

**Belgian Draft Horse Corporation
of America
Board Meeting
December 3rd & 4th, 2010**

Meeting called to order at the Corporation office at 12:45 p.m. by President Darrel Eberspacher with all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer present. They were: Mark Barie, Darrel Eberspacher, Crae Eller, Matt Frieden, Kent House, Christina Lemley, Gary Miller, Dr. Mike Stone, Keith Woodbury, and Vicki Knott.

Discussion opened on the minutes of the May 21, 2010 meeting.

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

Discussion opened on the minutes of the June 15, 2010 meeting (held via conference call.)

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

Discussion opened on the financial report for the fiscal year with Dr. Stone highlighting how the Board's modifications and reductions impacted the Corporation's fiscal year. Dr. Stone will be presenting this information at the Annual Meeting as well.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To approve the financial report for the fiscal year.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the supplemental report for the fiscal year with some areas showing growth.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Barie,
To approve the supplemental report as presented.
Motion carried.

Dr. Stone reported on the progress of the computer software development. While completion is nearly done there will be some additional work regarding the update of information.

Discussion opened on the Code of Attendance, Conduct and Confidentiality for Board Members, recently adopted by the Board and added to the by-laws. A request was made by Matt Frieden to revisit this

policy. President suggested potential revisions be reviewed at the May, 2011 meeting with suggestions. Additionally, Dr. Stone and Mark Barie will be working on the project as well.

Dr. Stone presented a concept for a Belgian Marketing Coordinator program within the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance. A marketing coordinator would work within the Alliance (and be funded through the Alliance without use of any Corporation funds.)

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Barie,
To adopt a Belgian Marketing Coordinator program into the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on events to attend until the Marketing Coordinator program is funded and in place. Previously the Mid-America Sale and Topeka Sales have been attended.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Eller,
To have a booth at the Mid-America Sale with the Secretary available for paperwork and Alliance matters.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the possibility of Board Members taking the booth to events on a volunteer basis.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,
To allow Board Members to set the booth up at events as long as there is no cost to the Corporation.
Motion carried.

Kent House presented a proposal for Belgian Corporation logo material to be sold by My Draft Horse Superstore (Permanent Impressions.) The logo would be leased to My Draft Horse Superstore (Permanent Impressions.) Logo material would be made available at all events they attend and online at no cost to the Corporation. The Corporation would receive 10% of all gross sales of Belgian logo merchandise.

Motion by Miller,
Seconded by Barie,
To approve the lease of the Belgian Corporation logo to My Draft Horse Superstore (Permanent Impressions.)
Motion carried.

Kent House and Dr. Mike Stone reported on the publication committee. Talks with Regal Publications will begin on publication options at the end of the contract in 2012.

Dr. Stone reported on the lease committee's proposal to allow animals to be leased for show purposes only.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of leasing as opposed to transferring the animal as well as a reasonable recording fee for the lease paperwork.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,
To allow leasing for the purposes of showing only.
Motion denied.

Crae Eller presented the NABC VI committee recommendations for the next U.S. NABC:

Hosting Requirements

- Halter classes must conform to Belgian Merit Program age divisions.
- All hitch and halter classes must be for registered Belgians only (no grade animals or mixed breed classes.)
- Grand Champion Stallion , Mare and Gelding must be awarded.
- Classes for youth exhibitors must be offered.
- Complete show results containing the exhibitors, animals, placings, and awards must be forwarded to the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America office immediately following the conclusion of the show.

Name and Logo

- NABC VIII may have its own logo but logos associated with and owned by the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc., Belgian Draft Horse Alliance, Belgian Merit Program and Breeder Showcase may not be used without express written consent of the respective corporate board possessing said logo.
- The use of North American Belgian Championship VIII, North American Belgian Championship, NABC VIII, or NABC is valid for the 2016 show only.

Resources

- The Belgian Draft Horse Corporation office will provide ownership verification for animals entered.
- Additional requests must be submitted in writing to the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America office and be approved by the Board of Directors.
- Reasonable space and accommodation in the Belgian publications and on website will be provided.
- Funding will be limited to donations deriving from the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

NABC discussion was tabled at the present time to accommodate a guest appearing before the Board.

Jason Hare, of Edward D. Jones, reported on the Corporation's investments.

Discussion followed with the Board on the re-investment of dividends rather than placing them in the cash account since there was no immediate need of funds.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To reinvest the cash based on Mr. Hare's recommendation.
Motion carried.

Discussion re-opened on the NABC.

Notice for bids has been placed in the Fall Belgian Review and the information will be reviewed by the Board at the May, 2011 meeting.

Kent House reported on the All-Breed Meeting hosted at the Belgian Corporation office in June. Breed representatives from each draft breed attended to share thoughts, ideas, concerns, and plans for the future.

President Eberspacher thanked Kent House and Crae Eller for working with the Secretary to handle the meeting arrangements.

Mr. House was thanked by fellow Board Members for sponsoring the dinner following the meeting.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To move into executive session to accommodate a Board Appeal.
Motion carried.

Meeting in executive session at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by House,
To move out of executive session.
Motion carried.

Meeting out of executive session at 4:25 p.m.

Christina Lemley reported on the Belgian Merit Program. Approximately 300 animals were involved in the program. Gelding classes are being changed to 4 and Over and 3 and Under for the 2011 program. This change is a result of the committee's review participation in the gelding classes.

Christina Lemley reported on the All-American program for 2010. Entries for the year were down approximately 20 animals.

Matt Frieden reported on the National Belgian Futurity. The Futurity plans to be ready to enter the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance in 2011.

Dr. Stone reported on the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance. The Trustees will be holding their regular meeting in June, 2011.

Dr. Stone unveiled the 2010 Breeder Showcase Painting for the Board. The painting will be unveiled at the membership meeting and then auctioned off at the 2011 Mid-America Draft Horse Sale.

Christina Lemley reported on the All-North American program. Beginning in 2011, the Draft Horse Journal has mandated that the All-American and All-Canadian programs will cease and be replaced by the All-North American program. This will combine the U.S. and Canadian entries into one contest.

Concerns were discussed such as the increase in the cost of printing a larger ballot; the consolidation process of the entries (where will they be mailed); awards, and generally the division of the expense and responsibilities between the two countries. Board consensus that more direction is needed from the Draft Horse Journal on how they wish the program to be administered.

Board tabled the discussion at the present time.

Kent House reported on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. Plans are to hold a 2011 Take The Lead Workshop.

The Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. election was held. The results (combined with the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. ballots) were: Region 2 - Cary Hall 11; Brad Swihart 3. Region 5 - Jimmy Pareo 14; Write-in 0. Cary Hall and Jimmy Pareo were elected to a three-year term, replacing outgoing Board Members Ron Mack and Bev Rees.

Discussion opened on auditing the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by House,
Not to audit the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
Motion carried.

Board Members welcomed Gail Soleski who presented the Janet Brass Memorial Trophy for All-Around Youth Showman at the National Belgian Show. This All-Around Youth Showman named the recipient will have his or her photo taken with the award with the actual award remaining on permanent display at the Corporation office.

The Board thanked Ms. Soleski for her thoughtfulness.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Frieden,
To accept the Janet Brass Memorial Trophy for All-Around Youth Showman.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the breed brochure and whether or not to print hard copies of the material. Previously the material had been moved to the website to increase exposure and decrease expense.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Frieden,
To wait to print the material and leave online for the present time.
Motion carried.

The Indiana Belgian Draft Horse Association letter inviting board members to attend their annual meeting on January 8, 2011 was discussed.

Motion by Barie,
Seconded by Frieden,
To adopt the policy to handle such requests on a case by case basis based on the availability of a board member to attend.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the Annual Meeting and reservations. Currently those attending are required to make a reservation (whether they are attending the meeting only or also staying for the luncheon.) Reservations are due one week prior to the meeting to allow the host facility sufficient time to prepare. Board members were informed to expect a group to be in attendance who has not made reservations. Tickets are being issued to those who have made reservations and those who have not made reservations will be held outside until it is determined if there is sufficient space and seating available.

Dr. Stone discussed online pedigrees and the additional expense associated with putting pedigree information online.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,
To proceed with the online pedigrees up to \$2,000.00.
Motion carried.

President called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Frieden,
Seconded by Miller,
To adjourn.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Darrel Eberspacher with new Director Jack Peckinpaugh in attendance. Newly elected Director Walter Schaefer, Jr. was absent. Mr. Peckinpaugh and Mr. Schaefer replaced out-going Directors Darrel Eberspacher and Kent House.

Mr. Darrel Eberspacher called for nominations for President.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Barie,
To nominate Dr. Mike Stone.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by Miller,
To close nominations.

Dr. Mike Stone elected President.

President called for nominations for Vice-President.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To nominate Crae Eller.

Motion by Peckinpaugh,
Seconded by Barie,
To close nominations.
Motion carried.

Crae Eller elected Vice-President.

Discussion opened on committee replacements for out-going Directors.

President Stone appointed Mark Barie to replace Kent House on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. and Jack Peckinpaugh to replace Darrel Eberspacher on the Personnel Committee.

Discussion opened on Board Meeting minutes and their content.

Motion by Miller,
Seconded by Barie,
To expand the December, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes to include more discussion since the Board has the opportunity to approve minutes before they are published.
Motion carried.

Discussion re-opened on the All-North American program.

Motion by Barie,
Seconded by Miller,
To write Lynn Telleen of the Draft Horse Journal and express the Corporation's willingness to work with the program but also express concerns with the program's transition. Further, request that the program remain the same for 2011 to allow the breeds to formulate a transition strategy.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the policy to print show results.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Frieden,

To continue to print the results for the All-American shows in the publications provided that the shows provide results.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the meeting date for the May, 2011 Board Meeting.

Board consensus to hold the meeting on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Matt Frieden requested to revisit the NABC.

Discussion followed on the requirements to hold such an event and the number of individuals and time involved for such an undertaking. President requested that the NABC be placed on the agenda for the May, 2011 Board Meeting.

Motion by Lemley,

Seconded by Barie,

To move into executive session for Board Appeals.

Motion carried.

Meeting in executive session at 3:22 p.m.

Motion by Lemley,

Seconded by Eller,

To move out of executive session.

Motion carried.

Meeting out of executive session at 4:10 p.m.

President called for further discussion.

Motion by Woodbury,

Seconded by Eller,

To adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.