

| TOPICS | DISCUSSION |
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| | <p>The October 10 , 2007, meeting was called to order by Paul Sutton at 8:15 p.m. Attending were: Paul Sutton, Emily Gibson, Bob Duvall, Art Winder, Theo Hug, Mike Bobal, Willie Lehman, Andrew Yoder, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Bill Jameson and Ruth Schwab. Mike Levasseur absent</p> |
| <p>I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</p> | <p>September meeting minutes approved on line.</p> |
| <p>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</p> | <p>For the month of September (report dates between 9-4-07 and 10-9-07), QuickBooks shows the line items transaction count of 3265. Foal registrations completed are 82 and transfers completed are 187. The stallion license renewal count for the 2008 has begun and is up to 150. Members renewed so far for 2007 are 1,797. Current magazine subscribers are 198.</p> <p>The 2007 Classification score sheets have been submitted to the I&C committee for entry into the database. The ribbons have been ordered and received and will be sent to those not already receiving a ribbon, along with the certificates that will be completed and issued to all participants.</p> <p>Fall sale consignments ended up at 183. There are 13 stallions participating in the stallion parade and service auction. A request was made (and referred to the Stallion Parade Committee) to add another stallion that would not be cataloged.</p> <p>The results for the National Show have been posted to the website.</p> <p>The bond for the sale was replaced by a CD held in trust at First Merit Bank. More information on that is included with the financial reports</p> |
| <p>III. Committee Reports</p> | |
| <p>1. AHR Youth</p> | <p>Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton, Levi Yoder, Paula Verhoff and Dave Kraus</p> <p>There were two clinics on showmanship for youth members held at the National Show. Jacque and Mike Woodward instructed the draft youth participants and Lisa and Terry Schott instructed the pleasure participants. Each youth participant received a medal and a wrapped prize for entering a youth class at the National show. We did receive a grant from the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture, to help with these expenses.</p> <p>All youth contest entries are being examined by the committee. The D. Lee Wilson Jr. Scholarship has been chosen and will be announced at the membership meeting.</p> |
| <p>2. By-Laws</p> | <p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler</p> <p>The ballots for two bylaw sentence deletions will be counted on October 17.</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 report received</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 There will be an official test conducted Thursday before the Fall Sale.</p> |

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| <p>5. Finance</p> | <p>Andrew Yoder – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Abram Miller and Paul Sutton</p> <p>The most exciting development this month is on the Balance Sheet. We have a new CD in the amount of \$69,000. It is a 12 month CD, earning 3.48% interest, and is being held in trust for the USDA in lieu of a bond. Prior to this development, that money was sitting in a savings account earning 1.6% interest. Now, not only is it earning higher interest, but it is saving us the expense of carrying a bond to cover our USDA licensing requirements for our sales. Last year the bond cost us \$263, but this year it proved rather elusive to obtain.</p> <p>Due to fewer horses passing through our sales, and lower sales prices, the USDA lowered our requirements to \$69,000. We were able to negotiate with our bank to act as trustee of this account at no charge to us. The money will be held in trust in the event we would ever default on our auctions before the sellers were paid. At the end of the term next year, we can harvest the interest on these funds, and just re-do the paperwork for next years livestock sale license. Depending on our sale totals, the amount could go up or down for next year.</p> <p>Through diligent cash management, we were able to accomplish this without touching the AHR Reserve account, which still has over a hundred thousand dollars in it.</p> |
| <p>6. Futurity – SIP</p> | <p>Jennifer Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Lou Sutton</p> <p>The Futurity classes at the National Show were very impressive and the size of futurity classes at both GLHA and National Show is down due to fewer mares being bred. The premium checks are being calculated.</p> |
| <p>7. Judges</p> | <p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Jennifer Rousseau, Holly Singleton, Kim Hart and Mike Bobal</p> <p>Summary of Letter from Joel Greenisen to the Board: California Judges' Clinic held in conjunction with I&C with 14 paid participants. Initially one hour of classroom teaching and then once I&C began, clinicians were seated in a corner of the arena so each could score the horse individually, and then the official score was discussed with the clinicians with the horse in front of them, and then a time was spent in discussion with the I&C judges following this for further teaching points. There will be a fuller report at the October Board Annual Meeting and it is anticipated that two additional judges will be moved up to Senior "C" level for next year after evaluation of their experience and skill.</p> |
| <p>8. Membership</p> | <p>Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Leon Troyer</p> <p>There are ideas the committee is planning to pursue, but nothing new to report now.</p> |
| <p>9. National Show</p> | <p>Lou Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson, Brent Leininger, Steve Verhoff, Jennifer Sutton, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Miteer</p> <p>Approximately 225 horses performed at the National Show last week. The Stallion Liberty had 5 stallions and put on an outstanding exhibition. There was positive feedback from exhibitors. The finances are still being calculated.</p> |
| <p>10. Nominating</p> | <p>Mike Bobal – Chair Members: Roger Stalvey Nothing to report</p> |
| <p>11. Pedigree</p> | <p>Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Abram Miller, Dave Kraus, Don Jackson, Anita Sweeney and Sheila Pearson (office) Nothing to report currently</p> |

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| 12. Personnel/Office | <p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> |
| 13. Planning | <p>Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler – Co-Chairs (Currently inactive)</p> |
| 14. Points/Awards | <p>Danny Inabinett and Ann Walton – Co-Chairs Members: Doris Thomas, Edie Ferguson and Art Winder.</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> |
| 15. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support | <p>Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Mike Bobal and Art Winder</p> <p>We are sending Ruth Schwab to USDF Annual Convention Trade Show for an AHR promotional booth. Money was spent on the following classes at the National show. Class 21 – Three Year Old & Older Stallion – Pleasure Class 42 – Two Year Old Stallion – Draft \$75 for each class</p> |
| 16. Publications | <p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur, Art Winder and Linda Winder</p> <p>Aug/Sept issue 2150 printed, 1921 mailed</p> <p>Oct/Nov issue 2180 printed, 1980 mailed</p> <p>Average cost per issue for the last 6 issues (12months) \$4.24 Postage and envelope savings to the Registry by including the inserts with the magazine for the last 6 issues = \$ 9,200.</p> |
| 17. Sales | <p>Dave Wilson and Danny Inabinett – Co-Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen, Andrew Yoder and Levi Yoder</p> <p>Fall Sale Catalog is at the printer. 183 horses currently consigned and 13 stallions will be in the stallion parade</p> |
| 18. Video Committee | <p>Lee Golinello – Chair Member – Dave Kraus and Mike LeVasseur Nothing to report</p> |
| 19. Website | <p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Mike LeVasseur and Office Advisor, Ruth Schwab Here are the September website statistics: Home page 4557 hits Farm directory page 1057 Marketplace classifieds 887 Fall Sale page 761 National Show 589 Magazine 507 This is a significant drop from the past few months despite being the month before the National Show and Fall Sale--as much as a 30-50% drop for some sites. We may need to be looking at some changing features to entice people back.</p> |
| 20. World Federation | <p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Theo Hug and Jennifer Rousseau No report received</p> |
| I.V. New Business | <p>No new business. Bob Duvall complimented Mike Bobal's organization of KILE Haflinger show last week and the excellent participation of farms and a great audience of over 1000 people.</p> |

Motion made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting date is the annual board meeting at the end of October.