

## AHR Board of Director's Meeting – March 2009

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	<p>The March 4, 2009, meeting was called to order by president, Bill Jameson at 8: 05 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Bill Jameson, Emily Gibson, Andrew Yoder, Mike LeVasseur, Bob Duvall, Don Jackson, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Paul Sutton, Theo Hug and Ruth Schwab.</p> <p>Willie Lehman absent with notice. Mike Bobal absent without notice.</p>
<p><b>I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</b></p>	<p>This is the third consecutive Board meeting Mike Bobal has missed without notice. According to our Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 6: <b>Absence:</b> If a Director is absent from three consecutive Directors meetings without reasonable cause, the Board will take action to remove said Board member.</p> <p><b>Motion by Sutton: Due to lack of participation and lack of response to communication from the AHR Board for scheduled meetings in January, February and March 2009, pursuant to Bylaws rules, Mike Bobal is removed from his position as Northeast Director. Seconded by Kraus</b></p> <p>Vote on Motion: Duvall: yes Gibson: yes Hug: yes Jameson: yes Jackson: yes Kraus: yes Leisure: yes LeVasseur: yes Sutton: yes Yoder: yes</p> <p>The vacancy will be filled by appointment by the Board, per the Bylaws, after seeking input from the regional associations in the Northeast.</p>
<p><b>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</b></p>	<p>For the month of February, Tana has processed 3299 line items through QuickBooks along with end of the year clean-up. Sheila reports that the Pedigree department has processed 107 foal registrations and 123 transfers. Stallion license renewals received for the 2009 breeding season thus far are 307. There are currently 159 magazine subscribers. 2009 members logged into the system to date are 850. A reminder notice has been sent to remind members to renew. A magazine renewal reminder will be sent shortly. Office staff is currently working with the Publications, Futurity, Sale , I&amp;C and National Show Committees to help set up those programs and events scheduled for 2009.</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) Nothing to report.</p>
<p><b>2. By-Laws</b></p>	<p>Willie Lehman – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Scott Sechler Nothing new to report.</p>
<p><b>3. Classification</b></p>	<p>John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs Members: Robert Eicher, Don Jackson, Gail Baum, Brandy Wagner and Dave Ayers</p> <p>Theo Hug requested he be removed from the committee. No objections. Conference call was held on 2/17/09. Items covered include: Welcome new members Gail Baum and Don Jackson Approved 2009 sites – Oregon, June 27; Ohio, July 2; Illinois July 7 Ballots for judges at each site were sent to committee members 16 horses or \$2,000 minimum revenue for each site Cost of inspection per horse: \$125 if paid 6 weeks prior to inspection \$175 if paid 2 weeks prior to inspection \$225 if paid day of inspection</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>Application form for the May 22 and October 23, 2009 evaluations was included in the February/March issue of Haflinger Horse as an insert with the spring sale information.</p>
<p><b>5. Finance</b></p>	<p>Andrew Yoder – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Bill Jameson and Tana Money Penny (office consultant)</p> <p>Year end onslaught is pretty much caught up. Membership renewals are coming in. Quite a few transfers are having to be billed for people who have forgotten to renew their memberships, but sent their transfers in with \$20. Reminder letters went out last week and some response has been seen from that.</p> <p>Overall customers are taking the 5% fee for credit card payment well. Some opt to mail a check, but most just go ahead and use their cards.</p>
<p><b>6. Futurity – SIP</b></p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Jacque Woodward, Brian Mitteer, Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>Futurity information and enrollment forms have been mailed to past exhibitors. Enrollment forms will also be available in the April/May issue of Haflinger Horse. There has been some mixed reaction about the timing of the Futurity with the October sale, with two letters received against the move. Some directors have checked with AHR members who may be interested in participating and the response is mixed with some members concerned about having to clip foals that late in the season, and others who appreciate the move back to October, as it had been in the past, to increase the audience.</p> <p>The Sale Committee will accommodate the Futurity classes on Friday by having the Stallion Parade and Sale Preview scheduled at a time that will not interfere with the Futurity.</p>
<p><b>7. Judges</b></p>	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Jacque Woodward, Brian Mitteer, Holly Singleton, Paul Sutton and Jennifer Rousseau</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
<p><b>8. Membership</b></p>	<p>Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams</p> <p>Mike Williams was called and a message was left to let him know that it was a go to call non-member owners of registered Haflingers. Ruth sent Mike a list for calling.</p>
<p><b>9. National Show</b></p>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Jacque Woodward, Steve Verhoff, Lou Sutton, Matt Ladd, Kay Tearman, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Miteer</p> <p>All judges have been hired. Announcer and ring stewards have been arranged for. Ribbons are ordered. Show rules are updated, class list has been finalized and both are posted on website.</p>
<p><b>10. Nominating</b></p>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Betty Miller and Judy Winkler</p> <p>Director positions up for election this year: Willie Lehman, At Large Andrew Yoder, At Large Michael Levasseur, Western region Open, Northeast region Don Jackson, Southeast region</p>
<p><b>11. Pedigree</b></p>	<p>Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Anita Sweeney, Dave Kraus, Don Jackson and Sheila Pearson (office consultant).</p> <p>Nothing to report at this time.</p>

<b>12. Personnel/Office</b>	Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton Nothing to report.
<b>13. Points/Awards</b>	Mike LeVasseur – Chair Members: Ken Tearman, Kathleen Woodward and Carolyn Gilmore..  Nothing to report at this time.
<b>14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</b>	Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Cindy Bunner and Mike Williams.  A half page ad will be in the Indiana sale catalog.
<b>15. Publications</b>	Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Paul Sutton, along with Ruth Schwab and Sheila Pearson (office consultants) The office staff is now doing the editorial work of putting together the magazine now. Melanie McKean's editing work has been deeply appreciated over the years, but due to the budget constraints, the magazine will now be put together in the office.
<b>16. Sales</b>	Dave Wilson – Chair Members: Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder  Spring Sale and Fun Auction information was in the February/March issue of Haflinger Horse as an insert. Consignments open March 1, 2009, with a deadline of March 31, 2009.
<b>17. Video Committee</b>	Mike LeVasseur – Chair Members – Kathleen Woodward, Don Jackson, and Emily Gibson  The National Show will have an Emmy Award videographer documenting the show.
<b>18. Website</b>	Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant) Website stats are stable, averaging almost 5000 home page hits in February.
<b>19. World Federation</b>	Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau and Dirk Young  Nothing to report.
<b>I. V. New Business</b>	Haflinger Sport Horse Association (HSHA) was organized in February 2009 with 5 initial founding members. Membership dues \$100 per year. No other information is available at this time.
	Moved by Kraus, seconded by Hug and approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, April 1, 2009.