

Emergency Meeting of ALSA BOD Meeting Minutes: August 24, 2008

The Emergency ALSA BOD meeting was called to order by President, Mary Beth McCormick, at 9:04 p.m. EST.

ROLL CALL:

Members present:

Mary Beth McCormick – President
Kay Sharpnack – Vice President
Marilyn Nenni – Secretary
Julie Heggie – Board Member
MaryAlice Pilbin – Board Member
Cathie Kindler – Board Member
Bob LaMorte – Board Member

PROCEEDINGS:

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. EST

Agenda Item: Use of ILR Show Program by ALSA Shows – Revisited from 8-12-08 BOD meeting.

Discussion: *As a result of much discussion, review, and consideration of received correspondence including a letter of August 14, 2008 to the BOD from Jan Wassink of the ILR, the following are some points that were brought to the attention of the BOD:*

- 1. If the ILR Show Module is used online, any entered show results will go into the ILR Database as Jan Wassink had previously stated in his presentation at the 2007 Grand National. At the advice of the ALSA attorney, giving ALSA's show results to any other show organization is a violation of the ALSA rules. Page 37, Section G of the ALSA Handbook.*
- 2. The ILR had previously refused to consider a non-compete agreement when offered by the ALSA BOD in December of 2007.*
- 3. A format for a show module and user-friendly online database (with the capabilities of online show entries, membership, show results, automatic entering of results into ALSA database, figuring points, etc.) for ALSA recently has been extensively researched with many professional companies. A first-stage proposal and quote was presented in early April of 2008 by Marilyn, Chair of this project, hopefully to be completed by the time of the 2008 Grand National Show. It has not yet been discussed by the BOD. A new system can be in place for ALSA in 90-120 days.*
- 4. Some BOD members are of the opinion that originally the ShowManager program was being developed for ALSA – not for use by the ILR. That is the reason the ALSA BOD approved of it a few years ago.*
- 5. A ShowProgram has been talked about and promised to ALSA starting quite a few years ago. Why has it taken so long and why does ALSA not yet have one?*
- 6. A letter of August 14, 2008 from ILR Registrar states: "if a contract were worked out between ALSA and the ILR for all ALSA shows, a "non-compete" clause could be included – provided it was very specific as to what would or would not be allowed. It can not be included if each individual show contracts directly with the ILR for use of ShowManager."*
- 7. ALSA has always supported ILR by requiring only ILR registered animals can show in ALSA shows. ALSA has never received any funds from this requirement.*

8. *Some BOD members are of the opinion that show expenses and fees must be reduced. Paying the ILR to use their ShowManager program adds to the expenses of the shows.*
9. *Some BOD members are of the opinion that ALSA should have their own ShowManager program and not depend on another association. If ALSA depends on another association's program, ALSA has no control over the fees charged and also receives no part of any of those fees.*
10. *Some BOD members are of the opinion that the ILR ShowProgram is available to ALSA shows now, will help shows with data entry, and there is no problem using it. ALSA will then not have to spend the money to have their own system.*
11. *The ILR ShowManager program will assure accurate data to be pulled from the ILR database (as it is already entered into the ILR database) for the purpose of an entry list and show program, but show results still must be sent to and entered by hand into the ALSA database.*
12. *If a show superintendent does not have their own program to use for shows, the ILR ShowManager, or any ShowManager program, makes show entries much easier, offers accuracy with spellings, and eliminates some typing. Saves show superintendents time. With any Show program, results still need to be sent to the ALSA Office and entered into the database.*
13. *It is not the intent of the ALSA BOD to put any hardships on any show or show superintendents. BOD decisions are a result of a majority vote and what each BOD member individually feels, based on past and present knowledge, is in the best interest of the ALSA organization and its membership for now and in the future.*

Cathie made a motion that ALSA allow individual shows, as they see fit, to use the ILR ShowProgram as long as no show results are entered into the ILR online ShowProgram and show results are only sent to the ALSA Office. This is until the time that the new Database & Show Program is available from ALSA.

Kay seconded the motion. Marilyn called for a roll call vote.

Cathie, yes; Julie, no; Marilyn, yes; MaryAlice, yes; Bob, no; Kay, yes. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Cathie made a motion clarifying the motion and vote of August 12, 2008:

*The ILR Show module may be used by any ALSA show provided no show results are entered into the ILR Show program. All ALSA Shows are prohibited from giving the ILR, or any **show** association, access to any ALSA show results, points, or awards as of 2008 and forward as written in the ALSA Handbook, Section G, page 37. Julie seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Julie, yes; Cathie, yes; Bob, yes; Marilyn, yes; MaryAlice, yes; Kay, yes. Motion carried unanimously.*

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion: Cathie made a motion to adjourn.
MaryAlice seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. EST

Minutes Approved: August 26, 2008

Marilyn Nenni
Secretary