

## AHR Board of Director's Meeting February 2015

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	The February 2015 meeting was called to order by president Brian Mitteer at 8:03 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Melanie Cornman, Bill Ellingson, Chuck Hendershot, Susan Haszelbart, Paul Sutton, Missy Shanahan, Andrew Yoder, and Ruth Schwab. Ian Wengerd absent with notice.
<b>I. Old Business</b>	
<b>II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab</b>	For the month January 2015, 7 foal registrations and 86 transfers were completed. There are 108 stallions renewed for 2015. There are 561 members renewed so far for 2015 with 383 2014 members yet to renew. There are 59 magazine subscribers. During January our Website homepage had 2893 visitors with Pedigree Search, Classifieds and Farm page being the most visited.
<b>III. Committee Reports</b>	
<b>1. AHR Youth</b>	Lisa Matheny – Chair, Dave Wilson – co-Chair; Members: Lisa Schott, Sherry Bradshaw, Ian Wengerd.  Nothing to report
<b>2. By-Laws</b>	Paul Sutton – Chair Members:  Members presented for approval: Brian Mitteer, Andrew Yoder, Mahlon Miller
<b>3. Classification</b>	Bill Hendershot – Chair; Members: Chuck Hendershot, Jennifer Rousseau, Robert Eicher, Ray Miller.  The Committee is still looking for potential sites for classification inspections for 2015. The plan was to publish the list of potential sites, allowing exhibitors to express by an initial indication of interest their preference for each site as guidance on developing the schedule and locations for 2015. So far, the National Show and the Central Ohio Haflinger Show have been identified as a potential inspection sites for 2015. Conversations are on-going with the National Show Committee to evaluate the logistics and the viability of combing the two events. A posting has been made on the AHR Facebook page requesting anyone interested in hosting a classification inspection in 2015 to contact the Committee Chair or the AHR office. Responses from this posting will be explored with the respondents, with the Board's mandate to operate the Classification program at least at breakeven financially.
<b>4. Finance</b>	Chuck Hendershot – Chair Members: Board of Directors (Office Consultant Ruth Schwab)  January has little activity outside of membership revenues and the fixed costs of program operations, including rent and staff salaries. Membership renewals through January are slightly ahead of 2014 and expenses are consistent with the prior year. A detailed report will be provided for the March meeting on the February results when more data is available to make comparisons and draw conclusions about our progress for the year.
<b>5. Futurity – SIP</b>	Robert Eicher – Chair; Members: Paul Sutton, Mahlon Miller, Doug Sutherland, Steve Webel  The AHR Futurity committee met via conference call on February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015. The committee discussed a number of potential changes that could be made to help improve the Futurity. It was decided that we would call a meeting to be held at the Spring AHR sale to discuss these ideas. We will invite everybody that registered a foal in 2014, all current Futurity participants and the AHR Board of Directors. The meeting will be held in the coliseum Friday evening, immediately following the sale preview. The Futurity Committee made the following changes to be implemented this year:  1. The futurity will start at 8:30 AM on Friday October 9 <sup>th</sup> . 2. We will no longer have two-year old performance classes. 3. We will no longer have separate classes for stallions and

	<p>geldings. They will show together in a single class in their age group. 4. The three year old riding classes will no longer be required to canter. They will be asked to walk/trot only. 5. The Haflinger Breeders Co-Op will hold their yearling Show in conjunction with the AHR Futurity. This class will be the last class of the day. It will follow the weanling SIP class. 6. We will have the Futurity catalog printed inside the sale catalog.</p> <p>Judges have been selected for the Futurity. We will ask each judge for a profile/resume that will then be printed in <i>Haflinger Horse</i> magazine. The judges selected are: Laura Frizzell, Pleasure and weanling classes; Kyle Love, Draft classes. The SIP weanling class will be judged by the Austrian WHF judge hired by the HBC to help judge the yearling class. We will ask the WHF judge to do a reasons class, i/e explain his reasons for placings to the audience. We want to do this to help breeders better understand the WHF methods and goals.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Robert Eicher – Futurity Committee Chair</p>
<b>6. Judges</b>	<p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair; Members: Bill Hendershot, Duane Stutzman, Lisa Schott, Bill Jameson, Karen LaBell, and Ray Miller.</p> <p>The Committee has been conducting an outreach for judges currently holding accredited judges cards with other breeds and disciplines with reasonable success in building interest in attending a clinic or clinics to become carded/approved Haflinger show judges. Planning is beginning for a clinic in the fall of 2015 to qualify a cadre of show judges for 2016. The training will cover not only confirmation, but the performance disciplines for the breed.</p> <p>Additionally, at the request of the Futurity Committee contact has been made with the Haflinger World Breeding and Sports Federation to explore the possibility of having a judge from Austria for the Stallion Incentive Futurity. Additionally, the individual would serve as the judge for the Haflinger Co-Op Yearling futurity. The Haflinger Co-Op has made arrangements for a sponsor to cover the costs of travel for the international judge. The Austrian judges were going to get together on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> for the annual Stallion Inspection at the Fohlenhof. A list of potential judges who would be available for the second weekend in October should be received the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.</p>
<b>7. National Show</b>	<p>Duane Stutzman – Chair; Members: Lisa Schott, Jacque Woodward, Steve Verhoff, Bill Ellingson, Missy Shanahan</p> <p>The committee has continued to pour many hours into planning for this event. A complete show premium packet including the class list, entry forms, and need to know information will be available online this month. A class list has been attached to this report, and we ask the board for its approval. All staff including judges, ringmasters, paddock masters, secretary, etc. have been hired. We also have started to gather sponsors and they should be rolling into the office. The committee is working on finalizing awards and completing a prescribed budget for the event with the assistance of the Treasurer.</p> <p>The committee would like to make a suggestion to the board, that they consider looking for individuals with draft experience to be added to the committee and/or form a separate committee for the draft nationals. At this point, every volunteer member serving is currently showing pleasure. This is by no means a draft vs. pleasure debate, but rather we want both shows to be successful. In order to be successful, it would be ideal to have a committee for each style/type to meet the needs and demands for that particular event. Any suggestions from the board would greatly be appreciated! Respectfully Submitted, Duane Stutzman, Chairman</p>
<b>8. Nominating</b>	<p>Paul Sutton – Chair; Members:</p> <p>Members presented for approval are Betty Miller and Judy Winkler.</p>
<b>9. Pedigree</b>	<p>Ian Wengerd – Chair Members: Doug Hoskins, Theo Hug, Emily Gibson.</p> <p>Based on our conversation with Dr. Rebecca Bellone on our board call last month, there is no way that the research group will disclose any information as of yet on their research about the eye cancer. They are committed to keep their information confidential until they identify exactly what the common cause of this is.</p>
<b>10. Personnel/Office</b>	<p>Brian Mitteer – Chair</p>

	<p>Members: Board of Directors</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
<b>11. Points/Awards</b>	<p>Deborah North – Chair Members: Susie Haszelbart, Rhonda Gould, Marti Gugel, and Chesna Klimek.</p> <p>The Points and Awards Committee is gathering feedback from members via the AHR Facebook page, emails, and the Survey Monkey link, which is nearing the 100 person limit. This same survey has been sent to several clubs and Debbie is waiting on the surveys being sent in the mail.</p> <p>It is obvious there is unhappiness on the part of the 'draft members'. They do not feel included in any of the programs, and there is resistance to even want to participate.</p> <p>At this time, we are looking at how other organizations run their open show programs, including ADS. The AHR paperwork alone is enough to discourage participation, as one committee member said 'these aren't being sent to the IRS!' A suggestion was made at the NYS Registered Haflinger Association meeting this past weekend that those chairing the Haflinger Challenge series include draft horse classes to boost not only participation but morale. One member participated for many years in the ACAAP Program with the Appaloosa Horse Club, and found those forms easy for both her use and those in show/event offices. AHR could look at forms from many other organizations and adapt to our needs. Another member inquired with several of the stock horse breed associations and found their programs were discontinued due to declining participation.</p> <p>Another important suggestion has been to use what we already have for some of the awards (hats, shirts, etc) from the AHR Marketplace, and for most items the \$15 sign up fee would cover cost of the award for the Recreational programs. If we develop more categories to include more disciplines, awards could still be nice without breaking the bank. Debbie has checked the Survey Monkey results and so far, public recognition is high on the list of what winners would want, along with nice ribbons and cash prizes.</p> <p>The Committee is looking forward to creating more excitement among the members. We have a great 'product' to promote and we can do so without increasing expenses exponentially.</p> <p>AHR does not run the “Haflinger Challenge”. This program is run by owners, breeders, &amp; exhibitors. An article will be written about all the options for draft &amp; pleasure.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Debbie North, Chairperson - Points and Awards Committee</p>
<b>12. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support</b>	<p>Chair: Melanie Cornman Members: Lisa Schott, Margaret Sherman, Jennie Deephouse, Marty Gugel, Michelle Harper, Jessica Hanney, Richard Baker, Sharon Leisure, Donna Immel, Shannon Van Horn.</p> <p>The committee continues to collect articles for the promotional magazine issue. Jessica Hanney is working on the revision to the AHR website.</p>
<b>13. Publications</b>	<p>Susie Haszelbart – Chair; Members:</p> <p>Members presented for approval: Jacque Woodward, Melanie Cornman, Susan Van Horn, Marth Gugel, Jessica Hanney, Michelle Harper, Ruth Schwab, Shannon Van Horn, &amp; Missy Shanahan.</p> <p>Next issue will go to the printers on March 15. We discussed ideas for the next issue, including an article on the World Show, Draft braiding &amp; how they put together their hitches, PA Horse Expo, Alert, and upcoming shows.</p>
<b>14. Sales</b>	<p>Dave Wilson – Chair Members: Phil Greenisen and Andrew Yoder.</p> <p>Looking into tack vendors for AHR sale. It was discussed at great length about allowing a no sale option for future sales.</p>

<p><b>15. World Federation HAFLINGER WORLD BREEDING AND SPORTS FEDERATION COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p>Chuck Hendershot – Chair: Members: Jennifer Rousseau, and Donald Sommer. As mentioned in the Judges report, contact has been made to request names of potential judges for the Stallion Incentive and Haflinger Co-Op Futurities in October 2015. A response on our request is expected the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Planning is still on-going for the World Show in Ebbs Austria for June 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> 2015. America will be represented with 5 horses competing in the show. American horses, as well as horses from all the other countries, will compete for the overall world championships by age and gender during the first three days of the competition. On Sunday, a competition will be held by nation with a champion being crowned from each country.</p> <p>Jennifer Rousseau will represent the United States and the American Haflinger Registry as an international judge during the World Show.</p>
<p><b>I. V. New Business</b></p>	<p>There was a motion to approve all committee members as posted in the minutes. Moved by Bill Ellingson and seconded by Chuck Hendershot. Motion passed.</p>
	<p>Moved by Chuck Hendershot and seconded by Melanie Cornman and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, March 11, 2015</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Susie Haszelbart, Clerk to the Board.</p>