

***Approved* MINUTES OF THE AHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Conference Call Meeting held Thursday, January 15, 2004

President, Paul Sutton called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. with Board Members Emily Smith, Dirk Young, Bill Hendershot, Levi Yoder, Bob Duvall, Joel Greenisen, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau, Bob Wallace, Paul Sutton and Recorder, Karen Young, present. Director, Danny Inabinett joined at 8:10 p.m.

The President began with an OFFICE UPDATE, which included the following:

Ruth Schwab was currently away from the office for a couple days to a seminar in Kentucky, where she will bring back useful DNA knowledge to the office from the University of Kentucky.

There is not an exact count on registrations for the year at this point. The office staff is currently working on registrations which arrived in the office on December 23rd. A large amount of registrations arrived at the office December 31st and are still being processed. An estimated one-third of the registrations remaining to be processed are considered “problem” registrations, which need additional information (such as name, suffix and other error corrections that could prevent immediate processing) to complete.

The computer problem experienced with one of the office computers took a long time to repair due to lack of response from the computer repair technician the office has used in the past. A different repair technician was called in and the problem is now resolved.

The President continued, stating that there are no serious problems in the office at this time.

With no further discussion regarding office issues, President, Paul Sutton asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the December 11-13, 2003, AHR Board of Directors Meeting. Several additions and corrections were discussed and made. It was MOVED by HUG, Seconded by Yoder to approve the minutes as corrected.

YES – 12. NO – 0. Motion passed unanimously. (*Note: Leisure will finalize and send Melanie corrected minutes tonight for inclusion in the next magazine.*)

In **OTHER BOARD DISCUSSION**, Sutton proposed that the Board consider communicating via a ***closed internet group*** which would be available only to AHR Board Members. This would keep lines of communication open and also serve as a way to retain history. It was noted that two board members are not currently computer active and that those members would be informed of the internet communication via fellow Board Members. (*Note: Rousseau to inform Greenisen, Sutton to inform Yoder*). Emily Smith will set up the communication for the group. Paul Sutton is to provide Emily with Director’s email addresses and she, in turn, will notify each Director via email when the web group has been set up and ready for use.

At this time, Joel Greenisen offered the following ***National Show Update***: Greenisen stated that Roberts Arena sent a contract to Gary Sweeney the last week in December,

which Joel faxed to Paul Sutton. The contract was signed and a \$1,500 check sent on 12/31/2003 by Joel. Last week, Joel heard information on a new show grounds located in Springfield, Ohio, that has a projected opening date of August 2004 and suggested the Board keep this location in mind for future years. Sutton stated the \$1,000 deposit refund from Eden Park in Sunbury, Ohio, is still pending, but being pursued, and that the Board will be kept abreast of any activity regarding that issue.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President Sutton stated that three of the Committees on the list had not been approved. Following discussion explaining the purpose of each of the three proposed committees, it was **MOVED by HENDERSHOT, Seconded by Young, to add to the Adhoc Committee List a Handbook, Rules, Regulations & Standards Committee, a Judges Committee and a Planning Committee. Being no objections, the motion passed unanimously.** It was recommended that there be some Committee commonality between the Classification and the Judges Committees. This recommendation was satisfied, as Jennifer Rousseau and Bill Hendershot, Chairs for each respective Committee, agreed to serve on both Committees for 2004.

After total discussion by the Board of Directors, regarding Committee Chairs, the following four Committees required a roll call vote as shown:

BY-LAWS: Co-Chairs, Brian Winkler & Gary Sweeney

Voting YES were Duvall, Hendershot, Hug, Leisure, Smith, Sutton, Yoder and Young.

Voting NO were Greenisen, Inabinett, Rousseau and Wallace.

Approved 8 to 4.

CLASSIFICATION: Co-Chairs, Jennifer Rousseau & Emily Smith

Voting YES were Duvall, Greenisen, Hendershot, Inabinett, Leisure, Rousseau, Smith, Sutton, Wallace, Yoder and Young.

Voting NO was Hug.

Approved 11 to 1.

PEDIGREE: Chair, Dirk Young

Voting YES were Duvall, Hendershot, Hug, Leisure, Sutton, Yoder and Young.

Voting NO were Greenisen, Rousseau, Smith, Wallace.

ABSTAINING was Inabinett.

Approved 7 to 4 with 1 abstain vote.

PUBLICATION: Chair, Gary Leisure

Voting YES were Duvall, Hendershot, Hug, Leisure, Sutton, Yoder and Young.

Voting NO were Greenisen, Inabinett, Rousseau, Smith and Wallace.

Approved 7 to 5.

All other Committee Chairs were approved without objection and a finalized list of Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs were presented as follows:

AHR YOUTH: Dave Wilson & Denise O'Wesney

BY-LAWS: Brian Winkler & Gary Sweeney

CLASSIFICATION: Jennifer Rousseau & Emily Smith

FINANCE: Levi Yoder

FUTURITY: Deb Parker & Karen Young

HANDBOOK, RULES, REGULATIONS & STANDARDS: Bill Hendershot

JUDGES: Bill Hendershot

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: Ken James

NATIONAL SHOW: Bob McCrory, Gary Sweeney, Lou Sutton

PLANNING: Barb Dickison

PEDIGREE: Dirk Young

PERSONNEL/OFFICE: Paul Sutton

POINTS/AWARDS: Danny Inabinett & Judy James

PROMOTIONS/ADVERTISING: Paul Sutton

PUBLICATIONS: Gary Leisure

REPRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY:
SALE: Dave Wilson & Danny Inabinett

WEBSITE: Gary Leisure & Theo Hug

WORLD FEDERATION: Joel Greenisen

After review by the Board, it was **MOVED by HUG, Seconded by Yoder, to accept the Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs as shown above. Motion carried** with votes as follows:

YES – 7 (Duvall, Hendershot, Hug, Leisure, Sutton, Yoder, Young).

NO – 5 (Greenisen, Inabinett, Rousseau, Smith, Wallace).

(Note: The President requested Committee Chairs begin contacting possible Committee Members, starting with the list provided. When Chairs have their Committees in place, a follow-up conference call will be scheduled for discussion and full board approval of entire Committees.)

IN OTHER BUSINESS, Bob Duvall questioned how the 19 mares going through the Keystone Sale would be dealt with as far as not being DNA tested by the 12/31/03 deadline. Sutton stated that DNA will be done at the sale, and the seller will be charged for the testing. If the seller refuses to comply, the PA Sale Committee will be asked to announce, when the mare enters the selling arena, that she has not been DNA tested. Duvall, Hendershot and Sutton will visit mare owners at the Keystone Sale to inform them of the DNA rule.

With no further discussion, it was **MOVED by DUVALL, Seconded by Yoder, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hendershot

Clerk to the Board

Karen Young

Recorder

Date signed

Date signed