

American Hackney Horse Society- 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
January 30, 2018 3:00pm EST, Omni Hotel and Resort, Amelia Island, FL

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order AHHS BOD Meeting: Andy Freseth, President

II. Roll call – Mindy Preston, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Rodney Hicks, Brooke Jacobs, Tom Lowry, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Matt Schuckert, Kent Swalla, Karen Waldron

III. President's Report

Report will be covered throughout the meeting. Andy offered high praise to Taylor for making the office look like a professional office.

Rodney Hicks made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2017 meeting. Tom Lowry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Committee Report

Points of interest will be discussed during the duration of the meeting.

V. Office Report

2017 was a good year for AHHS. Both memberships and registrations were up. 2018 seems to be starting off well. LBS and Futurity payments have been sent for the 2018 show year. Those are due by February 15, although we have received a few payments already.

Elissa is still working in the office with Taylor. She has been entering memberships and assisting with the ordering of DNA kits. In December, the office received approximately 140 registrations. DNA has been ordered on all of them and Taylor is getting those registered as correct DNA results come in and contacting owners with incorrect results to resolve any issues as soon as possible.

Membership: 423 members in 2018 as of January 26, 2018
1039 Members in 2017 as of January 26, 2018
946 members in 2016
966 members in 2015
1014 members in 2014
989 members in 2013
988 members in 2012

Membership breakdown: 213 Senior members
23 Junior members
143 Life members
1 Associate member

Registrations: 15 Registrations in 2018 as of January 26, 2018
400 Registrations in 2017 as of January 28, 2018
314 Registrations in 2015
295 Registrations in 2014
381 Registrations in 213

Transfers: 26 as of January 26, 2018
2017 total – 409 as of January 26, 2018

Facebook: Horse Lingo is maintaining with the help of Maureen Quackenbush. As of January 30, 2018 the page has 12,522 likes compared to 11,660 likes at the December meeting and 3,615 likes in January 2017. Posts reached 7,000 people last week. A new photo contest is about to be launched. AHHS posts are being shared on the Hackneys Only page. Horse Lingo has been very responsive and coming up with good ideas.

VI. Financial & Treasurer's Report: Toni Nastali

Total Liabilities & Equity as of December 31, 2017	\$685,900.20
Total Income as of December 31, 2017	\$279,841.45
Total Expenses as of December 31, 2017	\$200,423.23
Merrill Lynch Ending Balance as of 12/31/2017	\$481,283.12

Toni reported the Society has received the final distribution from the Gwen Stableford Estate in the amount of \$94,000. It is currently in the general checking account, but will be moved to the savings account. Toni added that the Society is in a strong and healthy financial position.

Carl Nichols stated he was very impressed with the financial profit. He has never seen this kind of profit for the Society. Toni stated the investments have done well and that the Society's money has been put to work. Andy thanked Toni for the idea of investing the money with Merrill Lynch versus the Cd's they were originally put in.

Rodney Hicks made a motion to approve the financial report and Rich Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Foundation Board had a meeting on January 25, 2018. Toni Nastali reported the annual fundraising letter raised \$3,880 compared to \$5,000 in 2016. The letter was sent out later in 2017 and the board felt this was the reason for the decline in donations. The 2018 letter will be mailed out in May or June. The board is also working on other Fundraising ideas. During this meeting Toni also requested a report on the Buck Stops Here program. There have been eight participants so far that have received money; three in Ohio, three in Michigan, one in Virginia and one in North Carolina. \$2,850 Bucks have been rewarded and \$800 has been utilized with vendors.

The Society Board feels Trainers/Instructors need to be more informed/educated about the program. The approval process also needs to be simplified.

The Foundation is also working with Richfield Video on a promotional video.

VIII. Committee Reports and Discussion

Annual Awards: Brooke Jacobs, Chair, Maureen Quackenbush, TJ Blevins

Everything has been taken care of and they are ready to go.

Audit Committee: Vern Houston, Chair, Junior Schut

Junior has reviewed the financial report for LBS and Futurities. Toni monitors each transaction and asks Taylor's questions if something looks abnormal.

Budget Committee: Toni Nastali, Chair

New budget will be based on 2017 expenditures.

By-laws: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair

No report.

Convention: Andy Freseth Chair, Rich Campbell

1. Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2018 at the Omni Hotel-Amelia Island, Amelia Island, Florida
2. AHHS Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 3:00 – 5:00pm Est, call in available
3. AHHS General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1, from 2:00-3:00pm Est
4. Awards will be given out as follows:
 - a. Friday Lunch – 2
 - b. Friday Dinner – 4
 - c. Saturday Lunch – 2

5. Andy, on behalf of the AHHS, procured from Erik Lee owner of the Jerald Sulky Co., the donation of a Jog Cart for the live auction.

The AHHS General Membership meeting will be on Thursday from 2-3. Andy has asked Carl Nichols to handle this meeting as Andy will not be arriving until Friday.

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

Karen stated her report also ties in with the Promotional/Educational Committee. The Society really needs to figure out how to promote the Hackney Horse. Adam Bovaird is going to represent the AHHS at the Endangered Species Summit. Karen requested registration numbers from the Canadian Hackney Horse Society. Between 2000-2018, 354 horses were registered in Canada and 577 were registered in the United States. In 2017 the Canadian Hackney Horse Society had 143 members and the AHHS had 1039 members. Karen is hoping a lot of vision will be shared during the Summit next week.

National Breeders' Futurity:

Vern Houston, Junior Schut, Steve Kildow, and Rodney Hicks have been appointed to the committee. A reminder letter was sent out to those who participate in the futurity in regards to the rules and deadlines.

Limited Breeders' Weanling & 3-Year-Old Stakes, & Stallion Auction Committee: Tom Lowry, Chair, Rodney Hicks, Matt Schuckert -

The Grand Event will take place in Indianapolis March 9-10. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express in Fishers and the dinner and auction will be at the Hawthorne Country Club in Fishers. Friday night (Holiday Inn Express) at 7pm there will be a meet and greet followed by a comedian. Saturday morning from 9:00 – 11:30am will focus on the weanling and Saturday afternoon from 1:00-3:00pm will focus on the 3 year old, both sessions at the Holiday Inn Express. The General Membership meeting will also take place at the Holiday Inn Express at 3:00pm. There will be a youth event to the Indianapolis Children's Museum Saturday morning. The Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship Awards will be awarded Saturday evening. Transportation will be provided Saturday evening. The silent auction will have 5-6 items and there will be a 50/50 raffle. The goal is to have 35 stallions for the auction. There will be a video presentation of the 2017 LBS classes and the LBS Trophy will be present. Heartland Head of The Class will be the Feature Stallion. Saddle Horse Report is a corporate sponsor, but still looking for more sponsors for the Friday evening hors d'oeuvres and to supplement the Saturday night meal as well as the transportation to and from the hotel and country club. Tom is putting together a sponsorship form that will be available on the website.

Long-Range Planning Committee: Carl Nichols, Chair –

The committee is working on a Training Clinic for Trainers. This will be for trainers of not only Saddlebreds, but Morgans, Arabians and Hunter/Jumpers. The clinic will take place in North Carolina. The committee was hoping to have it in February, but that was just too soon to get it put together.

Carl also thought it would be a good idea to have a horse "show" rather than a "competition" to show and explain the differences in the divisions.

Nominating Committee: Rodney Hicks, Chair, Matt Schuckert

Next President will appoint people based on who is up for re-election, etc.

Promotional/Education Committee: Karen Waldron, Chair

This report was a part of Open Competition report.

Regional Associations: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair

Maureen posts information from the Regional Associations on Facebook. South Central Hackney Association will have its Banquet and Awards Dinner February 10 at 6 pm at Chandlers in Maysville, KY. Southeastern Hackney Horse Association will have its Annual Meeting and Banquet February 24 in Burlington, NC. Midwest Hackney will have its Limited Breeders Dinner and Auction March 3 in Oglesby, IL.

Registry Review/Stud Book: Carl Nichols, Chair

Carl stated the previous problems have been resolved and are in good shape. Andy reiterated procedures need to be put into place for handling rescue ponies and horses.

Trophy Committee: John Wrather, Chair

Taylor has ordered the trophies. Andy suggested she ask John if he raises money to pay for the trophies.

UPHA Liaison: Andy Freseth, Chair, Rich Campbell

Jennifer Mellenkamp has informed AHHS the AHC Impact Study results will be unveiled February 28 at a meeting of the Congressional House of Caucus.

Youth Medallion Committee: Mindy Preston, Chair, Kent Swalla, Co-Chair

An email will be sent out to all show managers with information along with an application for the program. The early discount will still be available. This email will also encourage shows to add championship classes for the under saddle classes as well as add an In Hand Showmanship class.

Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship Program: Mindy Preston, Chair, Brian Yount, Co-Chair

Points have been tallied and notifications will go out the week of February 5th.

USEF Committee: - Karen Waldron, Chair, Andy Freseth, Tom Lowry(Present Chairman of USEF Hackney Committee)

USEF contacted the AHHS office in regards to an Affiliates Round Table during the USEF Convention. Members of the Executive Committee were unavailable. Karen Waldron agreed to be the representative, but could not attend due to a conflict of another meeting.

IX. Old Business:

- 1) Sponsors and Advertising Committee – Andy stated this is a difficult committee to create in regards to what their responsibilities should be. He is going to pass this appointment on to the next President.
- 2) USEF Competition Lite - the contract has been signed and returned to the USEF office.
- 3) Update on KSF extension of Days – The major opinion on this is it is not a good idea. Scarlett is tentatively planning on having classes on Thursday and Friday evening, consisting mostly of Pleasure classes. There will be no classes added and possibly no classes on Tuesday matinee. The two days may not be available in 2019 and this is the reason no classes will be added in 2018. There was a lot of discussion on how this addition will negatively affect other shows and many of the different Hackney Futurities.
- 4) Heel Measurement – Rule went through as KSF mandatory and three other shows to be chosen by USEF, which is the language the board voted on a year ago. Rich asked if the effective date is 2018 or 2019. Andy is going to check and clarify the effective date.
- 5) Endangered Breeds Summit – Adam is very interested in the breed and the board will wait for his report.

X. New Business:

1) Foundation Request for replacement Board Member – The Foundation has asked the Society to replace a member who has been inactive since the inception of the new board. The Foundation has recommended Ryan Barlowe as the new board member. Rich Campbell made a motion to remove the inactive Board Member per bylaws and to appoint Ryan Barlowe as the replacement. Toni Nastali seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Request made by Toni to use same Accounting Firm as last year so that she may sign the letter of intent/engagement for the Corporate Tax Return. The fee is the same as 2017. Rodney made a motion that the Society use the same accounting firm as 2017. Maureen Quackenbush seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3) Handling of ownership of frozen semen and clarification and update of registration requirements – Andy spoke with ASHA on how they handled this. They have a Statement of Frozen Semen form that is completed by the buyer and seller or their authorized agents. The following statement is also on the owner transfer form “If this is a stallion, are you retaining frozen semen with ownership rights? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, a contract of sale or statement of the parties must be filed with the Registry verifying that you have authority to sign breeder’s certificates and stallion service reports for foals conceived by the use of retained frozen semen.” After discussion Carl Nichols made a motion that a form dealing with the ownership of Frozen Semen be created. Tom Lowry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4) USEF Town Hall Meeting 1:30 – 3:00, February 3 at convention. There was a pre-meeting to map out discussion, but due to short notice executive committee unable to attend.

What will be covered:

- a. Social Media – Reality of world we live in today
- b. Unsportsmanlike Behavior on Social Media – i.e. make officials look bad after or during a show
- c. Pictures of Competitors with illegal equipment, USEF receiving complaints
- d. Regulation and How Charges are brought up and what hearing process is like, pushing all to take USEF Safe Sport test.
- e. Competition Lite
- f. Changing of Licensing Procedures

Tom is hoping that USEF will be able to livestream this through the USEF Network. Andy is going to find out.

5) Clarification of Registration Form – Taylor asked if there needed to be clarification on the following language that is on the Registration Application.

8. Registration deadline is December 31

a. Weanlings will cost \$35.00 to register and must be registered by 12/31 of the foal year.

b. Yearlings will cost \$150.00 to register and must be registered by 12/31 of the yearling year.

c. Any horse or pony 2 Years Old and older will cost \$250.00 to register.

After discussion it was decided that instead of registered by 12/31 it should be changed to submitted by 12/31. Tom Lowry made a motion to change the word from registered to submitted on the Registration Application. Maureen Quackenbush seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

XI: Executive Session – Executive Session unavailable via phone.

XII: Round Table (optional) -None.

XIII: Closing Remarks: Andy Freseth, President - Andy stated this will be his last time to adjourn a meeting. He thanked everyone on the board for their thoughts and help.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Lowry and was seconded by Karen Waldron. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:13p.m.