

American Hackney Horse Society – 2019 Board of Directors Meeting  
July 16, 2019 5:30 PM EST - TELECONFERENCE

**Meeting Minutes**

- I. **Call to order AHHS BOD Meeting: Maureen Quackenbush, President**
  
- 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, Rich Campbell, Matt Schuckert, Chris Schubert

**Approval of minutes:** Karen Waldron made a motion to approve the March 8, 2019 minutes. Ricky Harris seconded motion carries unanimously.

III. **Foundation Report:** Brian Yount

Brian Yount Foundation President;

**Treasury Report:** General account: \$8,104.46  
Hackney Buck's: \$20,707.04  
Frickey Scholarship: Remainder of \$603.67  
Joe Harrod Memorial Grant: \$10,170.00  
CD: Under \$25,663.00

**Foundation Board:** Burt Keefer, and Keith Johnson have resigned.

**Possible Replacements:** Vicki Parkinson Whitmer, Roger Sims

Rich Campbell motions to approve Vicki Parkinson Whitmer and Rogers Sims to the Foundation Board. Matt Schuckert seconded, motion carries unanimously.

**Fundraising:** Working on a fundraiser for both The Foundation and the Hackney Buck's Program.  
  
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:**

The Hackney Buck's Program has issued \$22,700 in Hackney Buck's to participants as of July 16, 2019. Participants have used 10 of the 11 different incentives to receive Hackney Buck's!

14 New members have registered with the AHHS

20 First time Rider/Driver lessons

1 pony donation to a lesson program

13 exhibitors in Open Competition at an all breed show  
10 exhibit in a Non show experience; Parade or different activity  
26 First time Hackney purchases  
20 First time Exhibitors  
2 Clinics promoting the Hackney  
0 Regional Association new ways to promote the Hackney  
2 First time Hackney Breeders  
2 Stud fee donations for fundraising

\$7650 has been paid out to the vendors that use Hackney Bucks

**IV. President's Report:** Maureen Quackenbush, President

Joint leadership Council – Had several Joint Leadership Council forums at the early season shows to disseminate information and answer questions. The forums were discontinued mid season when there was nothing new to report. The Council continues to meet but has been meeting less often due to scheduling conflicts. The Council also established a committee to explore the costs of establishing an alternate national governing body. The drug and medication rules were amended to allow the administration of dormosedan up to 48 hours prior to competition if a medication report is filed. The Council is waiting for news from the USEF Board meeting July 8 & 9 regarding the rule change proposal exempting amateur exhibitors from SafeSport training, asking more shows horse states on the USEF Affiliate Council, and adding more show horse breed representatives to the USEF Rules Committee. The council has had a telephone conference meeting with the Center for Safe Sport and voiced the members concerns about the Safe Sport processes.

2019 USEF grant application was approved and AHHS received \$ 2,277 dollars in grant funds for promotional use. \$790.50 was allocated for use at the Equine Affair.

Driving Spirit Joe Crawford Harrod Memorial Grant – applications have come in and are currently being evaluated. There were a total of 10 applicants

UPHA American Royal Judges Panel – The AHHS Board submitted 6 names. The committee accepted Ricky Harris, Rodney Hicks, Melissa Moore, and James Nichols from the suggestions. The UPHA Board selected Rodney Hicks to be a part of the panel.

- V. Executive Committee Report** - Maureen Quackenbush, Tom Lowry, Toni Nastali  
Approved payment of the invoice from UPHA in the amount of \$1,605.62 for a portion of the Open Gate Learning Center held at the American Royal

**VI. Office Report**

The membership numbers are looking promising for 2019. AHHS has gained 4 new Lifetime members in 2019. Registration numbers continue to rise as we are now seeing 2019 weanling registrations starting to come in. Transfer numbers are looking fantastic for 2019 as well.

Membership: 905 Members in 2019 as of July 11, 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: 635 Senior Members  
108 Junior Members  
148 Life Members – Active (160 Total)  
0 Associate Members  
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Registrations: 148 Registrations in 2019 as of July 11, 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: 266 Transfers as of July 11, 2019

350 Transfers in 2018  
409 Transfers in 2017

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

**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.

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| Total Income as of June 2019               | \$171,323.22 |
| Total Expense as of June 2019              | \$78,869.41  |
| Net Income as of June 2019                 | \$138,359.74 |
| Total Liabilities & Equity as of June 2019 | \$812,074.50 |

**VIII. Committee Reports and Discussion**

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

Pat and Jay Kennedy were selected to be inducted into the Lee and Beverly Dunn Hackney Hall of Fame.

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

No Report.

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

Ahead on income total overall and down on expenses to date.

**By-Laws:** Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Toni Nastali, Courtney Cahill

No Report.

**Convention/UPHA Liason:** Maureen Quackenbush, Chair, Rich Campbell

2019 sponsorship of the UPHA Classics & AHHS Youth Medallion Classes for the American Royal. \$4,000 for the UPHA Classics and \$2,800 for the Youth Medallion Finals. Rich Campbell made a Motion to have Sponsorship letters sent out. Matt Schuckert seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

The 2020 Convention will be held in Lexington, KY January 22-25 at The Marriott. Looking into having clinics and a more hands on experience.

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

No Report.

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

Nominations have been completed 220 have been nominated. 2 ponies are participating in the incentive.

**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

42 Stallion services were auctioned off for a total of \$46,200, Another \$1,950 to the Futurity Stallion nomination. \$10,000 in sponsorships were raised for the weekend. Live auction brought in \$11,225. The Friday night auction brought in \$950. 50/50 Raffle raised \$1,220 The weekend brought in \$35,746 including the Harness Raffle which all tickets were sold. The LBS committee is working on bringing the Grand Event Weekend back to Kentucky for 2020.

**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

Carl Nichols is proposing and looking into hosting a Hackney Sale.

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

Nominations are due by October 15 for the AHHS Board. 10 names will be submitted. Expiring terms are Rich Campbell, Tom Lowry, Carl Nichols, Karen Waldron and Maureen Quackenbush.

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

Katy Earehart hosted a Hackney Youth Photo Contest at Syracuse International Horse show with great success and participation. Each participant receives Hackney swag with an awards reception hosted by Heritage Stables. She will also be using this format for the Blue Ridge Classic in Asheville NC as well as the WCHS at the Kentucky State Fair.

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

Southeastern Hackney Association is hosting a Low Country Boil at the Blue Ridge Classic horse show on Wednesday evening July 24<sup>th</sup>. Heritage Stables and Chestnut Lane are cooking and organizing the event. Several area barns joined together to also sponsor.

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

No Report.

**Trophies:** John Wrather, Chair

John has ordered the Halters for the LBS and the AHHS Futurity classes held at the All American Horse Classic.

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

39 shows so far have requested Youth Medallions. 21 of which have been held so far this year, and AHHS has received results. A total of 143 classes have been held with 81 entries.

**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

**IX. Old Business:**

1. Electronic Stud Book

Carl Nichols made a motion to pay the \$3,200 to create an electronic Stud Book one hard copy and 5 paperback with a print on demand option. Rodney Hicks seconded, the motion carries unanimously

2. Office accounting software upgrade to Remote Desktop solution Right networks has not been completed due to the internet connection at the

Kentucky Horse Park. Has been updated to the 2019 version to be used in the office.

3. Judges clinics to be held at the Kentucky Fall Classic.
4. Proceeds from Silent Auction at UPHA Convention – Have been received in the amount of \$658.30
5. Funding of 2019 Equine Affair Hackney Booth and Demos - \$790.50
6. Representation at the USEF Affiliate Workshop on March 21/22 in Louisville, KY Taylor attended
7. Rick Cicero Hackney Promotion held demonstrations demos and meet and greets for veterans at the summer show in FL
8. State Line Tack (f/k/a Ozark Mini Tack) Sponsorship and Partnership 25-30% off your order for being a member of the AHHS
9. Youth Competition and Scholarship idea. Working on putting together a committee for fundraising and help pushing forward to 2020
10. 500 copies of Hackney themed coloring and activity books were generously paid for by Nathan and Betty Roden and Ricky Harris and Cheryl Innis. They are currently on order and should be ready in about two weeks.

**X. New Business:**

1. Lee and Beverly Dunn Hackney Hall of Fame Award and Reception. To be held Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> following the last class of the evening session at Heritage Stables, Larry Ella Stables, and Crystal Creek stall fronts. Event Mix is assisting in hosting again this year and the theme is Bourbon in the Bluegrass. A bluegrass trio will be playing as well as having a photo op set up in front of the Hackney banner with bourbon barrels. Money will be raised for the Joe Crawford Harrod Memorial Grant through the auctioning of an Original Janet Crawford painting.
2. Representation at the USEF Affiliate Workshop September 10-11 in Denver, CO Toni Nastali made a motion to send Maureen and Taylor participate in the event Karen Waldron seconded motion carries unanimously.
3. Ag Land coverage and exhibit at KSF UPHA will have a booth and has offered to have a Hackney represented at the exhibit. The pony will be brought by Juliane Wilson on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>. AHHS will also have a table at the booth to represent the Hackney. Rich Campbell makes a motion to have a banner created for the AHHS as well as the Foundation, Melissa Moore Seconded the motion carries unanimously.
4. Free booth will be set up at the All American Classic for AHHS promotion.
5. Herron's Tack will be accepting Hackney Buck's He would like to have a sponsorship opportunity in which he will give \$1,000 sponsorship for a banner ad on the AHHS website. He would like accept Hackney Buck's

dollar for dollar but would redeem them for 75 cents on the dollar. The 25% would go back into the Hackney Buck's Program

**XI. Executive Session:**

**Not needed**

**XII. Round Table**

**XIII. Closing Remarks:**

Maureen Quackenbush thanks everyone for their time and all the hard work.

**XIV. Motion to Adjourn:**

Melissa Moore motions to adjourn Rodney seconded the motion carries.