

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	<p>August 2, 2006, meeting called to order by Paul Sutton at 8: 08 p.m. Attending were: Mike Bobal, Gary Leisure, Paul Sutton, Emily Gibson, Bob Duvall, Art Winder, Theo Hug, Willie Lehman, Levi Yoder, Dave Kraus, Bill Jameson</p> <p>Absent with notice: Mike Dowd</p> <p>Ruth Schwab, managing director present</p>
I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)	<p>HBO dissolution- two ballots of the HBO members have resulted in a greater than 2:1 vote supporting dissolution. Letter has been received from attorney handling the ballots.</p>
II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab	<p>Office continues to run smoothly. Pedigrees caught up through July 31. There are consignments already for the fall sale. National Show entries are coming in and deadline is Aug. 18. Invitations for membership meeting went out with the most recent magazine mailing. Website has had some problems due to a move to a new server so updates weren't appearing for much of the past month and that is being worked on.</p> <p>Horse TV has contacted AHR about participation in a Council being organized to discuss the marketing needs of the horse industry. No decision made whether to participate.</p>
III. Committee Reports and Approval of Committee Members	
1. Youth	<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 is planning two clinics at the National Show. Andrea Becker is doing a dressage clinic and Dave Ayers is going to do a driving clinic (pleasure and draft). A youth medallion will be awarded to each youth participant at the show.</p>
2. By-Laws	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
3. Classification	<p>Jennifer Rousseau and Robert Eicher – Co-Chairs Members: Theo Hug, Abram Miller John Dunkel, Brandy Wagner and Mike Dowd</p> <p>There are 124 paid entries for the AHR inspections as of 8-1-06: Canada-19, Ohio-20, PA-22, CA-33, CO-30. The Florida site has been cancelled due to an insufficient number of applicants as costs would not be covered and it is hoped that there will be sufficient numbers to have a Florida I/C site in 2007.</p> <p>Art Winder reported to the Board that he felt it was a mistake that AHR chose not to support the Inspection & Classification Site in Florida even though they didn't have the minimum number of horses required to fill it. He says that the "South" has a perception that the AHR doesn't care about them. Other members of the board wanted to know why "Florida" felt that way – what has AHR done – or not done that causes such a perception. Art didn't have specifics but he said he would try to get a better understanding of why this perception is there, and make suggestions as to what can be done about it.</p> <p>The committee wants to invite the BOD to attend the inspections if possible. Anyone interested in being a volunteer at a location should contact the coordinator for that site. Volunteers are always appreciated!</p>

	<p>The committee has sent a letter to the AHR Board of Directors regarding concerns about the process used to make a recent change to the AHR breed standard and asking that the decision be reviewed as well as a process defined for making future changes.</p> <p>The decision to remove “with lots of feathers” from the undesirable characteristics for “type” was reviewed again by the Board. It is not mentioned in the World Haflinger Federation standards that serve as the guidelines for the AHR breed standards. There was no motion to rescind the decision to remove the phrase from the breed standard.</p> <p>As with any committee serving the AHR, changes to standing policy or procedure will be forwarded from the committee to the Board for review, discussion and approval.</p>
4. Nominating	<p>Buzz Barr – Chair Members: Brian Winkler, Paul Sutton and Anita Sweeney</p> <p>A situation has been brought to the board regarding the upcoming director elections. The applications for 2 candidates for Director are in question. The two candidates are, in the NE Donald Sommer, and in the West, Christine Level. Christine Level did not come up with her 15 required signatures as she decided to run only a short time before the deadline. Donald Sommer sent in his bio and signatures before the deadline, however some signatures on his petition were not valid and he ended up 2 signatures short. He was notified and two additional signatures were received, however they were received after the deadline. Discussion ensued as to whether these candidates should be placed on the ballot. Since the bylaws clearly state that signatures and bio must be received by the deadline, the consensus of the Board members was that neither candidate will be placed on the ballot.</p>
5. Finance	<p>Levi Yoder – Chair Members: Abram Miller and Paul Sutton</p> <p>The current Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Sheet were discussed. Levi Yoder reminded the Board that income from the National Show, AHR Sale, and I&C were reflected in the report. However, none of the expenses from those programs have yet hit the books. It appears that AHR should be in the black at year end.</p>
6. Futurity – SIP	<p>Jennifer Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Anita Sweeney</p> <p>All entries & information about futurity & SIP horses must be turned in by August 20 to the A H R office or Jennifer Sutton</p> <p>Currently----Futurity 105 entries S I P 68 foals S I P 7 stallions</p>
7. Judge	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Jennifer Rousseau, Mike Bobal, Dayl Phillip and Bob Bishop</p> <p>No report</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 show packet has been mailed out. Show information & classes are posted on website Entry deadline is August 18</p>

	Sponsorships are being pursued with good success
10. Planning	Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler – Co-Chairs Nothing to report
11. Pedigree	Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Abram Miller, Anita Sweeney and Dave Kraus Nothing to report.
12. Personnel/Office	Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton Nothing to report.
13. Points/Awards	Danny Inabinett and Ann Walton – Co-Chairs Members: Doris Thomas, Edie Ferguson and Art Winder. Nothing to report
14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support	Mike Bobal – Chair Members: Dave Kraus and Lisa Schott Driving Digest advertising renewed for 1 year and Florida show sponsorship requested and received. Mike Bobal reported that Haflinger given away last year in a 4-H contest in Pennsylvania is working the way it is supposed to. The winner agreed to show the horse which she is successfully doing. She has moved on to state finals. Her trainer reported that the horse has been shown 2 to 3 times per week. This program was a great success and wonderful promotion for the Haflinger breed. Thank you to the promoters and supporters of the 4-H giveaway programs.
15. Publication	Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Judy James, Art Winder and Linda Winder Nothing to report
16 Sales	Dave Wilson and Danny Inabinett – Co-Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen and Levi Yoder Committee had a conference call to discuss the issues that had been brought forth by members. Items discussed included the sale order, sale preview, and safety issues. Changes have been made that will hopefully resolve these issues. The formal sale preview has been eliminated in order to shorten the schedule; however sale horses may be informally previewed Friday morning out on the race track. The Stallion Parade will be Friday morning at 9:30 and the sale will start at 1:00. Following the sale (approximately 6:30 pm) will be the Stallion Service Auction.
17. Website	Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Mike Dowd and Office Advisor, Ruth Schwab Server change resulted in delay in updates on the website, that is being resolved.
18. Video Committee	Lee Golinello – Chair Member – Dave Kraus Nothing to report
19. AHFund	Dave Wilson, Levi Yoder, Brent Leininger, Chuck Kohler, Carolyn Sutton and Paul Sutton The members of the Fund committee held a conference call meeting on Wednesday July 26 th . The Fund is anticipating receipt of a donation from the Estate of Dave Wilson's sister. The Estate Attorney will send a release which requires the signature of an AHF authorized signor. Upon return of that document, the check will be sent.

	<p>(The document was signed and returned 8-1-06). There was lengthy discussion of different avenues possible to invest the money. The AH Fund Board recommends buying an annuity from Farm Bureau of Michigan with a guaranteed 3% interest in order to protect the principal. Scholarships would be paid off the interest with the principal remaining untouched. AHF Directors ask the board's permission to transfer \$6000 from the AHR Youth Account to the AHF.</p> <p>Motion: Levi Yoder moves to take \$6000 from AHR Youth account and transfer to establish an AHF Fund account. Dave Kraus seconds motion. Motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding a possible conflict of interest for AH Fund President to sell AHF an annuity. Members of the board felt that the AH Fund Board should reinvestigate alternative investment options.</p> <p>The \$6000 figure was developed from the following figures</p> <table data-bbox="487 504 1508 714"> <tr> <td>Present balance of AHR Youth account</td> <td>\$11,817</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AHR Youth fund Liabilities for scholarships</td> <td>\$ 3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AHR Youth receivables to be transferred from AHR</td> <td>\$ 1,050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AHR Youth liabilities for clinic at National Show</td> <td>\$ 300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AH Fund Transfer figure</td> <td>\$ 6,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance left for AHR Youth</td> <td>\$ 3,567</td> </tr> </table>	Present balance of AHR Youth account	\$11,817	AHR Youth fund Liabilities for scholarships	\$ 3,000	AHR Youth receivables to be transferred from AHR	\$ 1,050	AHR Youth liabilities for clinic at National Show	\$ 300	AH Fund Transfer figure	\$ 6,000	Balance left for AHR Youth	\$ 3,567
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<p>20. Performance Evaluation Committee</p>	<p>Robert Eicher – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Brandy Wagner, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson and Peg Brown</p> <p>The workshop at Peg Brown's in June went well. We will be doing another trial test at Cedar Lane Farm on Labor Day, September 4th. We still want to do a trial test in Ashland on the Thursday prior to the fall sale. We do not anticipate being ready to do an official test until 2007.</p> <p>The committee wishes to invite the BOD to our workshops at Cedar Lane Farm, and at Ashland. Please notify a committee member if you plan to attend so we have some idea of how many people will be attending. Lunch will be carry-in, bring a cold dish.</p>												
<p>21. World Haflinger Federation</p>	<p>John White of North Carolina has been appointed WHF Vice President at the recent WHF meeting. Joel Greenisen remains the AHR representative to the WHF.</p>												
	<p>Motion made by Dave Kraus and seconded by Art Winder that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2006.</p>												