

American Hackney Horse Society – 2020 Board of Directors Meeting
January 22, 2020 11:00 AM EST – Lexington, Kentucky TELECONFERENCE

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to order AHHS BOD Meeting: Maureen Quackenbush, President**
- II. **Roll Call – Bryan Earehart Recording Secretary**
Members Present: Bryan Earehart, Ricky Harris, Rodney Hicks, Matt Lightner, Tom Lowry, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Maureen Quackenbush, Lisa Sparrow, Rich Campbell, Matt Schuckert, Chris Schubert
- III. **Foundation Report:** Brian Yount, AHHS Foundation President;
(Foundation Report attached)
- IV. **Rule Changes for 2020**
(Attached)
- V. **Approval of minutes:**
 - i. Rodney Hicks made a motion to approve the October 29, 2019 minutes. Ricky Harris seconded motion carries unanimously.
 - ii. Rodney Hicks made a motion to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes. Carl Nichols seconded motion carries unanimously.
- VI. **President’s Report:** Maureen Quackenbush, President

Two of the five judges the AHHS Board suggested for the KSF will be on the panel for 2020.

There will be an additional seat on the USEF National Breeds and Disciplines Council. Karen Homer-Brown will be the representative for the Hackney’s and the roadsters.

Trotting breeds have now become considered international breeds with the USEF Board.

UPHA Classic finals new formula for money distribution. All Hackney nominating and entry fees go into the Hackney Classics pool. Stall fees and sponsorships into one pool to be allocated by the number of entries. 6.84% of the pool money will go back to the Hackney’s. \$5,000 to each of the Hackney Classics.

Record attendance at the UPHA Conference in Lexington, KY. With over 600 registrants, the next largest was 420 in Chicago.

The UPHA has come up with a consent and waiver liability form for parents and minors, for use by Professionals to use for transporting to horse shows. Made available to UPHA members.

VII. Executive Committee Report - Maureen Quackenbush, Tom Lowry, Toni Nastali

VIII. Office Report

The office started accepting 2020 Memberships the end of November and we are off to a good start. An E-blast reminder to renew is going out on Monday 1/20; and will mail 2020 Membership applications to those who do not have emails on file with us. The office has received several registrations during December and the beginning of January. DNA kits for those are being ordered and sent out as quickly as possible. LBS and Futurity sustaining payments went out December 30, and are due back by February 15. LBS Stallion contracts went out in December; those are due back by January 24. Elissa is now starting to work a few hours here and there as the end of the year and first few months of the year are an extremely busy time for the office.

Membership: 259 Members in 2020 as of January 17, 2020

1036 Members in 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: 5 Registrations in 2020 as of January 17, 2020

245 Registrations in 2019

298 Registrations in 2018

400 Registrations in 2017

358 Registrations in 2016

314 Registrations in 2015

295 Registrations in 2014

381 Registrations in 2013

Transfers: 39 Transfers as of January 17, 2020

423 Transfers in 2019

350 Transfers in 2018

409 Transfers in 2017

Facebook: Horse Lingo is maintaining the Facebook page with the help of Maureen Quackenbush.

IX. Financial & Treasurer's Report: Toni Nastali

Total Income as of December 2019	\$234,890.04
Total Expense as of December 2019	\$245,985.53
Net Income as of December 2019	\$60,879.26
Total Liabilities & Equity as of December 2019	\$734,494.02

Merrill Lynch: Time Rated return by Period: Yearly

Beginning balance: \$464,620

Interest dividends: \$14,478

Gain and Assets \$57,496

Closing Balance: \$536,594

Rate of Return (cumulated %): 15.49%

X. Committee Reports and Discussion

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

Awarded at the UPHA convention. Individual posts on Facebook were made for each winner.

Audit Committee: Vern Houston, Chair, Junior Schut

No Report.

Budget Committee: Toni Nastali, Chair, Keith Johnson, Junior Schut

No Report.

By-Laws: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Toni Nastali, Courtney Cahill

No Report.

Convention/UPHA Liasion: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Rich Campbell

Report given in the President's report

Open Competition/Dressage Committee: Karen Waldron, Chair

Two USDF All-Breed Awards were awarded to Hackney Horses in their Level 1 and 2 Divisions Alice Simpson and Brenda Rone.

National Breeders Futurity: Melissa Moore, Chair, Vern Houston, Steve Kildow, Andy Lamps, Junior Shut

Sustaining payments went out the end of December due back February 15. Reminders for incentive buy in's sent with age eligible transfers, a couple have been bought in already.

Limited Breeders' Weanling & 3-Year Old Stakes and Stallion Auction: Tom Lowry, Chair, Katy Earehart, Tom Galbreth, Taylor Gregory, Sue Harrod, Rodney Hicks, Steve Kildow, Matt Schuckert, David Yoder

Limited Breeders Grand Event will be held in Shelbyville, KY on March 6 & 7, 2020 at the Cardinal Club.

There will be a Mandatory AHHS Board meeting Friday March 6 at 1:00 pm

Friday evening at 6:30 a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and a Comedian, Tony and the Tan lines will Play. There will also be a selfie booth set up. Transportation will be provided before and after.

Jonabelle Farm tour on Friday in Lexington at 2:30 reservations needed ahead of time.

Saturday Morning Free clinics/demonstrations will be presented at Shade Tree Farm
1:00 pm a Tour of Bulliet Distillery will be offered.

5:00 pm at the Cardinal Club will be a General Membership meeting followed by a cocktail hour and the Live auction and Dinner will begin. A 50/50 Raffle will be held.

Advance Ticket Sales for \$57 Friday Saturday Combo. Just Friday \$15; Saturday Dinner \$42

Tickets are \$20 at the door for Friday Night and \$50 for Saturday.

Host Hotel is the Ramada Shelbyville.

The AHHS Limited Breeders Committee has approved an AOT (Amateur Owner Trainer) Incentive program for 2020 and 2021 Limited Breeders Weanling and Three Year Old Performance Classes. The Committee recognizes the importance of the AOT to the Hackney breed and wants to encourage the breeding of Hackney ponies. The AOT Incentive funds will be paid in addition to the Limited Breeders class premiums.

The Committee has funded \$3000.00 for the 2020 and 2021 Limited Breeders Weanling classes. The highest placing AOT Weanling will receive a \$1000.00 Incentive premium. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place AOT Weanlings will receive \$500.00 Incentive premium.

The Committee has funded \$2000.00 for the 2020 and 2021 Limited Breeders Three Year Old Performance classes. The highest placing AOT Three Year Old will receive a \$1000.00 Incentive premium. The 2nd and 3rd place AOT Three Year Old will receive \$500 Incentive premium.

The AOT eligibility will be determined by the USEF guidelines as described in the USEF rules. The AOT eligibility rules are outlined in the USEF Rule book in section HK 106.

Long Range Planning: Carl Nichols, Chair, Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Taylor Gregory, Josh Greer, Melvin Jennings, Steve Kildow, Tom Lowry, Melissa Moore, Maureen Quackenbush, Toni Nastali, Bryan Yount

No report

Nominating: Matt Schuckert, Chair, Bryan Earehart, Rodney Hicks, Matt Lightner

Election of to the board of directors was completed and votes were counted on 16. The successful candidates are Tom Lowry, Carl Nichols, Karen Waldron, Andy Freseth and Holly Nichols. Maureen Quackenbush noted a great group of candidates ran for the board this time and the voting was very close.

Promotional/Education: Karen Waldron, Chair, Brian Yount, Ricky Harris, Bryan Earehart

No report

Regional Associations: Bryan Earehart, Chair, Courtney Cahill

South Eastern Hackney has a new website. Southeasternhackney.com

South Eastern Hackney awards Banquet will be Saturday February 22 at 2 pm in Burlington NC. Melissa Moore will be the speaker for this year.

South Central Awards Banquet will be Saturday February 1 at 6 pm in Carlyle KY

5th Annual Midwest Annual Limited Breeders Auction will be February 29 in LaSalle Illinois. A complete work harness will be offered for Raffle, 100 tickets will be sold.

Registry Review: Carl Nichols, Chair, Ricky Harris

No Report.

Trophies: John Wrather, Chair

Recipients were very pleased with the Halters John had ordered for the LBS and the AHHS Futurity classes held at the All American Horse Classic.

Youth Medallion: Mindy Preston, Chair, Jonelle Chovanec, Lisa Cox Sparrow, Lisa Hillmer, Chris Schubert

(Attached)

Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship Committee: Mindy Preston, Chair, Jonelle Chovanec, Lisa Cox Sparrow, Lisa Hilmer, Chris Schubert

Junior Exhibitor Regional Award winners will be honored at the Limited Breeders Sweepstakes Grand Event Weekend and awards distributed

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

Maureen and Taylor will be meeting with Chuck Walker at 3:30 on marketing the Hackney through USEF.

XI. Old Business:

1. Electronic Stud Book Volume 34 working with LuLu \$2879.10 is the cost to get together a print on demand Stud Book. Maureen Quackenbush suggested dedicating the Studbook to the memory of Darrel Kolkman.
 - a. Matt Schuckert made a motion to Dedicate the Stud Book to Darrel Kolkman, Bryan Earehart seconded, the motion carries unanimously.
2. AHHS-USEF Affiliate Contract – has been signed and returned, and payment made for 2020. Two year contract running from 12/1/2019 – 11/30/2021.
3. USEF Affiliate Survey: There was no feedback from the Board. Maureen Quackenbush and Taylor Gregory will meet with USEF today regarding opportunities for partnering with USEF on promotion
4. 2020 World Horse Expo: Rodney Hicks made a motion to send Melvin Stoltzfus \$1,000 to help with promotion of the Hackney at the World Horse Expo, Matt Schuckert seconds, the motion carries unanimously.
5. Judge Suggestions for KSF – were submitted right after the 11/21/19 Board meeting. Have not received a response.
6. Letter to KSF requesting additional classes – no direct response to the letter. KSF Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, 1/15/20 and Melissa Moore and Josh Greer were in attendance. KSF wasn't interested in adding additional Hackney classes. Cited low attendance by Hackney exhibitors and lack of class sponsorships. Melissa advocated for them to add Pleasure ponies under saddle as that should be a division with a large participation and KSF is thinking about it. Chris Schubert asked to sponsor the class.

The AHHS Board will ask for the Hackney Harness pleasure Driving Championship class to be held Thursday evening of the KSF

A new structure is being constructed over the holding area at the entrance to Freedom Hall.

Footing issues were addressed. There is a push for sawdust and not the huge ship footing. The committee asked for Stopher to be stripped out completely and replaced to fix the depth issues. The intent of KSF is to have everything ready on the grounds when the first horse steps off the truck, this includes the green shavings in Freedom Hall, no more dirt.

The inconsistent access to the exhibitor gate has reportedly been fixed.

Dumpster removal has been made priority as is removal inside the indoor wing.

Posting splits is going to be posted in more than one place. RH is going to be consulted with the possibility to add a channel to the tv feed for split information.

7. \$500 donation to Shepards Home and School for People with Special Needs in memory of Darrel Kolkman. A sympathy card was sent to Sandy and the Kolkman family from the board before the memorial. Once the board approved the donation, a sympathy letter was prepared and sent to Sandy along with the check. Sandy sent a thank you note to the office.
8. New Banners for versatility of the Hackney are finished and were posted up during the UPHA convention.

XII. New Business:

1. Proposed revised criteria for the Bill G. Robinson Trainer Award.
Current wording: "Awarded to a trainer or training team who personify the training and exhibitions of the Hackney's for the year."
Proposed wording: "Awarded to a trainer or training team who personify the training and exhibiting of Hackney's for the year while demonstrating good sportsmanship and regard for the welfare or the equine."

Bryan Earehart made a motion to accept the proposed wording, Ricky Harris seconded the motion carries unanimously.

2. Young Trainers Hackney Internship/Mentorship Program

Appointed committee: Bryan Earehart, Chair Amanda Ella

Seeking Farms and trainers to take on an intern/mentor, to promote and guide young trainers interested in the Hackney.

3. Equine Sports Council:

Equine Sports Council has asked the AHHS board to go over the rules they are setting up.

Rodney Hicks made a motion to check with USEF to find out if the AHHS would be able to go over the rules with the Equine Sports Council. Matt Schuckert seconded the motion carries unanimously.

XIII. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Rodney Hicks to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Matt Schuckert

XIV. Round Table

No comments

XV. Closing Remarks:

President Maureen Quackenbush thanked everyone for coming to the meet, working so hard to promote the breed, and for offering their opinions and ideas.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn:

Rodney Hicks motions to adjourn Rich Campbell seconded the motion carries.