

AHR Board of Director's Meeting – August 2009

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	<p>The August 5, 2009, meeting was called to order by president, Bill Jameson at 8:08 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Emily Gibson, Andrew Yoder, Mike LeVasseur, Bob Duvall, Don Jackson, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Paul Sutton, Willie Lehman, Theo Hug, Dean Baker and Ruth Schwab.</p>
<p>I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</p>	<p>Theo Hug's resignation was received by the Board last month and the Board deferred any action on the resignation until hearing from Theo Hug directly. Moved and seconded to go into Executive Session. Moved and seconded to go out of Executive Session.</p> <p>Board vote: Theo Hug's resignation is not accepted. He agrees to continue to serve his term.</p> <p>Discussion on skipped transfers because of lack of signatures on transfer papers resulting in Haflingers no longer being registered. Pedigree Committee will review possible procedures and options for dealing with this.</p> <p>AHR member contacted the Board regarding concerns about potential genetic problems in Haflingers and requesting the registry track bloodlines with problems. At this point the registry would like to continue to publish articles about health and genetic problems as an educational service, but is unable to provide financial or staff resources at this time to do more research or tracking.</p>
<p>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</p>	<p>For the month of July (report dates between July 1, 2009 and August 5, 2009) we have completed 179 transfers and 77 foal registrations. We are currently organizing the entries and advertising for the show book for the National Show. Consignments opened as of August 1st so we will also be working on the Fall Sale in the weeks to come. Inspection & Classification paperwork has been returned to the office for the three completed sites. The fourth site paperwork is due to be shipped to Colorado on August 10th. Ballot packages for the upcoming election are scheduled to be mailed on or around September 14th. Carolyn Sutton is helping out in the office a day or two per week and volunteer Jane is helping with filing a couple of days per month.</p>
<p>III. Committee Reports</p>	
<p>1. AHR Youth</p>	<p>Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton, Dave Kraus, Paula Verhoff, Levi Yoder, and Sue Cassaday (office consultant) Nothing new to report</p>
<p>2. By-Laws</p>	<p>Willie Lehman – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Scott Sechler Nothing new to report.</p>
<p>3. Classification</p>	<p>John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs Members: Robert Eicher, Don Jackson, Gail Baum, Brandy Wagner and Dave Ayers)</p> <p>As of July 7th 2009 AHR has completed successful inspections and classifications at three sites. Thanks should be given to veteran site coordinators Gail Baum, Oregon; Robert Eicher, Ohio; and Jennifer Rousseau, Illinois, for once again devoting unselfishly of their time and resources.</p> <p>Sixteen horses were inspected on June 27th in Oregon. Committee members Brandy Wagner and John Dunkel stayed the next day to judge and direct a Haflinger horse show. For several owners this was their first time showing their Haflingers.</p> <p>Ohio had twenty four horses to inspect on July 2nd. In order to shorten a long day most of the horses were measured the day before. Fifteen horses were inspected on July 7th in Illinois. Tudor Oaks was a generous and gracious host, leading some longtime I/C participants to comment they did not want to leave.</p>

<p>4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee</p>	<p>Robert Eicher – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson, Peg Brown and Cindy Bunner</p> <p>Article about D&T in the Aug/Sept issue of the magazine and Cindy Bunner is organizing the next D&T Assessment at the fall sale.</p>
<p>5. Finance</p>	<p>Andrew Yoder – Chair Members: Levi Yoder and Bill Jameson</p> <p>At this time expenses for National Show and I&C are not yet in so the income appears inflated at this time. Draft financial review from the Accountant has been distributed to the Board members.</p>
<p>6. Futurity – SIP</p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Jacque Woodward, Brian Mitteer, Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>The ribbons are ordered. There are 70 Haflingers entered for the show with more entries coming in.</p>
<p>7. Judges</p>	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Jacque Woodward, Brian Mitteer, Holly Singleton, Paul Sutton and Jennifer Rousseau</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>
<p>8. Membership</p>	<p>Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams</p> <p>Bob will put an article in the next issue of the magazine soliciting input from AHR members about how to encourage new memberships and retain members year to year.</p>
<p>9. National Show</p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Jacque Woodward, Steve Verhoff, Lou Sutton, Matt Ladd, Kay Tearman, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Mitteer</p> <p>Trophies are being ordered -- Entry numbers to date are the same as last year -- Sponsorships are still accepted until August 19 -- Final plans for show in process -- Any member wanting to help with the duties at the show contact the office</p>
<p>10. Nominating</p>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Betty Miller and Judy Winkler</p> <p>Candidates for open director positions have been received but no candidate has come forth from the western region despite a request made of the Western Haflinger Association membership so that position will need to be appointed.</p>
<p>11. Pedigree</p>	<p>Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Anita Sweeney, Dave Kraus and Don Jackson</p> <p>Pedigree Committee will consider the skipped transfer issues.</p>
<p>12. Personnel/Office</p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>
<p>13. Points/Awards</p>	<p>Mike LeVasseur – Chair Members: Ken Tearman, Kathleen Woodward and Carolyn Gilmore</p> <p>Received latest feedback from draft program questions and will incorporate into final program.</p>

<p>14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</p>	<p>Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Cindy Bunner and Mike Williams.</p> <p>Three trophies were purchased for the Indiana State Fair at a cost of around \$125.</p> <p>Took out a 1/4 page black and white ad for the Massachusetts Equine Affaire at a cost of \$129</p> <p>A California Haflinger group has been accepted by the Rose Parade for 2010 and there is a request for funding from the group. More information is being requested.</p>
<p>15. Publications</p>	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Paul Sutton, and Ruth Schwab (office consultants)</p> <p>The August/September 2009 issue is in the mail.</p> <p>1676 issues printed 1513 issues mailed Average cost per issue: \$3.09 Postage per issue: \$0.66</p> <p>By including the inserts with the magazine, the registry saved \$1,891.25 in postage, handling and supplies.</p> <p>An article was received as an “opinion” piece about I&C and is being forwarded to I&C Committee for review and response to the author.</p>
<p>16. Sales</p>	<p>Dave Wilson – Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder</p> <p>Consignments are being accepted. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale process.</p>
<p>17. Video Committee</p>	<p>Mike LeVasseur – Chair Members – Kathleen Woodward, Don Jackson, and Emily Gibson</p> <p>Anticipating video to be made of National Show events.</p>
<p>18. Website</p>	<p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant) Home page visits are up a bit this month, close to 200 per day.</p>
<p>19. World Federation</p>	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau and Dirk Young</p> <p>All plans appear to be final for the visit of the WHF officers the weekend of August 14th in New York . It appears now that two board members and their wives and Ruth will be attending.</p>
<p>I. V. New Business</p>	<p>Lease of the office space is coming up for renewal in November, considering looking at alternative space because of smaller staff.</p>
	<p>Moved and seconded, approved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:28 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, September 2, 2009.</p>