

AHR Board of Director's Meeting – June 2012

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| | The June 6, 2012, meeting was called to order by President, Brian Mitteer, at 8:08 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Gary Leisure, Chuck Hendershot, Dean Baker, Bill Jameson, Emily Gibson, and Ruth Schwab (office consultant). |
| I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings) | |
| II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab | For the month of May 2012 we completed 16 foal registrations and 137 transfers. There are 180 stallions renewed so far for 2012. We currently have 965 members and 104 magazine subscribers. |
| III. Committee Reports | |
| 1. AHR Youth | Rachel Cooper and Dave Wilson - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton, Aileen Ayers and Sue Casseday (office consultant) The youth committee is working on the summer newsletter. It should be sent out to the youth members later this month or early next month. |
| 2. By-Laws | Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Christopher Miller Nothing new to report. |
| 3. Classification | Bill Hendershot Members: John Dunkel, Jennifer Rousseau, Kim Spann, Robert Eicher and Chuck Hendershot OLD BUSINESS <u>May Report</u> The classification spread sheet mentioned has been created in the office and we have 25 verbal commitments. NEW BUSINESS <u>June Report</u> As of June 4, we have received 15 confirmations and follow up will take place on the balance. Regarding the formal request mentioned in last month's report, after reviewing the request it will be handled as an appeal and a request for review of the current rules with the possibility of some changes in the rules for future inspections. In an effort to collect all the facts a series of 16 questions were created. Five people, including the judges at the site who were present at the location were interviewed using the questionnaire. One interview remains to be conducted. The information collected will be organized and reviewed by the classification committee. After this review the Committee will develop recommendations for the AHR Board's approval. Plans have been finalized for the International Judge, Mr. Lukas Scheiber. Additional events planned for Lukas's visit will be covered in the WHF and Judges' committee reports. |
| 4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee | Dean Baker – Chair Members: Bob Duvall, Steve Verhoff, Robert Eicher, Peg Brown and Lloyd Workman |

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| | <p>The new D&T format worked well. There were six horses participating, five of which were consigned to the spring sale. The sale average per horse that participated in the D&T approximately \$1100 higher than the sale average.</p> |
| 5. Finance | <p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair Members: Deborah Parker, Terry Schott, Robert Bade, Ruth Schwab (office consultant) and Sue Casseday (office consultant)</p> <p>No report received.</p> |
| 6. Futurity – SIP | <p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Mahlon Miller, Bill Jameson and Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> |
| 7. Judges | <p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair Members: Bill Hendershot, Jacque Woodward, Lisa Schott, Bill Jameson, Karen LaBell, and Ray Miller</p> <p><u>Judges Training Program – Ashland</u></p> <p>A judges training program will be held on Saturday morning June 30th at the Buckeye Haflinger Show. Lukas Scheiber will conduct the clinic during the in-hand classes that morning. All of the current carded judges or judge candidates who have summated applications will attend the clinic at no charge. Other people will be allowed to audit the clinic for a fee of \$10. Lukas will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each horse and what he is looking for in judging an in-hand class.</p> <p><u>Judge Candidates</u></p> <p>The Committee received an application for a judge candidate from Duane Stutzman at the Spring Sale. This application is in process and he will be invited to attend the June clinic.</p> |
| 8. Membership | <p>Dean Baker – Chair Member: Mike Williams, Emily Gibson and John Welk.</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> |
| 9. National Show | <p>Lou Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson, Steve Verhoff, Carolyn Sutton, Tara Biedenbach, Rachael Cooper and Ruth Schwab (office consultant and show manager)</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> |
| 10. Nominating | <p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Betty Miller, Judy Winkler and Kim Spann</p> <p>Signature petitions have been received for Andrew Yoder and Brian Mitteer for At-Large seats. .</p> <p>The Board has been actively pursuing finding members to fill the vacant seat on the Board. Due to the close proximity of the elections for Board members, the Board has decided to let the upcoming election and the members decide who the new Board members will be.</p> |
| 11. Pedigree | <p>Brian Mitteer – Chair Members: Dave Kraus, Kim Spann and James Weaver</p> <p>Members should be reminded that they represent the AHR when they advertise and sell registered Haflingers so they should do this in an ethical manner that not only protects their own reputation, but that of AHR as well.</p> |

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| <p>12. Personnel/Office</p> | <p>Brian Mitteer – Chair Members: Gary Leisure, Chuck Hendershot and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>The Heavy Horse computer program that tracks our pedigrees has been upgraded.</p> |
| <p>13. Points/Awards</p> | <p>Dana Mitteer– Chair Members: Rachael Cooper, Steve Verhoff and Brian Mitteer</p> <p>The Board discussed and approved allowing a new owner to re-enroll with the payment of the enrollment fee a horse in the Points/Awards program within 60 days of their purchase of the horse. This will allow the points will continue to accumulate for this horse and the new owner.</p> |
| <p>14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</p> | <p>Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Mike Williams, Mariana Abbott and Brian Vannarsdall</p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> |
| <p>15. Publications</p> | <p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Paul Sutton, Kim Spann, and Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>The June/July issue is complete and has been mailed.</p> <p>We encourage all members to submit news events and articles for consideration to be published in the <i>Haflinger Horse</i> magazine.</p> |
| <p>16. Sales</p> | <p>Dave Wilson – Chair Members: Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder</p> <p>Consignments for the spring sale was 76 horses, 68 horses sold with an increase in the average price of approximately 30%.</p> |
| <p>17. Video Committee</p> | <p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Paul Sutton and Emily Gibson</p> <p>Videos received have been reviewed and archived.</p> |
| <p>18. Website</p> | <p>Emily Gibson – Chair Members: Gary Leisure and Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>The home page hits for May are approximately 3,500 and next most popular was the AHR Sale page which had over 1,200 hits.</p> |
| <p>19. World Federation</p> | <p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair Members: Jennifer Rousseau and Kim Spann</p> <p><u>Tyrolean Breeders Association – May Meeting</u> The Tyrolean Breeders Association held a meeting on May 17th in Ebbs, Austria. He meeting was attended 42 individuals representing 12 Haflinger Federation organizations. The Tyrolean breeders made a presentation outlining their objectives and approach to the re-organization of the World Haflinger Association. The message was clear that the Tyrolean Breeders will not continue to be part of the World Haflinger Federation as it is currently constituted, but want to be a central part of a reconstituted organization moving forward. Two avenues were presented to accomplish this objective. The first was to call for a special meeting of the current World Haflinger Federation at which time the Tyrolean breeders and the other federations in attendance would present resolutions to remove the current president, secretary and executive committee. If successful the meeting would have been adjourned with a new meeting scheduled for September 2012 in Ebbs, Austria, to reform the organization under new leadership. The interim period would be used to develop the governing statutes for the organization that would be the basis for the operation of the World Haflinger</p> |

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| | <p>Organization going forward. If this approach is not successful the alternative is to form a new World Haflinger Association following the same timetable to allow for the development and discussion of the new governing statutes. As a result of the meeting, 13 of the 22 member federations in the World Haflinger Organization signed a petition of support for the plan presented by the Tyrolean Breeders.</p> <p><u>World Haflinger Federation Response</u></p> <p>On June 4th, the Tyrolean Breeders received a response to their request for a special meeting of the World Haflinger General Assembly. Mr. Schweisgut, through his attorney, responded that a special meeting of the General Assembly would not be called because the World Haflinger Association was not a legal entity and basically did not have to respond to the request. The response is interesting since the official statutes for the WHF provide that an extraordinary assembly may be called by a simple majority of the full members for an exact defined and necessary reason. However, the committee has three months to hold the meeting. Based on this response the Tyrolean Breeders are going to proceed with the formation of a new legal entity and use the summer to develop the organizations statutes with the member federations for a meeting in September to officially organization the new World Federation.</p> <p><u>World Federation Meeting – June</u></p> <p>It is uncertain what will happen at this meeting. Based on the representation of the federations who signed the petition in support of the Tyrolean Breeders they are not attending the meeting in the Czech Republic. If this is true, then a quorum will not exist under the WHF statutes for the General Assembly to conduct business. However, this does not mean that the statutes will be upheld as we have seen they seem to be ignored at will.</p> <p><u>Motion Made</u></p> <p>A motion was made by Chuck Hendershot and seconded by Dean Bake to notify the World Haflinger Federation that it is by choice that the United States and the American Haflinger Registry is not represented at the June General Assembly meeting. Additionally, that no one has the authority to vote on any issue brought before the assembly on behalf of the American Haflinger Registry. Mr. John White is in attendance at the meeting in his capacity as a Vice-President of the World Haflinger Federation and not as a representative of the American Haflinger Registry, and therefore is not entitled to cast any vote on behalf of the American Haflinger Registry. The American Haflinger Registry request that the WHF Chair to request that any business conducted by the General Assembly or votes cast be completed on a roll call basis because we do not believe a quorum will exist at the June meeting to allow the organization to conduct business under its governing statutes.</p> <p><u>June Dinner Meeting – Ashland</u></p> <p>We have approached Lukas Scheiber – President of the Tyrolean Breeders Association and our International judge for Friday’s inspection and classification, to meet with a group over dinner on Friday evening. We are planning a guest list to include the Board of Directors, Judges Committee, Classification Committee, our ‘C’ carded judges and the Pedigree Committee with their respective spouses or significant other. The topic of discussion will be the Haflinger in the United States and Europe. All attendees will be responsible for their own respective meals or it is possible we will have the meal catered and use the facilities at the fairgrounds.</p> |
| I. V. New Business | |
| | <p>Moved by Chuck Hendershot seconded by Dean Baker and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, July 11, 2012.</p> |