

AHR Board of Director's Meeting – May 2012

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	The May 2, 2012, meeting was called to order by President, Brian Mitteer, at 8:07 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Andrew Yoder, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Chuck Hendershot, Bill Jameson, Emily Gibson, Kim Spann and Ruth Schwab (office consultant).
I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)	
II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab	For the month of April 2012 we completed 14 foal registrations and 130 transfers. There are 174 stallions renewed so far for 2012. We currently have 925 members and 101 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) There is nothing new to report.
2. By-Laws	Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Christopher Miller There is nothing new to report.
3. Classification	Bill Hendershot Members: John Dunkel, Jennifer Rousseau, Kim Spann, Robert Eicher and Chuck Hendershot OLD BUSINESS <u>April Report</u> All changes in fees, date, numbers, etc. were shown in the latest issue of the <i>Haflinger Horse</i> . The I/C article was included in the magazine with many positive responses regarding content and value to potential classification participants. NEW BUSINESS <u>May Report</u> A master spread sheet is being developed and placed in the office to record I/C activity giving us a current picture of status as we progress. This will show package requests, those showing interest and confirmed candidates. To date the office has sent out two packages from requests, and Robert Eicher has a list of 22 potential participants. All of these names will be added to the list in the office, allowing follow-up as we get closer to the date. , As stated before Robert has obtained \$,2000 in sponsors to cover the additional cost of the second international judge. A formal request was received April 27, 2012, regarding an inspection in 2011. The request has been acknowledged and all pertinent information will be collected, reviewed and a recommendation will be presented to the AHR Board for their approval upon completion of the process. The second international judge has been confirmed. We are very fortunate to have Lukas Scheiber, a very highly respected and experienced individual, to evaluate the horses at our I/C.
4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee	Dean Baker – Chair Members: Bob Duvall, Steve Verhoff, Robert Eicher, Peg Brown and Lloyd Workman There are nine horses for the May D&T. We are continuing to make calls.

<p>5. Finance</p>	<p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair Members: Deborah Parker, Terry Schott, Robert Bade, Ruth Schwab (office consultant) and Sue Casseday (office consultant)</p> <p>Because of the proximity of the board meeting for May to the closing of the April accounting records there will be no financial report for May's board meeting to allow the books to be properly closed and reviewed. We will review both April and May financials at the June meeting.</p>
<p>6. Futurity – SIP</p>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Mahlon Miller, Bill Jameson and Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>Draft and pleasure judges have been hired.</p>
<p>7. Judges</p>	<p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair Members: Bill Hendershot, Jacque Woodward, Lisa Schott, Bill Jameson, Karen LaBell, and Ray Miller</p> <p>On August 11th and 12th the American Driving Society will be presenting judging info at Walnut Hill Farm in Pittsford, New York during the Walnut Hill Driving Competition which is held August 8 – 12.</p> <p>The committee continues to work on the plans for a judges training program to be held in conjunction with the Spring Haflinger Sale in Ashland.</p>
<p>8. Membership</p>	<p>Dean Baker – Chair Member: Mike Williams, Emily Gibson and John Welk.</p> <p>There is nothing new to report.</p>
<p>9. National Show</p>	<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>The show list is complete and has been posted on our website.</p> <p>Chuck Hendershot made a motion, seconded by Dave Kraus to establish the Joel Greenisen Best of Show Award. The award will be presented annually at the AHR National Show to the horse judged to be Best of Show in the In-Hand Pleasure Division. The award will be open to an annual sponsorship or on a permanent basis by an individual or organization; failing any outside sponsorship of the award the AHR Board of Directors will sponsor the award. Motion passed.</p>
<p>10. Nominating</p>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Betty Miller, Judy Winkler and Kim Spann</p> <p>There is nothing new to report.</p>
<p>11. Pedigree</p>	<p>Brian Mitteer – Chair Members: Dave Kraus, Kim Spann and James Weaver</p> <p>There was no response from the member who received the letter of reprimand. Efforts to obtain a signed transfer for the mare C-Fancy Pants RMR have been made by the AHR staff with no success at this time. A follow-up registered letter has recently been sent to the seller. If we continue to receive no response, final disposition will be discussed at next month's meeting.</p>
<p>12. Personnel/Office</p>	<p>Brian Mitteer – Chair Members: Gary Leisure, Chuck Hendershot and Carolyn Sutton</p> <p>There is nothing new to report.</p>
<p>13. Points/Awards</p>	<p>Dana Mitteer– Chair Members: Rachael Cooper, Steve Verhoff and Brian Mitteer</p> <p>The committee recommends increasing fees from \$10 to \$15 on 1/1/13.</p>
<p>14. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</p>	<p>Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Mike Williams, Mariana Abbott and Brian Vannarsdall</p> <p>Business card ad in Small Farmers Journal - \$125 One half page ad for Gladstone Driving Trial - \$150</p>

	Dressage at Devon - \$250
15. Publications	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Paul Sutton, Kim Spann, and Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>Currently working on the June/July issue.</p>
16. Sales	<p>Dave Wilson – Chair Members: Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder</p> <p>Consignments for the spring sale had to be postmarked by Saturday March 31st. There are currently 75 horses consigned to the sale (73 cataloged and 2 un-cataloged). The breakdown is 29 geldings (27 age 3 and up and 2 are age 2); 6 stallions (2 age 3 and up; 2 are age 2; and 2 are yearlings); 40 mares (2 with foals; 30 are age 3 and up; 8 are age 2; and 2 are yearlings). There was discussion within the committee regarding the feasibility of continuing to provide the services of a federal vet for horses being exported to Canada because the federal vet fees have risen dramatically over the past couple of sales. The committee decision is to leave the federal vet fee to the buyer unchanged at this time. The buyer will pay \$60 per certificate and AHR will absorb the hourly rate charged by the vet. The committee will monitor these fees and may need to make changes for future AHR sales.</p>
17. Video Committee	<p>Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Paul Sutton and Emily Gibson</p> <p>There is nothing new to report.</p>
18. Website	<p>Emily Gibson – Chair Members: Gary Leisure and Ruth Schwab (office consultant)</p> <p>For the month of April we had over 3000 hits to the home page with other popular sites being pedigree search and the marketplace classifieds with over 1000 hits each.</p>
19. World Federation	<p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair Members: Jennifer Rousseau and Kim Spann</p> <p><u>World Haflinger Federation Meeting</u> We received the invitation to the WHF meeting June 7th through the 10th in the Czech Republic. In addition to the WHF General Meeting the annual International Judges Training program will be held over the same weekend. Jennifer Rousseau has informed the committee that she will make a decision on attending this meeting based on the outcome of the May 17th meeting and the way forward as determined by the delegates.</p> <p><u>Tyrolean Breeders Association</u> The Tyrolean Breeders Association has made progress on their meeting in May to form a new world Haflinger organization. It appears that most of the European Haflinger organizations are planning to attend the meeting. The agenda for the weekend includes a meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2012, to discuss the new organization. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening over dinner. As of this report, no other meetings are planned over the weekend, either on Friday or Saturday, to continue the discussions. I have telephone calls into Lukas Scheiber to discuss the plans for additional discussions and the objective of this meeting. Plans are still to attend the meeting and with the response of the other European countries in support of the new world order, I believe that a new organization will be formed with the Tyrolean breeders at the center.</p>
I. V. New Business	None
	Moved by Dave Kraus seconded by Andrew Yoder and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:09 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, June 6, 2012.