

**American Hackney Horse Society-Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2015- Teleconference 7:30pm**

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order: Rich Campbell, President.

II. Members Present: T.J. Blevins, Rich Campbell, Missy Flemming, Andy Freseth, Rodney Hicks, Brooke Jacobs, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Matt Schuckert, Junior Schut, Kent Swalla, Brian Yount

III. Recording Secretary Position: Rich Campbell advised Mindy Preston had held the position of recording secretary for three years and, according to the bylaws, was not eligible to hold the position for a fourth year. Rich asked the board for nominations for the position. Rodney Hicks nominated Maureen Quackenbush. The nomination was seconded by Junior Schut. There were no other nominations from the floor and the nominations were closed. A vote was taken and was unanimous. Rich thanked Mindy for her service and for the outstanding job she has done as recording secretary for the past three years. The entire board concurred and also thanked Mindy for her service.

IV. Pleasure Pony Qualification for Louisville and Proposed Cross Entry Rule Change: Rich Campbell spoke with Scarlett Mattson and she will put in qualifying for the Hackney Pleasure Driving Division that mirrors the qualifying for the American Saddlebred pleasure horses. In order to show in adult or junior exhibitor Hackney Pleasure Driving classes at Louisville, the pony will need to have shown in 6 classes and 3 shows in the Hackney Pleasure Driving division. The classes and the shows can be USEF rated or non-rated shows. The qualifying provision will not effect the junior pony pleasure driving classes and junior ponies will not need to qualify for the junior pony pleasure driving classes for Louisville. Based on the qualifying provision, the motion to eliminate the one change of section per year (per owner of record) rule was passed and will be sent to the USEF for approval. Maureen Quackenbush will work on the language of the proposed rule change and send the proposal to Ashley Redmon and Rich Campbell.

V. Awards Update: The awards for 2015 have been completed by the Awards Committee and submitted to the office.

VI. LBS: Matt Schuckert reported that the LBS Stallion Auction has been scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2016, at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana. The casino is located about 20 minutes from the Louisville airport. The annual general membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the LBS weekend. Dr. Crosby has offered his facility for a driving clinic at no charge. The facility is heated and is about 20 minutes from the Horseshoe Casino. Mindy Preston will be in charge of the driving clinic. Ashley Redmon will send out a notice of the annual meeting to the general membership at least 60 days prior to the general membership meeting so that we are in compliance with the bylaws. More details will follow as they become available. Matt advised the Casino will provide us with meeting rooms and the grand ballroom for the auction and dinner and any other support we may need. The Casino also offered a discounted rate on rooms if the board would commit to a two year deal. After much discussion, it was decided to try the location for 2016 and if it is successful, we will discuss committing to a two year deal for 2017 and 2018.

VII. AHHS Foundation: The Foundation is and has been stagnant and the board would like to see the Foundation move forward. Missy Flemming has searched for the articles of incorporation and the bylaws for

the Foundation and only found the articles of incorporation. Andy Freseth has copies of both the bylaws and the articles of incorporation. Andy was asked to provide a copy of the Foundation bylaws to Ashley Redmon for Ashley to distribute to the members of the AHHS board of directors. The bylaws of the Foundation state that the AHHS board of directors oversees the Foundation and the Foundation is to report to the AHHS board of directors. The Foundation has not reported to the AHHS board for many years and there is no communication between the Foundation and the AHHS board. The Foundation has not held a meeting of its board for at least several years. The Foundation also has not provided a report or a financial report to the AHHS board for several years. Additionally, there does not seem to be communication between the board members of the Foundation. Article 8 of the articles of incorporation provide that the individuals on the board of directors of the Foundation are appointed by the AHHS board of directors and the AHHS board of directors has the right to remove directors of the Foundation with or without cause. The expectation of the AHHS board is that the Foundation board will meet on a regular basis, provide a report and financial report at every quarterly AHHS board meeting, and that a member of the Foundation board of directors attend the quarterly AHHS board meetings. The consensus of opinion was that the AHHS board of directors needs to be in control of the Foundation and needs to assume oversight of the Foundation board. After much discussion, it was decided Rich Campbell will speak with some of the current members of the Foundation and some prospective members to determine if there are interested in serving on the Foundation board and Rich will report back to the AHHS board. Once the interest level of the current and prospective members of the Foundation board has been ascertained, the AHHS board will decide on how best to proceed.

VIII. Proposed Backing Rule: Ashley Redmon reported that the USEF had contacted her and asked whether the board wanted then to vote on the proposed backing rule now or wait until the general membership vote on the proposal has been received and tallied. The USEF was asked to delay their decision until after the membership vote has been completed. The membership vote went out with the stallion contracts for the LBS. The board was encouraged to talk to anyone they know who owns a stallion and encourage them to commit their stallions to the LBS this year.

Meeting ended at 8:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Quackenbush
Recording Secretary