

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

| TOPICS  | DISCUSSION  |
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|   | <p>The September 2, 2009, meeting was called to order by president, Bill Jameson at 8:06 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Emily Gibson, Andrew Yoder, Bob Duvall, Don Jackson, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Paul Sutton, Theo Hug, Willie Lehman, Dean Baker and Ruth Schwab.<br/>Mike LeVasseur absent</p>   |
| <b>I. Old Business<br/>(Review of the minutes of previous meetings)</b> | No old business   |
| <b>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</b>                                  | <p>For the month of August (report dates between Aug 5<sup>th</sup> and Sept 1<sup>st</sup>), we have completed 106 transfers and 49 foal registrations. There are 332 stallions renewed for 2009 and 46 so far for 2010. Invitations to participate in the Stallion Parade were mailed, along with the 2010 renewal form, to all current licensed stallion owners. The National Show Book has been finalized and sent for printing. The ballots for the upcoming director election have been created and sent for printing and distribution to all voting members. 113 consignments have been logged in thus far. We are currently working on final preparations for the National Show, compiling the sale catalog with Futurity section for the Fall Sale, reviewing photos submitted for the 2010 calendar, and preparing the Oct/Nov issue of Haflinger Horse. The phones have been busier than usual lately with many calls about the show, futurity, and sale in addition to our normal call volume.</p>  |
| <b>III. Committee Reports</b>   |   |
| <b>1. AHR Youth</b>   | <p>Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs<br/>Members: Carolyn Sutton, Dave Kraus, Paula Verhoff, Levi Yoder, and Sue Cassaday (office consultant)<br/>Nothing to report</p>  |
| <b>2. By-Laws</b>   | <p>Willie Lehman – Chair<br/>Members: Bill Jameson and Scott Sechler<br/>Nothing to report.</p>   |
| <b>3. Classification</b>  | <p>John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs<br/>Members: Robert Eicher, Don Jackson, Gail Baum, Brandy Wagner and Dave Ayers</p> <p>The I/C committee has organized and directed inspections at four separate sites with over 65 horses scored. Overall comments from the participants have been positive on the arrangements, organization, and accommodations for the inspections. Responses are in the works for the questions addressed to the committee concerning judging procedures during the inspections. Responses are being formulated in conjunction with the judges committee to give clear and unambiguous answers to all concerned. Responses will be made either by phone conversations, formal letters, and Q&amp;A articles in the Haflinger Horse magazine. The I/C committee will have a conference call in the next few weeks to review all aspects of the inspection process.</p> <p>There was Board discussion about how judges interpret the Haflinger breed standard and whether there is sufficient consistency in the application of the criteria, especially in the consideration of Haflinger movement.</p> <p>Any committee response to AHR member I&amp;C participants with concerns or questions about the I&amp;C process that have been addressed directly to the AHR Board, will be routed back to the Board for review first.</p> |

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| <p><b>4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee</b></p> | <p>Robert Eicher – Chair<br/> Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson, Peg Brown and Cindy Bunner<br/> An assessment will take place before the Fall Sale in Ashland. Two consignment Haflingers are already signed up.</p>  |
| <p><b>5. Finance</b></p>   | <p>Andrew Yoder – Chair<br/> Members: Levi Yoder and Bill Jameson<br/> <br/> P&amp;L and Balance sheets reviewed and the accounts are stable. There are not full expenses paid out yet from I&amp;C.</p>  |
| <p><b>6. Futurity – SIP</b></p>                                    | <p>Bill Jameson – Chair<br/> Members: Lou Sutton, Jacque Woodward, Brian Mitteer, Ruth Schwab (office consultant)<br/> <br/> 75 Haflingers are entered in the show. Due to the recent cancellation of the pleasure judge a new pleasure class judge will be hired.</p>  |
| <p><b>7. Judges</b></p>  | <p>Joel Greenisen – Chair<br/> Members: Jacque Woodward, Brian Mitteer, Holly Singleton, Paul Sutton and Jennifer Rousseau<br/> <br/> Two letters from I&amp;C participants with concerns about the process have been copied to the committee and to senior C Judges. Per conversation with John Dunkel, we will be working with the I &amp; C Committee to develop an appropriate joint reply after reviewing the responses with the AHR Board.<br/> <br/> Applications for entry into the judges program have been received in recent weeks from Robert Eicher and Susan Van Horn. Assuming they follow through, both are good additions.<br/> <br/> Ruth is working on developing and printing new judges cards.</p> |
| <p><b>8. Membership</b></p>  | <p>Bob Duvall – Chair<br/> Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams<br/> <br/> The Membership Committee reports that an article was written for the next magazine concerning the need to retain our current members and get new members. Bob read the article to the Board and was complimented on how it addressed the issues.</p>  |
| <p><b>9. National Show</b></p>                                     | <p>Bill Jameson – Chair<br/> Members: Jacque Woodward, Steve Verhoff, Lou Sutton, Matt Ladd, Kay Tearman, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Mitteer<br/> <br/> Preparations for show are completed. 220 Haflingers are entered. Any volunteers wanting to help with show day duties, please contact the AHR office or Jacque Woodward.</p>   |
| <p><b>10. Nominating</b></p>                                       | <p>Paul Sutton – Chair<br/> Members: Betty Miller and Judy Winkler<br/> Nothing to report. Western region ballots will ask for write-in suggestions.</p>  |
| <p><b>11. Pedigree</b></p>   | <p>Theo Hug – Chair<br/> Members: Ray Miller, Anita Sweeney, Dave Kraus and Don Jackson<br/> <br/> Discussion was held regarding a report of registration papers for a Haflinger mare being offered for sale for an additional \$500 above the mare's sale price. The members of the Pedigree Committee agreed that this is not an acceptable practice. This particular case will be investigated, as no details are known at this time and then recommendations will be brought to the Board.</p>  |

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| <p><b>12. Personnel/Office</b></p>                             | <p>Bill Jameson – Chair<br/> Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton<br/> The office space lease renewal is coming up in November.</p>  |
| <p><b>13. Points/Awards</b></p>                                | <p>Mike LeVasseur – Chair<br/> Members: Ken Tearman, Kathleen Woodward and Carolyn Gilmore<br/> Nothing to report</p>  |
| <p><b>14. Promotions/<br/>Advertising/Regional Support</b></p> | <p>Dave Kraus – Chair<br/> Members: Cindy Bunner and Mike Williams.</p> <p>This month we took out a 1/2 black and white ad in a book for the 2009 World Equestrian event to be held Oct 1-4 at Kentucky Horse Park.</p> <p>There will be AHR support of \$500 to the Haflinger owner group appearing in the Rose Bowl Parade January 2010.</p>   |
| <p><b>15. Publications</b></p>                                 | <p>Gary Leisure – Chair<br/> Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Paul Sutton, and Ruth Schwab (office consultants)<br/> The October/November issue is in the works. Advertising revenue is dropping.</p>   |
| <p><b>16. Sales</b></p>  | <p>Dave Wilson – Chairs<br/> Members: Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder<br/> Consignments for 115 Haflingers have been received so far for the Fall Sale.</p>  |
| <p><b>17. Video Committee</b></p>                              | <p>Mike LeVasseur – Chair<br/> Members – Kathleen Woodward, Don Jackson, and Emily Gibson<br/> Nothing to report</p>   |
| <p><b>18. Website</b></p>                                      | <p>Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs<br/> Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>Website visits were down for August, but we expect a blip up in visits in September with the National Show and upcoming Fall Sale.</p>   |
| <p><b>19. World Federation</b></p>                             | <p>Joel Greenisen – Chair<br/> Members: Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau and Dirk Young</p> <p>Report submitted by Joel Greenisen</p> <p>Official notice has been received from WHF asking for 2009 dues. Ruth is aware of this. After the National Show, she and I will work up the numbers and submit them. With the ever decreasing number of licensed stallions and the dramatically lower foal production, what we submit on breeding mares will be the lowest in years, maybe in the history of AHR.</p> <p>Attendance of the WHF officials took place as planned at the N Y State Haflinger Show on August 14, 15, 16, at Horseheads , NY . The WHF contingent consisted of:</p> <p>President and Mrs. Hannes Schweisgut and son Matthaas<br/> Executive Secretary Hans-Lothar Holas<br/> VP and Mrs. Noterman ( Netherlands )<br/> VP and Mrs. Crane ( Great Britain )<br/> VP and Mrs. White ( USA )<br/> Ret. VP Bob and Ginny MacArthur<br/> Tirol Breeders President and Mrs. Hans Strobl</p> <p>Throughout the three days, AHR was represented by Joel Greenisen, the Suttons, the Bakers and Ruth Schwab.</p> <p>The folks arrived at the showgrounds Friday afternoon. Friday evening was a wine and cheese reception at the hotel hosted by John and Donna White. This included all the above plus several exhibitors that the Whites had personally invited. The hospitality tent for the visitors was organized and run by Ingrid Hendershot and her sister, and was very nicely done. (AHR will be invoiced for food and drink.)</p> |

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|                                  | <p>Saturday was a very hot and very full show day. Saturday evening was the exhibitors banquet organized by the 5 sponsor families. All the WHF people were there and were recognized by name by Master of Ceremonies Chuck Hendershot. Hannes Schweisgut gave a very nice response in which he noted the dramatic improvement in horses since he had last attended a show here, and also complimented the fine cooperation he saw in running the show and the strong participation of so many young people.</p> <p>Sunday was another hot day for the show. Most of the WHF folks visited in the morning. At 2:30 the meeting of the officials with Joel Greenisen attending. Only 2 items of real interest to us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the minimum height in the WHF Standards is being raised from 138 cm. (54 in.) to 140 cm. (55 in.)</li> <li>(2) a full WHF meeting of only 2 hours is being set in Ebbs for the Friday afternoon before the Tirol Filly Sale in late September.</li> </ul> <p>The executive group with Joel had the usual post-meeting dinner on Sunday night. After the meal, Schweisgut again complimented the horses and the people at this show. He also made some special remarks acknowledging the huge contribution of Bob MacArthur in the purchase of the Temple Farms horses, getting him into Haflingers, and then a more important impact from the many high-quality females he imported over the next several years.</p> <p>All in all, I think it went very well with the Europeans enjoying our folks and our people enjoying them.</p> <p>Dean Baker also concurs the organizers and hosts did a first class job hosting the WHF executive group.</p> <p>A request has been made of John White that a letter from the WHF be sent to the owner of the "Spotted Haflinger Registry" in the U.S. informing him they cannot ethically represent or advertise their horses as "Haflingers" given their part-bred status.</p> |
| <p><b>I. V. New Business</b></p> | <p>Bob and Cele Duvall of Kitten Hill Haflinger Farm have generously offered one of their Haflingers at no cost to a family in North Carolina whose Haflinger was shot and killed recently in a tragic crime.</p>  |
|                                  | <p>Moved, seconded, approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:53 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, October 7, 2009.</p>   |