

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting – December 1, 2017

The board meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Mark Barie at the Best Western in Arcola, IL. The following were present for the meeting: Mark Barie, Levi Beachy, Jim Carey, David Flickner, Matt Frieden, Jenna Hovermale, Gary Miller, Walter Schaefer Jr, Dean Woodbury, and Teresa Zube.

Minutes:

Minutes were presented for approval from the May 12, 2017 board meeting.
Gary Miller moved to approve the minutes.
The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes were presented for approval from the May 12, 2017 executive session.
Gary Miller moved to approve the minutes.
The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes were presented for approval from the November 6, 2017 conference call.
Matt Frieden moved to approve the minutes.
The motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

Financial reports were presented for the fiscal year.

Walter Schaefer, Jr requested that we provide trend chart to show our progress compared to previous years.

Walter Schaefer, Jr moved to accept the financial report.
The motion carried unanimously.

President's report by Mark Barie:

Mark participated in a lot of conference calls with the National Show. He thanked the committee for their time spent choosing a future location.

Leslie Halverson did a great job managing the office while Jenna was out of maternity leave during the summer. Everything went really well.

The membership has had very positive comments this year and the excitement in the Belgian Industry is high.

Secretary's Report by Jenna Hovermale:

The current DNA statistics were shared. There were 27 exclusions this year. This means that the sire came back as incorrect. Sometimes multiple sires are tested before the correct one is found. 1351 DNA tests were performed this year and 245 JEB tests were performed. UC Davis has talked about making a video about the process of performing DNA tests. Jenna will find out if the video has been made so that it can be shared with the membership. DNA statistics will be shared during the annual meeting. The board suggested we have a representative from UC Davis come to the next annual meeting.

Dean Woodbury moved to put the DNA statistics in the review. Motion passed unanimously.

The new Stallion Service form was presented. The office is trying to help communicate that the new form is available and can help stallion owners provide signatures for applications in a timely manner. The form will be presented at the annual meeting and appear in the Belgian Review.

The new registry system is coming together and will be ready at the beginning of the year. It will take a few days to switch over to the new registry system. Jenna suggested that the office be closed for a couple days to aid in the switch over to the new system and also to allow the new carpet to be installed. The old registry system will remain active until the board is comfortable that the new program is working.

Matt Frieden moved the office be closed January 2-3 for carpet installation and the switch over to the new registry. Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Dean Woodbury moved to go into executive session at 12:51 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Jim Carey moved to go out of executive session at 12:58 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee report by Walter Schaefer, Jr:

Matt Frieden moved to continue with the alternative work arrangement with Jenna Hovermale with 3 days in the office and 2 days from home to be reviewed annually. Motion passed unanimously

David Flickner moved to give Leslie Halverson and Paula Tharp a 3% raise. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Carey moved to eliminate the \$200 dollars given for health insurance reimbursement and give Jenna Hovermale a 1.5% raise. Motion passed unanimously.

Futurity Committee report by Jim Carey:

The committee would like to add 2 and 3 year olds to the program next year. They are going to try to get an outside judge instead of using somebody already at the show. The committee is looking to add another program similar to premier breeder in 2018. There has been an increase in the amount of horses entering the program. The Reynolds John Deere dealership has donated \$1000 over the last couple of years. The committee wants to raise premiums next year. Chris House's term is up on the committee so they will be looking for candidates. Brian Heuring is now the Futurity committee president. They are looking to add a Best of Show recognition.

Hall of Fame report by Dean Woodbury:

The Hall of Fame committee is recognizing the Hale Brothers this year. Steve Jones has written an article to appear in the Belgian Review.

Nominating Committee report by Dean Woodbury:

Candidates were chosen and the announcement of election results will be read at the Annual Meeting. Mark Barie will also appoint the nominating committee for 2018 at the Annual Meeting.

Breeder's Challenge report by Mark Barie:

There is one more week for stallion nominations to get into the catalog. Nominations after the deadline will be taken until 24 hours before the sale and they will be uncataloged. NABC money will not be given for the NABC 9 until 2019 for the Breeders Challenge.

National Belgian Show report by Gary Miller:

The committee selected the Indiana State Fair to host the National Belgian show through 2020. Jenna Hovermale is working on a contract with Indiana. The committee will select an at-large membership representative soon. Letters will be mailed out to the 2017 exhibitors announcing the location and will contain a ballot to vote for the judges selection committee.

Publications committee update:

Jenna will contact Lee Beachy to get information on when he needs everything for the Belgian Review. The committee will take some time at Gordyville to work out the deadlines and discuss the book.

Marketing and Events committee update:

Locations for the Belgian Booth through the spring were discussed. The booth will not be at Harrisburg this year. The booth will be at Gordyville and will be set up Wednesday. It will also be at Topeka in the spring. The board will discuss if the booth should go to Ohio for a fall sale at the spring Board of Directors meeting.

Annual Meeting Committee update:

Everything is ready for the annual meeting tonight. Locations for next year's meeting were discussed.

Walter Schaefer, Jr moved that the annual meeting be located in Ohio on November 30 and December 1, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Levi Beachy will contact local hotels and work with Jenna Hovermale on securing a location.

Bylaws Committee update by Teresa Zube:

Article II (Membership) was previously approved by the board and is officially posted. All Bylaw updates will be published in the Belgian Review. Changes will go into effect January 1, 2018. The committee over the last year has met a number of times to make changes and provide a final recommendation for the following articles.

- Article III – meetings and elections
- Article VII – rules of registration
- Article VIII – rules of transfer
- Article IX – recording prefixes
- Article X – rewritten certificates of registry

David Flickner moved to amend Section 3. Object, to read:

The object of the Corporation is to keep and maintain a registry of the importations, descriptions and genealogies or pedigrees of such imported stock and their descendants in order to maintain a pure breed; to issue certificates of registry and transfer of purebred Belgian Draft Horses and for the advancement of the interests of the Belgian Draft Horses in America and to do any and all things that may be necessary to properly conduct the business of the Corporation.

Motion passed unanimously

Jim Carey moved to amend ARTICLE III MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS, to read:

Section 1. Annual Meeting. *The annual meeting of members of this Corporation shall be held at such place and time as the Board of Directors may designate. At such annual meeting, the members shall elect three (3) Directors, as provided in Section 1 of Article IV of these By-Laws. Provided, should a Director die, resign, or be unable to serve out his/her term for any reason, then the current Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall select a member to serve in that Director's place until the next annual election. At the next annual meeting after that Director's death, resignation or inability to serve, the members shall also elect a new Director to fill that vacancy for the balance of that Director's term. The members shall also transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the other terms of these By-Laws.*

Section 2. Order of Business for the Annual Meeting.

1. Meeting called to order
2. President's address
3. Reading and approval of minutes of preceding meeting
4. Report of Secretary
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Report of Standing Committees
7. Unfinished old business
8. New business
9. Election of Directors
10. Adjournment

Section 3. Special Meetings. *A special meeting of the members may be called at any time for any purpose by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors or by a majority of the active membership. In order for a special meeting to be called by the active membership, a petition signed by the majority of the active members must be received by the Secretary of the Belgian Corporation of America via United States mail.*

Section 4. Procedure. *Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the annual meeting, special meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors when not inconsistent with these By-Laws, but special rules of order for the government of meetings of members or the Board of Directors may be made at any time by the Board of Directors.*

Section 5. Notice of Meeting. *Notice of the annual meeting of the members and of any special or other meeting of the members shall be given by the Secretary, in writing, to each member entitled to receive the same by delivering personally or depositing such a notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to such respective member at the address of such member as shown by the books of the Corporation not less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days before said meeting. This process will be followed unless the member specifies to the Corporation, in writing, that they would like to receive this notice via electronic mail. Said notice shall briefly state the place, day, hour and purpose of said meeting.*

Section 6. Quorum. *Not less than ten (10) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting of the members.*

Section 7. Method of Electing Directors.

- a) *The six (6) Directors, not up for election, by majority vote, will pick the Chairperson and members for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) active members of the Corporation, one of whom shall be the Chairperson. Said Committee to be composed of one (1) Director not then up for election, and two (2) other active members who hold no office. In the event that there is a tie in*

the vote of the Directors for the choice of the Chairperson and/or Nominating Committee, the President will be responsible for breaking the tie.

- b) The members of this Committee shall be notified of their appointment by the Nominating Committee Chairperson and shall be informed with regard to their duties of proposing the names of duly qualified persons to be placed on the ballot for the next coming election. Said names will remain confidential until notification has been made to the Board of Directors.*
- c) This Committee shall be called together by the Nominating Committee Chairperson on or before March 1 next following, by which time they will have had an opportunity to consider names for nomination to the office of Director. The Board of Directors' nominees will be finalized at the spring Board of Directors' meeting. Notification to nominees will be handled by the Nominating Committee Chairperson. At the time of notification, the nominee will be informed of the role of a Board of Director and its expectations and will be asked for their decision as far as acceptance. All Board of Director nominees must be active members of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.*
- d) There shall be two (2) candidates named for the office of each Director whose term is expiring and two (2) candidates named to fill any vacancy for the unexpired term of any Director which has occurred for any reason or cause during the current year. In that instance where more than three Directors are being elected because one or more Directors are unable to complete their term, for any reason, then all persons nominated for the seats for all Directors shall be listed on one ballot and the number of nominees that coincide with the number of Directors' positions being filled who receive the most votes shall be elected as Directors. There shall not be a separate ballot or a separate portion of the ballot for those Directors being elected to serve out the term of a Director or Directors who have failed to serve his/her unexpired term.*
- e) After the selection of candidates has been agreed upon by the Nominating Committee, the nominees should remain confidential until the Nominating Committee Chairperson has informed all Board of Directors. The Secretary shall prepare a printed ballot, and mail the same to all active members at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, on which the names appear as chosen by the Nominating Committee. Three blank lines shall be provided on the ballot beneath the names of the candidates, to permit any active member to write in the name of a candidate of their own selection.*
- f) As quickly as the ballots have been printed and in conformity with the provisions of Section 5, Article III of these By-Laws, but 30 days prior to the annual meeting, the Secretary shall mail to each active member of this Corporation, a ballot and a business reply envelope. The member, upon receipt of the ballot, shall record their vote by making the usual "X" next to the names of the candidates of their choice. They shall then place their ballot in the business reply envelope and seal the same. They shall then sign their name over the word "Signature", which appears on the back of the outside envelope addressed to said firm responsible for counting said ballots so that their signature shall partially appear on the flap and partially on the back of said envelope.*
- g) All ballots must be received by said firm at least seven (7) business days prior to the date of the annual meeting.*
- h) Said accounting firm shall open ballots and tabulate, certifying results and placing its tabulation in a sealed envelope for delivery to the Secretary of the Corporation. Said envelope will be opened during the annual meeting, but not before, and the results disclosed.*
- i) Should a tie result between two candidates for the final position in an election, a winner will be declared by a majority vote of the active members present at the annual meeting.*
- j) An active member may request a recount within two (2) business days following the annual meeting provided:
 - i. Fewer than (five) 5 votes separate the two candidates in question; and,*
 - ii. The candidate requesting the recount pre-pays current recount fee charged by the Corporation's accounting firm.**

Motion passed unanimously.

Walter Schaefer, Jr moved to amend ARTICLE VII. RULES OF REGISTRATION Section 1. General Requirements, to read:

- a) *Any person, persons or legal entity recognized by the Corporation, requesting registration of a Belgian horse must conform to all the requirements, rules and regulations of the Corporation pertaining thereto. To register a horse with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, the horse must be registered by and in the name of the owner of the dam at the time of foaling; provided further, that in order to register the horse the dam and sire of said horse must be properly registered and transferred on the records of the Corporation.*

Motion passed unanimously

David Flickner moved to amend ARTICLE VII. RULES OF REGISTRATION Section 2. Application for Registration, to read:

- a) *Before any horse shall be registered with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, an application for registry shall be made on forms furnished by the Corporation. Such application must be signed by the recorded owner of the sire at the time of service and by the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service and the recorded owner of the dam at the time of foaling, unless a separate stallion service certificate is completed and submitted. If a transfer application was completed by owner of the dam at time of breeding and appropriate service documentation is completed, the breeder's certificate section of the foal registration application may be skipped.*
- b) *Such application must contain the sex, name, color and description of other identifying marks, diagram showing white markings and other identifying marks, date of foaling, the name and address of the owner of the dam at time of foaling, the names and addresses of owners of the sire and dam at time of service, the names and registry numbers of the sire and dam, photographs, if requested, and such other information as the Board of Directors, or Secretary, may from time to time require.*
- c) *When the proper showing has been made as herein required and the proper fees paid, as set forth by the published fee schedule of the Corporation, then said animal shall be accepted for registration and the certificate of registry of the Corporation may be issued.*
- d) *Each certificate of registry shall carry a reproduction of the diagram showing white markings and any other marks of identification as shown on the original application for registry. The Corporation and its Officers shall use diligence in securing true information in connection with the registration of any and all animals recorded by it. Neither the Corporation nor its Officers shall be answerable in damages for the issuance of any certificate of registry made, in conformance to information furnished by the applicant for entry. The fees for registering Belgian horses, providing duplicate registrations, corrected registrations, rush fees, name changes or any other fees be set and published by the Board from time to time and those fees are incorporated herein as if fully rewritten. The filing of an application for registry or any other documents accompanied by the proper fees, shall not constitute a liability on the part of the Corporation. The Corporation has the right to investigate the application and make a determination about its truthfulness and authenticity. The acceptance of the application and the receipt of the proper fees that later proves to be inaccurate or improper does not impose a legal liability or responsibility upon the Corporation. Likewise, the rejection of the application and the accompanying fee because the Corporation believed that the application was improper or inaccurate, but later proves to be accurate and proper does not impose a legal liability upon the Corporation.*
- e) *Upon the death or taking out of service of any animal registered in this Corporation, the certificate of registry shall be surrendered by the owner to the Corporation for cancellation, after which it may be returned to the owner upon their request. Where a registered stallion has been castrated, and the owner desires that the horse be indicated as a registered gelding and the owner may request a corrected certificate pursuant to Section 8 below.*

Motion was approved unanimously

Teresa Zube moved to amend ARTICLE VII. RULES OF REGISTRATION Section 3. JEB Testing & DNA Profile, to read:

- a) *DNA requirements: All sires of foals must be DNA profiled. All mares foaled in 2015 and after must be DNA profiled at the time of registration. These tests must be done through the Corporation with all fees paid in advance. Horses to which a registration number is issued, at the discretion of the Corporation, will be subject to verification of parentage and DNA profiling.*
- b) *JEB requirements: All sires entering into service after November 1, 2002 must be JEB tested and results printed on the certificate of registry or be "parentage verified JEB non-carrier". "Parentage Verified JEB Non-Carrier" will be documented on the certificate of registration provided the foal is DNA tested and one of the following conditions is met:*
 - 1) *Both parents are JEB tested Non-Carriers.*
 - 2) *One parent is a JEB tested Non-Carrier and one parent is a Parentage Verified JEB Non-Carrier.*
 - 3) *Both parents are Parentage Verified JEB Non-Carriers.*
- c) *The fees for DNA and JEB kits shall be determined by the Board of Directors and incorporated into the fee schedule that is periodically updated and*
- d) *d provided to any member or non-member that so requests.*

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Matt Frieden moved to amend ARTICLE VII. RULES OF REGISTRATION Section 4. Requirements for Registry of Foals by Artificial Insemination, to read:

- a) *When the certificate of registry is issued it will be identified as an AI conception. The Corporation may, where chilled semen is used, at any time and at the expense of the mare owner, require parentage verification of foal to be recorded. All other requirements as set by these Bylaws for the dam and sire shall apply to foals conceived by artificial insemination.*
- b) *Where frozen semen is used, the following rules apply:*
 - 1) *All other requirements as set by these By-Laws for the dam and sire shall apply to foals conceived by frozen semen.*
 - 2) *All foals conceived by way of frozen semen shall be subject to all normal registration rules provided for in this Article.*
 - 3) *The Corporation may, where frozen semen is used, at any time and at the expense of the mare owner, require parentage verification of foal to be recorded.*
 - 4) *Rules and requirements of frozen semen are effective January 1, 2018 and shall apply to all semen frozen on or after that date.*
 - 5) *The Corporation shall prepare a retained semen rights form and it shall be completed and submitted to the Corporation by the stallion owner at the time of freezing the semen. There shall be no fee for filing the retained semen rights form.*
 - 6) *The Corporation shall prepare a breeder's certificate form which would be utilized per breeding and not per straw and will be required for each breeding of an out of herd horse. These certificates will be purchased by stallion owner at time of breeding of outside mare(s) and transferred to mare owner(s). The utilization of a breeder's certificate shall not be required by the stallion owner if the frozen semen is utilized within the stallion owner's own herd, unless the stallion is sold or deceased.*
 - 7) *If a stallion is sold and semen is retained by the prior owner, then breeder's certificates must be purchased previous to the date of the sale of the stallion.*
 - 8) *If a stallion dies, the stallion owner at the time of death, will have 30 days to purchase a breeder's certificate.*
 - 9) *If the owner of the stallion dies, his or her estate will have up to one year to make a transfer of the semen to the new owner by properly filing that transfer with the Corporation.*
 - 10) *Fees for the breeder's certificate will be subject to the fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors and incorporated into the fee schedule which is periodically amended and provided to members and non-members at their request.*

Yes: Levi Beachy, Jim Carey, Matt Frieden, Gary Miller, Walter Schaefer Jr, and Teresa Zube.

No: David Flickner and Dean Woodbury

Motion Carried

Walter Schaefer, Jr moved to amend ARTICLE VII. RULES OF REGISTRATION Section 5. Requirements for Registry of Foals by Embryo Transfer, to read:

The normal rules of registration as provided by this article, shall apply to foals born by embryo transfer as well as to the sire and the donor dam.

- a) *Both the sire and the donor mare must be DNA profiled and JEB status known and recorded with the Corporation, prior to registry of any embryo.*
- b) *Each individual embryo must be registered with the Corporation on forms provided and fees as determined by the Board of Directors.*
- c) *The embryo transfer foal shall be subject to all normal registration rules provided for in this Article. The embryo registration certificate is made part of the registration certificate prior to registration. All registration requirements will be conducted at the owner's expense following the fee schedule set forth by the board, and by surrendering the embryo registration certificate.*
- d) *The transfer of an embryo abides by the same rules and regulations as written in Article VIII and using the application for transfer forms provided by the Corporation.*

Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Carey moved to amend ARTICLE VII. RULES OF REGISTRATION Section 6. Change of Name, Section 7. Duplicate Certificate of Registry, Section 8. Rewritten or Corrected Certificates of Registry, to read:

Section 6. Change of Name. name of a registered animal can be changed provided that the fee for same has been paid and the proper application made to the Corporation and the following criteria have been met: 1) Animal has not reached thirty-six (36) months of age; 2) Animal has not reproduced or sired; 3) Written consent of original applicant for registration has to be submitted to the Secretary of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Section 7. Duplicate Certificate of Registry. A duplicate may be procured by the applicant making an application that they are the owner and in possession of the animal and that they had possession of said original certificate but that the same has been lost or destroyed and by stating in the application the circumstances under which said certificate was lost or destroyed. A fee for duplicate certificate of registration shall be included in the fee schedule provided by the Corporation.

Section 8. Rewritten or Corrected Certificates of Registry.

- a) *The applicant may be required to complete a corrected application or provide photos as necessary at the discretion of the Corporation. For further terms regarding corrected certificates of registry see Article X herein.*
- b) *Where a registered stallion has been castrated and the owner of that gelding desires the gelding to be indicated as registered, then the owner of that gelding may apply with the corporation by filling out the required forms and submitting the appropriate fees as determined by the published fee schedule.*

Motion was approved unanimously

Dean Woodbury moved to amend ARTICLE VIII RULES FOR TRANSFER, to read:

Section 1. Application for Transfer. A record of all changes in ownership must be made on the records of the Corporation. A signed application for transfer, shall be forwarded promptly to the Secretary of the Corporation. Such application for transfer shall be signed in ink on the form furnished by the Corporation, which, when returned to the Secretary, shall be entered upon the records if found to be regular. Every space on the transfer

form must be filled out in full, where necessary, in order to make the transfer acceptable. All animals must be transferred into a proper name or names or legal entity recognized by the Corporation. No animal can be transferred into a farm name which is not a legal entity recognized by the Corporation. This restriction includes farm names or businesses which are state registered, unless that entity is properly filed and registered as a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or educational institution. In the case of bred mares, the application for transfer shall also carry the date of service and the name and registry number of the stallion to which the mare is bred. If a transfer or transfers have been skipped or neglected, the transfer applicant must procure the signature of the last recorded owner(s) and the horse in question must be DNA tested and parentage verified at the applicant's cost.

Section 2. Date of Sale. Date of sale given on a transfer shall be the date the buyer completed the contracted agreement with the seller. Anyone wanting to change or amend information on a transfer must contact the Corporation with approval from the buyer and the seller.

Section 3. Transfers Signed in Blank. A transfer signed in blank and submitted to the Corporation in that form, is not deemed a good transfer unless the animal was consigned to an auction. In case of an auction, a blank transfer will be furnished to the auction and the auction shall be responsible for completing the name and address of the buyer along with the date and any other information to complete the transfer.

Section 4. Neglect or Refusal to Transfer. In case of full neglect or refusal of a seller to give a transfer without reasons satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the record of change of ownership may be made by the Secretary upon written approval of a majority of the Board of Directors on satisfactory evidence of sale and delivery.

Section 5. Fees for Transfer. At the time of filing a transfer, the fees and penalties for transferring are based on the membership or non-membership status of the seller and on the current fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors. All fees for transfer, penalty fees, rushed transfers and fees for correction of transfer shall be established by the Board as set by the fee schedule circulated periodically to members and non-members.

Section 6. Liability of Corporation. The filing of an application for transfer of ownership accompanied by the proper fees does not create a legal responsibility or liability on the part of the Corporation. The Corporation has the right to investigate the transfer and make a determination about its truthfulness and authenticity. The acceptance of an application and receipt of the proper fees that later proves to be inaccurate or improper does not impose a legal liability or responsibility upon the Corporation. Likewise, the rejection of an application for transfer and the accompanying fee because the Corporation believed that the application was improper or inaccurate, but later proves to be accurate and proper does not impose a legal liability upon the Corporation.

Motion passed unanimously

Matt Frieden moved to amend ARTICLE IX RECORDING PREFIXES, to read:

Prefixes may be recorded at the Corporation for the current prefix fee determined by the Board of Directors. The first applicant to record a prefix has sole privilege of using the prefix thereafter and said prefix cannot be used by another person, group of persons or any legal entity recognized by the corporation, without the written consent of the original applicant/recorder. The prefix is only protected when used as a whole and individual portions can be used by other persons or legal entities. The prefix can be transferred from a person/legal entity to another based on the current fee schedule set forth by the Board of Directors. When a prefix has not been used for a period of at least five years, and the corporation office is contacted by an active member who wants to use the prefix, the recorded owner of the prefix will be contacted by certified mail and informed of such. The recorded owner of the prefix will be required to complete the necessary form to retain ownership of the prefix and return

it to the corporation office by the indicated deadline. Failure by the prefix owner to reply by the deadline, will result in the prefix becoming public domain for the use and/or reservation by another party. The prefix owner, may at his, hers or its discretion, petition the Board of Directors to retire the prefix. If a prefix is retired, the prefix owner or a family member may petition the Board of Directors to resurrect the prefix. The Board of Directors reserves the right to retire and/or resurrect a prefix.

Motion passed unanimously

David Flickner moved to amend ARTICLE X. REWRITTEN CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY, to read:

Section 1. When an animal registered in this Corporation shall have changed color, markings or when error has been made in the original registration of an animal, upon application of the owner of record, and payment of the correction fee and upon satisfactory proof being made, such changes shall be made or error corrected on the records of the Corporation.

Section 2. A certificate of registry bearing alterations, amendments or corrections not made pursuant to the terms of this article, shall not be recognized by the Corporation.

Merit Committee Update by Teresa Zube:

Pulling Horse Merit Program: David and Teresa attended the pull in Bowling Green, KY in June. The committee is recommending that we don't incorporate the pulling horses into the merit program. The committee, however, feels that we should continue to foster a relationship and support this part of our industry which we feel could lead to more involvement in the Belgian Corporation down the road.

Recommendation: Create a Belgian Corporation sponsorship at the Bowling Green, KY event. This sponsorship would consist of two director chairs with our logo to the winning Belgian team in both the lightweight and heavyweight divisions. We would also like to give a Belgian Review to each Belgian entrant. Lastly, we would like to have the booth and/or director representation at this event for the presentations. This program could be part of the existing Merit Committee or we could create a new committee consisting of directors and a member at large (Jo Jo Duvall) to oversee this.

Working horses: The committee feels that we should foster a stronger relationship and support this part of our industry which we feel could lead to more involvement in the Belgian Corporation down the road.

Recommendation: Create a Belgian Corporation sponsorship at Nebraska State Fair and Michigan Great Lakes International for Belgian farm teams. This sponsorship would consist of two director chairs with our logo to the winning Belgian team at both shows. We would also like to give a Belgian Review to each Belgian entrant. Lastly, we would like to have the booth and/or director representation at Michigan Great Lakes International for the presentations. Terry Pierce has volunteered to do the presentations at Nebraska State Fair. This program

could be part of the existing Merit Committee or we could create a new committee consisting of directors and a member at large (Terry Pierce) to oversee this.

Mark Barie appointed David Flickner and Levi Beachy to serve on a committee to help increase involvement with the pulling and working horse group.

Mississippi Valley Fair- There have been a number of attempts to work with show personnel on not using the National Belgian Show terminology on their awards to no avail. Jenna has discussed what options are available to us with our legal counsel moving forward as it is starting to cause confusion within our membership as to where our National Belgian Show is located as well as the dates. Based on legal counsel recommendation, they don't feel it would be value added for us to start legal proceedings but to look at removing their merit show privileges.

The team discussed this option and is providing the following recommendation:

Warning letter issued to Mississippi Valley Fair that if they don't cease utilizing the National Belgian Show terminology, they will not be recognized as part of the merit program for 2018 and beyond until the issue is resolved. A courtesy call to show personnel indicating the same. Jim Carey moved to accept the recommendation from the committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mare and gelding cart classes: We are still having issues, especially with the mare cart, having exhibitors provide the information needed on entries to ensure we are accurately representing the program. Unfortunately, we are spending a lot of time tracking down people and their entries to create accuracy.

The committee's recommendation is that we give participants until the Monday after NAILE to get the names of horses used at each show to the corporation office so we can align the results accordingly. In essence we are putting the ownership on the participant vs. the committee and corporation being responsible for seeking them out.

Gary Miller moved to accept the recommendation from the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Frieden moved to award the premier sire, dam and exhibitor award winners with a commissioned painting of their horse with a budget of \$1800 for the three paintings.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dean Woodbury moved to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Signed:

Jenna Hovermale

Secretary, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America