

**American Hackney Horse Society- 2015 Board of Directors Meeting  
November 21, 2015- UPHA National Office, Lexington, Kentucky**

**Meeting Agenda**

**I. Call to Order:** Andy Freseth, President.

**II. Roll call – Mindy Preston, Recording Secretary**

Members Present: T.J. Blevins, Rich Campbell, Dr. Bing Crosby, Missy Fleming, Andy Freseth, Brooke Jacobs, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Matthew Schuckert, Junior Schut, Sandra Surber, Kent Swalla, John Wrather, Brian Yount

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 30, 2105.**

Rich Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Kent Swalla. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. USEF Decision**

The AHHS has been asked by USEF to enforce a ban on a member, Randall Cates. If the AHHS does not comply we will lose affiliate status. The USEF bylaws state that any affiliate must follow USEF's lead. In order to answer questions, two representatives from USEF were at the meeting.

After discussion among the board members Rich Campbell made a motion that the AHHS uphold their contractual agreement with the USEF Affiliation Agreement. Sandra Surber seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Executive Committee:** Andy Freseth, Chair.

No issues to report.

**VI. President's Report:** Andy Freseth, President

USEF sent a request for the AHHS to appoint a breed liaison. Steve Kildow was asked two years ago. Andy asked John and Mindy if it was ok with them to reappoint him and he has been reappointed.

**VII. Office Report:** Ashley Redmon

The office has been running smoothly, things have slowed down a little in November. Only a couple of things to mention. First, after looking at insurance options, the best decision is still to stick with Anthem through the AHHS. There may be a plan option that lowers the Out of Pocket Maximum some, but research still needs to be done during open enrollment.

Second, Ashley has spoken with the Foundation about the need to order a booth this entire year. Unfortunately I have not gotten a clear response. The last she heard was from Karen Homer Brown, who said that she did not think the Foundation would order a new booth, but that she would talk to Jay Kennedy. With the convention soon approaching, I think that we should consider purchasing a booth ourselves. Ashley has looked at similar booths in the \$400-\$700 range. When the booth was shipped it was insured for \$168 and the office has received that money.

Membership: As of 11/21/2015 – Senior Members: 679(down 87); Junior Members: 120 (up 10); Life Members: 135 (up 3) Total Membership: 934

Registrations: Ponies Registered – 291 (Up 34 from this time last year)

Horses Registered – 10 (Down 5 from this time last year)

Facebook: Facebook is being maintained daily – Our AHHS page has 2,213 likes (up 90 from July), our Registry page has 1,799 friends (up 319 from July)

The lease for the copier is up December 5<sup>th</sup>. It currently costs \$112/month. Our options are to ship it back, buy it out for \$1,163 plus tax, or trade it in for an upgrade for a cost of \$111/month. TJ Blevins made a motion to upgrade the copier and Matt Schuckert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The floor was then opened for questions:

Sandra Surber is purchasing and donating the new booth to AHHS.

**VIII. Financial & Treasurer's Report:** Junior Schut, Chair

Rich Campbell asked about the 4/5 Year old futurity money. Ashley and Junior are still looking for the records as to who the recipients of the money are.

John Wrather asked about the status of the Gwen Stableford estate. Ashley stated that the estate had requested some documents from the office and those have been sent. She was told that this would be a long process. Junior stated we will need to decide where the money should go.

Matt Schuckert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as given. Kent Swalla seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Missy Fleming stated that she would like a treasurer's report as a part of the agenda that is sent out prior to the meeting. Junior apologized and stated that the bank statement had just been received.

**VIII. Foundation Liaison and Promotion:** Dr. Bing Crosby, Chair

Two scholarships were given at the All American Classic for \$2,500 each. Only two applications were received, but there were two more scholarships available. Sandra is going to work on email blasts to help get the word out about these scholarships.

**IX. Committee Reports and Discussion**

**Annual Awards:** Brooke Jacobs, Chair

The committee is meeting again, but most of the awards have been chosen.

**Audit Committee and By-laws:** Missy Fleming, Chair, John Wrather

No Audit report.

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**By-laws:** Missy Fleming, Chair

We must stick to our by-laws, which currently state we will have a meeting in October, which the last two years we have met in November instead. Maureen Quackenbush stated that we need to change the bylaw date or make the meeting in October. Missy added there should not be a hard date in there. Toni Nastali suggested that it should instead state quarterly.

John Wrather made a motion that the bylaw language be changed to state the board meeting will occur in the fourth quarter. TJ Blevins seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Missy will draw up a resolution and send it to Ashley.

**Convention:** Andy Freseth, Chair.

Rooms at The Westin are filling up quickly. Rooms at the convention rate for Tuesday are all taken. Ashley added that we need items for the Silent Auction from each Board Member if possible.

**Open Competition/Dressage Committee:** Sandra Surber, Chair.

It's a small, but enthusiastic group. Sandra will submit the year end points. The brochure should be complete by January/February. Thank you to John Wrather for funding this project. Sandra would like to continue to chair or be a member of this and the Hackney Horse Committee. She also added that it has been a privilege to serve on the board.

**National Breeders' Futurity:** Ryan Kildow, Chair, Matt Schuckert.

There was a good turnout, numbers up significantly and the payouts have been sent. The money from the Friends of the Hackney has not been received. AHHS has covered the money so that the payouts could be sent out.

Ryan has contacted them. It was suggested that someone new give them a call.

**Limited Breeders' Weanling & 3-Year-Old Stakes, & Stallion Auction Committee:** Ryan Kildow, Chair, Tom Lowry.

Rodney Hicks stated that they are working on a new location for the LBS Dinner and Auction, possibly Keeneland. Steve Kildow was looking at the horse race track in Anderson. Right now the committee was waiting on the selection of the committee chair, before moving forward.

**Membership/Membership Directory:** Rich Campbell, Chair.

There was a delay waiting on the ads for the directory. Also there were four different changes to the registry of our system. The latest update has been sent to the printer and we should be able to send them out with membership renewals.

**Nominating Committee:** Rich Campbell, Chair.

It was a good group, but Rich recommended having eleven names in case one person backed out at the last minute.

**Regional Associations:** Maureen Quackenbush, Chair

Maureen sent out an email to all of the regions. Bo Lucas called her and we now have four of the representatives on our board, so they can give their own reports. Maureen did state that Western States sent her an email saying they were sad that this was Sandra's last year on the board and were hoping she could remain the Open Competition Chair. Maureen also stated that New York's numbers were up. The state fair had its best year. Smaller shows offered classes and there were a large number of hackneys showing in carriage and dressage. There is also a pony rescue in New York now. Andy asked the reason for the increase in numbers and Maureen stated that she thinks it is because other pony breeds have picked up Hackneys and she has also handed out brochures at all of the local shows.

Rodney Hicks gave the report for the Northeast Region. They are helping out at the convention working on the Silent Auction. Some of the items include a Devon Package, a Berkshire Package, and a Saratoga Package. A fashion designer did a photo shoot with hackneys. A Hackney is being built for a Carousel. There are some new people in the association.

Bo Lucas gave the report for Southeastern. Membership has grown to over 110. Three high point winners this year with 61 nominated. They have an incentive program where six designated shows gave members a chance to win an extra \$100. They had a tack auction. Members have done well at bigger shows. There will be a general meeting in February.

Junior Schut gave the report for Michigan. They invited the Shetlands to join association and they have basically taken over. There are more ASB trainers that have hackneys now.

Sandra Surber gave the report for Western States. They have a chat group online. Distance and lack of numbers is a problem. It consists mostly of hackney horses. At a combined driving event, five hackney horses competed.

**Registry Review/Stud Book:** John Wrather, Chair, Pat Kennedy.

No issues.

**Trophy Committee:** John Wrather, Chair

We gave out halters and leads from Pat and the sheets saved us money versus the coolers.

**UPHA Liaison:** Andy Freseth, Chair.

At the last Kentucky State Fair Advisory Board meeting it was decided that the gate by the Courtyard would be a designated gate for WCHS exhibitors. They are looking at adding another gate as well. There are plans to repurpose and tear down the stadium. In its place will be a building like the east wing that will hold 1000 portable stalls. A warm up ring would also be built.

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

Mindy would like to thank our committee members; Kent Swalla, Kim Becker, Lisa Hillmer, Meredith Steinhauer, and Amy Weiler. This year we decided to have T-shirts made up with the AHHS Logo on the front and the phrase "Kansas City Here I Come" on the back. During the American Royal we handed these shirts out to the exhibitors and their trainers and at the same time we handed out the invitations for the reception. We had a great turn out for the reception this year. We served a Subway lunch with chips and drinks and announced each exhibitor and presented them a Weekender Bag. We also gave out the High Point Youth Medallion Awards; halters to the champions and picture frames to the reserve champions.

Before the classes began on Friday each exhibitor received a bio sheet to fill out. These bios were read during the lineup of each class. Each exhibitor also made a victory pass with their participation ribbon and class ribbon. Champions received a halter and lead shank along with a gold medallion and the winning trainer received a halter. Reserve champions received a silver medallion.

This year there were 24 different exhibitors compared to 22 last year. We had several new exhibitors and a lot of exhibitors from 2014 returned in 2015.

	2015	2014
Pleasure Driving	4	7
Hackney/Harness	2	4
Road Pony Under Saddle	3	4
Pleasure Under Saddle	4	6
Road Pony 13 & Under	5	5
Road Pony 14-17	5	4

Plans for 2016 are underway. The remaining t-shirts will be handed out as each exhibitor qualifies for the finals. Our biggest project will be a fundraiser for the program. We have received permission from the Blue Ridge Classic Horse Show to host an Adult Road Pony Under Saddle Class, more details will be available at a later meeting.

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

Currently tabulating points, there are some junior exhibitors who currently are not members. We will send letters out to them encouraging them to join.

**X. Old Business:**

USEF Rule Update: The rule proposed to eliminate backing in Amateur Cobtail and Harness Pony classes was disapproved by the USEF Hackney Rules Committee unanimously. The decision must be made either drop the rule or send it to the general membership for a vote. Matt Schuckert made a motion that the proposed rule change be sent to the general membership for a vote. John Wrather seconded. The motion carried with Sandra Surber abstaining.

**XI. New Business:**

Maureen Quackenbush received an email in regards to someone who normally shows their pony as a pleasure driving pony, but wanted to give a child the opportunity to show the pony as a roadster under saddle at a different show. The current rule states that only one switch may be made during a year, so that pony would only be able to show as a roadster pony for the remainder of the year. One reason this rule was put into effect was to keep ponies showing as harness ponies all season, and then showing as a pleasure pony at Louisville.

Maureen Quackenbush made a motion to remove the wording of "one switch of division" if we can get qualifying rules for Kentucky State Fair. Brian Yount seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The next President will speak with Scarlett about pleasure driving qualifying.

**XII: Executive Session**

No executive session

**XIII: Round Table**

Junior Schut suggested that an award be created in Lee Dunn's Honor. Kent Swalla asked what type of award.

TJ Blevins suggested the Lee Dunn Ambassador of the Hackney Breed Award. Junior will work on criteria for the award.

**XIV: Closing Remarks: Andy Freseth, President**

Andy thanked the outgoing board members, their service has been invaluable. John Wrather was an unbelievable help to him. He thanked everyone for their time and patience.

**XV. Motion to Adjourn**

Sandra Surber made a motion to adjourn. Brooke Jacobs seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

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**IV. Election of Officers**

John Wrather **remained** for the 2016 Board Member Meeting to run the elections.

Secretary: Missy Fleming nominated Mindy Preston and Matt Schuckert seconded. Junior Schut made a motion to close nominations and Brooke Jacobs seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer: Junior Schut announced that he no longer wanted to be treasurer. Matt Schuckert nominated Toni Nastali and Missy Fleming seconded. Junior Schut made a motion to close nominations and Brian Yount seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Vice President: Rich Campbell nominated Matt Shuckert and TJ Blevins seconded. Rodney Hicks nominated Rich Campbell and Junior Schut seconded. **Junior Schut made a motion to close nominations, Mindy Preston seconded motion. Rich withdrew his name as Vice President..** Motion carried unanimously.

President: TJ Blevins nominated Rich Campbell and Matt Schuckert seconded. Rodney Hicks nominated Andy Freseth and Junior Schut seconded. Junior Schut made a motion to close nominations and Mindy Preston seconded. After counting ballots Rich Campbell was elected President.

**V. Assignment of Committee Chairs**

Foundation: Dr. Bing Crosby, Chair and Brian Yount

Annual Awards: Brooke Jacobs, Chair, Andy Freseth, Maureen Quackenbush

Audit: Missy Fleming, Chair, Toni Nastali

Bylaws: Missy Fleming, Chair

Convention: Rich Campbell, Chair

Open Competition: Sandra Surber, Chair

National Breeders Futurity: Bo Lucas, Chair, Matt Schuckert

Membership: Andy Freseth

Nominating: Kent Swalla, Chair, Rodney Hicks

LBS: Matt Schuckert, Chair, Rodney Hicks

Regional: Maureen Quackenbush

Registry: Junior Schut, Chair, TJ Blevins

Youth Medallion: Mindy Preston, Chair, Kent Swalla

Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship: Mindy Preston, Chair, Brian Yount

Trophies: John Wrather

Executive Committee: Rich Campbell, Toni Nastali, Matt Schuckert

Rich would like to see the association move forward. Maureen Quackenbush added that it would be nice to have the minutes within 30 days of the meeting and approve them at that time. Junior Schut added that he would like to see more things put on the website, including the minutes.

**VI. Motion to Adjourn**

TJ Blevins made a motion to adjourn and Brooke Jacobs seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.