

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	<p>The April 5, 2006, meeting was called to order by Paul Sutton at 8:08 p.m. Attending were: Paul Sutton, Emily Gibson, Bob Duvall, Art Winder, Mike Dowd, Mike Bobal, Willie Lehman, Levi Yoder, Dave Kraus, Bill Jameson and Office Manager, Ruth Schwab. Anita Sweeney was present as recorder. Theo Hug joined the call a few minutes after it started. Gary Leisure was not on the call due to leaving town to help represent AHR at Equine Affaire in Columbus.</p>
<p>I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</p>	<p>There was a very productive and cordial meeting with representatives of AHR and HBO in March and the following motion was made: David Villeneuve moved to merge the Haflinger Breeders Organization (HBO) and the American Haflinger Registry (AHR) under the AHR name with the HBO legal corporation being dissolved, making one registry in the U.S. In the formation of one registry, it is agreed that the I&C Committee of AHR will follow World Haflinger Federation (WHF) rules and regulations as their guideline in the Inspection and Classification program. The motion was seconded by Theo Hug and the motion carried unanimously. Therefore HBO will be dissolved and AHR will be the sole registry for Haflingers in North America.</p> <p>AHR will accept all HBO-registered only horses which meet the same requirements for all other AHR horses, at no charge to the owner. The window for transferring horses at no charge is the present, to December 31, 2006, and all HBO only registered horses must be switched over by December 31st</p>
<p>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</p>	<p>1,888 people have renewed their memberships for 2006 (including lifetime members) and there have been 228 magazine subscriptions. The office mail is opened daily and is through QB within one day. Sheila reports the pedigree department is on approximately a 2-week turn around for transactions which are received, correctly filled out and ready to process. Fourteen farms have expressed their willingness to support the Haflinger breed class at Dressage at Devon. There is a \$500 sponsorship fee, plus the price of an ad in the show book. Most farms have committed to \$50 and the participating farms will be listed in the show book ad.</p> <p>The Spring sale consignment closed April 1st. So far there are 276 horses consigned but there may be a few more because the paperwork which had to be postmarked by April 1st may still be received in the office. Right now there are: 107 geldings, 74 are age 3 or over. 147 mares, 87 are age 3 or over and 27 will have foals by side. 22 stallions, 7 are age 3 or over. The sale book should be ready to be posted on the website in the next week or two.</p> <p>Last spring, there were approximately 320 consigned to the sale and at the fall sale, there were 280 consigned. Due to the postcards mailed out in order for people to ask that catalogs be mailed to them, there were only 1,000 catalogs printed rather than 3,000.</p> <p>Letters were sent out this week to licensed stallion owners with a renewal invoice for 2007, which is due by 10-25-06</p> <p>As of April 1, free classified ads (limited to horses or horse equipment for sale by members) are being put on the AHR website classified page. (Photos are extra and non-members pay the going rate). The response has been good as the word spreads about this new member benefit and so far there have been around a dozen ads posted in the first few days of April. So far there have been 9 bylaw ballots returned. The office staff has been busy cleaning up items such as problem files and getting various financial resolved and things are looking good.</p>
<p>III. Committee Reports and Approval of Committee Members</p>	

<p>1. Youth</p>	<p>Dave Wilson and Carolyn Sutton - Co-Chairs Members: Levi Yoder (Director Representative), Leona Loller, Judy James, Elaine Durlin and Aileen Ayers</p> <p>The youth committee has received a grant from the Department of Agriculture from the State of Michigan for \$500, which will be used at the National Show this year. The grant will be used to sponsor two clinics at the show for youths. The plans are for one clinic on dressage and one on pleasure/draft driving. The show committee has 20 youth classes scheduled and some sort of prize will be given to all participants. Brent Leininger had reported to AHR about funds available under a grant from the State of Michigan if the show was held in Michigan. Carolyn Sutton filled out the paperwork and applied for a grant from the State of Michigan and we received the \$500 grant.</p>
<p>2. By-Laws</p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler</p> <p>The ballots for members to vote on bylaw change proposals are included as inserts in the current (April/May) issue of the Haflinger Horse.</p>
<p>3. Classification</p>	<p>Jennifer Rousseau and Robert Eicher – Co-Chairs Members: Theo Hug, Abram Miller John Dunkel, Brandy Wagner and Mike Dowd</p> <p>No report was received officially.</p> <p>There is a problem with the I/C registration form which was sent as an insert in the current magazine. There is no deadline given by which the forms must be returned. It also lists a “full payment” price of \$100 for Haflingers 2 years and older and \$75 for yearlings and yearlings. Nothing is mentioned stating that if fewer than 20 horses are signed up for each site, the owners will have to pay extra to make up the \$2,000 fee which is required for the expenses at each site. (Just as example, it might cost an owner an extra \$40 or more if there are too few horses).</p> <p>A discussion was held about this issue and ways to inform all horse owners who might be affected. Since the deadline is July 31st, there is time to find a solution on how to address this problem.</p> <p>Abram Miller requested that as many of members of the BOD as possibly could go to Ashland on the Thursday evening (right before the spring sale) to attend the I/C Spring Clinic.</p>
<p>4. Nominating</p>	<p>Buzz Barr – Chair Members: Brian Winkler, Paul Sutton and Anita Sweeney</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
<p>5. Finance</p>	<p>Levi Yoder – Chair Members: Abram Miller and Paul Sutton</p> <p>BOD members got copies of the Profit and Loss Sheet and Balance Sheet for review.</p> <p>The question was asked by Gibson if there was any ability within the system to compare month to month figures from prior years. Yoder responded that because line items were changed and they had been done differently from year to year there was no way to track this comparison.</p>
<p>6. Futurity – SIP</p>	<p>Jennifer Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Anita Sweeney</p> <p>The judge has been hired for the draft classes. Information will be sent in April to last year’s futurity exhibitors. Lou Sutton is looking for a pleasure judge.</p>

7. Judge	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Jennifer Rousseau, Mike Bobal, Dayl Phillip and Bob Bishop</p> <p>There was no report, but Paul had spoken with Joel by phone in regard to committee members.</p>
8. Membership	<p>Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Leon Troyer</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
9. National Show	<p>Lou Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson, Brent Leininger, Steve Verhoff, Jennifer Sutton and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>The committee has had two conference calls. The class order and entry fees are completed and posted on the website. A meeting after the GLHA sale on April 8, is planned at Mason with the fairground manger and show committee attending. Judges are being contacted by Bill Jameson. The national show committee is coming along quite well.</p>
10. Planning	<p>Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler – Co-Chairs</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
11. Pedigree	<p>Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Abram Miller, Anita Sweeney and Dave Kraus</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
12. Personnel/Office	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>Nothing to report from this committee this month. All is going well.</p>
13. Points/Awards	<p>Danny Inabinett and Ann Walton – Co-Chairs Members: Doris Thomas, Edie Ferguson and Art Winder.</p> <p>Nothing to report as yet.</p>
14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support	<p>Mike Bobal – Chair Members: Dave Kraus and Lisa Schott</p> <p>They approved funding for WHA. They approved two half page ads for the NODA sales catalogues. The BOD approved the USDF fee and certifications. The BOD disapproved funding for Devon, however, through the efforts of Mike Bobal and Ruth Schwab, the Haflinger will be represented at Devon.</p> <p>There were unexpected additional expenses due to the necessity to reorder some of the USDF Haflinger All Breeds Award plaques for award recipients in 2005. These plaques were to have been ordered in 2005 and sent to the USDF to be handed out at their year end meeting. Even though they were funded in last year's budget, since they weren't done in time, we will have to pick up the extra expense this year.</p> <p>Ruth is going to handle the USDF breed dressage awards in the future through the office.</p>
15. Publication	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair</p>

	<p>Members: Emily Gibson, Judy James, Art Winder and Linda Winder</p> <p>Nothing to report, however, Gibson stated that the committee is always looking for feedback on the contents of the magazine and whether it is addressing the needs of the members and readers. Sutton said that he received many compliments on the magazine during his trip to Indiana.</p> <p>Mike Bobal asked about the policy of requiring paid advertising vs. providing magazine space free of charge to non-profit promotional organizations which he feels should be treated differently than private events. He is interested in helping the regional associations because of the cuts in the promotion committee's budget and was told that regional associations aren't going to have free space to promote their events. Gibson responded that she would write a draft policy for the Board to review, as the stated priority of the Board in previous meetings has been to make the magazine self-supporting and that can't be done if the 20+ regional associations were given large amounts of free magazine space.</p>
16 Sales	<p>Dave Wilson and Danny Inabinett – Co-Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen and Levi Yoder</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
17. Website	<p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Mike Dowd and Office Advisor, Ruth Schwab</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
18. Video Committee	<p>Lee Golinello – Chair Member – Dave Kraus</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
19. AHFund	<p>Dave Wilson, Levi Yoder, Brent Leininger, Chuck Kohler, Carolyn Sutton and Paul Sutton</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
20. Performance Evaluation Committee	<p>Robert Eicher – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Brandy Wagner, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson and Peg Brown</p> <p>The committee had a conference call on March 25th. Most of the discussion was on the scoring systems, looking at how other breeds handle their system, etc. A preliminary draft of a template of a scorecard is being worked on by Brandy Wagner. There will be a workshop at Peg Brown's, Walnut Hill Farm in Maumee, OH, on June 17th.</p>
IV. New Business	<p>Jennifer Rousseau spoke to the BOD regarding the membership of the I/C Committee. No discussion was held by the BOD.</p>
	<p>The motion was made by Paul Sutton and seconded by Dave Kraus that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.</p> <p>The next conference call will be on Wednesday, May 3, 2006.</p>