

American Hackney Horse Society – 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
October 18, 2021 6:00 PM EST – Zoom

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to order AHHS BOD Meeting: Tom Lowry, President**

- II. **Roll Call – Bryan Earehart Recording Secretary**
Members Present: Bryan Earehart, Andy Freseth, Randy Harper, Rodney Hicks, Tom Lowry, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Chris Schubert, Melissa Moore, Holly Nichols, Karen Waldron

- III. **President’s Report:** Tom Lowry, President
 1. The KSF Hall of Fame Party held Wednesday evening in front of Heritage Stables, Crystal Creeks Farm and Larry Ella Stables stalls, was a huge success. Honoring Trainer Denny Lang and Breeders Ed, and the late Jean Wilson.
 2. The Limited Breeders was held at the All American in Indianapolis IN. With a great turnout of 9 weanlings and 8 Three year olds competing.
 3. Due to email phishing schemes with the Board of Director’s emails, a new system is being implemented on the AHHS website.

- IV. **Foundation Report** – Brian Yount has resigned from his position as President, Mindy Preston acting Vice President will run the next meeting until a new President is voted in.

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

- VI. **Office Report**

Futurity and LBS payout checks have been done and mailed. We are preparing for our busy season coming up between now and December, we will be getting year end registrations and DNA requests; some have already started coming in, sending out the Board election mailing, and sending out sustaining payment reminders. Also, once the American Royal is over, we will start accepting 2022 membership applications.

Membership: 1026 Members in 2021 as of October 14, 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: 337 Registrations in 2021 as of October 14, 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: 488 Transfers as of October 14, 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. The Facebook page has 25,223 likes and 959 on Instagram.

VII. Financial & Treasurer's Report: Toni Nastali

Total Income as of September 2021	\$193,349.03
Total Expense as of September 2021	\$169,192.77
Net Income as of September 2021	\$47,388.93
Total Liabilities & Equity as of September 2021	\$841,116.32

VIII. Committee Reports and Discussion

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

Nominations due November 5, 2021

Audit Committee: Junior Schut, Chair, Anna Marie Knipp

Budget Committee: Toni Nastali, Chair, Junior Schut

No Report.

By-Laws: Toni Nastali, Chair, Courtney Cahill

No Report.

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

The UPHA convention will be held at the Renaissance Orlando. Board meeting will be Wednesday January 5th at 11am. The general member meeting will be held January 6th at 11am

Open Competition/Dressage Committee: Karen Waldron, Chair

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

Update – Amateur Exhibitor Challenge fundraiser. The challenge ended on September 30, we asked the amateurs to submit their wins by October 10th, wins submitted have been verified and spread sheet has been updated, spreadsheet is being sent to the amateurs to verify the information is correct. Once verified we will announce the winning amateur and winning bidder.

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 March 12th 2022. They are having a meeting next week to start working on the annual event.

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

Nominations are currently being worked on with 7 definite; need to have 10 by October 31st.

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

Heritage Stables virtual youth contest had 30 participants, T-shirts are finished printing and will be sent out.

Regional Associations: Bo Lucas, Chair, Matt Lightner

Mid-west Hackney Sale will have 67 ponies entered selling on Saturday morning starting at 10:30am. Friday evening will feature a tack sale and pony preview.

Registry Review: Carl Nichols, Chair, Ricky Harris, Randy Harper

Trophies: Taylor Gregory, Chair

Youth Medallion Finals Medals have been ordered. Once the Awards Committee get the award recipients, Taylor will order the annual awards no later than the middle of November.

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

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

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

Amateur Extraordinary Rule Change Proposals, a straw pull was done with the board members on the Rule Change Proposals the results are as followed and will be sent to USEF

Rule Change 1 recommending amateurs be allowed to perform barn duties. Unanimous Yes to approve.

Rule Change 2 recommending amateurs be allowed to teach and assist with basic or introductory riding lessons. Unanimous No on approval.

Rule Change 3 recommending social media influencers be classified as amateurs. Yes with one abstention to approve.

Rule Change 4 recommending any amateur under the age of 25 who has engaged in professional activities may reapply for their amateur status. Unanimous Yes to approve.

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

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

Old Business:

1. Helping Hackneys Emergency Relief Fund Usage. To be tabled until next meeting.

IX. New Business:

1. Prefix Request : The SS prefix has been approved
2. Member Information Protection on the website has been initiated due to phishing schemes with the Board of Directors emails.
3. Foundation President Update Brian Yount has resigned from the Presidency.
4. State Line Tack and Kensington Protective Products donated prizes for the Champion of the Amateur Exhibitor Challenge, the National Academy Hackney Championship Finals Champions, and the AHHS Youth Medallion Finals Champions. We still need prizes for the rest of the participating amateurs and suggestions for prizes and donations of prizes/funds to purchase prizes are still needed. Mellissa Moore has offered to sponsor picture frames.
5. Sponsorship and prizes for the National Academy Hackney Championships have been secured, but we need more entries. As of last week there were only two entries in the under saddle and one in the driving. Joyce Webster advised if we cannot provide an increased number of entries, these classes will be eliminated.

X. Executive Session:

XI. Round Table Excited about the Mid-West Hackney Sale

XII. Closing Remarks:

Tom Lowry thanks the board for attending as good things were discussed.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn:

Rodney Hicks motions to adjourn Randy Harper seconded, the motion carries.