

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting – December 2, 2017

The board meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Teresa Zube at the Best Western in Arcola, IL. The following were present for the meeting: Levi Beachy, Jim Carey, David Flickner, Matt Frieden, Jenna Hovermale, Gary Miller, Larry Piergallini, Walter Schaefer Jr, Dean Woodbury, and Teresa Zube.

Elections:

Teresa Zube turned the floor over to Jenna Hovermale to preside over the election of the President and Vice President.

Dean Woodbury nominated Walter Schaefer Jr for the office of President. David Flickner nominated Teresa Zube for the office of President.

Gary Miller moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously

Gary Miller, Dean Woodbury, Matt Frieden, Levi Beachy, Teresa Zube and Walter Schaefer Jr voted for Walter Schaefer Jr.

Jim Carey, David Flickner, Larry Piergallini voted for Teresa Zube.

Walter Schaefer Jr was elected to the office of President.

Jenna Hovermale turned the floor over to Walter Schaefer Jr to preside over the meeting.

Dean Woodbury nominated Teresa Zube for the office of Vice President.

Jim Carey moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Zube was elected to the office of Vice President with a unanimous vote.

Gary Miller nominated Jenna Hovermale to the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Jim Carey moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenna was elected to the office of Secretary/Treasurer with a unanimous vote.

Minutes:

Jim Carey moved to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2017 conference call.

Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trophies and Awards:

Jenna Hovermale asked for feedback on what we are currently giving the fairs for trophies. The board agreed the trophies are working well and to keep them the same.

Ambassador Program:

Jenna Hovermale will open the application process this spring. She is looking to tie the Ambassador training in with the Belgian Draft Horse Expo.

Building and Maintenance Committee:

Several improvements have been made around the building including: repairs to the outside of the building, power washing and landscaping. Gary Miller replaced the toilets in the bathrooms and Jim Carey was able to order new desks for the office staff. Jenna Hovermale installed new computers for the office staff. New carpet will be installed on January 2-3. Getting the interior painted before the new carpet goes in was recommended.

Gary Miller moved that \$3,000 be budgeted for painting the interior of the office.

Motion passed unanimously

Belgium/Importation Committee:

Jenna Hovermale shared some of the issues that the office has handling importations from Belgium. The conditions that we require to register a horse are not being met. It has been difficult to communicate with the Belgium office and proper protocol is often not followed by the Belgium office when a horse is being transferred to the United States.

Gary Miller moved that the board recommend to the bylaws committee that we only recognize Canada as a registry for importation starting on December 1, 2018.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Joining the US Equestrian Federation was discussed. The board will not consider joining at this time.

An invitation to the National Endangered Equine Summit was presented. The board will not send a representative this year.

The animal treatment policy was reviewed. At this time it will be just be used for the office staff to have a uniform answer when asked about it.

The spring Board of Directors meeting will be at the corporation office in Wabash on May 4, 2018 at 9:00 am.

A conference call will be held on December 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm est time. This call will include committee assignments.

The National Show committee elected Adam Steinbrick to the member at large position.

Dean Woodbury moved to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.

Signed:

Jenna Hovermale

Secretary, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America