

American Hackney Horse Society – 2019 Board of Directors Meeting
October 29, 2019 5:00 PM EST - 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, Melissa Moore, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Maureen Quackenbush, Lisa Sparrow, Karen Waldron, Rich Campbell, Matt Schuckert, Chris Schubert

III. Foundation Report: Brian Yount

Brian Yount Foundation President;
Mindy Preston Foundation Vice President;

The Foundation Treasurer position is currently vacant Taylor and Toni are taking care of this matter until a treasurer is appointed. Currently Taylor is working with Ava Mores to make sure Hackney Bucks payments are made in a timely manner.

Another \$25,000 has been secured for the Hackney Buck's program. The program is running well. A Committee from the Foundation has been formed and is working with Ava to tighten up rules and regulations going forward into 2020.

The Foundation fundraising letters have been mailed. Currently selling ticket for the Jog cart the drawing will be held at the American Royal.

IV. Committee Reports:

Mindy Preston, Chair of Youth Medallion & Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship

Youth Medallion National Championship entries so far.

Hackney Harness 3

Pleasure Driving 10

Road pony Under Saddle 9

14 – 17 Road Pony 6

13 and Under Road pony 5

Pleasure Pony Under Saddle 5

Showmanship 3

This year for the trainers trophies, winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Terry Bennett's Tack instead of the halters to cut back on cost. The winning

youth will receive jackets with embroidered 2019 Youth Medallion National Champion. One Jacket will be made for the Trophy presentation, the winner will receive a gift certificate to choose size and color. T- shirt will be made again as gifts for each youth entry, and baseball caps for the high-point champion. The breakfast reception will be at 9:30 am on Saturday. A sponsorship letter has been typed up and will be sent out to raise more funds for the Youth Medallion.

V. Approval of minutes: Matt Schuckert made a motion to approve the July 16, 2019 minutes. Karen Waldron seconded motion carries unanimously.

VI. President's Report: Maureen Quackenbush, President

Joint Leadership Council/USEF – Had several Joint Leadership Council meetings since our last Board Meeting. The Arabians voted unanimously to stay with USEF and work to try to improve the relationship between AHA and USEF. After the vote, the Joint Leadership Council put the committee to explore the costs of establishing an alternate national governing body on hold, at least pending meeting with AHA leadership and for an update on the action items from USEF Affiliate conference. The JLC rule change proposal regarding having dormosedan re-classified as therapeutic for clipping and shipping purposes is in the USEF rule change pipeline. A telephone conference between JLC and Dr. Schumacher from USEF was held on October 24. Dr. Schumacher noted, in July, USEF amended the rules to allow the administration of dormosedan up to 48 hours prior to competition if a medication report is filed. They did not add any language regarding clipping or shipping or the substance being therapeutic under those circumstances because adding that language would require a rule change and would have to go through the entire rule change process. He also advised, before USEF could support the rule change, they would need controlled clinical trials to support any parameters set by USEF to enforce the rule. The Council was informed after the USEF board meeting on July 8 & 9 that the rule change proposal exempting amateur exhibitors from Safe Sport training had not made it past the USEF Rules Committee and would not be considered. The USEF Board unanimously approved adding two additional show horse seats to the USEF Affiliate Council and adding one additional show horse breed representative to the USEF Rules Committee. These appointments are in process as the rules and procedure for appointments had to be amended. There is a target date of January to get this accomplished. USEF advises they continue to work with the Center for Safe Sport regarding the Safe Sport processes. The next JLC meeting is November 19.

Driving Spirit Joe Crawford Harrod Memorial Grant – There were 10 applicants and all 10 of the applicants were awarded grant monies in amounts from \$750 up to \$2,500. The total awarded for 2019 was \$11,750.00

Foundation Treasurer – The position is still vacant. The Tennessee accounts are being closed and AHHS is opening new accounts with Chase. Toni and Taylor have been spearheading this. In the past, Foundation donations have been sent to the AHHS office. Taylor would then forward the checks to the Foundation Treasurer to record and deposit. The Foundation Treasurer was to send tax/thank you letters. Going forward, Taylor will deposit Foundation monies directly into the Chase account. Taylor will also issue all Foundation checks and send them to the Foundation’s designee for signature. As well as preparing and sending tax/thank you letters for donation. This process is similar to the process in place for AHHS, should streamline the deposit and payment process, and allow the AHHS to keep a closer eye on the Foundation finances.

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

Approved hiring a new IT vendor and the purchase of a new computer for Taylor after her main computer crashed and was beyond salvage. Amount spent so far is \$776.

VIII. Office Report

Transfer numbers are up compared to last year. Registration numbers for 2019 are fairly comparable to this time last year. We do have some registrations in the office, but have not received DNA back on those to complete the registrations. We are expecting more registrations to come in during November and December as they have in years past. Though, membership numbers are slightly down compared to last year at this time, we do anticipate receiving more prior to, as well as during the American Royal. Towards the end of November, we start accepting 2020 membership applications. Futurity and LBS payout checks are now done and will be out to the winners very soon. Allison continues to work all day on Thursday’s and half days on Friday’s. Currently, Elissa is unable to work any hours.

Membership: 1,002 Members in 2019 as of October 25, 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: 236 Registrations in 2019 as of October 25, 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: 346 Transfers as of October 25, 2019

350 Transfers in 2018
409 Transfers in 2017

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

Currently the Facebook page has 20,948 page likes. For the 20,000th like a contest was created and the winner received a T-shirt or hat from the AHHS store.

IX. Financial & Treasurer's Report: Toni Nastali

Total Income as of October 2019	\$212,156.26
Total Expense as of October 2019	\$130,953.70
Net Income as of October 2019	\$137,319.98
Total Liabilities & Equity as of October 2019	\$810,934.74

Merrill Lynch: Time Rated return by Period: Yearly
Beginning balance: \$464,620
Interest dividends: \$10,906
Closing Balance: \$520,728
Rate of Return (cumulated %): 16.08%

X. Committee Reports and Discussion

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

Nominations are due in by November 10th

Audit Committee: Vern Houston, Chair, Junior Schut

No Report.

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

Carl Nichols made a motion to establish a procedure to reimburse the President for travel and lodging for the President of the AHHS when attending affiliate meetings or events that require representation of the President of the AHHS with prior Executive Board approval. Ricky Harris seconded, the motion carries.

Rodney Hicks made a motion to reimburse Maureen Quackenbush for travel and lodging expenses for 2019. Rich Campbell seconded, the motion carries.

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

No Report.

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

The 2020 Convention will be held in Lexington, KY January 22-25 at The Marriott Griffin Gate. Looking into having clinics and a more hands on experience.

General membership on January 23. Board meeting will be the 22.

UPHA Meeting at the American Royal on November 10.

Open Competition/Dressage Committee: Karen Waldron, Chair

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

Futurity Buy In provision had 4 entries. The program will continue for 2020, with more promotion throughout the year. A note will be sent with new transfers on eligible ponies to help promote.

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

Grand Event Weekend will be back to Kentucky for 2020. March 6 & 7 held in Simpsonville at the Cardinal Club, both Friday and Saturday evening. Working on getting a host hotel. Live auction again this year.

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

Carl Nichols will be having a meeting with the committee in January.

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

Nominations are in nominees include; Karen Waldron, Carl Nichols, Holly Nichols, Ryan Barlowe, Courtney Cahill, George Liberty, Amy Roberts, Hannah Sette, Andy Freseth, Tom Lowry.

Bios are due November 1.

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

Regional Associations: Bryan Earehart, Chair, Courtney Cahill

The South Eastern Hackney association hosted an ice cream social at the North Carolina State Championship that was received well.

The Midwest Hackney Sale was October 26th. 24 ponies were consigned to the sale. The ponies sold well. 22 went through, one pony was sold before the sale, and one no saled during the sale.

Registry Review: Carl Nichols, Chair, Ricky Harris

No Report.

Trophies: John Wrather, Chair

The trophies are finalized for the year. The Youth Medallion Finals awards have been picked up.

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

Report – see item IV.

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

Report – see item IV.

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

A meeting will be October 30 to finalize speck changes to the Youth Medallion classes in the Roadster, Country Pleasure, Pleasure Under Saddle and Pleasure Reinsmanship divisions.

Rich Campbell makes a motion to do away with the heel measurement of Road Ponies. Melissa Moore seconded, the motion carries unanimously.

XI. Old Business:

1. Electronic Stud Book – We have made contact with the publisher and need to review and then forward information to them.
2. Judge' Clinics – Update: AHHS contribution payment of \$1,000 for this year has been sent to ASHA along with the revised letter.

Judges clinics held at the Kentucky Fall Classic had 24 total attendees, 10 of which were new applicants. This was a 3 day clinic with live judging.

The next Clinic will be at the UPHA Convention held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday will be the applicant session. Wednesday will be for all four licenses.

3. State Line Tack (f/k/a Ozark Mini Tack) Sponsorship and Partnership – Sate Line Tack has a new landing page for AHHS members. They have also come up with a process where they will accept Hackney Bucks directly. They have sent us banners to display and promotional materials to give out at the American Royal, which Taylor will ship to Mindy along with the Medallions, pop sockets, string back packs and coloring books.
4. 500 copies of Hackney themed coloring and activity books were generously paid for by Nathan and Betty Rodan and Ricky Harris and Cheryl Innis. We received the coloring and activity books and they are outstanding. Copies were distributed at KSF at the youth reception for the Hackney Photo contest. We provided 50 copies to Julianne Wilson to have on hand for the next Road Pony Camp. We had a request for coloring materials from a therapeutic riding program and we sent 30 copies to them.
5. KSF wrap up and AgLand exhibit – the American Hackney Horse Society, in conjunction with the United Professional Horseman's Association, provided an informational booth in AgLand which was located in the south wing of Freedom Hall. The booth featured educational brochures, banners, and promotional items. The booth was also manned part time to answer questions about the Hackney.

On Tuesday, August 20, at the AgLand exhibit, the AHHS hosted a meet and greet with "Sanctuary", a Hackney roadster pony. Sanctuary was available to the general public for petting and photo opportunities. Sanctuary rides and drives and has been shown primarily by Junior Exhibitors on the Kentucky County Fair circuit. He is also a valuable

member of the Shamrock Farm Road Pony Camp experience. Thank you to Julianne Wilson from Shamrock Farm, and her camp counselors, for bringing Sanctuary for the meet and greet and speaking to the public about the Hackney.

On Wednesday, August 21, the AHHS welcomed Pat and Jay Kennedy to the Lee and Beverly Dunn Hackney Hall of Fame. On Wednesday evening immediately following the last class, the AHHS hosted a Hall of Fame reception to honor the new inductees. The theme for the reception was "Bourbon in the Bluegrass" and featured live music from Whiskey Bent Valley Boys, a Bluegrass trio. Light appetizers and cake were served. Approximately 200 people came out to celebrate the Kennedy's induction. An original Janet Crawford painting was auctioned off with the proceeds to benefit the Joe Crawford Harrod Memorial Grant.

The AHHS also presented a Hackney Youth Contest. The contest ran from Saturday, August 17 through Thursday, August 22, with an awards reception immediately following the last class of the afternoon session on Friday, August 23 at Heritage Stables. The contest encouraged junior exhibitors to seek out Hackney Ponies, take photos of the Hackney, and then explain why their photo submissions made them love the Hackney breed. The awards reception featured a meet and greet with 14 times World Champion and Reserve World Champion roadster pony Moment of Excellence. "Moment" was made available by Ella Stables for photo and petting opportunities. The juniors were also given the opportunity to try on roadster silks. Pizza was served and cash prizes were awarded in each division. All participants received Hackney swag items and sweet treats. The contest was open to all youth and the youth did not need to be a member of the AHHS to participate.

On Saturday, August, 24, the AHHS hosted a meet and greet at AgLand with reigning World Champion of Champions The Ivy League, a Hackney pleasure driving pony, and his owner/exhibitor, Nick Schubert. "Prince" arrived at AgLand wearing his blanket of roses and his World Champion of Champions ribbons, and was made available to the general public for photo and petting opportunities. Many lucky kids also had the opportunity to treat Prince with peppermints. Thank you to Nick and Chris Schubert for bringing Prince to AgLand and speaking to the general public about the magnificent Hackney Breed.

6. Sponsorship of UPHA Classics and Youth Medallion Finals at the American Royal – Taylor sent out letters asking for sponsorships in any

amount for the UPHA Classics and Youth Medallion Finals. Amount raised to date: \$1,400

7. Hackney Youth of the Year Contest

Working on ideas to develop. Maybe a different venue such as The American Royal.

XII. New Business:

1. AHHS – USEF Affiliate Contract

Toni Nastali makes a motion to sign the USEF affiliate contract with a \$200 a year affiliation fee. Seconded by Rich Campbell, motion carries unanimously.

2. USEF National Breeds and Disciplines Council National Affiliates Advisory Group

Steve Kildow is the current representative. He will be reappointed by Maureen Quackenbush.

3. Renewing the letter to ask for more classes at the KSF Worlds Championship horse show.

4. Will be submitting a list of Judges the AHHS would like to see judge Louisville. 5 names will be selected by each board member by November 20. The judges with the most votes will be submitted to the KSF show committee.

XIII. Executive Session:

Not needed

XIV. Round Table

Rodney Hicks makes a motion to donate \$500 to Jennifer Robertson's fund for her daughter Lila, Rich Campbell seconds the motion carries unanimously.

XV. Closing Remarks:

Maureen Quackenbush thanks everyone for their time and all the hard work.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn:

Rodney Hicks motions to adjourn. Karen Waldron seconded, the motion carries.