

Kitty: I make a motion to approve the dates of the above 4-regionals.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

We are proposing that a Western Regional Championship be held on September 13 & 14 at the Tehama County Fairgrounds in Red Bluff, California. This location is easily accessible for exhibitors from both the Southwestern and Northwestern Regions. This was the site of the 2012 Southwestern Regional Championship and the facility cost is reasonable. We believe this proposal would be more economical than trying to hold separate championship shows for the two regions.

Ribbons for all of the regions except the Western were ordered in time to take advantage of the 10% off winter sale. If the Board approves the Western Regional Championship to be held in Red Bluff, we should be able to utilize rosettes left from both the Southwestern and Northwestern 2013 Championships and order new replacement streamers to refurbish them, which should be relatively inexpensive.

We would like to ask Robin to send out an e-mail blast to start promoting all of the Regional Championship shows as soon as we know if the Board has approved the proposal for the Western Regional Championship and ask that you be allowed to let us know without having to wait for the meeting minutes to be published.

Thank you.

Cheryl J.

We will table the Western Regional until we receive the final recommendations on the Western Regional.

17) Show Management Committee: (liaison: Charles)
Chair:
No Report

18) Web Site Committee: (liaison: Jim)
Chair: Ruby Herron
No Report

19) Youth Committee: (liaison: Susan)
Chair: Michelle Kutzler & Terry White, Co-Chairs

Report received 03-06-14.

Here is the report from the Youth Committee in regards to the Youth ROM's,

They are listed on line that the youth are eligible to receive these awards, but not in the handbook, and there are no youth that we can find that have received these awards.

Here is the general consensus from the youth committee....

From the information gathered, it is unclear as to why our youth are not currently receiving ROMs. As far as requesting that the ALSA BOD move forward on this, I feel that we need to put some thought into a few factors, such as the cost involved to get this program going again and how far back would we go for these awards or would we "start fresh."

Everyone likes the idea of rewarding our youth, but who will actually take on this task of sorting through the names of past and present ALSA youth in order to award appropriately.

Terry White, Co-Chair

Kitty: I motion to remove the Youth ROM program from the website due to it never being voted on or implemented. This will be sent to the youth committee to investigate.

Susan: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

EMAIL MOTIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

A)

02-11-14: Kitty submitted 02-11-14 BOD minutes for approval.

02-12-14: Jim sent correction.

02-13-14: Charles, Susan and Ken sent corrections

02-14-14: Rewritten minutes sent for approval.

Jim-yes; Charles-yes, Kitty-yes; Susan yes.

02-16-14: Minutes of 01-11-14 BOD meeting approved.

B)

02-13-14: Grand National e-blast sent for approval.

02-16-14: Ken resubmitted with changes.

Kitty and Susan approved with one change.

C)

02-13-14: Superintendents letter submitted for approval.

D)

02-13-14: Handbook e-blast submitted for approval.

02-16-14: Put on hold.

E)

02-15-14: Reply letters submitted for approval (Stanko, Lewellyn & Schwartz)

02-15-14: Jim-approved with one change.

02-17-14: Kitty-yes; Charles-yes; Susan-yes

02-17-14: Letters approved.

F)

02-16-14: Showring ad rates e-blast submitted for approval.

02-16-14: Jim-yes; Susan-yes.

02-17-14: Kitty-yes; Charles-yes: Ken-yes.

02-17-14: Showring e-blast approved.

Kitty: Motion to adjourn.

Charles: Seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 PM E.S.T.

Minutes: Kitty

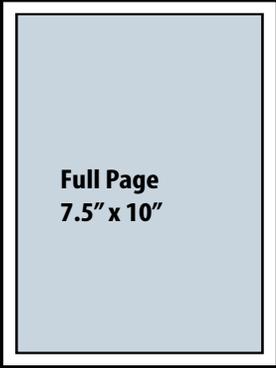
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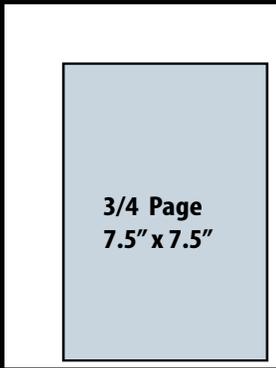
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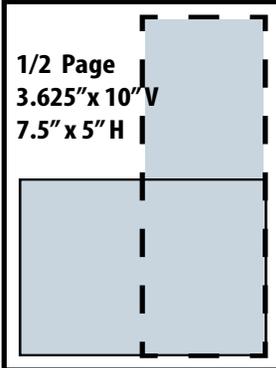
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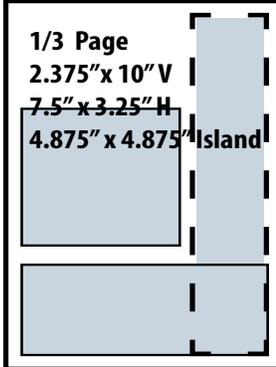
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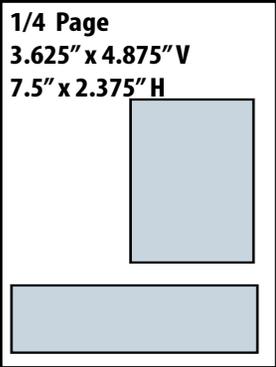
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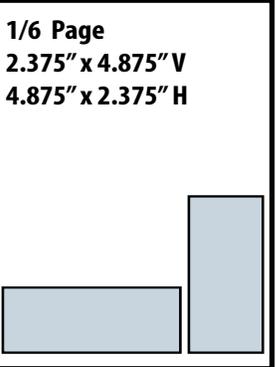
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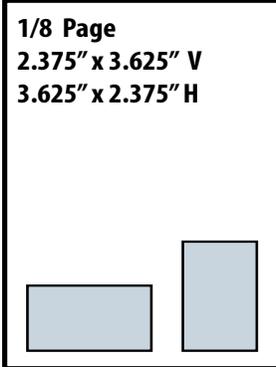
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