

**American Hackney Horse Society- 2019 Board of Directors Meeting  
January 16, 2019 1:00pm PST, River Springs Resort, Palm Springs, CA**

**Meeting Agenda**

**I. Call to Order AHHS BOD Meeting:** Maureen Quackenbush, President

**II. Roll call –** Mindy Preston, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Courtney Cahill, Rich Campbell, Bryan Earehart, Ricky Harris, Rodney Hicks, Tom Lowry, Bo Lucas, Melissa Moore, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Lisa Sparrow, Karen Waldron

**. Approval of Minutes**

Rich Campbell made a motion to approve the October 14 and October 30 minutes. Rodney Hicks seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. President's Report:** Maureen Quackenbush, President

AHHS Youth Medallion Showmanship in Hand Final at Kansas City – Class was held for the first time with nine exhibitors and will return in 2019.

National Academy Championship – Interview contest was held with good participation. There were more entries in the Hackney academy classes than in 2017, with four entries in the pleasure driving and four entries in the pleasure pony under saddle classes. There were only one in each class in 2017. Nick Schubert presented The Ivy League on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon and a meet and greet was held thereafter. There was good attendance at the meet and greet. Chris Schubert suggested more of a reception party for 2019.

The USEF Proposed Rule Change GR8 was discussed with Smith Lilly. The rule proposes equine tail alteration in all breeds and disciplines as well as prohibiting bustles and tail sets. Smith is aware of the proposal and does not believe it has enough support to pass. The Hackney Rules Committee has seen the proposal and voted against it. Will continue to monitor.

Safe Sport Training – AHHS has disseminated all information regarding the USEF requirements for safe sport training to the membership via email and Facebook.

Affiliates meeting with UPHA Executive Board – The meeting started with summary of the USEF convention. Members of the ASHA expressed concerns that the USEF doesn't take our breeds seriously. This seemed to take USEF by surprise especially when a lot of the other breed affiliates including hunter/jumpers jumped on the bandwagon and expressed the same concerns. USEF agreed to more representation. The next 30 days will provide a better idea of that means. The UPHA Executive Board would like to put together an Ad Hoc committee to explore positive change. The committee would consist of AHHS, ASHA, ARHPA, UPHA. This committee will also investigate alternate governing body in case positive changes aren't made. Rodney Hicks made a motion the AHHS join the Ad Hoc committee and Melissa Moore seconded. The motion carried unanimously. During this affiliate meeting it was also mentioned that ASHA has filed a petition against Safe Sport to raise the burden of proof with a hearing process.

**IV. Executive Committee Report – Maureen Quackenbush, Tom Lowry, Toni Nastali**

No report

**V. Office Report**

2018 was another great year as shown in the numbers below. The office has received several 2018 foal registrations in the office during the last couple weeks of December. DNA kits for those are being ordered and sent out as quickly as possible. LBS and Futurity sustaining payments went out at the beginning of January. Those are due back by February 15, 2019. LBS Stallion contracts have gone out as well; those are due back by January 25.

Membership: 284 Members in 2019 as of January 16, 2019

1057 Members in 2018  
1039 Members in 2017  
946 Members in 2016  
966 Members in 2015  
1014 Members in 2014  
989 Members in 2013  
988 Members in 2012

Registrations: 8 Registrations as of January 16, 2019

298 Registrations in 2018  
400 Registrations in 2017 (Registration incentive increased numbers)  
358 Registrations in 2016  
314 Registrations in 2015  
295 Registrations in 2014  
381 Registrations in 2013

Transfers: 19 transfers as of January 16, 2019

350 Transfers in 2018  
409 Transfers in 2017

Facebook: Horse Lingo is maintaining with the help of Maureen Quackenbush. As of the meeting the page is up to 17,421 likes. In September 2017 the page was at 3,000 likes. The page contains posts about Hackney ponies, Hackney horses, many alternate disciplines as well as show horses and ponies, and human interest stories.

Mike Setzer has been working on the online forms. The majority are completed and online. He is finishing the Registry and Transfer forms. The donate button is now working on the website as well.

#### **VI. Financial & Treasurer's Report:** Toni Nastali

There were some one-time costs that occurred during 2018 to account for a loss.

Total Income as of December 31, 2018	\$217,302.34
Total Expense as of December 31, 2018	\$212,011.40
Net Income as of December 31, 2018	-\$11,072.76
Total Liabilities & Equity as of December 31, 2018	\$678,577.44

Cumulatively the Merrill Lynch account is up 4.41% and gains of \$18,383.

#### **VII. Foundation Report:** Brian Yount, Chair, Mindy Preston, John Wrather

At the last meeting the board agreed that it needs an operating account of \$5,0000/year to fund the foundations obligations. The fundraising letters have brought in from the previous two years \$4800 and \$8500.

The board also began discussing fundraiser efforts for 2019. There has been a donation of a Miller Coach and Wheelworks jog cart valued at \$2400 (the board will need to come up with \$600 to cover what Miller Coach needs from cart the rest is ours to keep) Graber carts offered a similar product on a show cart.

The first Hackney bucks video was completed and generated 340 likes and over 100 shares which is very exciting. The Foundation is currently working with Horse Lingo to produce two more videos (one regarding fundraising and the second highlighting the use of a hackney in lesson programs and targeting the first time buyer and breeder. We have asked that the videos be done in time for the LBS meeting). We have also asked that the original video be revisited thru Social Media early 2019.

Keith Johnson used a power point presentation and printed materials at the Academy Nationals and said he was very well received. He will bring questions and commits to the January Meeting. At the next meeting we will finish up the raffle info and discuss a possible fundraising letter for Hackney Bucks.

### **VIII. Committee Assignments, Reports and Discussion**

**Annual Awards: Brooke Jacobs, Chair, Bo Lucas, Kathy Barlow**

Awards will be given out this week. Seven of the nine recipients will be in attendance.

**Audit Committee: Vern Houston, Chair, Junior Schut**

Audit takes place in March.

**Budget Committee: Toni Nastali, Chair, Jr Schut, John Wrather, Keith Johnson**

Looking to get back to 2017 numbers.

**By-laws: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Toni Nastali**

No report

**Convention: Maureen Quackenbush Chair, Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Mindy Preston**

Next year's convention will take place in Lexington at the Marriott. There will be a lot of offsite clinics.

**Open Competition/Dressage Committee: Karen Waldron Chair, Sandra Surber**

No Report, waiting to look at show prize lists.

**National Breeders' Futurity: Rodney Hicks, Chair, Vern Houston, Junior Schut, Steve Kildow, Andy Lamps**

Getting information on the new buy in program typed up to give to Taylor to send out.

**Limited Breeders' Weanling & 3-Year-Old Stakes, & Stallion Auction Committee: Tom Lowry, Chair,**

**Rodney Hicks, Matt Schuckert, Steve Kildow, Sue Harrod, Katy Earehart, Tom Galbreath**

LBS Grand Event will be March 8 & 9. Board meeting will be on Friday. Friday evening there will be a comedian, trivia game app with Hackney Related questions. Saturday morning 9-11:30 Alternative use for the Hackney Forum with Charles Poppe (carriage driving), Kathy Smock (combined driving) and working on a hunter/jumper speaker. Saturday 1:00 – 3:00 Jacob Bowman will discuss bits and uses along with Andrew Woods to discuss harness making & types of work equipment available. 3:00 general membership meeting. Saturday evening will take place at Hawthorne Country Club, featured stallion is X-treme.

**Long-Range Planning Committee: Carl Nichols, Chair –**

No Report.

**Nominating Committee: Matt Schuckert, Chair, Ricky Harris, Bryan Earehart, Melissa Moore**

Just had elections. Maureen stated the committee did a good job on quality nominees.

**Promotional/Education Committee: Karen Waldron, Chair**

Karen stated she was going to talk with Bryan & Katy Earehart about the scavenger hunts. She is hoping to add new shows this year. Courtney Cahill stated she is putting together a toolkit for the regional associations.

**Regional Associations: Bryan Earehart, Chair**

Southeastern Hackney Banquet is February 23 with Smith & Alexandria Lilly and Maureen Quackenbush guest speakers. The Northeast Association is starting a point system and putting together a driving clinic.

**Registry Review/Stud Book: Carl Nichols, Chair, Ricky Harris**

No report.

**Trophy Committee: John Wrather, Chair**

No Report

**UPHA Liaison: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Mindy**

**Preston**

UPHA doesn't feel there will be any change on USEF Safe Sport Training and is encouraging everyone to renew because they are concerned about losing a seat on the USEF Board and grant money is also determined by the number of members.

American Royal update: Decking will be expanded for trainers to be able to coach. 14 hackneys showed in the classics. Nomination money minus 25% will go into the pot.

Kentucky State Fair update: It will start on Saturday night. Freedom Hall will be open on Thursday and Friday for training and will be closed from 7-8:30am each morning for cleaning. Fresh footing will be put in on Thursday afternoon.

**Youth Medallion Committee: Mindy Preston, Chair, Lisa Cox,**

**Lisa Hilmer, Jonelle Chovanec**

Finals by the numbers:

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Pleasure Driving	6	5	3	4	7
Hackney/Harness	1	3	4	2	4
Road Pony Under Saddle	5	6	4	3	4
Pleasure Under Saddle	8	6	8	4	6
Road Pony 13 & Under	5	4	2	5	5
Road Pony 14-17	5	7	3	5	4
Showmanship	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The inaugural showmanship finals was a huge success. The reception was well attended & Saturday morning seems to be a good time to host it. Mindy asked if the medallion fee for the showmanship should be waived again for 2019. After discussion Rich Campbell made a motion to waive the Showmanship medallion fee for 2019. Bryan Earehart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship Program: Mindy Preston, Chair, Lisa Cox,**

**Lisa Hilmer, Jonelle Chovanec**

The annual awards will be given out during the LBS weekend and winners will be notified by email.

**USEF Committee: - Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Mindy**

**Preston**

Covered above

**IX. Old Business:**

1)Electronic Stud Book – Toni spoke with the registry software writer and they can create excel spreadsheets. However, a word document was used in the last electronic stud book, and the writer

cannot create that. Jay Kolkman, who created the last book, is willing to give advice on how to go about putting the book together. Maureen will call him and ask if he would be willing to be on committee to put it together.

2)Part Time Assistant in the office for Taylor – Taylor explained that Alyssa can work 10 hours/week, usually two days a week. The board decided that Taylor should find some candidates that could work 15 hours/week the additional three days.

3)KY State Fair – No sessions will be added at this point so schedule will remain as is.

4)KSF Judge's Panel – List of judge suggestions approved at the October 30, 2018 meeting was submitted to KSF without a response.

5)Judges Clinic Update – Melissa gave an update. There will be a live clinic for applicants in March in Scottsdale at the Carousel Charity Horse Show. She is hoping there will be a webinar in February for card holders and another webinar in September and October. She will know the webinar dates by next week.

6)Donation items for UPHA Convention Auction Update – UPHA seems pleased with items donated with 10-12 items for the auction.

7)Office accounting software upgrade from QuickBooks Pro 2014 to the newest version of QuickBooks Pro and utilization of Remote Desktop solution Right Networks – The 2014 software will not be supported in 2019. The cloud-based software would be \$50 a month/user but this would automatically update and there would no longer be a need to purchase software. After discussion Rich Campbell made a motion to purchase the cloud-based software. Carl Nichols seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **X. New Business:**

No new business

#### **XI: Executive Session**

Rich Campbell made a motion to go into executive session. Tom Lowry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Moore made a motion to leave executive session. Rich Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

When Taylor returned to the meeting Maureen stated the entire board feels she is doing a good job and the office is immaculate. As a result, Taylor will receive a 5.6% raise to bring her salary to \$36,198.07 and a \$500 year-end bonus.

#### **XII: Round Table (optional)**

Rich Campbell commented that things are running smoothly. Tom Lowry reminded board members to make hotel reservations early for LBS Grand Event weekend.

#### **XIII: Closing Remarks: Maureen Quackenbush, President**

Maureen thanked everyone for a good meeting and appreciates everyone's work. The Society is moving in a good direction. She hopes to get registration numbers up.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Rodney Hicks made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Moore seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.