

AHR Board of Director's Meeting – October 2008

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	<p>The September 24, 2008, meeting was called to order by Paul Sutton at 8:08 p.m. (EST). The meeting was held early due to a conflict with the KILE event and the regular scheduled call in October.</p> <p>Attending were: Paul Sutton, Emily Gibson, Theo Hug, Dave Kraus, Andrew Yoder, Bob Duvall, Art Winder, Mike Bobal, Mike LeVasseur, Gary Leisure, Bill Jameson and Ruth Schwab.</p> <p>Willie Lehman absent</p>
I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)	Sutton moved and Duvall seconded going into Executive Session. Sutton moved and it was seconded to go out of Executive Session.
II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab	<p>This month the staff has been busy with multiple programs and deadlines. Sue and Tana represented the AHR staff at the National Show assisting in the show office and the AHR store. The National Show payouts are being calculated. Futurity payouts will be calculated as soon as all expenses have been submitted. The Indiana and Ohio locations of the I&C were in the month of September and the staff prepared catalogs and paperwork for each site as well as attending and acting as official photographer for the Ohio location. The I&C files from the five 2008 sites have all been returned to the office and the results will be added to the I&C data posted to the website as soon as possible. The AHR fall sale has 183 horses consigned and the sale catalog has been designed and forwarded to Schlabach's for printing and distribution. The Stallion Parade Book is in process. Current AHR members are 1,578 and current magazine subscribers are 206. Three foreign pedigrees on imported horses have been completed and mailed. Two foreign pedigrees are completed pending photos and four additional foreign passports were received this week.</p>
III. Committee Reports	
1. AHR Youth	<p>Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton, Dave Kraus, Paula Verhoff, Levi Yoder, and Sue Cassaday (office consultant)</p> <p>The Youth Committee, with the support from Big Dee's Tack Shop, provided a prize for each participant in the youth classes. There were 16 Youth classes at the show. Our contests and scholarship applications have been submitted for this year and the committee is looking over those requests.</p>
2. By-Laws	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler</p> <p>The ballots for the by-law proposal has been mailed to the membership with a October 15 return deadline</p>
3. Classification	<p>John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs Members: Theo Hug, Brandy Wagner, John Cisler, Robert Eicher and Dave Ayers.</p> <p>No report received.</p>
4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee	<p>Robert Eicher – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson, Peg Brown and Cindy Bunner</p> <p>No report received.</p>
5. Finance	<p>Andrew Yoder – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Abram Miller, Paul Sutton and Tana Moneypenny (office consultant)</p> <p>Balance sheets and Profit/Loss figures distributed. Show and I&C expense not yet paid out.</p>
6. Futurity – SIP	<p>Brian Mitteer – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Lou Sutton</p> <p>Show went well, numbers were a bit down in both programs.</p>
7. Judges	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Kim Hart, Mike Bobal, Holly Singleton and Jennifer Rousseau</p> <p>No report received.</p>

<p>8. Membership</p>	<p>Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams</p> <p>The ballots for the election of BOD members have been mailed out.</p>
<p>9. National Show</p>	<p>Lou Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson, Brent Leininger, Steve Verhoff, Jacque Woodward, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Miteer</p> <p>The 2008 show went off with little problems. A little rain on Friday made the scheduling a little more difficult, but proved to be minimal. There were approximately 30 more horses in attendance then the two previous years. Details from the show will be published in the Dec/Jan issue of the magazine. The final numbers for the financials are not yet in, however, based on the numbers that we have, a \$2-\$3k profit is expected. Lou Sutton would like to make the board aware that he will not be seeking reappointment to the show committee for 2009. He will wrap up the details from this year but feels that he has done his duty and that it is time to pass the torch to someone else. He would like to give special thanks to Bob and Cele Duvall who volunteered for the duration of the show and were a huge help. The show was made possible by the efforts of a great number of people, including the office staff. Lou would like to thank the board for giving him the opportunity to be a part of something special for the last seven years.</p>
<p>10. Nominating</p>	<p>Mike Bobal – Chair Members: Roger Stalvey and Art Winder Ballots are now out, deadline is October 15.</p>
<p>11. Pedigree</p>	<p>Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Dave Kraus, Anita Sweeney, Don Jackson and Sheila Pearson (office consultant). Sutton noted that no cloned Haflinger can be registered by previous Pedigree Committee decision, but it has not been added to the Registry rules so this will be reviewed.</p>
<p>12. Personnel/Office</p>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton We now have a third office staff person (Sheila) celebrating her fifth anniversary with the office.</p>
<p>13. Planning</p>	<p>Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler – Co-Chairs (Currently inactive)</p>
<p>14. Points/Awards</p>	<p>Ann Walton and Mike LeVasseur – Co-Chairs Members: Doris Thomas and Art Winder. A questionnaire was sent to participants and we are awaiting their responses.</p>
<p>15. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</p>	<p>Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Mike Bobal and Art Winder AHR took out a 1/4 page in the Horseman's Corral for \$230.</p>
<p>16. Publications</p>	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Art Winder Discussion about a letter to the editor written by an AHR member submitted for publication in the magazine expressing concerns about her perception of inspection and classification interpretation of breed standards, especially for draftier Haflingers. The letter was forwarded to the I&C Committee for response.</p>
<p>17. Sales</p>	<p>Dave Wilson – Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen, Andrew Yoder and Levi Yoder No report received.</p>
<p>18. Video Committee</p>	<p>Mike Levasseur – Chair Members – Dave Kraus and Kathleen Woodward Nothing new to report.</p>
<p>19. Website</p>	<p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant) The Pedigree Search page has had almost 7000 hits this month so far.</p>
<p>20. World Federation</p>	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau and Dirk Young No report received.</p>

I. V. New Business	<p>Letter received from Deb Parker requesting an official AHR proposal to the Palomino Horse Breeders of America to allow breeding Haflingers to be registered in the PHBA and therefore eligible to be shown in PHBA shows. After extensive discussion, it was decided more information was needed so Ruth Schwab will contact the PHBA and Paul Sutton will contact Deb Parker.</p> <p>Discussion about whether the organization can afford a face to face Board meeting given the state of the budget and cost of transportation. It was decided a face to face meeting is important and most Board members will cover their own transportation costs.</p>
	<p>Motion made by Kraus and seconded by Jameson that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m. The next meeting date is October 27-28, 2008 for the Annual meeting in Akron, OH</p>