

**Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting
December 4 & 5, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Darrel Eberspacher with all Directors present.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To move into Executive Session.
Motion carried.
Meeting in Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Stone,
To move out of Executive Session.
Motion carried.
Meeting out of Executive Session at 2:00 p.m.

President appointed Crae Eller, Chair, and Kent House to work with the Secretary to develop a policy for Board Members.

President appointed Matt Frieden as the liaison to the National Belgian Futurity, replacing out-going liaison Crae Eller.

Minutes of the May 15, 2009 Board Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by House,
To approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 16, 2009 Board Conference Call were presented for approval.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To approve the minutes with the correction that the Board Appeal be moved to Executive Session.
Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 8, 2009 Board Conference Call were presented for approval.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Miller,
To approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the fiscal year financial report.

Motion by Frieden,
Seconded by McGrew,
To approve the financial report as presented.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the cost of Director travel to meetings.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by House,
To eliminate the per diem paid to Directors and reduce mileage to twenty cents per mile and revisit the topic annually.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the future of Corporation investments.

Board consensus to continue looking into the matter.

Board reviewed the updated fee schedule for 2010 showing that the NR and special gelding registration and transfer provisions will conclude.

Dr. Stone updated the Board on the computer program update.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
To contact the former programmer for additional information and, if more research is needed, allocate up to \$850.00 for expenses.
Motion carried.

Balloting for the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. Director election was conducted. The election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Stone reported on the Belgian Merit Program for 2009 and discussed possibilities for the 2010 program.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by House,
To waive the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance publication and labor costs of the program for 2010.
Motion carried.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,

To accept the Belgian Merit Program budget for 2010.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the All-American contest for 2010.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Lemley,
To waive the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance publication and labor costs of the program for 2010.
Motion carried.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Frieden,
To approve the All-American contest budget for 2010.
Motion carried.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,
If sufficient funds are not generated through donations to cover program costs by March 1, 2010 a request will be made to the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance for the allocation of unrestricted funds. If the request is denied the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation will be responsible for any deficit.
Motion carried.

Jason Hare of Edward D. Jones updated the Board on Corporation investments.

Discussion resumed on the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance programs.

Motion by House,
Seconded by Eller,
To request that the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance Trustees review the policy for the cancellation of programs.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the request received for the US Finals to become a Belgian Merit Program regional show and an All-American qualifying show.

Board consensus that the US Finals cannot be admitted into either program since both require that a show be open to all registered Belgians and, since the US Finals requires participation be earned, it is not eligible for either program.

Scott Seymour reported on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc.

Discussion opened on whether to have an audit conducted with the tax preparation for the fiscal year.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by House,
To request the accounting firm perform tax preparation.
Motion carried.

Dr. Stone reported on the Breeder Showcase for 2009 and unveiled the championship painting.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by McGrew,
To move into Executive Session.
Motion carried.
Meeting in Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Motion by Miller,
Seconded by House,
To come out of Executive Session.
Motion carried.
Meeting out of Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Discussion opened on 2010 trophies.

Motion by McGrew,
Seconded by Miller,
To provide grand champion trophies to Belgian Merit Shows with an index of 2 and above.
Motion Carried.

Discussion re-opened on the Registered Gelding Halter Program.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
To provide \$150.00 for Registered Gelding Halter for shows indexing 3 and above for 2010. Additionally, the shows must have the following registered classes: 3 & Over; 2 Year-Olds; Yearlings; Champion and Reserve Champion Registered Gelding. The show is required to submit results and premium amounts paid to receive the funding.
Motion carried.

Regal Publications reported on the Breed Publications.

Discussion opened on the excess revenue from the fall newsletter issue since the advertising deadline was extended.

Motion by House,
Seconded by Miller,

To split the excess of \$9,606.00 with 70% (6,724.20) going to Regal and 30% (2,881.80) going to the Belgian Corporation.
Motion carried.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by House,
To adjourn.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 1:25 p.m. by Darrel Eberspacher with Mark Barie replacing out-going Director, Bill McGrew.

Motion by Miller,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To move into Executive Session.
Motion carried.
Meeting in Executive Session at 1:25 p.m.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Eller,
To move out of Executive Session.
Motion carried.
Meeting out of Executive Session at 1:35 p.m.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Stone,
To nominate Darrel Eberspacher for President with Eller moving for nominations to be closed.
Motion carried.

Darrel Eberspacher elected President.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Stone,
To nominate Crae Eller for Vice-President with Lemley moving for nominations to be closed.
Motion carried.

Crae Eller elected Vice-President.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To nominate Vicki Knott for Secretary-Treasurer with Woodbury moving for nominations to be closed.
Motion carried.

Vicki Knott elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussion opened on the All-Breed Meeting for 2010. The Belgian Corporation will be hosting the other breed association representatives.

Crae Eller reported that he would be willing to assist with the event.

Crae Eller suggested that the Belgian Corporation attend the Mid-America Draft Horse Sale and Thursday of the Topeka Spring and Fall Sales.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
That the Belgian Corporation attend the Mid-America Draft Horse Sale and Thursday of the Topeka Spring and Fall Sales.
Motion carried.

The Publication Committee will be checking with Regal Publications on the possibility of handling forms for disbursement at events.

Dr. Stone suggested developing a fund for field representation.

President appointed Dr. Stone and Crae Eller to develop a concept and report to the Board in May, 2010.

Discussion re-opened on the All-American program.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Barie,
To accept Christina Lemley's proposed change in the rules regarding original photos only (no photos on copy paper or emails.)
Motion carried.

Christina will check with the Draft Horse Journal regarding photo change and the status of the CNE show on the All-American list.

Board set May 21, 2010 as the date of the next scheduled Board Meeting. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Frieden,
To adjourn.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.