

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting
November 30 – December 1, 2007

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Darrel Eberspacher with all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer in attendance. They were: Darrel Eberspacher, Crae Eller, Christina Lemley, Bill McGrew, Dale McMain, Dr. A.J. Neumann, Walt Schaefer, Dr. Mike Stone, Keith Woodbury, and Vicki Knott.

Minutes of the May, 2007 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Neumann,
To approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

The financial report for the third quarter, fourth quarter, and fiscal year were presented for approval.

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

Ballots were collected for the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. election. These will be tabulated along with those returned by the Directors of the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc.

Discussion opened on the software updates and online pedigree progress. Dr. Stone read correspondence from the programmer that the delay has been largely due to a transition in the programmer's business due to retirement. The Board will be updated on the situation as it progresses.

Discussion opened on JEB carrier stallions.

Bill McGrew proposed that stallions foaled after January 1, 2009, who are tested and found to be JEB carriers, would not be eligible to have offspring registered to them.

Discussion followed.

Board consensus to take no action at the present time.

Discussion opened on the Corporation mailing list.

Walt Schaefer asked if there was a possibility of contacting members who have not corresponded with the Corporation for several years or who were not currently receiving any mailings.

The Secretary will get further information and report back to the Board at the May, 2008 meeting.

Discussion opened on placing the breed publications in retail outlets for purchase.

Motion by Neumann,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To place the breed publications in at least two retail outlets and place an ad in The Connection.

Walt Schaefer updated the Board on the pending slaughter issue. Legislation continues to be introduced on the matter.

Crae Eller reported on the NABC VI. Classes have been set, judges are under contract, a host hotel has been selected, and the premium book is in its final revision.

Christina Lemley reported on the 2007 All-American submissions. Entries were down eight from 2006.

Dr. Stone reported that he had not received any information from the Draft Horse Journal regarding the Board's request for program changes for 2008.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Stone,
Put nominations in color on the Corporation website as soon as verification has been completed and publish the All-American and Reserve All-American winners in the spring issue of the newsletter.
Motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion on the All-American contest reopened.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Lemley,
To continue the All-American contest for 2008 in the same format as 2007.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the levels of All-American shows.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To move the Illinois State Fair to a "B" level and place the NABC VI as an "AA" level for 2008. All other shows would remain the same.

Motion carried.

Dr. Stone reported on the Belgian Merit Program. Registered stallion/gelding and registered mare carts are proposed for 2008.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Neumann,
To approve the changes for 2008.
Motion carried.

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

Discussion followed.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To move the NABC VI funds from investments into a CD at the best rate possible for the time frame.
Motion carried.

Further discussion on investments was postponed to accommodate guests appearing before the Board.

Dr. Stone and Dick Higby updated the Board on the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

Christina Lemley presented the internal fundraising concept of becoming an Alliance ALLY to the Board.

A presentation will be made on both of these items at the membership meeting.

Walter Schaefer, Jr. reported on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. and plans for 2008 as well as the implementation of the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

He will be giving a presentation at the membership meeting.

Discussion resumed on Corporation investments.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Schaefer,
To move \$50,000.00 from investments into a CD at the best rate possible provided there is no penalty for moving the funds.
Motion carried.

The Secretary will contact the Corporation investment representative regarding the Board's wishes.

Regal Publications reported on the breed publications. The shipping date for the 2008 Belgian Review is January 28th. Regal will look into retail sites available to place the breed publications.

Scott Nebergall, Mark Barie, and Gary Miller reported on the National Belgian Futurity. The Futurity is working on plans to reinstate the three-year old class and develop an election process for the committee members.

Discussion followed.

Motion by McMain,
Seconded by Neumann,
To provide the National Belgian Futurity with \$4,000.00 in funding for 2008 provided that they meet the requirements of the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the necessity of DNA/JEB profiling of animals resulting from embryo transfer that are gelded prior to registration.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by McMain,
To waive the DNA/JEB profiling for all animals resulting from embryo transfer that are gelded prior to registration.
Motion denied.

Discussion opened on non-sufficient fund checks.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by McGrew,
To charge \$35.00 for non-sufficient fund checks. Additionally, no further business will be conducted or publications sent until the debt has been satisfied. Publications that have been missed will not be replaced.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the benefits of joining the American Horse Publications to create additional exposure of the breed publications.

Motion by Schaefer,
Seconded by Eller,
To join the American Horse Publications at a fee of \$100.00.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on publishing the photos of the silver and bronze Belgian Merit Program winners in the newsletter. Previously only photos of the gold have been published.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Woodbury,

To request owners to submit photos of the silver and bronze Belgian Merit Program winners for publication in the newsletter.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on adding an additional premium of \$180.00 at the NABC VI for a gelding six-horse hitch where all six animals have been registered or are NR recorded.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
To add an additional premium of \$180.00 at the NABC VI for a gelding six-horse hitch where all six animals are registered or NR recorded with current papers that can be verified.
Motion carried.

Dr. Stone proposed the concept of volunteers to reach outlying areas to represent the Corporation. Funding for travel expenses could come from donations into the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

Board consensus to do nothing at this time.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Neumann,
To move into executive session to review Board appeals.
Motion carried.

Meeting in executive session.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Eller,
To come out of executive session.
Motion carried.

The Board thanked outgoing Directors Dr. A.J. Neumann and Dale McMMain for their dedication and service to the Corporation.

Motion by McGrew,
Seconded by Neumann,
To adjourn.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 2:25 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2007 by President Darrel Eberspacher with the addition of newly elected Directors Kent House and Gary Miller.

The call was made for nominations for officers.

Motion by McGrew,
Seconded by Lemley,
To nominate Darrel Eberspacher for President.

Motion by Schaefer to close nominations and cast one unanimous ballot.
Motion carried.

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

Motion by Schaefer to close nominations and cast one unanimous ballot.
Motion carried.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To nominate Vicki Knott for Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Schaefer to close nominations and cast one unanimous ballot.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the 2008 Event Schedule. Normally the Eastern States Sale is included, however, since it has been cancelled the Michigan Great Lakes Sale may be a possible replacement.

Discussion opened on the date for the May, 2008 meeting. The meeting has been set for 1:00 p.m. on May 16th.

Discussion opened on the clarification of Article VII; Section 4 (f) of the Corporation By-Laws. It currently reads:

(f) To register 1980 and subsequent foals with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, the foal must be registered by and in the name of the owner of the dam at the time of foaling. This applies to American, Canadian or Belgian bred foals; provided, further, that in order to register said foal, the dam and sire of said foal must be properly registered and transferred on the records of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America. No foals shall be registered that are progeny of stallions or mares not properly transferred on the records of the Corporation.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To insert "American" in the wording for clarification.
Motion carried.

The section will be modified to:

(f) To register 1980 and subsequent foals with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, the foal must be registered by and in the name of the American owner of the dam at the time of foaling. This applies to American,

Canadian or Belgian bred foals; provided, further, that in order to register said foal, the dam and sire of said foal must be properly registered and transferred on the records of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America. No foals shall be registered that are progeny of stallions or mares not properly transferred on the records of the Corporation.

Walt Schaefer questioned whether another review of the By-Laws was in order.

President appointed Walt Schaefer to work with the Secretary and report back at the May, 2008 meeting.

Discussion opened on the requested seed money from the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation and the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. for the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
To provide the requested \$3,500.00 to the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the retail price of the breed publications for 2008.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
The Belgian Review will sell for \$15.00 and the Belgian Newsletter will sell for \$8.00. The price of a subscription in the U.S. will be \$30.00 and the price of a subscription to Canada will be \$42.00.
Motion carried.

Dr. Stone requested the Board revisit the current method of allocating funds to the NABC and Youth Corporation through transfers with regard to the changes brought about with the formation of the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

The Board will be addressing this item at the May, 2008 meeting.

President called for any further business.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To adjourn.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.