

**American Hackney Horse Society 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
March 21, 2016- Teleconference**

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order: Rich Campbell, President called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m..

II. Roll call – Maureen Quackenbush, Recording Secretary

Members Present: T.J. Blevins, Rich Campbell, Dr. Bing Crosby, Missy Fleming, Andy Freseth, Rodney Hicks, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Matthew Schuckert, Junior Schut, Kent Swalla, Brian Yount. John Wrather, President of the AHHS Foundation was also present as a guest for a report on the Foundation and to present potential board members for the Foundation to the AHHS Board.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2016, quarterly board meeting. Matt Schuckert made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016, quarterly board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mindy Preston. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Foundation Liaison and Promotion: John Wrather, Chair - Toni Nastali reported that all the financials for the Foundation are now on Quickbooks and have been turned over to Treasurer Keith Johnson. The financials for the year ending December 31, 2015, are with the accountants who need a list of the officers. John Wrather advised that the financial information has been delivered back to the Foundation and John thanked Toni for all of her efforts. John advised he had contacted 6 people on the rough list of names for possible Foundation board members asking them if they were interested in filling out the remaining Foundation board seats. John believes the Foundation board has come up with a diverse group consisting of trainers, breeders and exhibitors. The names presented to the AHHS board were Mark Hyatt, Bert Keefer, Mark Wahl, Nicole Laver, Denise Trethaway, and Ali Wellington-Nunley. Although it was originally discussed that the Foundation board would be filled with nine members, the Foundation board decided they wished to fill the board with eleven members, the maximum allowed by the Foundation bylaws. It was discussed that the AHHS office had received the written resignations of former Foundation board members, Juliet McDonald and Anne Bakke. While the AHHS office has not received the written resignation of Joe Jenkins, Mr. Jenkins advised the AHHS office by telephone that he was resigning and had sent in his letter of resignation.

T.J. Blevins asked for the current balance in the Foundation accounts. Toni advised the balance as of December 31, 2015, was \$40,591.00. Toni advised Keith Johnson should be able to produce financial statements using Quickbooks and present the financial statements to the AHHS Board. John Wrather advised that the Foundation board will meet three times each year, just prior to three of the AHHS quarterly board meetings and submit a report and financial report to the AHHS Board.

It was decided to discuss the qualifications of each potential Foundation board member and vote for each potential board member individually.

Mark Hyatt, a breeder from Kentucky - Dr. Hyatt's qualifications were discussed. A motion was made by Matt Schuckert and seconded by Toni Nastali to appoint Mark Hyatt to the Foundation board of directors. Dr. Hyatt's appointment was passed by the AHHS board by unanimous vote.

Bert Keefer, a breeder and recent USEF judge from Michigan - Bert Keefer's qualifications were discussed. A motion was made by Rodney Hicks and seconded by Junior Schut to appoint Bert Keefer to the Foundation board of directors. Bert Keefer's appointment was passed by the AHHS board by unanimous vote.

Mark Wahl, a breeder and exhibitor from Michigan - Mark Wahl's qualifications were discussed. A motion was made by Junior Schut and seconded by Brian Yount to appoint Mark Wahl to the Foundation board of directors. Mark Wahl's appointment was passed by the AHHS board by unanimous vote.

Nicole Laver, a hackney horse breeder and exhibitor from Kentucky - Nicole Laver's qualifications were discussed. A motion was made by Toni Nastali and seconded by Andy Freseth to appoint Nicole Laver to the Foundation board of directors. Nicole Laver's appointment was passed by the AHHS board by unanimous vote.

Denise Trethaway, an owner and exhibitor from South Carolina - Denise Trethaway's qualifications were discussed. A motion was made by Mindy Preston and seconded by Missy Flemming to appoint Denise Trethaway to the Foundation board of directors. Denise Trethaway's appointment was passed by the AHHS board by unanimous vote.

Ali Wellington- Nunley, an owner and exhibitor from North Carolina - Ali Wellington- Nunley's qualifications were discussed. A motion was made by Bo Lucas and seconded by Andy Freseth to appoint Ali Wellington- Nunley to the Foundation board of directors. Ali Wellington- Nunley's appointment was passed by the AHHS board by unanimous vote.

John Wrather thanked the AHHS Board for its support and advised that Mindy Preston had given him information on the existing programs and how they work. John noted that the Foundation board is currently working on scholarships and the Medallion program and then will start on new ideas.

There was discussion regarding others who had expressed interest in serving as members of the Foundation board and whether or not these individuals were considered by the Foundation as potential members. John Wrather advised that others were considered, however there were only six seats available. John advised the Foundation is looking for ideas and will take suggestions and ideas from anyone and everyone who has ideas for promotion and education. John was advised by the Board that the Board needs pamphlets to give out at horse shows and events for promotion of the Hackney.

Toni Nastali noted that the Foundation did not do any fund raising in 2014 or 2015. There were a few small contributions during this time period and money disbursed for scholarships, which accounts for the balance change from approximately \$48,000 at the end of 2013 to the \$40,591 that is currently on hand.

John Wrather also reported he would be going to the Carriage Association of America in the near future to pick up the curio case that the AHHS has been paying \$3,000 per year for storage. John then left the Board meeting.

V. Committee Reports

Audit Committee: Missy Fleming, Chair - Missy advised the audit was performed on February 26, 2016, during the Limited Breeder's Sweepstakes weekend. The audit focused on the LBS and included

reviewing the October 31, 2015, financial statement. Monies allocated to LBS have been transferred to the LBS account. A copy of the report of the audit committee is attached to the minutes. It was discussed that the Board had previously passed a motion to obtain a professional audit, if an audit was financially feasible. Toni Nastali reported that she had talked with our accountant as requested by the Board. The accountant had found a couple of missteps which have been corrected. The accountant will be reviewing the AHHS and AHHS Foundation Quickbooks every year to prepare the income tax returns. Neither the AHHS nor the AHHS Foundation are required by Kentucky law to do a certified audit and both the AHHS and the AHHS Foundation are under the IRS threshold for requiring a certified audit. As long as at least one member of the Audit Committee is financially literate, the accountant did not recommend obtaining a certified audit as it is neither financially feasible or practical. Based upon the recommendations of the accountant, the Board decided not to have an outside audit performed.

Junior Schut noted that the financials are public to the membership and the Board makes the year end financials available to the membership. Junior asked why the members of the AHHS Board of Directors were made to sign a conflict of interest statement before they could receive a copy of the financial report? Toni Nastali advised that the Board was complying with the laws regarding Board members and non-profit corporations. Toni also advised she was still waiting for signed conflict of interest statements from two board members, Bing Crosby and Bo Lucas. Both Dr. Crosby and Bo Lucas asked to have the forms resent to them and advised they would sign and return them as soon as they were received. Maureen Quackenbush suggested that year end financial statements should be ready and distributed to the membership at the annual general membership meeting. The Board agreed this should be the practice.

Pleasure Pony Qualifying for Louisville Update - Maureen Quackenbush and Rodney Hicks co-chairpersons - Maureen Quackenbush advised that a draft qualifying proposal has been prepared submitted to members of the USEF Hackney Committee for review prior to formal submission. The Committee is in favor of the cross entering rule change proposal but is not high on the qualifying provision. They believe it is restrictive and will limit entries. Changes to the proposal were recommended and a second draft including these changes is just about complete. The proposal will be resubmitted to the USEF Hackney Committee shortly, along with answers to the questions posed by the Committee in their March 18, 2016 memorandum. We have a deadline of April 11, 2016, to submit the qualifying proposal and respond to the memorandum.

Newsletter - Dr. Bing Crosby, Chair - Dr. Crosby advised he would need new software to publish a written newsletter and wanted to know what his budget would be to purchase the software and publish and distribute a newsletter by mail. Rich Campbell advised that the Budget Committee is working on a budget which will be presented to the Board in May.

National Breeders' Futurity: Bo Lucas, Chair - Brian Yount asked for an update on collection of the pledged funds from Friends of the Hackney. Ashley Redmon reported that two of the four had paid and a third person said they would be sending a check. She has not heard from the fourth person. It was discussed that the Friends of the Hackney \$10,000 annual pledge expired in 2015 and the AHHS matched the pledge each year. It was discussed that the AHHS should continue to contribute \$10,000 to the Futurity as long as it is financially feasible. It was also discussed that the Futurity Committee should ask the Friends of the Hackney if they are willing to continue to match the AHHS contribution. A motion was made by Matt Schuckert and seconded by Brian Yount that the AHHS contribute \$10,000.00 to the National Breeder's Futurity for 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The Committee will ask the Friends of the Hackney to re-pledge \$10,000 to match the AHHS contribution.

VI. New Business: Rodney Hicks brought to the Board's attention, that in 2012, a breeder donated a stallion service to the Limited Breeder's Sweepstakes Stallion Service Auction. The stallion owner and mare owner had a disagreement and the stallion owner is refusing to provide a breeder's certificate. The resulting foal was unable to be registered and unable to show in the LBS program. The pony has aged out of the LBS program and is still not registered. After much discussion, a motion was made by Rodney Hicks and seconded by Toni Nastali that a letter be prepared and sent to the stallion owner, via certified mail, enclosing a breeder's certificate, and advising the stallion owner the breeder's certificate must be signed and returned within 14 days or the stallion owner will be held not in good standing and not allowed to do business with the AHHS. The motion passed unanimously. Maureen Quackenbush will prepare the letter.

Maureen Quackenbush advised that the F.A.S. H. Horse Show to be held on May 5-8, 2016, in Minneapolis, MN was having a "We Love Ponies" promotion where a pony exhibitor can buy two pony stalls and get one stall free. The free stall can be used for another pony or for tack or any other purpose. Maureen Quackenbush also advised that the Syracuse International Horse Show was hosting a Posterity on line and live auction wherein stallion owners can donate a service to their stallion making the stallion eligible to win 50% of the monies raised by the auction, and any of its progeny eligible to win the other 50% by placing the highest in the class with the most eligible entries. The auction is being hosted by Horse Show Wire and more information can be found on horseshowwire.com.

The pros and cons of an "amnesty" program for registrations was discussed and after much discussion Rodney Hicks made a motion to open up registration for Hackney horses and ponies from April 15, 2016 to June 15, 2016 wherein horses and ponies of any age can be registered for a flat fee of \$50.00, including the cost of the DNA kit. The motion was seconded by Matt Schuckert and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

VII: Executive Session - At 10:20 p.m., Maureen Quackenbush made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Rodney Hicks. The motion passed 13-1. The executive secretary, Ashley Redmon, were asked to leave the meeting prior to the beginning of the executive session. At 10:50 p.m., a motion to end the executive session was made by Rodney Hicks and seconded by Matt Schuckert. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rodney Hicks and was seconded by Matt Schuckert. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Quackenbush
Recording Secretary