Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America Board Meeting November 30th – December 1st, 2012

Meeting called to order at 12:45 p.m. by President Dr. Michael Stone at the Corporation office in Wabash, Indiana.

All Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer were present: Mark Barie; Crae Eller; Matt Frieden; Christina Lemley; Gary Miller; Jack Peckinpaugh; Walter Schaefer, Jr.; Dr. Michael Stone; Keith Woodbury; and Vicki Knott.

Discussion opened on the executive session minutes from the May 18, 2012 meeting.

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

Discussion opened on the financial report for the fiscal year.

Motion by Peckinpaugh, Seconded by Barie, To approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President Stone presented a demonstration of the newly completed online pedigree program which is now available at no charge for public use.

Discussion followed.

The President will also be making the same presentation to the membership at the annual meeting.

The publication committee presented the following proposal for future breed publications:

Publication Committee Recommendations

- One Belgian Review
- This would be a book that would historically document the history of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation, its programs and the individual breeders. This would be viewed more as a yearbook with Templates for our farm ads which will be one page ads all in color. Ads for farms will be submitted print ready from graphic designer of farm's choice. The corporate material will be bid out to multiple designers.
- The book would be pre-ordered thru multiple mailing lists.
- The price of the book will be determined by its cost.
- The publisher will be bid out as well.

- The book will reside in the Belgian Alliance.
- The Belgian Draft Horse Corporation will retain all the covers (inside and outside).
- Corporate Brief after each of our meetings, these will be printed for all voting members without emails and mailed, emailed to members with emails and posted to the web site.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Peckinpaugh, Seconded by Woodbury, To accept the proposal presented by the publication committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Hare, of Edward D. Jones, met with the Board regarding Corporation investments.

Discussion followed.

Board consensus not to make any changes to the investments at the present time.

Walter Schaefer, Jr. presented a Disaster Plan:

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America Disaster Plan

As a precaution and for emergency planning purposes:

Pertinent documents and materials (including duplicate keys, passwords and access information to all accounts) in hard copy form will be housed in the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America vault or the bank safedeposit box.

Software can be reinstalled by the use of off-site back-up or back-up by registry host. In the event of a disaster the following information will help to enable the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America to continue/resume normal business activities.

The President, Vice-President, or Secretary will inform all employees and Directors of any disaster impacting the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America and take any necessary steps in obtain a temporary structure if needed. The Board of Directors will assume jurisdiction from that point.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Lemley, Seconded by Peckinpaugh, To accept the proposal. Motion carried unanimously. The Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. election was conducted. The results (combined with the ballots received from the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. Directors) were as follows: Region 1: Scott Seymour 12; Kyle Quartaro 1. Region 3: Arletta Pappan 7; Joe Biren 6.

Scott Seymour and Arletta Pappan were elected to three-year term on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. Board.

President Stone presented a concept to align with the other draft breeds in a collaborative effort:

Draft Horse Collaboration Proposal

Mission Statement: To provide a platform and structure to address common draft horse industry challenges, by leveraging available resources to enhance the value and secure the future of the draft horse breeds. Basic Proposed Structure:

- \$5000 initial investment for two voting positions on the Draft Horse Council, with one from the primary breed board and one at the breed's discretion.
- Three year term and with the initial terms and commitment to be determined by the Council.
- The Council would meet twice a year, moving around and associated with the other breed meetings.
- Any future financial commitment expected from the Individual Breed Registries would require a unanimous approval.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Peckinpaugh,

Seconded by Barie,

To commit to the proposal provided that the Percherons and Clydesdales make the same commitment.

Yes: Barie; Eller; Frieden; Lemley; Miller; Peckinpaugh; Schaefer, Jr.

Abstain: Woodbury.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the strategic planning of the previous day.

President Stone appointed a committee of Walter Schaefer, Jr., Chair; Gary Miller, Matt Frieden, and himself to develop a job description for a person to work on website and social media. This information will be due by January 15th, 2013 so that a conference call may take place with the Board.

Discussion followed on the frequency of meetings and conference calls.

Motion by Frieden,

Seconded by Miller,

For the Board to receive a report of committee activity every month as well as program activities.

Yes: Barie; Frieden; Lemley; Miller; Peckinpaugh; Schaefer, Jr.; Woodbury.

No: Eller.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on attending the 2013 National Pedigreed Livestock Council meeting in Lexington, Kentucky.

Motion by Barie,

Seconded by Miller,

For the President and Secretary to attend the 2013 National Pedigreed Livestock Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Barie reported on the NABC 8 committee and announced that an ad for the NABC 8 will be coming out in the Belgian Review.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Lemley,

Seconded by Schaefer, Jr.,

To move into executive session.

Motion carried unanimously. Meeting in executive session at 4:45 p.m.

Motion by Miller,

Seconded by Woodbury,

To move out of executive session.

Motion carried unanimously. Meeting out of executive session at 5:15 p.m.

Motion by Peckinpaugh,

Seconded by Miller,

To adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Stone with Duane Miller replacing out-going Director Crae Eller.

President called for election of officers.

Motion by Schaefer, Jr.,

Seconded by Peckinpaugh,

To nominate Dr. Michael Stone for President.

Motion by Woodbury,

Seconded by Lemley,

To close nominations.

Motions carried unanimously.

Dr. Michael Stone elected President.

Motion by Woodbury, Seconded by Barie, To nominate Christina Lemley for Vice-President.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

Christina Lemley elected Vice-President.

Discussion opened on the clinic proposal sent to Dr. Stone.

Motion by Frieden, Seconded by Barie,

To contact the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. regarding the clinic proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Stone appointed a show rule committee of Mark Barie, Chair; Duane Miller; and Gary Miller to report to the Board in May.

Matt Frieden and Gary Miller will be attending the 2013 Horse Progress Days with the Corporation booth and materials.

President Stone appointed Duane Miller to fill the vacancy on the Belgian Merit Program committee created by out-going Director Crae Eller.

Discussion opened on a breed brochure or material.

Motion by Peckinpaugh, Seconded by Miller, To assign the project to the publication committee for development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, Seconded by Schaefer, Jr. To adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.