

**American Hackney Horse Society- 2017 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 13, 2017 6:30pm EST, Teleconference**

**Meeting Agenda**

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

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

Members Present: T.J. Blevins, Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Rodney Hicks, Tom Lowry, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Matt Schuckert, Junior Schut, Karen Waldron

**III. President's Report**

Congratulations to Tom Lowry and his committee on a wonderful LBS Weekend. It was very educational, productive, and very successful. Thanks to all who donated their time and money. Thank you to all the board members for getting things done these last few months, especially Maureen Quackenbush and Toni Nastali.

**IV. Executive Committee Report**

Points of interest will be discussed during the duration of the meeting.

**V. Office Report**

Membership: 713 Members as of April 13th

Membership Breakdown: 492 Senior Members

77 Junior Members

143 Life Members

1 Associate Member

Registrations: 109 Registrations as of April 13, 2017

Transfers: 122 as of April 13, 2017

Taylor is still working with some DNA results that did not match registrations. She is working hard to get the office caught up and still cleaning the back storage area. The majority of the storage unit is cleaned out. Elizabeth is still working part time.

Facebook: Horse Lingo is maintaining with the help of Maureen Quackenbush.

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

Income is up compared to last year. The Chase AOL Account was a credit card and it has been assigned to the proper account. The office is in the process of bundling the telephone and internet account which will save money. There was some discussion about the current lease. Taylor is meeting with the property manager to find out the parameters of the lease and what areas of the space, i.e. the second bathroom, are a part of the lease. Taylor also mentioned that a new cleaning service will be starting soon.

Total Liabilities as of April 13, 2017 \$632,180.66

Total Income as of April 13, 2017 \$93,801.29 (\$4,680.58 interest earned with new investment)

Total Expenses as of April 13, 2017 \$43,749.90

Rodney Hicks made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Junior Schut seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Foundation Report:** Brian Yount, Chair, Mindy Preston, John Wrather

Brian Yount has been elected President, Mindy Preston Vice President, Keith Johnson, Treasurer, Denise Trethaway, and Secretary.

The new table top display was used during the LBS weekend. The Buck Stops Here Program has been launched. Information about the program is available on the website. It is also being promoted on Facebook. The Children's Activity books are going to be published again.

## **VIII. Committee Reports and Discussion**

### **Annual Awards: Brooke Jacobs, Chair, T.J. Blevins, Maureen Quackenbush**

It is time to start receiving Hall of Fame Nominations for the Kentucky State Fair.

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

Due to the office situation the audit had been delayed. The office is now ready and the audit will be scheduled to be completed.

### **Budget Committee: Toni Nastali, Junior Schut, John Wrather, Keith Johnson**

The budget report was available at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are ahead on income and even on expenses compared to last year.

### **By-Laws: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair**

There was discussion about the current by-laws. Right now there are two mandatory meetings and a small timeframe when there is not a functioning board. Maureen suggested that the by-laws return to the 2013 version where the elections take place in December and the new officers would be elected in March. This would eliminate the December meeting issue and return to having one mandatory meeting. Although the change that was made in the bylaws was a good idea, it just hasn't worked out. After some discussion Junior Schut made a motion that the by-laws be changed back to the 2013 version concerning the timeframe of the ballots, the election of officers, and the mandatory meeting. Carl Nichols seconded. Each board member was asked to cast their vote. The motion carried with 11 for and 1 against. The motion carried.

The next step is to get the by-law change to the membership for vote along with a brief explanation and a 60 day notice of special meeting. Maureen will handle this.

### **Convention: Andy Freseth Chair, Rich Campbell**

The 2017 expenses were less than \$500 for The Society. UPHA pays for the AHHS President and Executive Secretary's room. The AHHS silent auction raised a little over \$5,000. The UPHA asked if AHHS would split the profit with them. Since UPHA volunteers handled the auction, due to the absence of the AHHS Executive Secretary, the Executive Committee felt that it was fair and a good will gesture. The funds were received in the office on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open Competition/Dressage Committee: Sandra Surber, Chair, Karen Waldron**

Bent Tree Farm is having a Reinsmanship Clinic June 3. Learning Dressage patterns is becoming very popular. If it takes off Karen is hoping that shows will create a class for the Hackney division. It would be a driving version of an equitation class. This class would make more ponies and horses useful and give an avenue to sell them. Andy added that some of the Northeast shows are currently offering this class. Karen is hoping that this will pull some carriage drivers into this new division. The clinic has been promoted on Facebook and on email blast.

### **National Breeders' Futurity, Matt Schuckert, Chair, Bo Lucas**

Committee is waiting on judge to be picked. Taylor has sent out another reminder that payments are due by April 17<sup>th</sup>. At the time of the meeting she has received four of the ten sent out. Bo stated he had received an email from Steve Kildow wondering if the nominating forms could keep the same format, but have later due dates. The committee will discuss and decide this. Andy asked if the buy in at a later date with a penalty fee has been implemented. Matt stated that it was an option when the program first moved to All American, but it is currently not an option. Junior asked if the Society was once again going to offer the added \$10,000 to the program. At the time of the meeting a motion had not been made to do so. Therefore Junior Schut made a motion that the AHHS once again give \$10,000 in added money to the National Breeders' Futurity as an incentive. Maureen Quackenbush seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Limited Breeders' Weanling & 3 year old Stakes and Stallion Auction: Tom Lowry, Chair, Rodney Hicks, Matt Schuckert**

Tom thanked all those who were involved with the 2017 LBS weekend. The Stallion Auction raised \$38,100 and the Silent Auction raised \$2,500. The committee is still waiting on the hotel bill, but hoping to have final numbers by the

end of the week. The 2018 LBS weekend will be held in Indianapolis either March 3 or March 10. The committee is open to ideas. Junior asked when the stallion donors would be able to purchase an additional service for themselves. Tom stated that owners can do that now until November.

**Long Range Planning: Carl Nichols, Chair**

There will be a meeting next week via teleconference. Anyone is free to join.

**Nominating: Rodney Hicks, Chair, Matt Schuckert**

The committee will begin soon.

**Promotional/Education: Karen Waldron, Chair, Brian Yount**

Karen would like to see some Webinars and videos put together on Reproduction and Advanced Breeding Techniques. She feels this could help with the future of breeding. Carl stated that he knows someone who would probably do this. He will talk to him. Karen also spoke about frozen eggs. Junior stated that the board needs to make sure the by-laws allow this. During this discussion Andy took a look at the by-laws. There is nothing in the by-laws that prohibits freezing eggs. However, Andy read section 3 paragraph 4 that states "Beginning in 2006, the storage time and use of frozen semen is three years from the date of a stallion's death or gelding, for resulting offspring to be eligible for registry." This came as a surprise to the board members that this limitation existed. After discussion Rodney Hicks made a motion that the time limit on the storage limit and the use frozen semen be eliminated from the by-laws. Toni Nastali seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Regional Associations: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair**

Maureen emailed all the Regional Associations before the meeting. The Midwest Hackney Association reported their stallion auction went well. The Northeast Hackney Association did a Hackney demo during the UPHA Chapter 14 Convention. The Southeast Hackney Association held a successful educational convention and awards program in February. They also had a meet and greet at La Mirage Stables during the Raleigh Horse Show and was attended by 90% of the show grounds. The South Central Hackney Association will have a meeting April 23.

**Registry Review: Carl Nichols, Chair**

Resolution of Heartland Ever After: Registered owner contacted office wondering why the online registration stated "do not transfer." Taylor and Maureen Quackenbush did some investigating and discovered a 2015 letter from an attorney stating there was a lien on the pony. The lien was against the previous owner and in order to have a lien, the lienholder must have possession of the animal. Since that was not the case and the pony had a different owner, the "do not transfer" was removed.

Transfer of neglected pony Renn-Brook Night Hawk: In 2012 the AHHS told the person rescuing Night Hawk that he could transfer the pony without paying a registration fee. Andy confirmed this with Randy Harper, who was the AHHS President at the time. Andy has requested pictures to make sure the markings match and then the pony will be transferred at no cost.

Carl is investigating another Renn Brook pony. He will report back when he has more information.

**Trophies: John Wrather, Chair**

The trophies have been taken care of.

**UPHA Liaison: Andy Freseth, Chair, Rich Campbell**

The UPHA has hired a new executive secretary, Jennifer Mellencamp. Also nominations for classics are due soon.

**Youth Medallion: Mindy Preston, Chair, Kent Swalla**

An In Hand Youth Medallion Finals class was requested at the last UPHA Board Meeting. The UPHA board voted unanimously for the UPHA National Championship committee to consider adding. The first class would not be held until 2018. The number of shows offering YM classes is up. Mindy is going to reach out to the shows who are offering pleasure under saddle classes to consider adding championship classes as well. This will encourage more entries.

## **Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship Committee: Mindy Preston, Chair, Brian Yount**

Awards have been sent out. Pictures that have been received of the kids and their ponies have been posted on Facebook page.

### **IX. Old Business:**

Website Update: Glitches have been fixed, information has been updated and outdated information has been removed. The reference to Cobtail has been replaced with appearance of short tail, futurities up to date, a link to USEF rules has been created, member search updated, registrations and transfers current to March 31, meeting minutes current, registration papers print out to look like originals and can be used at shows. Andy thanked Maureen and Toni for all their hard work on the website. Facebook page is up to 9381 likes compared to 2300 likes in January.

UPHA Donation for AHC Financial Impact Study: This was discussed during the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those board members in attendance felt this was very important for the AHHS to be involved in. UPHA is giving \$25,000 and are asking \$5,000 from the AHHS. After discussion Matt Schuckert made a motion to donate \$5,000 to UPHA for the AHC Economic Impact Study. Bo Lucas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AHHS Membership Number on USEF Cards: Toni is currently working with USEF and Lori Nelson.

KSF Date Change and Judge Selection Process: The dates of KSF will remain the same going forward. A new five person committee from ASHA, UPHA, and KSF board will be in charge of the judge selection process. This panel will be made up of four board members from the ASHA and one board member from the UPHA. The AHHS will be allowed to have input.

### **X. New Business**

Pleasure qualifying for Louisville (rewording of verification for USEF): The ASHA is unable to keep track for AHHS. However, since there are not that many entries for these classes Scarlett will send the entries to the AHHS office to verify qualification. The ASHA part is being taken out of the USEF rule and once it is corrected the information will be posted on Facebook, through email blasts and placed in magazines.

Gwen Stableford Monetary Gift: Additional assets have been found and final installment is on hold. During the March 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting the board members in attendance felt the Gwen Stableford Lifetime Achievement Award would be a good way to show AHHS's appreciation of the gift. Some of the criteria could include: contributions to the Hackney, open to amateurs or professionals, how often an individual shows, helped promote the breed, selflessness. Rich Campbell made a motion that the Gwen Stableford Lifetime Achievement Award be created. Karen Waldron seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The award committee will work on criteria and bring back to the board for approval. Carl suggested that Kathy Barlow be included on that committee. Maureen also suggested that Gwen be considered for the KSF Hall of Fame for 2017.

Storage Unit: The Executive Committee decided to close the storage unit. This will save AHHS \$89 a month. Taylor is currently cleaning it out. She is going through and shredding what needs to be shredded. She will keep the newsletters dating back to the 90's.

Sponsorship Policy: There have been requests made for sponsorships from AHHS. This item was tabled until more information can be gathered.

AHHS Meet and Greet, Social Gathering at KSF: Tom suggested a meet and greet at the KSF after one of the evening session to increase communication and enthusiasm among members. He spoke with La Mirage stables who have put together a proposal. Tom will email the board the proposal. This will be discussed in further details at the next meeting.

### **IX. Closing Remarks, President**

Andy thanked everyone for their time and efforts.

### **VI. Motion to Adjourn**

Matt Schuckert made a motion to adjourn. Junior Schut seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.