

**American Hackney Horse Society- 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 2016- Super Convention, Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts**

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order: Rich Campbell, President.

II. Roll call – Maureen Quackenbush, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Rodney Hicks, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Matthew Schuckert, Junior Schut, Brian Yount

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 21, 2015 (outgoing board); November 21, 2015 (incoming board); December 14, 2015 (telephone conference). Rodney Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes as modified by the suggestions of Junior Schut, and was seconded by Matt Schukert. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Committee: Rich Campbell, Chair. No issues to report under this heading.

V. President's Report: Rich Campbell, President. No issues to report under this heading

VI. Office Report: Ashley Rader. The office is quite busy this time of year, even more busy than usual with preparation for the upcoming LBS weekend. We have received quite a few registrations in December and those DNA kits were ordered throughout the month of January. There are currently 13 horse registrations in office now and pending. We are steadily receiving memberships and will continue to receive memberships throughout the year. Memberships are up from this time last year. Thanks to Sandra Surber, we were able to order a new booth in time for the convention. We have received our new Savin copier. Also, we received a recommendation from our IT provider to upgrade our computer and server. The new equipment is in, but not set up yet.

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VII. Financial & Treasurer's Report: Toni Nastali, Chair. Ashley has been doing a good job with record keeping. One of the duties of the treasurer is to make sure all members of the board of directors sign a conflict of interest policy. This is required by law for all non-profit corporations. Hard copies of the conflict of interest agreement were handed out to all board members in attendance personally and copies will be emailed to all board members not at the convention. The conflict of interest agreement is modeled after one used by

the American Saddlebred Museum.

***Due to technical difficulties with the teleconferencing equipment in the Westin Conference Room, the meeting was suspended at 1:13 pm, with instructions for teleconferencing board members to recall into the meeting. The meeting was called back to order at 1:16 pm by President Rich Campbell and a second roll call was taken by Recording Secretary, Maureen Quackenbush. All board members present at the first roll call were present at the second roll call.

VII. Financial & Treasurer's Report: (Continued) Toni Nastali, Chair. Toni has reviewed the books for both the AHHS and the AHHS Foundation. She submitted the 2014 income tax returns for both the AHHS and the AHHS Foundation to the accounting firm of Kolnicki, Peterson, & Wirth LLC, 1400 Opus Place Suite 100, Downers Grove, IL 60515, and asked for an estimate on the cost to have the 2015 income tax returns for both the AHHS and the AHHS professionally prepared by them. The estimated cost was \$1,250.00 for the AHHS and \$750.00 for the AHHS Foundation. It was noted that Junior Schut personally paid an personal accountant \$500.00 for assistance in preparing the 2014 AHHS tax return. The accountant provided Junior with assistance in preparing the return and Junior filed the tax return. The Foundation has been employing an outside accounting firm to prepare and file Foundation income tax returns and the cost has been more than the \$750.00 quoted by Kolnicki, Peterson and Wirth. The board discussed reimbursing Junior for the cost of the accountant for 2014 and Junior graciously declined the offer and advised the board to consider the \$500.00 a donation. A motion was made by Junior Schut to engage the firm of Kolnicki, Peterson, & Wirth LLC, to have the 2015 AHHS and AHHS Foundation tax returns professionally prepared and filed. The motion was seconded by Maureen Quackenbush. The motion passed unanimously.

Toni advised that once the conflict of interest statements are signed and returned by the board members, she will send financial statements monthly to each board member via email. Toni and Junior will meet to review the LBS and Futurity financials.

VIII. Open Competition Program: Sandra Surber, Chair. Sandra submitted a report to Ashley Redmon advising there was some new participation in the program in 2015. One person dropped out. The point keeper had illness/personal matters to attend to and was not able to tabulate the points as quickly as hoped. They are considering bringing in a second point keeper to help out with the results and standings. The results have been tabulated, posted on Facebook and on the website, and sent out in a "Hackney Happenings" email blast. The ribbons are ordered and on their way. Ashley will distribute them as soon as they are received.

IX. Limited Breeders' Weanling & 3-Year-Old Stakes, & Stallion Auction Committee: Matt Schuckert, Chair. Matt reported that the LBS Stallion Auction is a little down the number of stallions participating, but the committee is very pleased with the quality of the stallions. Matt asked that people send in their reservations as soon as possible. Each table will have a centerpiece which will be awarded to someone at the table at the end of the auction.

An issue has arisen regarding a stallion service purchased through a previous auction. The stallion was injured while breeding a mare and was unable to breed the rest of the season. The stallion owner will honor a breeding for this year and the mare owner as inquiring as to whether or not the resulting foal would be eligible for the LBS. It was discussed that the LBS funds are earmarked for the year the breeding is purchased. Therefore, if something happens, the stallion is injured, the mare loses the foal, etc., the stallion owner can honor the breeding for the next season but the resulting foal cannot be nominated for the LBS.

X. Old Business: Update on the pleasure pony qualifying for Louisville and the one change of division per year rule change proposal. The one change of division per year rule change proposal is under consideration by the USEF for expedited approval as an extraordinary rule change because of the belief that it will increase participation. USEF will meet the last weekend in February to consider the rule for expedited status. There will also be a meeting the last week of February by the executive committee of the World Championship Horse Show to consider/approve the qualify provision for pleasure ponies at Louisville. The provision cannot take effect until the 2017 World Championship Horse Show because the qualifying period is July 1 to June 30 and more than half of the year has passed. The qualifying provision, if approved, will begin July 1, 2016 for the 2017 horse show. The provision will not include junior ponies. Rich Campbell will update the board as soon as he hears from the USEF and the WCHS executive committee.

Bylaw Change regarding Fourth Quarter Board Meeting: Ballots regarding the bylaw change regarding the fourth quarter board meeting will be sent out to the general membership at least 60 days prior to the July 2016 board meeting. The ballots will be sent out with a separate envelope for a sealed ballot, in a manner similar to the annual general election.

AHHS Foundation: In response to the Board's request for voluntary resignations from all of the Foundation board members, five of the eight Foundation board members have tendered resignations and those resignations have been accepted. Two resignations have been tendered and are pending, and we did not receive a response from the remaining Foundation board member. Efforts will be made to contact the remaining board member to ascertain their intentions. Toni Nastali is in the process of reviewing the financials of the Foundation and will report to the board when this is complete. After much discussion, a motion was made by Rodney Hicks and seconded by Matt Schuckert to appoint Toni Nastali, John Wrather, Brian Yount, Mindy Preston, and Keith Johnson as Foundation board members and to come back to the next board meeting with additional names for consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Toni will finish auditing the Foundation financials and set them up on the computer. Once the Foundation financials are computerized and up and running, Toni will step down and a new Foundation board member will be appointed in her place. The Foundation board will be filled out with an additional four or six members for a total of either nine or eleven Foundation board members.

XI. Round Table: Andy Freseth advised that he will not be in attendance at the next board meeting and LBS Grand Weekend due to a scheduling conflict.

Rodney Hicks asked the board members to submit names of other potential Foundation board members for consideration by the AHHS board at the next board meeting on February 25, 2016.

Bo Lucas advised that he also will not be in attendance at the next board meeting and LBS Grand Weekend due to a scheduling conflict.

None of the other board members in attendance had any further comments.

XII. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Schuckert and seconded by Junior Schut. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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