

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting of ALSA
BOD Meeting Minutes: September 12, 2007**

The regular monthly ALSA BOD Meeting was called to order by President, Wally Baker, at 7:31 PM EST.

BOD Members Present:

Wally Baker – President
Ken Fenley – Vice President
Marilyn Nenni - Secretary
Lora Crawford - Board Member
Julie Heggie – Board Member
Larry Lewellyn - Board Member
Kay Sharpnack – Board Member

Others Present:

Cheryl Ryberg – ALSA Administrative Manager
Wayne Rankin – Treasurer (only present through Treasurer’s report and Office report)

Proceedings:

Next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 PM EST on October 10, 2007

A face-to-face BOD Meeting is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. on October 25th in Lincoln, NE, at the time of the Grand National Show.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of August 8, 2007:

Kay moved to approve the BOD minutes of Aug. 8, 2007. Julie seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of August 22, 2007:

Kay moved to approve the BOD minutes of Aug. 22, 2007. Lora seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of July 31, 2007:

Minutes not submitted to the BOD for approval yet. Larry will complete.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Wayne Rankin

ALSA

**BALANCE SHEET
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2007**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CHECKING/SAVINGS

ALSA CHECKING	8,246.72
ALSA MONEY MARKET	19,984.73
ALSA CAP 1 INVESTMENT	121,638.01
ALSA MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP	12,962.71
ALSA LINDA PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND	<u>4,983.48</u>

TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS 167,815.65

TOTAL ASSETS 167,815.65

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

EQUITY

OPENING BALANCE EQUITY	49,204.42
RETAINED EARNINGS	95,712.30
NET INCOME	<u>22,898.93</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>167,815.65</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>167,815.65</u>

THIS IS THE FIRST STATEMENT FROM THE NEW QUICKBOOKS PROGRAM : We will change some of the headings over the next couple of months to be more descriptive of the ALSA enterprise. I welcome your comments (Wayne 775-771-6100) Please note that Cheryl has moved a large part of the checking account funds into a money market that she can write checks on. This will earn ALSA a bit more interest on this money.

Discussion:

- a. Cheryl is to send accounts information to Kay and Marilyn for signatures.
- b. Wayne approves of moving checking account funds into the Money Market that Cheryl can write checks on.

Wayne Rankin brought up a concern regarding that Cheryl should send a back-up of all ALSA data to a BOD member to keep at an off-site location for safety and security.

Discussion:

Cheryl replied that to send a back-up of the database to the BOD was not necessary. Her office staff would have access to the database should something happen to her. Cheryl also informed the BOD that a copy was at the home of her father. Kay pointed out that it was in her contract to send a back-up of the ALSA database quarterly to a BOD member. Cheryl also reported that there was a security law that prohibited her from sending youth database information on youth to BOD members.

Action: Lora made a motion that:

1. Wally have a discussion with Cheryl regarding the regular back-up of the ALSA database for safe storage. Report at next BOD meeting.
2. Wally will contact an attorney to find out about the legal issue that Cheryl is referring to. Kay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSA OFFICE REPORT: Cheryl Ryberg

1. The Quickbooks is now functional and all accounts have been reconciled.

Discussion: Cheryl proposed that she would like to attend a class on Quickbooks that is being offered in her area for the amount of \$200.00. Larry made a motion to approve and pay for the class for Cheryl. Lora seconded the motion. Motion was passed by a majority vote.

2. The ALSA Office would like to propose “ The ALSA Ambassador Program” This program should help to correct the following 3 issues.
 - a. We are continuing to lose incoming money and continuing to spend more than our income. The deficit between 2005 and 2006 was close to \$20,000. Where in 2005 we were in the black around \$17,000.
 - b. The active “Rumor Mill” has put many areas of the ALSA in a bad light when there are so many wonderful and positive things happening that need to be made publicized to our members outside of our traditional means (website and Showing, email blasts)
 - c. Shows are dwindling. Shows are the bottom of the ALSA pyramid once you lose shows everything else falls off.

The Ambassador Program could help to solve a great deal of these concerns if activated quickly and given the necessary support from ALSA Committees, BOD and ALSA Office working together to help our show system and members. Suggested ALSA Ambassador Program follows in brief. To see complete proposal, go to [Ambassador Program](#).

- a. ALSA Ambassador should be a volunteer, one Ambassador from each state.
- b. Ambassador will send ALSA news articles to local organizations, work with existing organizations to start one new ALSA Sanctioned Show, and encourage participation in established shows.

c. ALSA Ambassador would raise \$1,000 to help to support ALSA Regional Programs by going outside of the ALSA membership.

3. Updating the ALSA E-Mail list (8-21-07)

Discussion: Marilyn requested that Cheryl send all new member information to her so the ALSA mass email notices will go to the complete membership.

4. Monthly Statistics:

Marilyn proposed and sent a Monthly Statistics chart to BOD members for approval on 8-21-07. The chart would track all monthly office membership statistics and show a constant comparison to the previous year's statistics. Purpose is so all members know the status of the organization at all times. Cheryl would just fill in monthly numbers and submit to the BOD meeting.

Discussion: Marilyn is to re-send proposed Monthly Statistic Chart to BOD members and Cheryl for review.

5. ALSA Insurance Policy:

Discussion:

a. Kay proposed questions to Cheryl: "I notice that the policy was purchased on June 8th for \$5474. The BOD did not receive a copy of this for the June 27 meeting. Does ALSA get several bids from different companies for comparison? Has the same company been supplying ALSA with its insurance coverage since you have been our Office Manager?"

Cheryl reported: "The company that is used "brokers" insurance companies to get us the best deal out there. Cheryl reported she did not receive a copy of the policy until August when she emailed a copy to all BOD members. The same company has been supplying this insurance since before Cheryl became Office Manager. If someone has time to get other bids, that would be great."

b. Marilyn questioned a statement on p. 5 of the insurance policy indicating that the company had not yet received the "latest financial statements" and "a completed, signed and dated original application". Cheryl reported that this information had been sent to the company by the June 29 deadline. Marilyn requested that a written receipt of information from the company be attached to the policy.

6. Grand National Show – Release date of entry monies.

Discussion: It was proposed that all checks or credit cards for the National Show not be processed until October 10 to afford exhibitors more liberty to work with their personal budgets. Wayne agreed and stated this would give people a chance to work with their budgeted monies through the Regional Shows. Entry for the Grand National Show is Oct. 16. A mass email will go out to the entire membership about the National Show.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status of Show Module Program (ILR Proposal):

Discussion: The Show Module Program could not be tested at the Oregon State Fair as planned. It may be ready to test at the Northwestern Regional Show. Discussion of proposal was tabled until the show program has been tested and is working accurately.

2. Updating ALSA Website Proposal:

Discussion: Marilyn proposed (and volunteered) that a separate website be set up that could be updated and maintained by a volunteer, at no charge, that would only link to the current website for secure database information. This would allow the website to be updated daily and maintained without concern of uploading onto the same server that contains the secure ALSA membership and animal data. Both websites would have the same appearance and link together to appear to operate as one. Visitors to the website would still go to the current address and would automatically be transferred to the alternate website for updated information. Wally has sent the proposal to the Website Committee, Cheryl, and the Webmaster for review.

3. BOD FlowChart:

Discussion: Marilyn had updated the BOD Communication FlowChart as requested by the BOD. It had been sent to the BOD for approval. BOD members requested that Marilyn send it out again.

4. ALSA Action Item List – Moved to New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alpaca Committee: (liaison: Kay Sharpnack)

Chair – Mary Reed

Need is there to promote the Grand National Alpaca Fleece Show. No committee report.

Education Show Clinic Committee: (liaison: Lora)

Chair: Chair and committee members will be in place by October meeting.

Election Committee: (liaison: Wally)

Chair – Lougene Baird

The Election Committee is beginning work on several items in preparation for the 2008 ALSA General Election.

Please consider #7 a formal request of the BOD at this time.

1. Revision of the 'Petition to Nominate' to be posted on the ALSA Website late this year for the 2008 election process.
2. Constructing a document to be placed on the ALSA Website entitled something along the lines of "How to successfully get your name on the ballot". This will consist of how to get enough Petitions, who to get the Petitions signed by, what to do with the petitions and all of the deadlines along the way. Basically it will be a simple check list of things to do.
3. Obtain a new contract with the McCall and Col., CPAs for the 2008 election tally.
4. Working out deadline dates for the election with the ALSA office.
5. Scheduling a face-to-face planning meeting with the printer.
6. Working with the Nominations Committee to distribute a checklist for potential candidates.
7. Requesting from the ALSA BOD a list of qualifying Regions from which a candidate may be elected. Also obtain the number of Candidates that may be elected. Get that list posted to the ALSA Website.
8. Work on an article for SHOWRING laying out all of the above.
9. Request from SHOWRING Committee a space for "filler" encouraging folks to consider running and vote. The election process costs about \$1.10 per member. Considering this expenditure, we would like to see more membership involvement in the election process.
10. For the future - begin looking at alternatives to the current way the ALSA Election is mailed. Research cost effectiveness to contract with companies who manage elections using e-mail and specific passwords for each member. As mentioned, for some time in the future.

Discussion: Nominating Committee should compose a list of qualifying Regions from which a candidate may be nominated. Kay made a motion that the Nominating Committee submit the list. Julie seconded. Motion was unanimously approved and carried.

Ethics Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Discussion: Julie made the motion to approve Cindy Ruckman of Ohio as the Chair of the Ethics Committee. Ken seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. Ken will notify the Protest Committee Chair of the new member to the Protest Committee. No committee report.

Fiber Committee: (liaison: Julie)

Chair - June Black

1. Ongoing planning for the 2007 ALSA Grand National Fleece Show. Both shorn llama and shorn alpaca fleece will be included in the show. Judy Ross is helping with our sponsor donation campaign. Show forms and instructions will be completed this week. Entry and sponsor deadline is October 5, 2007. Susanne Smithers will be one of our judges, the other is still TBD.
2. Update fleece show forms – this will be completed as we get ready for the National show.
3. The ALSA Llama Fleece Judging Clinic Manual and related materials were updated and used at both the Beginning and Advanced Level Llama Fleece Judging Clinics August 2007.
4. A very successful Beginning & Educational Level Llama Fleece Judging Clinic was held August 24-26, 2007. Susie Smithers instructed. Cindy Ruckman and Fran Soukup apprentice instructed.
5. A very successful Advanced Level Llama Fleece Judging Clinic was held August 24-26, 2007. Karen Kinyon instructed.
6. Answered questions from the general membership.
7. To do: Establish a plan for a Continuing Education point system for fleece judges to stay current.

Discussion: Information for the Grand National Fleece Show is up on the ALSA website. A mass email regarding the National Fleece Show was sent out to the membership on 9-12-07.

Finance and Budget Committee: (liaison: Kay)

Chair - Craig Swindler

The Finance committee does not have any current projects to report on nor do we have any questions from the BOD to answer. However I would like to take this opportunity to again say it is very important that the National and all of the Regionals' this year be in the black. In plain talk that means each of these shows carry their own weight and break even or make money. Comparing 2006 to 2005, Revenue is down and Expenses are up and that is in nearly every category. ALSA was in the black in 2005 and in the RED in 2007. We don't want to repeat another money losing year.

I understand that the BOD does not want to expand the use of our data base, last month's recommendation from Finance. I have heard references to a show module being produced by ILR for ALSA to use. What are the financial implications? I would think that at sometime my committee would be asked for a recommendation?

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Swindler

Grand National Committee: (liaison: Kay)

Chair - Norris Berg

Grand National Report - September 2007

1. Currently, there are 5 Gold Sponsors, 4 Silver Sponsors, 2 Special Sponsors and 8 Association/Organization Sponsors. Still waiting for several individuals to return my calls. We have just started to receive registration packets and have received two Farm Sponsors. There should be a slight increase in premiums this year.
2. GNC conference call last night indicates no significant problems with all Team Leader's in place. However, the GNC would welcome volunteers in all areas.
3. The Performance Team drawings are complete and in the final stages.
4. An email Blast will be sent to the ALSA membership containing up-to-date information for exhibitors at the Grand Nationals.
5. BOD Minutes of August 8, 2007 concerning GNC Report Handbook clarifications:
 - Item 1. Agree. ("Grand National Chairperson will be in charge of the show and has the authority to oversee the signing of all Contracts for facilities and services.")
 - Item 2. GNC is/will work with Fiber Committee to ensure a successful Fiber Show.

In trying to establish a budget for future years all fiber expenses charged to the GNC will be pro-rated charged to the fiber account. This will allow both the GNC and Fiber Committee to create a realistic budget of income/expenses for future years.

Item 3. Agree. (“The deadline shall be no later than February 1st of the current year for the Committee’s selection of Grand National judges to be presented to the BOD for approval.”)

Norris Berg, Chair and GNC members

Discussion: Checks and credit cards for Grand National will not be processed until Oct. 10th.

Deadline for entry to the Grand National Show is October 16.

A mass email with National Show information will be sent out to membership.

Handbook Committee: (liaison: Larry)

Chair - Helen Feick

Discussion: Handbook changes will be addressed on October 10th. Bids are being submitted for printing.

Judges Committee: (liaison: Lora)

Chair – Lavona Fercho

Following are the Judges Committee Recommendations to the BOD for September. I put Fran's name as item # 3. If it does not require BOD approval, please delete it. Fran's email address is Soukup@hughes.net.

The Judges' Committee requests the Board's approval for the following:

1. Debbie Shellabarger has submitted considerable evidence of shows of sufficient numbers, and judging experience to advance to Level II Llama Halter, Youth and Performance Judge.

Discussion: Julie made a motion to accept the recommendation for Judge Debbie Shellabarger to move to a Level II Llama Halter, Youth, and Performance Judge. Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. The Judges Committee would like to request a change to Handbook rule **B. Committees, Section 2, F.1. Members.** All members must be certified ALSA Judges. (except one member who does not have to be a Judge) We would like the red portion as written be deleted.

The reason being, there is a degree of responsibility, knowledge and experience required in making decisions for Judges pertaining to teaching, and certification. As well, a carry over of the same degree of ethics and professionalism that exists with Judges must exist on the Judges Committee.

Discussion: Julie made a motion to accept the recommendation to remove the requirement that one member of the Judge’s Committee does not have to be a judge. Lora seconded the Motion. Vote: 3 ayes, 3 nays. President voted to break the tie. Majority vote – aye. Motion carried. The rule will now read: “Committee Members: All members must be certified ALSA Judges.”

3. The Judges Committee would like to welcome Fran Soukup from Wisconsin, as the new fleece Judge representative on the Judges Committee, replacing Geri Rutledge. Geri has given much of her valuable time to the committee in the advancement of llama fleece clinic and shows, and we want to thank her very much for her contribution.

Discussion: Lora made a motion to accept Fran Soukup as the Fleece Judge representative on the Judge’s Committee. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion: Larry questioned if there is any review/approval practice in effect for approving ALSA Judging Instructors by the BOD as stated in the ALSA Handbook, p. 131 #4. Lora will check with the Judge’s Committee Chair regarding the ALSA BOD reviewing the list of instructors for ALSA Judging Clinics.

Membership Committee: (liaison: Marilyn)

Chair - Pam Jensen

Mike Hoopengardner, new committee member representing the Buckeye Region, was approved thru e-mail vote.

The ALSA Membership Committee is putting the “finishing touches” on the Special Recognition Award gift baskets (more correctly Grunt Award) baskets. Lots of goodies this year.

We are going to welcome a new member to the Committee, with the Board of Directors approval.... Mr. Mike Hoopengardner will be representing the Buckeye Region on the Membership Committee. I would ask the Boards approval of his appointment to the Committee.

I have discussed with Cheryl Ryberg very briefly a couple of things that the members are requesting, ie: handbooks for new members. Cheryl indicated that none are now available. I have told her that I have taken to down loading the handbook on my own and giving it to some new members that have requested it. I have not asked for reimbursement of this. I think they need a handbook. To others that I have seen in person, I have told them to go to the website and download it for themselves.

I have forwarded to Cheryl a couple of e-mails that I received that require her attention.
Thank you Cheryl for replying to the members concerns.

Two new Members Spotlight articles should be in the new Showring publication according to Deb Gaskill – publication chair. We are working on more Members Spotlight articles.

Nomination Committee: – (*liaison: Lora*)

Chair – Deb Garvin

Due to late receipt, this report has been tabled until the October meeting.

Performance Committee: (*liaison: Wally*)

Chair - Melanie McMurray

The committee is currently working on revisions for the handbook. This will require a complete reprinting of the (Performanca) manual. According to Cheryl in the ALSA office, the office has hundreds of copies of the current manual. I have attached the insert that is being sent with the manual, and will be placed on the website.

Insert: “**Attention Show Superintendents**”

The ALSA Performance Manual is intended as a reference for developing obstacles. With the recent rule changes some dimensions listed may be incorrect. Please refer to the ALSA Handbook for the obstacle dimensions required by the rules.

All obstacles must be in accordance with the rules as listed in the Handbook.

Addendum to Performance rules in the ALSA Handbook:

Part M

Section 7. Course Construction

I. 3. Skins may be used provided they are not predator, alpaca or llama skins.

Part Q (or appropriate letter for Youth Performance)

Section 11. Youth Pack

D. 1. b. Stepoever (**replaces backing**)”

Discussion: Concerning the insert to the Performance Manual, it was decided that a label attached to the front of the Manual saying “refer to the current ALSA Handbook for correct rules” would be more effective than an insert page. Wally will get back to the Performance Committee with some concerns of a few problem ideas now in the Performance Manual. It was reported that Joanne Shook would be willing to review the Performance Manual further.

Policy & Planning Committee: (*liaison - Larry*)

Chair - Jerry Miller

No Report

Promotion Committee: (*liaison - Ken*)

Chair - Mandy Gerken

No Report

Discussion: Ken will send the ALSA Ambassador proposal to this committee for review.

Protest Committee: (*liaison – Ken*)

Chair - Jim Nenni

Kathy Geyer was approved by BOD email vote on 9-5-07. for the Show Superintendent position on the Protest Committee. Protest committee is complete.

Protest Committee will review new Protest Format and new Grievance procedures.

Publications Committee: (*liaison – Larry*)

Chair: Deb Gaskill

Publications Committee

1) AUTUMN EDITION SHOWRING

- The publications committee has just about finished editing the submitted articles for the Autumn 07 Showring. There are two member profiles plus a few miscellaneous photos that have been edited and submitted. One previously submitted letter to the editor was pulled at the request of the writer. A feature on Marshall Rutledge winning the RMLA Youth Award is also included.
- Following a request by Wally Baker, I asked Able Publishing whether BOD member photos were on file. I was told that only Kay Patterson and Penny Davidson have photos on file. If the Board would like to run member photos in the next edition, please send them on to me no later than Sept. 10 and I'll forward them to Doug Able.
- The President's message and any other copy the Board would like to see published in this edition needs to be received by Sept. 10 in order to meet the Sept. 15 copy deadline.
- A short paragraph requesting additional members for the Publications Committee will also be included in the autumn edition.

2) MISSING ARTICLES:

- BOD member Marilyn Nenni has resubmitted several youth articles with photos that will be used in upcoming editions. I have sent e-mail to Rod Hoover at Able Publishing to see if he has any need for more copy for this edition — if so, I'll submit these articles for immediate publication, otherwise they'll be held for the next edition.
- A profile submitted by Membership Committee Chair Pam Jensen has been located and is slated for the Autumn publication.

2) SHOWRING CONTRACT

- It is my understanding that Doug Able and Monica Tocci Brown have both submitted bids for publishing of Showring.

3) GENERATING NEW STORIES:

Last month, the committee's report included information about contacting Writer's Digest to solicit freelance writers. I am still waiting on a response from them, despite several e-mail contacts. This may be an idea that dies on the vine.

Discussion: A request was made for the Showring contract to be sent to the BOD so the BOD can approve a publisher. The BOD requested a current bid for publishing Showring from 2008 to 2009. The current publishing contract ends Dec. 31, 2007.

Regional Committee: (*liaison – Kay*)

Chair - Betty Moe

September Committee Report:

1. I am in the process of getting the insurance charges for each individual Regional Show from Wilkens Livestock Insurance.
2. The situation concerning the location etc., of the Eastern Regionals evidently needs to be re-addressed this year. In my earlier communication with the Superintendent there, Annie Higgenbotham, I felt she had researched and explore the best and most affordable facilities, and had communicated with her Region's members as to their desires. I will suggest to Annie that she form an ad-hoc Eastern Regional exploratory committee including among others Mark Wetzel, Sue Phillips and Scott Dyke to resolve this problem.

Discussion: The location of the Eastern Regional Show will definitely be reviewed with members in that region for the 2008 show.

3. The dates of the Rocky Mountain Regional show were correctly reported in an updated Regional show information sheet as soon as I was informed of the changed date. I sent this out again to everyone on 8-6-07 (The ALSA BOD, Cheryl at the ALSA office, and all the Regional Superintendents. (This information has been correct on previously updated spreadsheets sent to the ALSA Office.)

Discussion: Concerns were expressed regarding the many errors on the website concerning the Regional shows.

4. Regional Payout Envelope request

Discussion: With concern for Regional monies, Julie requested a breakdown of exactly what the \$500 given to each Show Superintendent is used for. At one time, it was given to superintendents to use how they wish – to pay help or entertain crew or exhibitors. What is criteria for these monies now? A follow-up from the Regional Committee will be given at the October meeting.

5. Request for Glen Pfferkorn to be approved as new Regional Chair, effective November 1, 2007

Discussion: Kay made a motion to approve Glen Pfferkorn as Chair of the Regional Committee as of November 1, 2007. Julie seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried

Price list for the 2007 ribbon breakdown for 2007 was presented. (shipping & handling fees included). The total savings this year in the ribbon costs were \$4,396.56 over last year.

<i>Northwestern</i>	<i>\$735.82</i>
<i>Eastern</i>	<i>\$525.87</i>
<i>Great Lakes</i>	<i>\$642.87</i>
<i>Buckeye</i>	<i>\$768.37</i>
<i>Central</i>	<i>\$557.57</i>
<i>Rocky Mountain</i>	<i>\$631.77</i>
<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>\$782.52</i>
<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>\$802.87</i>

A confusion regarding the labels for the Regional Payout Envelopes was discussed and remedied.

Show Management Committee: – (*liaison – Marilyn*)

Chair – Carol Ann Tallmon

Discussion: BOD approved Carol Ann Tallmon as committee Chair by email vote.

Website Committee: (*liaison – Wally*)

Chair –

No Report

Youth Committee: (*liaison – Julie*)

Chair - Barb Harris

No Report

Motion: All committee reports not previously approved above are approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board member communication: (Wally)

Discussion: *All member's requests, comments, ideas, and votes will be treated with respect and courtesy.*

2. Robert's Rules of Order (on voting): Kay

Discussion: *Member Voting rights as stated in Roberts Rules Of Order, p. 394.*

3. IRC request for Llama Halter Donation Station at Grand National:

Discussion: *A Llama Halter Donation Station for collecting used/new halters to be distributed for llama rescue was approved for Grand National. The request for halters will be mentioned in a mass email to the membership.*

4. 2007 Youth Scholarship Award:

Discussion: *It was discovered that the Youth Scholarship application was not complete on the ALSA website. Marilyn updated the application with deadline dates that would accommodate this year's applicants and it was sent to the BOD and the Youth Committee Chair on 9-5-07. As of this date, it is not posted on the website. Marilyn is requested to re-send the updated application to Wally and Julie.*

5. Action Item List – Recurring issues –annual

Discussion: *Marilyn requested to add a General Section to the newly initiated Action Item List. This section would list things that need to be done annually and when. BOD members were asked to review their committee's procedures and duties and list any items that need to be attended to annually in order to have a smoother flow with annual BOD procedures. Request was approved.*

6. Portland Rose Festival Parade money request:

The Southwest Washington Llama Association has requested that ALSA donate \$1,000 to them to support their participation in the Portland Rose Festival Parade.

Discussion: *Although ALSA did donate monies to support the camelid participation in the worldwide New Year's Day Rose Bowl Parade in 2007, ALSA does not have a parade fund available for donations. The contribution to the Rose Bowl Parade was for a unique event. However, the issue is being sent to the Finance/Budget Committee for review. Wally will send a letter to the SWWLA.*

7. Board member chain of command:

Discussion: *Communications should go through the proper committee liaison.*

8. Committee chain of command:

Discussion: *Communications should go through the proper channels of the liaison, the committee chair, and the committee members.*

9. Committee Terms of Service: (Marilyn)

Marilyn proposed that changes of the committee's selection of members and also the length of term served could be considered to improve the flow of committee business, utilize our committees for a full year, and also to eliminate the hard feeling that seem to occur when committee members are changed at the time of each election as a result of most committee members not realizing the actual length of committee term is only one year as stated in the Handbook on p. 11.

Discussion: Wally addressed this proposal. A suggestion was made that a welcome letter could be sent to committee members emphasizing that the term of service was for one year as stated in the Handbook. Proposal was not accepted.

MEMBER LETTERS TO THE BOARD:

1. Member Letter: Concern from 3 members regarding Eastern Regional Location

Discussion: Members are assured that this issue will be discussed freely for the 2008 Regional Show.

2. Member Letter: Concern of member regarding an ALSA clinic location.

Discussion: It was stated that this issue had been addressed previously.

3. Member Letter: Request from youth, who is leasing a 4-H animal and has qualified for both the Regional and National Show, to show a different 4-H animal at those shows due to the fact her qualifying animal is pregnant and due in the month of the Regional and National Show dates.

Discussion: BOD denied the request for this youth to use a different animal to participate in the Regional and National Show. The ALSA Handbook does not specify that a substitute animal may be used in the case of a medical issue. Some BOD members felt the youth knew the animal was pregnant when she qualified. The Handbook states: "Youth must compete in the Grand National with the same Llama or Alpaca that was used in the qualifying show. In case of the animal being sold or dying, the youth can petition the ALSA Board of Directors to use a substitute animal." P. 31, Section 2, Part E, #9. Motion was made to deny the youth's request to use a substitute animal. Vote was 4 ayes, 2 nays. Youth is not permitted to use a substitute animal in order to attend the 2007 Regional and National Show.

4. Member Letter: New Youth Award Proposal. Youth member requested the consideration of another level of achievement above the Ultimate Level. An outline of requirements and specifications was included in the proposal. Youth member pointed out that a number of youth achieve the Ultimate Award in the Intermediate Division and would like an additional achievement level to strive for.

Discussion: Proposal is currently being reviewed by the Youth Committee.

5. Member Letter: Member expressed concerns as to use of the ALSA membership list from the ALSA database used recently by a member to promote personal issues. A concern and suggestion was proposed that the Office make some Handbook copies to be sent to new members temporarily for use until the new Handbook is printed.

Discussion: BOD discussed concern over origin of e-mail list for personal communications. Wally will do follow-up on this matter.

Motion: Lora moved to adjourn this meeting. Kay seconded. Motion carried.
MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:01 a.m. EST

Minutes Approved: Oct. 10, 2007

Marilyn Nenni
Secretary