

American Hackney Horse Society – 2019 Board of Directors Meeting  
March 8, 2019 12:30pm EST Holiday Inn Express

**Meeting Agenda**

- I. **Call to order AHHS BOD Meeting: Maureen Quackenbush, President**
  - a. **Welcome New Board Members:** Matt Lightner, Chris Schubert
  - b. **Outgoing Board:** we would like to thank Mindy Preston for her 6 years of service!
- II. **Roll Call – Bryan Earehart Recording Secretary**
  - i. **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
- III. **Election of Officers**
  - a. **President:** Maureen Quackenbush
  - b. **Vice President:** Tom Lowry
  - c. **Treasurer:** Lisa Cox Sparrow
    - i. **Established Position of Chief Financial Officer:** Toni Nastali
  - d. **Secretary:** Bryan Earehart
- IV. **President’s Report:** Maureen Quackenbush, President

A group was formed at the Convention to try and improve relations with USEF and or to explore an alternative National Governing Body. This is the Joint Leadership Council. They will be meeting every Tuesday afternoon. The Council received response from the letter regarding Safe Sport Procedures sent to USEF asking for more information. A letter to be drafted and sent in response. Open forums will be held at the early season horse shows to discuss the Joint leadership council, advising progress, addressing concerns, and asking members what they expect of USEF or a National Governing Body.

Southeastern Hackney Regional Society held a forum at their annual Meeting and Banquet with Maureen Quackenbush and Smith Lilly speaking. The regional association sent a letter to AHHS in support of the Joint Leadership Council improving relations with USEF or explore other options.

A proposed rule change has been submitted to USEF to exempt amateurs from taking safe sports training. Will continue to monitor.
- V. **Executive Committee Report -** Maureen Quackenbush, Tom Lowry, Toni Nastali

ASHA asked for a contribution towards improvement to the WCHS phone app. ASHA is putting \$16,000 of improvements toward the app. ASHA asked if AHHS could contribute \$750 dollars towards the enhancements. This was approved by the Executive committee.
- VI. **Office Report**

The AHHS office has continued to receive 2019 memberships. DNA and registrations are also being received. Futurity and LBS nominations had been sent out the beginning of January and have since been received.

Memberships continue to come in as show season is approaching. DNA is slowly starting to come back in from the 2018 registrations that were received; those are being processed as quickly as possible. LBS and Futurity nominations have been received. For those who only paid their first payment on the Futurity, their second invoice has been mailed and is due back April 15.

Membership: 504 Members in 2019 as of March 5, 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

-Membership breakdown: 307 Senior Members  
40 Junior Members  
145 Life Members -  
Active (157 Total)  
0 Associate Member

Registrations: 40 Registrations in 2019 as of March 5, 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: 71 Transfers as of March 5, 2019

350 Transfers in 2018  
409 Transfers in 2017

The AHHS Facebook page continues to grow. Many inquiries on the Hackney horse have been received. Interactions with the page have been great lots of promotional information going out. Likes on the page are up to 18,118 almost 1,000 more than at the previous meeting in January.

**VII. Financial & Treasurer's Report:** Toni Nastali

Collected an additional \$4,020 towards the Joe Crawford grant that will be transferred over to the foundation.

Total Income as of February 2019	\$45,406.74
Total Expense as of February 2019	\$29,105.23
Net Income as of February 2019	\$41,983.42
Total Liabilities & Equity as of February 2019	\$715,062.40

**VIII. Foundation Report:** Brian Yount, Mindy Preston

Brian Yount Foundation President;

**Treasury Report:** General account: \$7979.45  
Hackney Bucks: \$26,238.25  
Frickey Scholarship: Remainder of \$603.67  
Joe Harrod Memorial Grant: \$2,420  
CD: Under \$30,000

**Fundraising:** Fundraising letter will be sent out early in 2019. As well as revamping the letter to accept any amount of Donation.

Working on putting together a Raffle to raise funds. Including a jog cart from Miller Wheel Works and other large ticket items.

Hackney Buck's Program: Taking off well having great participation, with people earning Hackney Buck's in every category that is offered.

**IX. Committee Reports and Discussion**

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

Working on reaching out to find nominees in other regions. Seven of the Nine recipients attended the convention in Palm Springs, CA. Their award videos will be played at the LBS Auction.

**Audit Committee:** Vern Houston, Chair, Junior Schut

No Report.

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

Everything is on track compared to 2018.

**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 at The Marriott. Looking into having clinics and a more hands on experience.

**Open Competition/Dressage Committee:** Karen Waldron, Chair

Dressage community has few Hackney Horses, many are using Dutch Harness Horses. Looking into ways to get more purebred Hackney Horses into these Divisions.

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

The new information on the buy in program will be posted on Facebook.

**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

6:30 pm the LBS kicks off with a trivia contest put together and Hosted by Katy Earehart. Followed by Comedian Billy Maxwell.

The LBS weekend will include starting at 9am a seminar with Charles Poppe talking about Carriage and Kathy Smocks with combined driving, also Cindy Bradfield jumping. Speaking on what they are looking for in Hackney to be included and marketed in their divisions.

1pm Jacob Bowman will talk about manufacturing and using bits and Andrew Wood will discuss Harness and equipment used in Training.

3:00 General Membership Meeting

6:30pm The LBS Live Auction at Hawthorn Suites 39 Stallions to be Auctioned off. The most that have been included in the LBS weekend. 14 items will be Auctioned off also.

**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

Holding a meeting in early April. Trying to establish more breeders for the future.

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

No Report.

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

Would like to look into keeping scavenger hunt activities in the regional shows, possible Devon. The WCHS is too large and long to hold a scavenger hunt. Looking into another format to include the youth.

Bryan and Katy Earehart propose conducting an AHHS Youth of The Year Contest. Based on the Youth of The Year contest the Morgans have had in place for over 30 years. Trying to get more exposure to the Hackney through other breed clubs and perhaps FFA Judging teams. To be held at the WCHS. Participants will need to be Hackney Society Members, hoping to gain more interest and more membership with the contest. This would be with two major scholarships given. Voted to pursue planning for the 2019 WCHS.

**Regional Associations:** Bryan Earehart, Chair, Courtney Cahill

The Southeastern Hackney Annual Awards and Banquet was a great success. Raising over \$4000 for the Regional association. Also many Donations toward the Joe Harrod Memorial Grant. Maureen Quackenbush, Smith and Alexandra Lilly held open discussions including on the Joint Leadership Council.

The Northeastern Hackney Association will hold an Adult Hackney clinic and Derby Party the first weekend in May. Including training and harnessing clinics with Rodney Hicks, Ricky Harris, Page Champion, and Denny Lang. Courtney Cahill and Janet Hicks are putting this together, held at Rodney Hicks Stables and The Braeburn Equestrian Center.

Midwest Hackney Association had a great turnout for their Midwest Stallion auction.

**Registry Review:** Carl Nichols, Chair, Ricky Harris

No Report.

**Trophies:** John Wrather, Chair

No Report.

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

10 shows so far have requested Youth Medallions.

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

No Report.

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

Hackney committee was recently repopulated Maureen Campbell, Andy Freseth, Josh Greer, Randy Harper, Rodney Hicks, Tom Lowry, Vern Houston, Steve Kildow, Kent Moeller, Maureen Quackenbush, Bob Funkhouser, Ricky Harris, and Karen Waldron

**X. Old Business:**

- a. Open competition program
  - i. There was one participant in 2018. Voted on and approved discontinuing this program and promoting the Buck Stops Here Program to the members who attend open competition
- b. Electronic Stud Book
  - i. Contacting Jay Kolkman on guiding and information to create and electronic studbook that will be print on demand.
- c. In the process of having Office accounting software upgraded from QuickBooks Pro 2014 to the newest version of QuickBooks Pro to utilize remote desktop solution rights network.
- d. Judges Clinics
  - i. Postponed due to cost restraints, planning to have a clinic in October at Kentucky Fall Classic.
  - ii. Looking for funding to put on clinics. Asking for \$1,000 from AHHS yearly toward the education. Coming up with ideas for fundraising.
- e. Proceeds from Silent Auction UPHA Convention
  - i. Receiving \$862 from the silent auction.

**XI. New Business:**

- i. 2019 Equine Affaire Hackney Booth and Demo. Voted and approved to use USEF grant Money to fund again. Cost was \$1,139.72 in 2018. April 11-14 2019
- ii. Representation at USEF Affiliate Workshop on March 21/22 2019 in Louisville, KY
  - 1. Voted to send Taylor to represent AHHS and pay her expenses.
- iii. Rick Cicero Hackney Promotion
  - 1. Coming up with ideas to do promotional videos or publicized program with Rick to further expose the Hackney to Veteran programs.
- iv. Rolex Three Day Event Promotional Opportunity
  - 1. USEF has invited AHHS to do a demo, meet and greets. Sending this out to membership to find a participant.
- v. State Line Tack (f/k/a/ Ozark Mini Tack) Sponsorship Opportunity
  - 1. Offered \$2500 sponsorship opportunity and Specific Hackney discount and lower shipping to AHHS members. Chose to Propose \$5000 sponsorship and be taken over by the Executive Committee
- vi. Adult Driving Challenge Fundraising idea for the Medallion Program at Asheville Spring
  - 1. Youth exhibitor will raise money for Adult to show their ponies in a costume class entry nomination fee will be \$100 which youth will raise for each entry. Money will go toward Youth Medallion finals. Motion by Bryan Earehart Second Karen Waldron motion carries.
- vii. AHHS contribution to AHHS National Futurity
  - 1. \$15,000 will be contributed to the AHHS National Futurity again this year.
- viii. Open Gate Learning Center at the American Royal

1. UPHA is asking AHHS to help with 25% of the funding for the Open Gate Learning Center at Kansas City in 2018 the amount is \$1605.62. Maureen Quackenbush and the board are getting more information on this.

**XII. Executive Session:**

**XIII. Round Table**

Tom Lowry wishes everyone an enjoyable weekend at the LBS Grand Event thanks everyone for joining in on the festivities.

Carl Nichols thanks Maureen Quackenbush for attending the Southeastern Annual Banquet "it really meant a lot to have the President of the AHHS represented at a Regional association Banquet!"

**XIV. Closing Remarks:**

Maureen thanked everyone for a good meeting and hopes everyone has a great time at the LBS Event

**XV. Motion to Adjourn:**

Ricky Harris makes motion to adjourn. Rodney Hicks Seconded. The motion carried, Meeting is adjourned at 4:35pm.