

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	<p>The April 4, 2007, meeting was called to order by Paul Sutton at 8:10 p.m. Attending were: Paul Sutton, Emily Gibson, Bob Duvall, Art Winder, Theo Hug, Mike Bobal, Mike LeVasseur, Willie Lehman, Andrew Yoder, Dave Kraus, Bill Jameson, Gary Leisure and Ruth Schwab.</p>
<p>I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</p>	<p>March minutes approved on line</p> <p>Kentucky Horse Park AHR team—Bob and Cele Duvall spent a couple of days looking for suitable horses and we had the opportunity to meet some very nice people. Found a pair of full brothers from Allen Mast in Trail, Ohio. They are 58 1/2 inches, light chestnut, white mane and tail, with full blazes. The AHR is paying \$4,000.00 for the pair. We are waiting for health papers to take them to Kentucky Horse Park. (Pictures will be taken of them in our carriage before they go, so we can have pictures in the next magazine.) The team that is currently in Kentucky will be returned and put in the spring AHR sale.</p>
<p>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</p>	<p>For the month of March (report dates between 3-6-07 and 4-2-07), QuickBooks shows the line items transaction count of 4,834. Foal registrations completed are 96 and transfers completed are 320. This count includes the Mid-Ohio sale and the Mt Hope sale. The stallion license renewal count for the 2007 breeding season is 501. Members already renewed for 2007 = 1,450, with many of those renewals being returned with the reminder post card. Current magazine subscribers are 211. The I&C records have been sent to the office and are on file with a copy of the score card being attached to the office copy of each inspected horse. Sale consignments are currently about 160. With the postmark date of Saturday, March 31st, applications will continue to arrive at the office for the next week to ten days.</p>
<p>III. Committee Reports and Approval of Committee Members</p>	
<p>1. AHR Youth</p>	<p>Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton and Dave Kraus</p> <p>A grant was received from the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture for two clinics at the national show.</p>
<p>2. By-Laws</p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>
<p>3. Classification</p>	<p>Jennifer Rousseau and Robert Eicher – Co-Chairs Members: Theo Hug, Abram Miller John Dunkel, Brandy Wagner, Mike Dowd, Dave Ayers, Mike LeVasseur, John Cisler and David Villeneuve</p> <p>No minutes received from committee.</p> <p>Question from Winder about subsidizing new regions that cannot come to come up with 20 horse minimum for an initial inspection site Motion made by Duvall seconded by Bobal that if 1 new location (as approved by the I&C committee) per year can guarantee at least \$1000 in income from the participating owners, AHR would subsidize up to and no more than \$1000 to encourage the program in this new area on a one time basis</p> <p>No objections</p>
<p>4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee</p>	<p>Robert Eicher – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson and Peg Brown</p> <p>Currently developing a score card. The draft of the scorecard is sent to the board for</p>

	information only
5. Finance	<p>Andrew Yoder – Chair Members: Abram Miller and Paul Sutton</p> <p>Balance sheet through March and Profit/Loss figures provided to the Board for review</p>
6. Futurity – SIP	<p>Jennifer Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Lou Sutton</p> <p>Futurity enrollment forms and SIP enrollment forms are included in the April/May issue of the <i>Haflinger Horse</i> as inserts. Remember the enrollment deadline is June 30th for both programs! Also in this issue of the magazine on page 15 is an article about important updates for the SIP program.</p>
7. Judges	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Jennifer Rousseau, Holly Singleton, Kim Hart and Mike Bobal</p> <p>Clinic at spring sale for judges</p>
8. Membership	<p>Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Leon Troyer</p> <p>As of April 1st, (No April Fools included) we had 1390 members with dues of \$90,350.00. Last year at the same time we had 1846 members with dues of 73,840.00. Renewal cards went out last month, and more memberships are coming in. 205 of the current memberships have come in since the reminder went out.</p> <p>Magazine subscriptions total 78 so far this year, \$3,510.00. Last year to date they were 92 for \$2,760.00.</p> <p>I talked to Mike Williams yesterday and he has been making calls to AHR registered Haflinger owners who are not members. He has covered Alaska, Alabama, Arizona and is now working on California. He said he has been calling usually 3 nights a week for 2 or 3 hours. Hooray for Mike!</p> <p>He said he has been pleased that he has not heard any AHR bashing and very little negative comments. A lot of our listed owners have sold the horses and evidently not transferred them. He is making notes on his list for the office.</p> <p>He did ask that if the office receives any memberships from his calls, would they please let him know.</p>
9. National Show	<p>Lou Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson, Brent Leininger, Steve Verhoff, Jennifer Sutton, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Miteer</p> <p>Currently hiring judges.</p>
10. Nominating	<p>Mike Bobal – Chair Members: Roger Stalvey</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
11. Pedigree	<p>Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Abram Miller, Dave Kraus, Don Jackson and Sheila Pearson (office)</p> <p>Last month we had 2 cases submitted to our committee</p>

	<p>- 1 Offspring with no DNA (was refused)</p> <p>- 1 Offspring with blood type (was accepted)</p> <p>If in-breeding is a concern from the BOD, our committee will come up with a policy suggestion for the BOD</p> <p>Discussion about stallion owners who have not sent in a stallion breeding report and do not respond to notification of late fee, with offspring that have registration held up because of the stallion owner not being cooperative.</p> <p>These pending registrations will be considered on a case by case basis by the office staff so foals can be registered even if the stallion owner has not complied with reporting requirements. We do not want to punish mare owners nor encourage grade foals.</p> <p>Discussion about the use of the stallion report and whether it is now redundant with the stallion license renewal fee.</p>
12. Personnel/Office	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>2007-8 Contract for magazine editor will be proposed to Publications Committee to encourage recruitment of advertising pages and compensation based on giving a % of ad income as commission</p>
13. Planning	<p>Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler – Co-Chairs (Current inactive)</p>
14. Points/Awards	<p>Danny Inabinett and Ann Walton – Co-Chairs Members: Doris Thomas, Edie Ferguson and Art Winder. Presentation of awards will be made at the spring sale to help promote the program</p>
15. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support	<p>Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Mike Bobal and Art Winder</p> <p>Regional support: \$300 Western Penn. Haflinger Show</p> <p>Ads Rural Heritage , double business card ad, 6 issues , \$255/yr</p> <p>All American Youth Show, 1/2 page, \$140</p> <p>Equine Times, B&W, 1/4 page, for May & October issues, \$170 each.</p>
16. Publications	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur, Art Winder and Linda Winder</p> <p>Feb/Mar Issue 3000 printed 2729 mailed \$3.97 cost per issue \$.57 per issue postage \$1198 printing cost of inserts \$2000 Postage/Envelope Saved Using Inserts</p>
17. Sales	<p>Dave Wilson and Danny Inabinett – Co-Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen, Andrew Yoder and Levi Yoder</p>

	Consignments for May Sale coming in slower than usual
18. Video Committee	Lee Golinello – Chair Member – Dave Kraus and Mike LeVasseur No activity
19. Website	Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Mike LeVasseur and Office Advisor, Ruth Schwab March stats home page 6978 visits farm links 1972 classifieds 1306 magazine 905
20. World Federation	Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Theo Hug and Jennifer Rousseau No report received
I.V. New Business	Letter received by an AHR member concerned that it was sent out by a Board member to a number of owners regarding an alternative show venue to the National Show. The Board encourages all show opportunities for Haflingers and the Board continues to work out issues with the National show.
	The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2007.