

**American Hackney Horse Society- 2017 Board of Directors
Meeting July 2, 2017 2:00pm EST, UPHA Office, Lexington, KY**

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order General Meeting: Andy Freseth, President.

Maureen Quackenbush announced the results of the voting on the proposed amendments to the by laws. Amendment #1 99 in favor and 2 oppose, Amendment #2 91 in favor and 10 oppose. Therefore both amendments passed. With no questions the general meeting was adjourned.

II. Call to Order AHHS BOD Meeting: Andy Freseth, President

III. Roll call – Mindy Preston, Recording Secretary

Members Present: T.J. Blevins, Rich Campbell, Andy Freseth, Rodney Hicks, Brooke Jacobs, Tom Lowry, Bo Lucas, Toni Nastali, Carl Nichols, Mindy Preston, Maureen Quackenbush, Kent Swalla, Karen Waldron

III. President's Report

Report will be covered throughout the meeting. Andy stated the amount of work done by Taylor is unbelievable and for those board members present, they should stop by office before they leave to see the transformation. Andy thanked Taylor, Toni Nastali, and Maureen Quackenbush for all of their help.

IV. Executive Committee Report

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

V. Office Report

Membership: 896 Members as of July 2, 2017

Membership Breakdown: 630 Senior Members
112 Junior Members
143 Life Members
1 Associate Member

Registrations: 269 Registrations as of July 2, 2017

358 Registrations in 2016(more registrations are being completed that came in toward the end of 2016. There are several of the incentive registration participants who may have not sent their DNA in by the deadline and several of those the DNA results that have come back do not match, but Taylor is working to get these done.)

314 Registrations in 2015

295 Registrations in 2014

381 Registrations in 2013

Transfers: 226 as of July 2, 2017

Things are finally starting to come together in the office. Taylor can see a big difference in the office as far as paperwork. The office has been doing their best to get the back dated paperwork caught up and keeping up with the new paperwork as it comes in. As you can see from the numbers above, memberships, registrations, and transfers are doing great. Memberships keep coming in and transfers keep coming in as well. We have started to receive 2017 registrations and those have been entered and are included in the numbers you see above. We are continuing to work to resolve DNA issues with some back dated registrations and hope to have those finished and entered as soon as possible.

Elissa Walli is still working in the office with Taylor part time. She has been amazing and has worked incredibly hard to help get the office to where we are today.

We have a new smaller storage room. It is being utilized with paperwork to help with the clean up of the office. The previous storage was \$90/month and this one is \$40/month and is closer to the office.

Carl Nichols asked if the registrations are being backed up off-site. Toni responded that they are now on the cloud and updated daily. The company in California who handles the registration software also does back-ups.

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

Currently there are 9,841 likes, the week of the 24th – 30th our posts reached 18,546 people. The Hug A Hackney Photo contest just ended. Andy, Toni and Maureen approve all content before Horse Lingo posts. Email blasts are also shared on Facebook. Karen Waldron asked if in the future we could use Facebook Live for general meetings. Maureen stated that it is possible, but we would not be able to restrict the meetings to members only.

VI. Financial & Treasurer's Report: Toni Nastali

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| Total Liabilities & Equity as of May 31, 2017 | \$654,337.87 |
| Total Income as of May 31, 2017 | \$135,611.86 |
| Total Expenses as of May 31, 2017 | \$67,543.99 |

Rich Campbell made a motion to approve the Financial Report and Kent Swalla seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Taylor is working with Mindy to update the information in the brochures so new ones can be printed. The Road Pony Camp scholarships have been paid. Toni reported that the 990 has been turned in.

VIII. Committee Reports and Discussion

Annual Awards: Brooke Jacobs, Chair, Maureen Quackenbush, TJ Blevins- Brooke Jacobs reported many nominations had been received for Lee and Beverly Dunn Hall of Fame and the committee has chosen the award winners. Brooke is in the process of notifying the recipients. The awards committee has established the criteria for a lifetime achievement award in Gwen Stableford's name and the first award will be given out at the AHHS/UPHA Convention in February 2018.

Audit Committee: Vern Houston, Chair, Junior Schut - Junior reported he and Toni Nastali will perform an audit on either July 10th or 11th, 2017.

By-laws: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair - Both of the proposed bylaw changes passed. There were a total of 101 votes. 99 were in favor of amendment #1 and 2 were opposed. 91 were in favor of amendment #2 and 10 were opposed. The bylaws will be amended accordingly and posted on the website.

Convention: Andy Freseth Chair, Rich Campbell - The 2018 Convention will be in Amelia Island, Florida. On February 1, 2, and 3, 2018.

Open Competition/Dressage Committee: Sandra Surber, Chair, Karen Waldron - Karen reported there was nothing new with dressage. However several shows have added open driving classes. There were 6 entries, including one Hackney entry at Syracuse, and 3 entries at Roanoke.

National Breeders' Futurity: Matt Schuckert, Chair, Bo Lucas- The office is working on nominations. Nominations are coming in for stallions, mares, and weanlings. The AHHS added \$10,000.00 to the futurity payout fund for 2017.

Limited Breeders' Weanling & 3-Year-Old Stakes, & Stallion Auction Committee: Tom Lowry, Chair, Rodney Hicks, Matt Schuckert - Tom reported the committee is continuing to look for a location for the Limited Breeders Sweepstakes Grand Weekend. The dates will be either March 2-3, 2018 or March 9-10, 2018. There are a few payments still due from the 2017 Stallion Auction. Taylor will email the information to Tom for him to contact those who still need to pay.

Long-Range Planning Committee: Carl Nichols, Chair - Carl submitted a written report, a copy of which is attached. Carl also added the committee would like to have two driving clinics in the off-season. One location being considered is the Virginia Horse Park. Karen Waldron forwarded an email from the Virginia Horse Park regarding the cost of renting the facility. The committee will meet again at the All-American Horse Classic and try to nail down some dates. The board agreed driving clinics are very important and have spurred a lot of interest in the past. Additionally, many of the past clinic participants purchased ponies during or after the clinics were held.

Nominating Committee: Rodney Hicks, Chair, Matt Schuckert - Rodney reported he had spoken with a few members interesting in running for the board. He and Matt will get together and come up with a full slate of nominees.

Promotional/Education Committee: Karen Waldron, Chair. Karen reported Bent Tree Farm hosted a driving clinic the first weekend in June. There was a fair turn out with 12 participants. The participants had the opportunity to drive Hackneys. They did patterns and had a lot of enthusiasm.

Regional Associations: Maureen Quackenbush, Chair - Maureen Quackenbush reported the Ohio Hackney Regional Association was opening up the Ohio Hackney Futurity with a date and location change. The Ohio Hackney Futurity classes will be held on September 23, 2017, at the Springfield Charity Horse Show, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH 45505. The Ohio Hackney Futurity will follow similar rule changes made by the American Hackney Horse Society when the AHHS opened the National Futurity. All futurity payments will be the same with the penalty for the entry year being \$20. More information is available on the AHHS website under news and events. New York Hackney Regional and Northeastern Hackney Regional reported Syracuse International Horse Show had a great turn out for Hackneys, Saddlebreds, and Morgans. There were approximately 527 horses on the grounds and over 800 stalls sold. Hackney classes were large and competitive. Syracuse added the pleasure pony under saddle youth medallion class this year. Only one Hackney Junior/Novice class did not fill. Southeastern Hackney Regional is hosting the Southeastern Hackney Breeders stake at the ETSA Midsummer Classic Horse Show, in White Pine, TN on August 3-5, 2017. There will also be a tack auction on August 4, 2017.

Registry Review/Stud Book: Carl Nichols, Chair - Carl advised the board he was investigating the procedure needed to transfer numerous ponies which were acquired by Alice Becker and purchased by David Frazier. Executive Secretary, Taylor Gregory advised she was working on the DNA with Mr. Frazier. After much discussion, a motion was made by Rich Campbell and seconded by Toni Nastali for Carl to research the cost of obtaining a legal opinion from an attorney in South Carolina on the proper procedure for asserting and foreclosing on a lien. The matter would then be referred back to the executive committee for further action. The motion passed unanimously.

There was also discussion regarding the conflict of duplicate registration numbers using "S" after the numbers to designate stallions. It was discussed this practice was no longer used and Hackneys being registered now each have their exclusive registration number without any suffixes.

Trophy Committee: John Wrather, Chair - Taylor Gregory reported the trophies are all in order for this year.

UPHA Liaison: Andy Freseth, Chair, Rich Campbell - Rich reported the limit classes have been dropped but Denver Junior classes have been added for Hackney, Hackney harness, and road ponies at the UPHA American Royal. Denver Junior classes will allow ponies up to five years of age to enter and show.

Youth Medallion Committee: Mindy Preston, Chair, Kent Swalla, Co-Chair - Mindy advised we have ribbons with velcro now. There have been a lot more requests this year to host Youth Medallion classes.

Junior Exhibitor Regional Championship Program: Mindy Preston, Chair, Brian Yount, Co-Chair - Mindy reported there is nothing new going on with this program. The committee is busy calculating points.

USEF Committee - Tom Lowry reported there is a meeting next week of the USEF Committee and they would be rehashing a few things. They would be going over the proposed protective headgear rule for pleasure pony under saddle classes and the measurement rule and send them forward. The protective headgear rule will likely go into effect for 2018 unless we can convince USEF to give us a Presidential Modification.

IX. Old Business:

1) Website update - Maureen Quackenbush reported the website is running smoothly now. Show managers are able to access membership information directly from the main page. We also have the ability to print copies of registration papers that look like registration papers and not grids from website.

2) AHHS/UPHA Donation to American Horse Council Financial Impact Study - Toni Nastali reported the surveys have been emailed to the membership by the UPHA.

3) AHHS Membership Numbers on USEF Membership cards - Toni Nastali reported AHHS membership numbers now appear on USEF membership cards and the AHHS office is providing updated membership information to USEF on a monthly basis.

4) Sponsorship Policy - Toni Nastali advised she spoke with ASHA and ASHA does not do any sponsorships unless the sponsorship directly promotes the Saddlebred breed or the ASHA. The AHHS promoted The Buck Stops Here program in the Lexington Junior League program this year. After discussion it was decided the board should come up with a number to spend philanthropically throughout the year and come up with a way to spread the money out. Once the budget has been used, there will no more money spent that particular year. Andy will appoint a Sponsorship/Advertising Committee to develop parameters for sponsorships and advertising.

5) AHHS Social Gathering and Hall of Fame Induction Reception at KSF - Tom Lowry reported La Mirage Stable was still interested in hosting the event. However, since it is so close to the event, they do not believe they will be able to raise of the money needed in time. After much discussion, Toni Nastali made a motion for the AHHS to co-sponsor the meet and greet event in conjunction with a Hall of Fame Induction reception in an amount up to \$5,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Rich Campbell and passed without any opposition. Tom Lowry will notify La Mirage Stable they are able to proceed under these parameters.

6) The Buck Stops Here update - Mindy Preston reported the program was starting to take hold with several first time buyers, first time exhibitors, and several lesson programs submitting paperwork to receive Hackney Bucks.

X. New Business:

1) Change of Registration Certificate from Stallion to Gelding - A member had asked whether there was a charge for having new registration papers issued when a stallion is gelded. It was discussed the bylaws state there is no charge for making this change and issuing new registration papers.

2) Gwen Stableford Estate - The awards committee has established a new lifetime achievement award in Gwen Stableford's name. Andy Freseth noted there is a provision in the final paragraph of the letter sent to the AHHS in December 2015 whereby the AHHS is to contact Erin Malinowski to discuss plans for recognizing Ms. Stableford's contribution to the AHHS. Taylor Gregory will contact Ms. Malinowski and let her know the date, time, place, and person who will be receiving the Gwen Stableford Lifetime Achievement award at the Convention in 2018, and ask Ms. Malinowski if she wishes to attend the Convention when the award is presented.

3) Saddlebred and Hackney Meet and Greet and Promotion at KSF - Mark McCracken from Saddlebred Rescue has approached the AHHS on behalf of the UPHA asking if the AHHS was interested in furnishing a Hackney for the meet and greet with the general public at the Kentucky State Fair. There will be a petting area and promotional materials will be distributed. Rich Campbell advised he will provide a pony for the meet and greet sessions. Mark also asked if the AHHS would be interested in contributing to sponsorship of posters of the Hackney that will be displayed around Freedom Hall. A motion was made by Mindy Preston and seconded by Rich Campbell that the AHHS participate in the meet and greet and contribute to the posters up to a limit of \$500.00. The motion passed without opposition.

4) UPHA Code of Conduct - There was much discussion regarding the new UPHA Code of Conduct and the AMHA Code of Conduct and whether the AHHS needed to establish its own Code of Conduct. One of the suggestions was to set up an Ethics Committee to develop a Code of Conduct and submit it to the board to adopt. Andy Freseth will create and populate an Ethics Committee to develop a Code of Conduct for the board to review.

XI: Executive Session - No executive session was required at this meeting.

XII: Round Table (optional) - Rich Campbell stated lots of things are getting done and the office is running great. Everyone on the board is working hard. Lots of people have been complimenting Taylor Gregory for her good work. The board was in agreement with Rich's comments.

XIII: Closing Remarks: Andy Freseth, President - Andy thanked everyone on the board for all of their hard work.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Campbell and was seconded by Kent Swalla. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.