

ALSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2018

Call to order: 8:20 a.m. CDT

Roll call:

Board Members present: Bill Feick, President
Cathie Kindler, Vice- President (excused absence)
Ron Baird, Secretary
Debbie Andrews
Carol Rutledge
Lauren Wright
Deb Yeagle
Others present: Vern Wright, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

Vern gave an update on the financial situation of the organization, specifically focusing on the present Grand National show. As of today, the Grand National expenses totaled \$10,885, including expenses related to the T-shirts for sale. Receipts presently total \$12,000, with another \$6,000 or so in credit cards to be processed. Vern estimated when sponsorships, dinner receipts, straw sales and other small items are processed, total receipts should be about \$21,000 and total expenses will approximate \$17,000. If these are the final results, the Grand National will have been a profitable show and not represent a drain on cash savings.

According to Vern, the checking account totals approximately \$17,000 and ALSA has plus or minus \$30,000 in savings.

Regional show revenues reported thus far are in the range of \$6,000 to \$7,000 compared to approximately \$15,000 in 2017.

2017 total revenues about \$94,000 and total expenses were about \$111,000 and office expenses in 2017 were \$52,914 with \$45,000 contract labor and Internet/telephone expenses \$3,831. The 2017 loss was about \$17,000.

New Business:

- A. Discussion then was had regarding a request from Harvey Pool to sponsor a llama show having a silky llama division. This would be a one-time event, which could serve as a test marketing of the concept of adding a silky division for llamas in ALSA shows.

Motion: Allow a one-time silky division at the 2019 North American Livestock Exposition. Motion by Deb. Seconded by Carol. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. It was brought to the Board's attention there is no limit to how many youth can share the same llama in the same youth classes. This was discussed at length, with the decision to refer the matter to the proper committees to review and make recommendations as to how such a situation should be handled.
- C. Lougene Baird, Chair of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee and the Election Committee was present and asked to discuss a proposed change in the Bylaws regarding when elections are held and when new Board members would take office.

A change such as this is needed so that future Boards assume office much earlier in the year and have more direct contact and decision-making ability over events and shows rather than inheriting budgets and scheduled arranged by the previous Board. The full new Board would be able to budget for the coming year using the previous year's Journal entries, Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet to make more educated decisions. In addition, Committee Chairs may be confirmed at the beginning of the year.

Lougene recommended the following suggestions to the election and other aspects of the Bylaws and associated Standing Rules to facilitate Boards taking office earlier than the current July 1st date:

- 1.) Conduct a Bylaws ballot in the first quarter of 2019 to modify the election process with wording similar to: the election process begins with the Day of Record at September 1st, allowing members who join during the show season to announce their candidacy and or vote. Election voting would be approximately October 1st and end October 15th with results announced shortly thereafter. New Board members would be able to participate as non-voting members of the Board in November and December, to become familiar with items, and officially take office January 1st.

- 2.) Since two current Board members leave office June 30, for 2019, the out-going President becomes Past President and attends Board meetings in an advisory non-voting capacity. A resolution is needed to make this official.
- 3.) In future years, the out-going President remains on the Board until the next election as Past President, a non-voting advisory position.

The Board requested that Lougene address the general meeting of members tomorrow and explain this proposal so that a broad range of members would be aware of it and could offer suggestions or advice concerning it.

The next regular Board meeting will be November 13, 2018.

**Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Motion by Debbie. Seconded by Carol.
Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. CDT.**

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.