

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

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	The May 6, 2009, meeting was called to order by president, Bill Jameson at 8:09 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Andrew Yoder, Mike LeVasseur, Bob Duvall, Don Jackson, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Paul Sutton, Theo Hug, Willie Lehman and Ruth Schwab. Emily Gibson absent with notice.
<b>I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</b>	<p>Discussion of the proposal from the American Driving Society. Motion by Dave Kraus to accept the proposal from the American Driving Society of a 1 year membership to ADS at a \$10 reduction in fee for new ADS members that are current AHR members. The reciprocal offer from AHR being a magazine subscription being offered to any ADS member not already subscribing for the regular subscription rate of \$45 but including 1 bonus issue of Haflinger Horse. Seconded by Paul Sutton. Motion carried.</p> <p>Discussion on a situation involving a breeding stallion that has died before the transfer was completed. The seller will be contacted by AHR Board president on behalf of the Board to verify information as presented and if accurate seek to assist with the transfer paperwork.</p>
<b>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</b>	For the month of April, Tana has processed 2,515 line items through QuickBooks along with renegotiating the USDA requirements for our sales and renewing the CD for the required amount. She is also investigating setting up a PayPal account for items purchased through our on-line store. Sheila reports that the Pedigree department has processed 70 foal registrations and 250 transfers. Stallion license renewals received for the 2009 breeding season thus far are 320. There are currently 190 magazine subscribers. 2009 members to date are 1,212. Sale catalogs for the spring sale were mailed last Friday and the list of horses is posted to the AHR website.
<b>III. Committee Reports</b>	
<b>1. AHR Youth</b>	<p>Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs            Members: Carolyn Sutton, Dave Kraus, Paula Verhoff, Levi Yoder, and Sue Cassaday (office consultant)            There will be a Youth activity table at the spring AHR sale.</p>
<b>2. By-Laws</b>	<p>Willie Lehman – Chair            Members: Bill Jameson and Scott Sechler</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>
<b>3. Classification</b>	<p>John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs            Members: Robert Eicher, Don Jackson, Gail Baum, Brandy Wagner and Dave Ayers</p> <p>The I/C committee has added another inspection site - Colorado, which already has 15 horses. Communication is really good between members and they are working together well. The I/C committee has a conference call at 7:30 pm Thursday, May 7th, to go over details with regional coordinators.</p>
<b>4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee</b>	<p>Robert Eicher – Chair            Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson, Peg Brown and Cindy Bunner</p> <p>A testing will be held in conjunction with the Spring Sale in Ashland. A possible testing in Colorado in conjunction with the I&amp;C is being discussed.</p>
<b>5. Finance</b>	<p>Andrew Yoder – Chair            Members: Levi Yoder, Bill Jameson and Tana Money Penny (office consultant)</p> <p>Willie Lehman made a motion to proceed with the annual review by the 415 Group. Seconded by Andrew Yoder. Motion carried</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>The draft judge has been hired and we are waiting on confirmation from the pleasure judge. The enrollment deadline is June 30.</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>Committee had a conference call on April 13 with all members present.</p> <p>The main topic of discussion was our Judging Clinic coming up at Ashland on May 22. In the classroom portion we will add to past written materials with color pictures of high scoring horses. These materials and pictures will go home with the people. At the strong suggestion of Jacque Woodward, part of the program will be a "power point". We will continue with the original plan of scoring 3 or 4 horses in the arena after classroom. All 4 of our "recruited" new judging candidates are expected to be there. I sent personal reminder invitations to all current Carded Judges.</p> <p>We still plan a similar but slightly different Clinic in Eugene, Oregon on June 27 in connection with the Classification there. Holly Singleton of California will coordinate that. A flyer will be included in the June magazine.</p> <p>We also discussed a couple other items. There is an agreed need to update and add to the current language for halter judging in the National Show Rules. Recommendations will be drafted and sent on to Show Committee and BOD. Also we expect to review the entire written rules for the Judges program to be sure they are practical for all concerned. If changes are recommended, they will be submitted to the BOD in the fall.</p>
<p><b>8. Membership</b></p>	<p>Bob Duvall – Chair  Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</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 arrangements have been made and all positions have been hired. We are accepting sponsorships for show classes. All sponsors will be recognized in the Show Program on the AHR website for a year after the show.</p>
<p><b>10. Nominating</b></p>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair  Members: Betty Miller and Judy Winkler</p> <p>A letter will be sent to the Regional Groups in the Northeast region seeking their input on a Director to fill the vacancy on the AHR Board.  There was discussion about the time and place for the next annual Director's meeting.</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>Discussion on whether the rules regarding Frozen semen need to be updated. Members of the pedigree committee will discuss the possibility of clarifying frozen semen rules. A recommendation will be drafted and presented to the Board of Directors at the Annual Directors Meeting.</p>

<b>12. Personnel/Office</b>	<p>Bill Jameson – Chair  Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>
<b>13. Points/Awards</b>	<p>Mike LeVasseur – Chair  Members: Ken Tearman, Kathleen Woodward and Carolyn Gilmore..</p> <p>A proposal for amendments to the performance side of the Points and Awards Program has been submitted to the Board for review. The Board approved the program as written. The final logistics are still to be worked out with a goal of having the expanded program in place in time for the AHR National Show.</p>
<b>14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</b>	<p>Dave Kraus – Chair  Members: Cindy Bunner and Mike Williams.</p> <p>There is nothing to report for this month.</p>
<b>15. Publications</b>	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair  Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Paul Sutton, along with Ruth Schwab and Sheila Pearson (office consultants)</p> <p>We are working on the next issue. Inside covers are open as of this afternoon.</p>
<b>16. Sales</b>	<p>Dave Wilson – Chairs  Members: Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder</p> <p>Catalogs have been mailed. 138 horses are consigned. Directors were encouraged to help solicit donations in order to help support the Show. Fun auction donations are being listed on the sale page of the AHR website.</p>
<b>17. Video Committee</b>	<p>Mike LeVasseur – Chair  Members – Kathleen Woodward, Don Jackson, and Emily Gibson</p> <p>No activity to report.</p>
<b>18. Website</b>	<p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs  Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>The website continues to be updated regularly. The most visited pages continue to be the classified page and the member farm page.</p>
<b>19. World Federation</b>	<p>Joel Greenisen – Chair  Members: Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau and Dirk Young</p> <p>Last week Austria finally sent out via E-mail the official invitation/itinerary/ reservation request to all on their list. Replies were requested by end of May. Once those are back we will have a good handle on the numbers coming. We will share the information with the New York people and the BOD as soon as it is in hand.</p>
<b>I. V. New Business</b>	<p>Bob Duvall advised the Board that legislation had been passed in the state of Montana opening the way for private sector slaughter houses.</p>
	<p>Moved by Theo Hug, seconded by Dave Kraus and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:39 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, June 3, 2009.</p>