

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting
December 1st and 2nd, 2006

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Darrel Eberspacher at the home office of the Corporation, Wabash, Indiana.

Those in attendance: Darrel Eberspacher, Crae Eller, Christina Lemley, Dale McMMain, Dr. A.J. Neumann, Walt Schaefer, Dr. Michael Stone, Keith Woodbury, and Vicki Knott.

Absent: William F. McGrew.

Discussion opened on the May 19, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the financial reports for the third and fourth quarters, and the fiscal year.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Neumann,
To accept the financial reports as presented.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the possibility of developing an incentive program to encourage registered geldings.

President appointed a committee consisting of Dale McMMain, Chair, Nelson Schrock, Dean Woodbury, Mark Barie, Dr. Michael Stone, Crae Eller, and Walter Schaefer.

The committee is due to report back with a proposal to the Board of Directors at their May, 2007 meeting.

Discussion opened on the website and online pedigrees.

Motion by Neumann,
Seconded by Eller,
To proceed with the online pedigrees with our programmer.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on pedigree generated non-carriers of JEB.

Currently “pedigree generated non-carrier of JEB” status appears on the registration certificate only if both the sire and dam of the animal are tested non-carriers of JEB.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by McMain,

To extend pedigree generated non-carriers of JEB from one generation to another for stallions and mares. However, all breeding stallions must still be DNA/JEB profiled before offspring can be registered.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the fee to subscribe to the online pedigrees.

Motion by Eller,

Seconded by Stone,

To charge \$24.95 for four hours of time with any unused time expiring after one year.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the legislation regarding the banning of horse slaughter.

Walt Schaefer reported on the recent activities in legislation. The Bill has passed in the House and is currently in the Senate. Additionally, Walt will be addressing the membership at the meeting tomorrow to update them as well.

Crae Eller presented an update on the NABC VI Committee’s progress. He will be making a presentation to the membership tomorrow.

Dr. Stone presented an overview of the Belgian Merit Program® along with changes to the program for 2007. He will be delivering a presentation to the membership prior to the distribution of awards.

Roger Hare, Edward D. Jones, reported on the Corporation’s investments.

Board consensus to make no changes at this time.

Dr. Stone unveiled the 2006 Breeder Showcase painting for the Board of Directors.

Discussion opened on the auction of the painting.

Motion by Schaefer,

Seconded by Lemley,

To sell the painting to the highest bidder at the 2007 Mid-America Draft Horse Sale.

Motion carried.

Darrel Eberspacher presented a report on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. and their activities planned for 2007. The Stallion Service Sale will be held at the Mid-America Draft Horse Sale and the 4th Take The Lead Workshop will be held in June at Morrisville, New York. Additionally, Ron Mack will be making a presentation to the membership tomorrow.

Christina Lemley reported on the 2006 All-American contest. Entries were down 12 and there were 11 disqualifications.

Discussion opened on our future participation in the contest.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by McMain,
To continue with the All-American contest for 2007.
Motion carried.

Further discussion tabled to accommodate those appearing before the Board of Directors.

Scott Nebergall, National Belgian Futurity, presented a review of the Futurity and plans for 2007 via conference call.

Regal Publications reported on the Belgian publications for the year and reminded the Board that our current contract expires in 2007.

Discussion re-opened on the All-American contest.

Christina Lemley informed the Board that the Draft Horse Journal reported the following: KILE be moved down to a B level show; CNE be moved up to a B level show; remove the Kansas State Fair; add West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina State Fairs as C level shows.

Discussion continued on how the level of shows are determined.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Schaefer,
For a committee to meet with the Draft Horse Journal regarding the All-American contest.
Motion carried.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Neumann,
To rescind the motion of participating in the All-American contest for 2007 pending a written mutual agreement with the Draft Horse Journal regarding the rules and responsibilities of the contest.
Motion carried.

President appointed a committee consisting of Christina Lemley, Dale McMain, and Dr. Neumann. Dr. Neumann will contact the Draft Horse Journal to set up a meeting.

Discussion opened on the Matching Fund program.

Motion by McMain,
Seconded by Eller,
To discontinue the program.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the National Belgian Futurity.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Neumann,
To provide \$5,000.00 in funding to the National Belgian Futurity for one year.

Discussion followed.

Motion withdrawn by Eller.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by McMain,
To provide \$4,000.00 in funding to the National Belgian Futurity for one year.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on printing a flyer to distribute in mailings regarding the use of the website to obtain forms, signing up for subscriptions, etc.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To print a quantity of 10,000 for distribution.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on printing the press release from the North Carolina show.

Board consensus to refer the matter to Dr. Neumann, Editorial Editor, for review.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To move into executive session for Board Appeal matters.
Motion carried.

Board moved into executive session at 10:07 p.m.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,

To move out of executive session.
Motion carried.

Board moved out of executive session at 11:12 p.m.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Neumann,
To recess until Saturday.
Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 11:13 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m. on Saturday, December 2nd.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To move into executive session.
Motion carried.

Board moved into executive session at 1:50 p.m.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Neumann,
To move out of executive session.

Board moved out of executive session at 2:10 p.m.

President Eberspacher called for nominations for President.

Motion by Neumann,
Seconded by Stone,
To nominate Darrel Eberspacher for President.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To close nominations.
Motion carried.

Darrel Eberspacher elected President.

President Eberspacher called for nominations for Vice-President.

Dale McMMain reported that he would not be seeking re-election for another term and requested that another board member fill the position of Vice-President.

Motion by Schaefer,
To nominate Christina Lemley for Vice-President.

Lemley declined nomination.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Stone,
To nominate Crae Eller for Vice-President.

Motion by Schaefer,
Seconded by Neumann,
To close nominations.
Motion carried.

Crae Eller elected Vice-President.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Eller,
To retain Vicki Knott as Secretary/Treasurer.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the requests to add the North Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia State Fairs to the Belgian Merit Program® and the All-American contest. The state fairs qualify to be added to the Belgian Merit Program® for 2007.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To table the matter of adding the shows to the All-American contest until after a decision on the future of our involvement in the contest has been determined.

The Secretary presented the 2007 event schedule for approval.

Board consensus to approve the schedule.

Discussion opened on dates for the May, 2007 Board Meeting.

Board consensus to hold the meeting on May 18 & 19, 2007.

Discussion opened on adding a calendar of events to the website.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
To make this addition.
Motion carried.

President called for further business.

Motion by Neumann,
Seconded by Lemley,

To adjourn.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.