

AHR Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 5, 2005

Attendees: Paul Sutton, Bill Hendershot, Theo Hug, Dirk Young, Emily Gibson, Danny Inabinett, Bill Jameson, Emily Smith, Bob Duvall, Levi Yoder, Gary Leisure and Office Manager Ruth Schwab.

Anita Sweeney, recorder. The meeting was called to order at 8:03. Jennifer Rousseau joined at 8:11.

Review of the Minutes of previous meeting:

Hendershot says minutes are now corrected and are ready for approval.

Duvall moved and Yoder seconded that minutes be approved. The board unanimously approved the minutes with the exception of Smith who abstained as she was not present at the meeting. Hendershot moved and Rousseau seconded that the minutes (13 pages) be included inside the Feb/Mar Haflinger Horse as opposed to being an insert with the magazine. Long discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of the Board minutes being in the magazine as opposed to being included as an insert.
Yes: Rousseau, Hendershot, Young, Inabinett, Jameson, Duvall, Smith
No: Gibson, Sutton, Leisure, Yoder, Hug
Motion passed 7 to 5 to include the Board minutes in the Feb/Mar magazine rather than as an insert.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Chair Approvals

1. AHR Youth (ad hoc) Proposed Dave Wilson and Carolyn Sutton

Discussion: Carolyn Sutton to head program, but out of respect to Dave Wilson's many contributions and originator of the program he should remain as a co-chair. Rousseau says Dave doesn't have time to run the program but would like to remain working on the scholarship. She is not comfortable with the office taking on responsibility of youth. Carolyn will run committee separate from the office. Tana & Sue would like to help in any way they can but it won't be run out of the office and they will volunteer on their own time.

Wilson and Sutton approved.

2. Bylaws: Proposed Brent Leininger

Discussion: Sutton recommends Brent Leininger. Bill Jameson suggested by Young. Bill wants to know what all is involved and what would be required. After a long discussion about how it is required for all By-Law changes to be submitted to the board for vote and if it should be a standing committee, directors. Smith was adamant that the By-Laws are so important that a BOD member should head up the committee and whether or not there should be a carryover member on the committee.

Motion was made by Duvall to accept Paul's recommendation. There was no second so the motion is dead.

Bill Jameson decided that he would accept the committee chair and the motion was made by Hendershot and seconded by Rousseau. Motion approved.

3. Inspection/Classification (ad hoc): Proposed Emily Smith-Jennifer Rousseau

Smith and Rousseau approved.

4. Finance: Young is Chair by virtue of being Treasurer

Young approved

5. Futurity (ad hoc) no chair identified yet

6. Handbook (ad hoc): Proposed Hendershot

Bill says that the committee should be no longer needed by the end of January. All revisions and updates will be handled through the office.

Hendershot approved

7. Judges (ad hoc): Proposed Hendershot

Hendershot approved

8. Membership: Proposed Duvall

Duvall approved

9. National Show (ad hoc): Proposed McCrory, Hummel, Lou Sutton

McCrory, Hummel and Lou Sutton approved

10. Planning (ad hoc): Proposed Dickison

Dickison has declined the chair position. Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler will be approached as possible co-chairs.

11. Pedigree: Proposed Young.

Young asks to be replaced as chair. Hug approved as chair.

12. Points and Awards (ad hoc): Proposed Inabinett and Ann Walton

Inabinett and Walton approved

13. Promotions/Advertising/Regional Associations (ad hoc): Proposed Duvall and Mike Bobal

Duvall and Bobal approved

14. Publications: Proposed Leisure.

After a long discussion about the financial situation of the magazine, information which most board members didn't have, a motion was made to accept Gary Leisure as chair.

Duvall moved and Yoder seconded that Gary Leisure remain chair. Inabinett recommended that the motion be tabled until the financial state of the magazine is more fully defined. Duvall would not withdraw the motion.

Yes: Hug, Gibson, Jameson, Leisure, Sutton, Yoder, Duvall

No: Rousseau, Hendershot, Young, Inabinett

Abstained: Smith

Motion passes 7-4

15. Sales (ad hoc): proposed Wilson and Inabinett

Wilson and Inabinett approved

16. Website (ad hoc): Proposed Leisure and Hug

Hug and Leisure approved

17. World Haflinger Federation: proposed Joel Greenisen

Joel Greenisen approved

18. Video (ad hoc) proposed Lee Golinello

Lee Golinello approved

19. Volunteer Coordinator: Proposed Cele Duvall

Cele Duvall approved

OFFICE REPORT (Ruth Schwab)

They have had software problems, but are working to resolve these. They are working on 501 3C status for non-profit to try to get software more affordably. There is now about a 4 week turn around on pedigrees and transfers. An updated price list was sent out and some of the 2003 people were notified of their expired membership. The new price list has been sent to the webmaster but is not available on the website as yet . If the website update was done in house, it could be handled quickly

PROMOTIONS/ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion of documents sent out by Duvall after a meeting with Bobal

1. Draft survey and cover letter to be sent to nonmembers. Smith suggested that a question be asked about what would encourage a nonmember to become a member. There is a need to keep the questionnaire as short as possible to increase the yield of returns. Other questions were discussed including asking about what shows/events people may be taking their Haflingers to. Rousseau suggested adding the mission statement from the website on the cover letter of the survey.

Hendershot moved, Young seconded that an amended questionnaire survey to nonmembers be approved after being revised by Duvall. BOD members would have 24 hours to comment back to Duvall on the revision. Motion approved unanimously

2. Draft application for promotional and event funds. The Board reviewed the draft application, suggestions made for revision, including a timeline for a report being sent back from the regional group. There was discussion about asking for specifics about how the AHR funds are used by the regional groups, including a profit/loss expense report to be attached. Sometimes multiple events are funded in the same region and must be accounted for. There was also discussion about the difference between promotional support vs. regional support. Application approved with changes to be made by Duvall and BOD to comment back to Duvall within 24 hours of the revisions.

APPOINTMENT OF A PARLIMENTARIAN

Brent Leininger. recommended by Sutton. He would not be on conference calls, but be available on nights when conference calls were held.

Duvall made a motion to approve the request to have Brent. Seconded by Leisure.

Discussion :Young says too much time and too cumbersome to have to take time from the meeting to call Brent and explain the situation and have him make a ruling. Sutton also said at the December meeting that a parliamentarian wasn't needed.

Duvall withdrew motion and that withdrawal was approved by Leisure.

Motion was made by Hug that one is not needed and seconded by Yoder. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

National Show in Michigan State Fair in 2006. The Michigan State Fair made an offer to have our national show at the Michigan State Fair. It is currently a 3-day show (Belgians included) and they would add one more day before the 3 days (4 day total). There would have to be 2 or 3 classes going on at the same time. Fair would pay most or all of judges, most or all of the premiums, etc. and there would be a \$30 stall fee. Financially it would be much to our benefit, however we wouldn't have much control, the fair would. Commitment has been made to Roberts Arena, but no contract has been signed. Due to the fair being held in August which interferes with Indiana State Fair and too early for Futurity and with Belgians, the 3 co-chairs aren't in favor, but didn't want to turn the offer down without the consent of the board. The fairgrounds are in the inner city of Detroit.

Motion was made by Hendershot, seconded by Hug, to send a letter to Mr. Jordon thanking him but saying no at this time. Motion approved unanimously.

Mandating/strongly encouraging BOD presence at National Show and Annual Members meeting

Proposed by Rousseau that BOD members be strongly encouraged to attend National Show as volunteers and the Annual Member meeting. Gibson requests that BOD members not be mandated to attend anything other than the annual BOD meeting and suggests that it is best for that to be combined with the annual member meeting. **No motions made.**

Request for mailing list from auctioneer for herd dispersal sale

Historically, member list and mailing labels have only been provided to regional associations for promotional purposes only and not to private individuals. The membership list has not been "sold" on request. It is printed annually in the magazine and the names and addresses are accessible that way. The BOD agreed to stay with the current policy of not selling the mailing list to private individuals but referring him to the magazine.

AHR Inspected/Approved Stallion Listing in magazine

Rousseau asks that a list of 27 stallion names listed alphabetically without scores to be included in each magazine as a promotion of I/C and of the inspected stallions. Gibson states she feels printing the list in every issue of the magazine is redundant and would prefer to see it in 2-3 issues a year. Hug comments that it can be confusing because of the advertising of HBO inspected stallions in the magazine that would not appear in that list.

Smith moved, Hendershot seconded that the stallion list be published in every issue:

Yes: Rousseau, Smith, Young, Hendershot

No: Leisure, Sutton, Inabinett, Yoder, Hug, Jameson, Gibson, Duvall

Motion failed 4-8

Rousseau moved and Hendershot seconded that the stallion list appear in the first three issues of the magazine every year. Passed unanimously

Ask the Board Question

Bennie Schrock called regarding the decision about not publishing sale results. They sent prices and pictures of their Illinois sale and they were returned. Ruth said she didn't see any article or sales results. Bennie said they had worked very hard to get the sales results ready to go in Dec/Jan but the Board decision was made to only publish top mare, gelding and stallion. Bennie called Bill Hendershot, Paul Sutton and Emily Smith. The BOD wants to ask sale committees to submit articles with pictures, on their top selling horses. It was determined the next day that the 3 page article was included in its entirety in the draft Feb/Mar issue, but included all sale results, so may need to be edited. **Paul Sutton agreed to contact Bennie Schrock the day after the BOD meeting to resolve the situation and let the BOD know the resolution.**

Adjournment:

Motion made by Hug and seconded by Yoder that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 EST.

