

**American Hackney Horse Society- 2018 Board of Directors Meeting  
October 14, 2018 2:00pm EST, Teleconference**

**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, Matt Schuckert, Karen Waldron

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

AHHS Youth Medallion Showmanship in Hand Final at Kansas City – This will be the last class of the Friday AM session. As of this meeting there are 10 qualified.

National Academy Championship – Interview Contest – Contestants will submit a 30 second video interviewing a trainer at Academy Championship that currently has a Hackney pony at his/her farm. Find out why the trainer likes Hackneys and what makes them good show partners. Contestant must be in the video and asking questions. Sponsored by Heritage Stables, Bryan & Katy Earehart.

Demonstration and Meet and Greet – Nick Schubert will present The Ivy League on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon as well as a meet and greet.

USEF Proposed Rule changes for the Hackney Division were provided with no questions from the board.

USEF Proposed Rule Change GR8 was provided. This rule proposes prohibiting equine tail alteration in all breeds and disciplines as well as prohibiting bustles and tail sets. There was much discussion over this. The Hackney Rules committee has not seen this proposal. Maureen is going to contact Smith Lilly, President of UPHA, to discuss this proposed rule change.

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

A scammer went to the AHHS website and set up a fake email address using Maureen's email address to "mask" the fake address. The scammer then sent emails to several board members asking them to send money to an account on behalf of the AHHS and that Toni Nastali would reimburse them. One board member sent the money to the scammer. Maureen apologized that this happened to our board member and advised the board she would never send an email asking any one to send money anywhere on behalf of the AHHS. If any board member receives a similar email in the future, please call Maureen and let her know and please do not send any money.

**V.Office Report**

The membership numbers look good this year and Taylor is anticipating more memberships before the year ends. The office will start taking 2019 memberships toward the end of November. About 50 shows held Youth Medallion classes and 3 participants in the Open Competition Program. Taylor has started working on check s for the payouts for the Futurity and LBS. She hopes to have those out soon.

Jacque Pack, the intern from Midway University, is almost done with her hours. She should be done by the of October.

Membership:1021 Members in 2018 as of October 13, 2018

Membership Breakdown:

727 Senior Members  
125 Junior Members  
145 Life Members – Active (157 Total)  
3 Associate Members

Registrations: 263 Registrations as of October 13, 2018

Transfers: 291 transfers as of October 13,2018

Facebook: Horse Lingo is maintaining with the help of Maureen Quackenbush. As of the meeting the page is up to 15,969 likes. The page contains posts about Hackney ponies, Hackney horses, many alternate disciplines as well as show horses and ponies, and human interest stories.

The Code of Conduct has been posted on the website.

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

The Society has healthy Financials. Net profit is up compared to last year. Carl thanked Toni for doing a fabulous job.

Total Income as of September 2018\$187,399.29

Total Expense as of September 2018\$109,315.27

Net Income as of September 2018\$85,810.81

Total Liabilities & Equity as of September 2018\$775,461.01

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

Mindy reported the Foundation is putting together a fundraiser raffle for 2019. The annual fundraising letter was mailed. The Hackney Bucks program is running smoothly and there will be a presentation about the program during the academy national's instructor meeting. The Foundation scholarships are in the process of being sent to the winners' institutions.

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

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

Members were asked for nominations via an email blast and Facebook post. November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline. Bo stated nominations are coming in.

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

No report

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

The Society is ahead in income and down in expenses.

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

No report

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

U.P.H.A. is no longer paying for the rooms for Secretary and President of AHHS, but our meeting room will be covered by them. Toni Nastali made a motion for the Association to pay room, air fare and expenses for the AHHS president and executive secretary this year and every year thereafter. The motion was seconded by Matt Schuckert. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No Report, but it was noted the increased number of Dutch harness Horses showing in Dressage.

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

There was discussion about opening up the Futurity again and paying late fees to come in as a yearling or 2 year old. This was tabled until the Committee comes up with specific numbers/prices and suggested rules.

**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 will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at the same hotel- Holiday Inn Express and the Board meeting will be a luncheon on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a presentation/speakers about alternate uses for the Hackney outside of the show-ring. Maureen will reach out via FB for people's ideas.

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

No Report. Meeting in November.

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

All Board Members whose term is up this year have committed to run again. Also have Nominations for Matt Lightner, Paige Champion, Joe Jenkins, and Jonelle Chovanec. Matt advises he was searching for one more nominee and had two people interested. He advised he should have a name in the next few days. Maureen advised she needed the name of the last nominee by tomorrow, October 15.

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

Karen reported on WEG. A hackney video played in the Vendor Tent during the event. She also acknowledged the great work of Brian and Katy Earehart and their amazing work at shows, including Louisville, on the Scavenger Hunt.

**Regional Associations: Bryan Earehart, Chair**

Southeastern Hackney Association will be having their annual awards banquet the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in February. Details to follow.

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

Taylor reported that after DNA testing Heartland Ring My Bell is really Heartland Sugar and Spice. The other Sugar and Spice needs to be tested and Taylor provided them with the necessary paperwork

**Trophy Committee: John Wrather, Chair**

No Report

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

UPHA has not had a meeting since July. Their Board has expressed concern over Safe Sport and will review what other Breed Associations are doing. Maureen will report back after their next meeting.

**Youth Medallion Committee: Mindy Preston, Chair, Lisa Cox, Lisa Hilmer, Jonelle Chovanec**

Mindy reported that there will be a reception for the exhibitors on Saturday morning during the show and pictures will be posted to help advertise the classes for next year.

**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.

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

Covered above

**IX. Old Business:**

The Stud Book was discussed and a Committee needs to be formed to look into keeping the book electronic. Toni will check with our software company to see if it can be done with the data already entered into the system.

**X. New Business:**

After discussion about the need to hire a part-time assistant in the Office to cover vacation/sick days etc, a motion was made and passed.

KY State Fair- Maureen will draft a letter for all to review about adding classes and bringing the futurity back. She will send it out to all members for review. Classes include PP Under Saddle, Country Pleasure Driving, Pony Pleasure Under Saddle, and Jr. Exhibitor Hackney Harness classes

Discussion was had around tailoring the Judge's Clinic more towards Hackneys. Melissa will send information to the Judge's Clinic Committee.

KSF Judge's Panel- The board discussed submitting names of judges to the KSF for 2019. Maureen asked the board members to email her a list of 5 names. The judges on the list must have a large R in Hackney, Saddlebred, Roadster and Saddle Seat Equitation and must not have judged KSF in the past 5 years. Maureen will compile the list of judge suggestions, send the list to all board members, and the board will meet via conference call on October 30 at 6 pm to select 5 names to submit to KSF for consideration.

**XI: Executive Session**

None

**XII: Round Table (optional)**

None

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

Maureen thanked the board for being on the call and for their hard work.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Rodney Hicks made a motion to adjourn. Matt Schuckert seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.