

ALSA Board of Directors Minutes

April 29, 2019

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

Roll call:

Board Members present: Bill Feick, President
Cathie Kindler, Vice- President
Ron Baird, Secretary
Debbie Andrews
Carol Rutledge
Lauren Wright
Deb Yeagle (joined at 7:25 p.m., left at 7:40 p.m.)

Others present: Sandy Auld, Grand National Chair

I. New Business:

Discussion of 2019 Grand National Show with superintendent and chair Sandy Auld.

Lauren, the Board liaison, pointed out Robin had wrapped up and mailed the Judges' contracts.

Vern, Treasurer, has sent the Board a draft budget for discussion. It does not include any revenues from possible sponsorships (a significant revenue source in earlier days of the Grand National Show and one that insured positive financial results from the show

Some discussion was given to what happened to Grand National obstacles thought to have been stored at Hutchinson in past years.

Glenna Overmiller has been asked to send all remaining ribbons from prior years' shows for refurbishing, which will result in considerably less expenses for the show. The possibility of some Henry Rivera trophies being recovered from prior years, when they were not awarded, is being investigated.

The Chamber of Commerce in Hutchinson will be contacted to see if it is willing to support the show through a financial contribution. Ideas regarding the traditional show dinner were discussed, including not utilizing a second building for the event, thus saving more expenses.

Sandy said she needs a list of everything she needs to take care of as she has not been superintendent of the Grand National Show before. A suggestion was made that Glenna Overmiller may have, or can put together, a list of things that need to be accomplished for a successful event. At this point, Sandy does not have any committee members. Further discussion of this indicated members should include a performance coordinator, the Treasurer, a fiber chairperson, and a youth auction chair at the least. Bill pointed out Sandy has a very good Board liaison and she should get back to the Board at any time with any concerns.

An item that needs to be investigated is the choice of a host hotel. In most of the past years, although apparently not in 2018, the host hotel has provided some free rooms, which can be used to lessen expenses as they usually are allocated to the judges. There will be three judges this year, saving a significant amount of money over last year's four judges.

Judy Glaser, according to Deb, needs to have an E-Blast circulated for a new fiber chairperson. Judie is swamped at her employment and needs to lessen her ALSA involvement during this time. Sandy commented she has someone in mind for this position and will make the contact to ascertain that person's willingness and availability.

It would be preferable to have a local performance coordinator. Sandy believes it is possible to get people from Nebraska to provide the obstacles, they have done this in past years. She will look into this possibility. Lauren stipulated that the performance coordinator cannot participate in obstacle courses due to that person's familiarity with the course planning and so forth.

Sandy asked how having the 2018 Grand National a non-qualifying show benefitted ALSA. The Board pointed out that the number of animals participating in 2018 was right at 150 versus 75 in 2017. That made a huge financial difference in the results, a profit versus a loss in 2017. An E-Blast will be prepared by Lauren and issued so members know now that the 2019 Grand National Show does not need qualifying or ALSA numbers to participate. If a member wants animals to receive points, then those animals will need ALSA numbers. The announcement will also point out good attendance is necessary to keep ALSA financial solvent.

Motion: The 2019 Grand National Show will be a non-qualifying event. Motion by Cathie. Seconded by Ron. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: The 2019 Grand National Show will not require animals to have ALSA numbers in order to be entered. Motion by Cathie. Seconded by Debbie Andrews. Motion unanimously passed.

A new location will be selected for the 2020 Grand National Show. The selection process will take into consideration a location convenient for more members to attend. Also to be considered is a better facility, perhaps one in a single building or more modern and attractive. Cathie volunteered to investigate possible sites and report back to the Board.

It was noted the March 20, 2019 Minutes were inadvertently taken down from the website over a misunderstanding on the Board's part and without a vote of the Board. It was also agreed that a Board vote was necessary to take Minutes down as well as to post them. It was agreed the original, approved, March 20, 2019 Minutes were to be reposted.

The next regular Board meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:55 p.m. CDT. Motion by Cathie.
Seconded by Lauren. Motion unanimously passed.**

The ALSA Board of Directors may convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, any items on this agenda or to consult with Legal and/or Accounting Counsel.