

American Hackney Horse Society – 2020 Board of Directors Meeting
January 27, 2021 6:00 PM EST – Zoom

Meeting Minutes

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

- II. **Roll Call – Bryan Earehart Recording Secretary**
Members Present: Bryan Earehart, Andy Freseth, Ricky Harris, Matt Lightner, Tom Lowry, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Matt Schuckert, Chris Schubert, Melissa Moore, Holly Nichols, Karen Waldron

- III. **Foundation Report:** Brian Yount, AHHS Foundation President;
 1. \$1,300 was Raised for the National Academy Championships.
 2. Buck Stops here: Financial Data; \$11,800 in Hackney Bucks have been issued in 2020.
 3. Resignation of John Wrather

- IV. **Approval of minutes:**
 - i. Not needed

- V. **President's Report:** Maureen Quackenbush, President
 1. Election of Board of Directors; Tom Lowry chair along with Sue Harrod and Roger Sims counted the votes via Zoom. Melissa Moore, Ricky Harris, and Bryan Earehart were re-elected. Randy Harper and Anna Marie Knipp were elected. Courtney Cahill stands as an alternate.
 2. Judges for KSF WCHS Heather Boodey, Clark Clouse, Jim Taylor, John Whalen, and Jay Wood.
 3. AHSA approved allowing the Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving as well as Open Roadster Pony into the National Select Series. AHSA is finishing out a Sponsorship with State Line Tack.
 4. Helping Hackneys Relief Fund is up and running. The committee of Josh Greer; Chair, Travis Smith, and Steve Kildow has been formed. Applications are posted on the AHHS website.
 5. UPHA Convention was held virtually this year. Affiliate representatives were invited to a Board meeting on Monday, January 11. Affiliate representatives were not invited to the meeting held on Friday, January 15. Monday, January 18 a press release was put out including the UPHA. Classic Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving class would be eliminated and

replaced with a UPHA Hackney Pony Park Pleasure Driving class. After discussion, it was agreed this change may increase participation, not only in this final, but may increase interest and participation in the Park Pleasure Division overall. It was discussed, going forward, AHHS would like to be notified of any changes to any of the UPHA Hackney classes, as to be prepared to answer questions from our members. Maureen Quackenbush will put together a short letter to UPHA thanking them for making the change and asking UPHA to please communicate any future changes to AHHS before announcing publicly.

6. The 2022 UPHA Convention will be held at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel on January 4-8th

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

1. Taylor Gregory and Maureen Quackenbush had the idea to use Zoom to get the election results together, as well as using it for the upcoming Board meetings and general membership meeting. The subscription cost is \$149.90 for a year's membership. Maureen Quackenbush, Tom Lowry and Toni Nastali approved the expenditure of the Zoom subscription. They also reviewed and approved the Helping Hackneys Relief Fund rules and procedures.

VII. Office Report

We have been accepting 2021 membership applications since the end of November. An email blast was sent out recently to remind everyone to renew, Maureen did a Facebook post as well. All LBS documents were sent out prior to the first, and Futurity sustaining payments were sent out prior to the first as well. LBS Stallion Contracts are out and slowly coming back; the deadline for those is January 24.

We are currently in search of a new part time person. Allison was hired on full time at ASHA, but has been kind enough to help when she can. Taylor did an interview with a promising candidate this week, and is having a follow up working interview this coming week. Taylor is hopeful to have the position filled soon.

Membership: 305 Members in 2021 as of January 22, 2021

927 Members in 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: 9 Registrations in 2021 as of January 22, 2021

286 Registrations in 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: 23 Transfers as of January 22, 2021

388 Transfers in 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. Facebook has been linked with Instagram. We currently have almost 26,000 likes and follows on the Facebook page and over 400 followers on Instagram. Page is very active with at a minimum of 4-5 posts being made each week. The website is currently being updated and the news and events feed is current.

VIII. Financial & Treasurer's Report: Toni Nastali

Total Income as of December 2020	\$235,320.74
Total Expense as of December 2020	\$211,793.07
Net Income as of December 2020	\$55,193.16
Total Liabilities & Equity as of December 2020	\$789,782.39

IX. Committee Reports and Discussion

Annual Awards: Brooke Jacobs, Chair, Bo Lucas, Kathy Barlow – Nothing to report at this time

Audit Committee: Vern Houston, Chair, Junior Schut

Vern Houston has resigned from the committee.

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

We are currently doing well financially and are working within budget.

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

Nothing to Report.

Convention/UPHA Liaison: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Andy Freseth

Report given within the President's report

Open Competition/Dressage Committee: Karen Waldron, Chair

National Breeders Futurity: Melissa Moore, Chair, Vern Houston, Steve Kildow, Andy Lamps, Junior Schut. Melissa asked for assistance with the fundraising idea for the futurity approved at the last meeting. She will canvas the committee members for assistance and thereafter we will email blast and post on facebook announcing the fundraiser and seeking volunteers.

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

The LBS Event and auction will be held online via Zoom as well as an online Auction website on Saturday March 6th. The online auction will open approximately 2 weeks prior to the closing on March 6th.

A general Membership meeting will be held at 4pm

The Stallion auction will begin at 5:30 online only with Stallions auctioned 2-3 minutes apart. Stallion order and sale time will be posted a few days ahead of the Auction.

A Zoom sale party will be held in conjunction with the Auction including LBS participants and online bidders.

The LBS committee will be selling Raffle Tickets \$25 a piece a total of 200 tickets will be sold \$1,000 first prize \$500 second prize and the additional proceeds of \$3500 will go towards the Amateur Incentive Program.

Short videos will be posted on the website 3 weeks ahead of the LBS weekend to help promote the Auction as well as the Hackney.

Auction Registration will be online with a credit card, a two week Grace period has been set for those who wish to send in a check.

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

There was a long discussion regarding ways to involve more members and groups in breeding Hackneys. The

Nominating: Matt Schuckert, Chair, Holly Nichols, Andy Freseth, Rodney Hicks, Matt Lightner

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

Regional Associations: Bo Lucas, Chair, Matt Lightner

Mid-west Hackney LBS is being held February 27. There will be online bidding available.

Registry Review: Carl Nichols, Chair, Ricky Harris

Nothing to report

Trophies: John Wrather, Chair

Taylor Gregory will take over as the chair.

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

The numbers for the 2020 Finals were strong given the year we had. Thank you to Kensington Protection Products for sponsoring the pony blankets. Hannah Sette for sponsoring the ribbons. Connie Smith & Beth Jones for sponsoring the long sleeve T-shirts & State Line Tack for the goodie bags. This year was the inaugural Madison Pope Sportsmanship award. Darian Walker was the surprised recipient. This was a great addition to the program. We provided center ring with a task list on how the finals were to be conducted. This seemed to help the classes run smoothly.

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

Nothing to report at this time

USEF Committee: Andy Freseth, Chair, Maureen Quackenbush, Maureen Campbell, Randy Harper, Mary McLean, Bob Funkhouser, Rodney Hicks, Steve Kildow, Josh Greer, Lisa Hilmer, Kent Moeller, Karen Waldron

USEF is repopulating the committee. There have been two meetings in 2021. One to go over the proposed general rules changes and the other to correct misprinted language in the amateur road pony specs

Young Trainers Hackney Internship/Mentorship Program Committee: Bryan Earehart, Chair, Amanda Ella, Matt Lightner

Nothing to report at this time

Helping Hackneys Emergency Relief Fund Committee Josh Greer, Chair, Steve Kildow, Travis Smith

Program goes live on February 1, 2021. Rules and application form have been approved and posted on the AHHS website. A dedicated email address to submit applications has been established

Old Business:

1. Studbook Volume 34 Update
The publisher has all the information and is currently working on it, there is a backlog due to Covid19
2. National Academy championships – Update
 - i. 6 exhibitors participated under saddle and 3 driving
3. Hackney show pleasure driving qualifying for 2021, to be tabled until further information comes out on the 2021 show season.

X. New Business:

1. USDF All-Breed Awards
 - a. Ricky Harris makes a motion to suspend for 2021 due to no participation in 2020 and to reconsider for 2022, Karen Waldron seconded; motion carries unanimously.

XI. Executive Session:

XII. Round Table

XIII. Closing Remarks:

Maureen Quackenbush thanks everyone for their time and participation and thanked outgoing board members, Matt Schuckert and Lisa Sparrow for their service on the board.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn:

Tom Lowry motions to adjourn Matt Lightner seconded, the motion carries.