

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	<p>The February 6, 2008, meeting was called to order by Paul Sutton at 8:35 p.m. Attending were: Paul Sutton, Emily Gibson, Bob Duvall, Art Winder, Theo Hug, Mike Bobal, Mike LeVasseur, Willie Lehman, Andrew Yoder, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Bill Jameson and Ruth Schwab.</p>
<p><b>I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</b></p>	<p>January minutes approved on line.</p>
<p><b>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</b></p>	<p>For the month of January (report dates between January 9, 2008 and February 5, 2008), QuickBooks shows the line items transaction count of 4723. A total of 136 transfers were completed during this period. Of the foal registrations checked in the past month, 192 are completed, and the rest are either awaiting DNA testing or additional paperwork or photos. Unfortunately, it seems like at the end of the year, we see an increased error rate in paperwork and DNA testing. It may be because people are in a hurry to get the paperwork in the mail and so something is filled out or attached incorrectly. A number of DNA tests have come back with exclusions. Most are the result of hair being attached to the wrong form, one is a case of a sample for the same horse being attached to more than one hair collection form, and for two cases, the cause has yet to be determined. Turnaround times for DNA testing at the lab continue to be fairly quick, but resolution of problem cases varies: some cases require the lab to re-run a sample or require us to request a new sample from an owner, and those cases take longer to resolve.</p> <p>The stallion license renewal count for 2008 is up to 350. Members renewed so far for 2008 are 763. Current magazine subscribers are 163. The renewal form was included as an insert in the Feb/March Haflinger Horse, and we will also be mailing reminder notices to 2007 members and magazine subscribers that are up for renewal.</p> <p>The Member Farms Directory is at the printer. We have ordered 15,000 copies which should be available for distribution by the beginning of March.</p> <p>Our 2007 Points &amp; Awards winners have been announced and are posted to the AHR website. The Awards for the Performance side are on order and will be awarded to the winners at a future date. The awards for the Hourly achievers will be mailed in the next few days. The awards for the USDF High Scoring Haflingers will be mailed in the next few days.</p> <p>The I&amp;C data has been compiled into a spreadsheet and sent to the I&amp;C Committee chairs for approval. Once approved, the data will be posted to the AHR website.</p> <p>The pedigrees on-line project is in process.</p>
<p><b>III. Committee Reports</b></p>	
<p><b>1. AHR Youth</b></p>	<p>Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton, Dave Kraus, Paula Verhoff, Levi Yoder, and Sue Cassaday (office consultant)</p> <p>At present, we have 44 youth members signed up for 2008.</p>
<p><b>2. By-Laws</b></p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>
<p><b>3. Classification</b></p>	<p>John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs Members: Theo Hug, Brandy Wagner, John Cisler, Robert Eicher and Dave Ayers. No report received</p>

<p><b>4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee</b></p>	<p>Robert Eicher – Chair  Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson, Peg Brown and Cindy Bunner</p> <p>no report received</p>
<p><b>5. Finance</b></p>	<p>Andrew Yoder – Chair  Members: Levi Yoder, Abram Miller, Paul Sutton and Tana Moneypenny (office consultant)</p> <p>Proposed 2008 budget was distributed and reviewed prior to the meeting. It is discussed in general with attention to particular line items of interest. Gibson comments that the proposed income projections seem high based on the current trend of memberships, registrations and transfer numbers. Sutton responds he believes these are reasonable numbers given the information we have.</p> <p>Sutton moves, Yoder seconds a motion to stop the gelding registration discount. Discussion about the number of falsified gelding registration applications, contributing to additional paperwork, work load and delay for the office staff. There would not be significant increased income because only 20-30 colts are registered as a gelding in their year of birth. Sutton rescinds the motion and asks that Pedigree Committee review the issue</p> <p><b>Kraus moves the 2008 proposed budget be approved, Sutton seconds Motion passes with one objection from Gibson</b></p>
<p><b>6. Futurity – SIP</b></p>	<p>Brian Mitteer – Chair  Proposed Members: Bill Jameson and Lou Sutton need board approval. Members approved without objection</p> <p>The following stallions have enrolled to date in SIP:</p> <p>Anthony  Aristocrat TOF  Armani KCH  Neiman Marcus TOF  Neumeister TOF  Notting Hill  Stars 'N Stripes TOF</p> <p>A page dedicated to the futurity and SIP will be in the next issue of the Haflinger Magazine.</p>
<p><b>7. Judges</b></p>	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair  Members: Kim Hart and Mike Bobal  Holly Singleton and Jennifer Rousseau approved as members without objection  No report received</p>
<p><b>8. Membership</b></p>	<p>Bob Duvall – Chair  Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams  Duvall is working on a membership plan with office staff  There also will be promotion of the three year membership option.</p>
<p><b>9. National Show</b></p>	<p>Lou Sutton – Chair  Members: Bill Jameson, Brent Leininger, Steve Verhoff, Jacque Woodward, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Miteer</p> <p>National show Report: It came to our attention that due to a race taking place at the Indy Speedway on the same weekend as the show, hotel rooms were \$300.00/night and up. Obviously this situation would not work. We were able to arrange with the grounds to move the show to one week later to Sept 17-20. This will allow exhibitors to obtain reasonable lodging. The process is now under way to hire judges. We will soon be placing the ribbon order (save 10% if place by 2/15). The committee will be looking at the show rules, to make necessary updates to stay current.</p>
<p><b>10. Nominating</b></p>	<p>Mike Bobal – Chair  Members: Roger Stalvey and Art Winder</p>

	<p>Members whose board seats will be up for re-election this fall are:  At large: ..Bob Duvall and Paul Sutton  South East Region: Art Winder  Central region: Dave Kraus</p>
<b>11. Pedigree</b>	<p>Theo Hug – Chair  Members: Ray Miller, Dave Kraus, Anita Sweeney, Don Jackson and Sheila Pearson (office consultant).</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
<b>12. Personnel/Office</b>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair  Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>Sutton moves, Hug seconds to go to Executive Session  Sutton moves, Hug seconds to go out of Executive Session</p>
<b>13. Planning</b>	<p>Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler – Co-Chairs  (Currently inactive)</p>
<b>14. Points/Awards</b>	<p>Ann Walton – Chairs  Members: Doris Thomas and Art Winder.</p> <p><u>2007 Award winners</u>  <u>Riding</u></p> <p>Grand Champion  <b>Recent Edition RAH</b>, Crystal Weesner , Ridgely, MD  Reserve Champion:  <b>Ambush MIK</b>, Mark Asche - Crystal Weesner, Ridgely, MD</p> <p><u>Driving</u></p> <p>Grand Champion  <b>Limited Edition HNMH</b>, Bill Hendershot &amp; Deb Parker, Cameron Mills, NY  Reserve Champion:  <b>Maty TCF</b>, Sylvia Miskoe, Concord, NH</p> <p><u>Tracking for Recreation</u></p> <p><b>Adean SNA</b>  Rachel Larsen, Parker, CO 80134, Hours: 200, 100, 50, 25  <b>Ace's Wild FTF</b>  Allison Reed, Paducah, KY, Hours: 100, 50, 25  <b>Admirer</b>  Dana Mitteer, Cortland, NY, Hours: 100, 50, 25  <b>Nifty Nevie GRS</b>  Amy Wallace, Springboro, OH, Hours: 100, 50, 25  <b>Alf TC</b>  Brian Mitteer, Cortland, NY, Hours: 50, 25  <b>Archie</b>  Brian Mitteer, Cortland, NY, Hours: 50, 25  <b>Astronomical News</b>  Sharon Schmidt, Emaus, PA, Hours: 50, 25  <b>Lizzy FAFH</b>  Barbara Edwards, Broadalbin, NY, Hours: 50, 25  <b>Maty TCF</b>  Sylvia Miskoe, Concord, NH, Hours: 50, 25  <b>Norwon</b>  Stefanie Preisler-Idzikowski, Eagle, WI, Hours: 50, 25</p> <p><b>Winner MMH</b>  Michelle Weesner, Ridgely, MN, Hours: 50, 25  <b>Bessie of BDBH</b>  Brian Mitteer, Cortland, NY, Hours: 50, 25</p>

	<p><b>Bridgette NTF</b>  Brian Mitteer, Cortland, NY, Hours: 25</p> <p><b>Goldstrike SSH</b>  Sharon Coon W. Farmington, OH, Hours: 25</p>
<b>15. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</b>	<p>Dave Kraus – Chair  Members: Mike Bobal and Art Winder</p> <p>Approved:  \$50 for an ad in the Eastern Haflinger All Age Sale Catalog  \$500 for the Ohio 2008 Equine Affaire for the Ohio Haflinger Association.  \$179 for a quarter page ad in the March 2008 Driving Digest  \$315 for a quarter page ad in the March 2008 Equine Journal</p>
<b>16. Publications</b>	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair  Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Art Winder  No figures for Feb/Mar issue as it just went out</p>
<b>17. Sales</b>	<p>Dave Wilson and Danny Inabinett – Co-Chairs  Members: Phil Greenisen, Andrew Yoder and Levi Yoder  A tack sale will be added in the fall.</p>
<b>18. Video Committee</b>	<p>Lee Golinello – Chair  Members – Dave Kraus and Mike LeVasseur  Nothing to report</p>
<b>19. Website</b>	<p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs  Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant)  Home page 5079 hits  Stallions 2564  Farm page 1846  Classifieds 1294  Thank you to Ruth for keeping the website interesting and updated</p>
<b>20. World Federation</b>	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair  Members: Theo Hug and Jennifer Rousseau  Dirk Young approved to be added to the committee</p>
<b>I.V. New Business</b>	<p>Winder asks that Southeast region still be considered for the I&amp;C discount as a “new site”</p>
	<p>Motion made by Kraus and seconded by Yoder that the meeting be adjourned.  The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting date is Wednesday, March 5, 2008.</p>