

AHR Board of Director's Meeting – January 2009

| TOPICS | DISCUSSION |
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| | The January 7, 2009, meeting was called to order by President Bill Jameson at 8:07 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Bill Jameson, Emily Gibson, Andrew Yoder, Mike LeVasseur, Bob Duvall, Willie Lehman, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Paul Sutton and Ruth Schwab. Theo Hug was absent with notice and was able to join the call later. Mike Bobal was absent without notice. |
| I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings) | |
| II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab | For the month of December, Tana has processed 4473 line items through QuickBooks. Sheila reports that the Pedigree department has processed 77 foal registrations and 272 transfers while continuing to work on problem files and file cleanup. We have completed the last three pedigrees submitted in 2008 for imported horses. Stallion license renewals received for the 2009 breeding season thus far are 292. There are currently 144 magazine subscribers. 2008 members to date are 1,638. We are not quite halfway through the mail dated received 12/31/08 so there will be some additional memberships entered for those people who waited until the last minute to register foals and renew their membership in order to get reduced rates. 81 new members took advantage of the pro-rated membership offer for 2008/2009. There are 508 2009 members logged in thus far. The membership renewal application will be included with the Feb/March issue. |
| III. Committee Reports | |
| 1. AHR Youth | Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton, Dave Kraus, Paula Verhoff, Levi Yoder, and Sue Cassaday (office consultant) No report received. |
| 2. By-Laws | Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler A by-law proposal has been presented to the committee for consideration. After committee review the proposal is presented to the board for discussion. Article 1V, Section 3, Nomination of Directors: A director candidate get their signatures from their region, have them get 8 from any region (at large) and 7 from their own region. Voting would still only be done for them in their own region. (Justification: Director running at large can get their signatures at one event, but regional candidates sometimes have trouble getting the signatures as required now.) Motion by Duvall to support a change in the signature requirement as stated above. Seconded by Kraus. Discussion regarding the pros and cons of the change. Roll call vote: Emily Gibson N, Andrew Yoder N, Mike LeVasseur N, Bob Duvall Y, Willie Lehman N, Dave Kraus Y, Gary Leisure N, Paul Sutton N Proposal not approved. |
| 3. Classification | John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs Members: Theo Hug, Brandy Wagner, John Cisler, Robert Eicher and Dave Ayers. Article and photos of 2008 results will be in the next issue of Haflinger Horse. |
| 4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee | Robert Eicher – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson, Peg Brown and Cindy Bunner D&T program will be offered at the spring sale and fall sale in 2009. Cost is \$50 per horse to participate in the in-hand portion and one other discipline (either riding or driving). Cost is \$65 to participate in in-hand plus both riding and driving. Sale consignors are encouraged to participate and may take a \$15 discount off the cost. Participation will be limited to the first 20 horses to sign up. The program will take |

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| | place on Friday. |
| 5. Finance | <p>Andrew Yoder – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Abram Miller, Paul Sutton and Tana Money Penny (office consultant) Discussion about having trend views of figures for comparison year to year on the finance reports.</p> |
| 6. Futurity – SIP | <p>Brian Mitteer – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Lou Sutton</p> <p>2009 Futurity will be held Thursday October 22, in conjunction with the AHR fall sale, returning to the timing that used to exist for the Futurity being affiliated with the Fall Sale, not the National Show. It will save the cost of an extra day of facility rental for the National Show and may increase Futurity participation, with the possibility of more attendance at the sale to watch the Futurity and increase the marketability of the horses that place well. There have been two contacts from Futurity breeders/show farms who do not want the change of timing to the Fall Sale, but other Futurity participants have indicated their support for the change.</p> |
| 7. Judges | <p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Kim Hart, Mike Bobal, Holly Singleton and Jennifer Rousseau</p> <p>A meeting is planned soon.</p> |
| 8. Membership | <p>Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> <p>We are still waiting to get the final go ahead on non-member survey to be sent with the magazine to non-members. We have not received any possible questions to be included in the survey so the Board members are all asked to submit at least one question in the next month (send to the Office or to the Yahoo email group).</p> <p>Discussion centered around trying to get as many horse industry advertisers as possible with a large full color stallion issue with differential ad pricing for AHR members in good standing at least one year.</p> |
| 9. National Show | <p>None – Chair (Bill Jameson is Acting Chair) Members: Bill Jameson, Brent Leininger, Steve Verhoff, Jacque Woodward, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Miteer</p> <p>Show date is September 10-12 at the Champion Center, Springfield, Ohio, and visit their website at www.championscenter.net. Everything is in one building, really nice modern facility, wide aisle ways, wash racks with heated water. It is a little more expensive than the facility in the last two years but it is centrally located and one we'll be proud to show in.</p> <p>The judge for the dressage and the hunter portion of the show has been hired. Hiring of additional judges is in process. The Show rules are currently being reviewed and updated by the committee and will be posted to the website upon completion.</p> |
| 10. Nominating | <p>Mike Bobal – Chair Members: Roger Stalvey and Art Winder</p> <p>Motion by Lehman to vote to fill vacant seat for Southeast Region, seconded by Duvall</p> <p>Discussion about the two candidates who have submitted bio information for the position. Approved without objection: Vote between candidates—Don Jackson won majority of votes and will be the new SE region director</p> |

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| <p>11. Pedigree</p> | <p>Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Dave Kraus, Don Jackson and Sheila Pearson (office consultant). Nothing to report from committee DNA testing –consider moving the DNA testing for AHR from University of Kentucky to Texas A&M due to a slightly reduced cost per test. Motion from Kraus to establish a DNA testing contract with Texas A&M in addition to the DNA testing and blood typing contract with University of Kentucky Sutton seconds No objections—Motion passes</p> |
| <p>12. Personnel/Office</p> | <p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Paul Sutton, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> |
| <p>13. Points/Awards</p> | <p>Ann Walton and Mike LeVasseur – Co-Chairs Members: Doris Thomas and Art Winder. The Points and Awards Committee has a proposal that requires agreed input from the Judges Committee. The Judges Committee has been contacted to solicit their response. Once received, the program will be presented to the BOD. Discussion about developing different award categories for Haflingers competing against only Haflingers or competing only against non-Haflingers.</p> <p>For the 2008 program, 30 participants submitted their points for the performance side. The points have been calculated and the winners will be announced after January 31st.</p> <p>22 participants have submitted recreation hours so far. That program closed as of December 31st and hours must be submitted by January 31st.</p> <p>Winners in both categories will be announced on the web site and in the magazine.</p> |
| <p>14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</p> | <p>Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Mike Bobal and Art Winder</p> <p>Full page ad for Horse Progress Days - \$200</p> |
| <p>15. Publications</p> | <p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Art Winder</p> <p>Currently between issues. Having trouble selling front cover and ads.</p> |
| <p>16. Sales</p> | <p>Dave Wilson – Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen, Andrew Yoder and Levi Yoder</p> <p>The Sale Committee had a conference call on Monday December 29th to review the 2008 fall sale and discuss the upcoming 2009 spring sale. Present were Chair Dave Wilson and committee members Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder. Also present were Ruth Schwab and Bill Jameson. The fall sale income was \$28,864.91. Expenses were \$20,494.99 showing a profit of \$8,369.99. The fall tack sale income was \$5,862.50 with expenses at \$5,829.85. We are in the process of invoicing a few people who forgot to pay for their tack so the income should go up by a couple hundred dollars. This was the first time we have held a tack sale in the fall and we limited it to two commercial vendors so it turned out not to be a big money maker this time. The decision was made to offer the tack sale again in the fall of 2009 and hopefully it will be a little better supported. The spring sale will be held May 22 & 23, 2009. The consignment packet will be included as an insert with the Feb/March issue of the magazine. The D&T committee has requested that they be allowed to run a testing in conjunction with the fall sale. The price will be reduced for horses that run through the testing and are also consigned to the sale. The sign up sheet for the spring D&T is included in the consignment package. Fun auction donations are needed from our membership!</p> |

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| <p>17. Video Committee</p> | <p>Mike Levasseur – Chair Members – Dave Kraus and Kathleen Woodward Very few videos have been received but those submitted represent excellent examples of Haflinger versatility. Unfortunately, most videos submitted have not risen to 'broadcast quality' for various reasons. We may need to look for additional video streams in addition to member submissions.</p> |
| <p>18. Website</p> | <p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>Home page hits for December were over 5000</p> |
| <p>19. World Federation</p> | <p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau and Dirk Young</p> <p>Plans are in process for the World Haflinger Federation Meeting which will take place during the New York Gold Classic Haflinger Show August 14-16, 2009. There are 20-25 WHF members expected to be in attendance. Expectation is over 200 individuals for the dinner but we are only responsible for Board member and WHF member dinners. Translator costs would be covered by AHR. Hospitality tent with snacks, etc for the weekend would be AHR responsibility. Overall cost may be in the \$3000 range.</p> <p>Possibly 4 directors and their wives may be in attendance, along with Ruth Schwab.</p> |
| <p>I. V. New Business</p> | <p>Appointment of committee chairs for 2009—with no objections from the Board Youth—Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers Bylaws—Willie Lehman Classification—John Dunkel and Abram Miller Disposition and Trainability—Robert Eicher Finance—Andrew Yoder Futurity—Bill Jameson Judges—Joel Greenisen Membership—Bob Duvall National Show –Bill Jameson Nominations—Paul Sutton Pedigree—Theo Hug Personnel—Bill Jameson Points and Awards—Mike LeVasseur Promotions and Advertising—Dave Kraus Publications—Gary Leisure Sales—Dave Wilson Website—Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure World Haflinger Federation—Joel Greenisen Video—Mike LeVasseur</p> <p>Motion to enter Executive Session Motion to leave Executive Session</p> |
| | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting date is Wednesday, February 4, 2009.</p> |