**Belgian Draft Horse Alliance**

**Board Conference Call**

**January 10, 2018**

The conference was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Alliance Board President, Scott Seymour. The following were present for the meeting: Justin Berry, Jim Carey, Lisa Eller, Matt Frieden, David Moser, Walter Schaefer, Jr., Scott Seymour, and Teresa Zube.

**Program Reports:**

Scott Seymour reported on the Breeders Challenge Auction at Gordyville. Mark Barie is going to read pedigrees. There are 62 stallions in the catalogue with approx. 90 services available.

**President/VP Election:**

Matt Frieden nominated Scott Seymour for the office of President.

David Moser moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Seymour was elected to the office of President.

Jim Carey nominated Lisa Eller for the office of Vice President. David Moser moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Eller was elected to the office of Vice President.

**New Business**

Discussion occurred on what type of items could be raffled to help raise money for the Alliance. Jim Carey had several quotes on different Gator options ranging in price from $6000-$9000. It was also brought up that a generator could be another possible item. Matt Frieden had contacted John Deere and is waiting to hear back from them.

David Moser moved to table the raffle discussion until the January 29th conference call.

Motion passed unanimously

The opportunity to include the Belgian Expo as an Alliance Program was discussed. Scott Seymour provided information on this year’s expo and the opportunity for it to become an Alliance Program: *This year’s expo will be July 14th at Rocky Ridge Stables, Ben Kauffman has agreed to do much of the leg work in that area to set up the event. Scott met with Andy and Levi Beachy to discuss ideas for the event to include more hands on events and participant involvement.  Levi said that for the past events all of the finances have run directly through his accounts and he would like to have them in their own account.  He asked if the Expo could be brought into the Alliance as a program and the Alliance be more involved with the Expo this year and into the future. Some of the topics that were discussed for this year’s Expo are as follows:*

*-          Hands on braiding*

*-          Conformation lecture*

*o   Followed by a judging class with reasons*

*-          Cart or team demonstration*

*o   Followed by a cart class that is placed with reasons from the judge*

*-          Farm team(s) available for people to drive and get hands on time*

*-          Six horse hitch*

*o   Maybe hook the six in front of the audience with someone going through the steps as they hook*

*-          Pulling demonstration*

After discussion the board asked for more information on the financial commitment and a plan on how the committee will function.

David Moser moved to table the Belgian Expo discussion until the January 29th conference call.

Motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Zube moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Signed:

Jenna Hovermale

Secretary, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America