

**Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America**  
**Board Meeting**  
**December 6 & 7, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 12:55 p.m. by President Michael Stone at the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America office in Wabash, Indiana with all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer present. They were: Mark Barie; Matt Frieden; Christina Lemley; Duane Miller; Gary Miller; Jack Peckinpugh; Walter Schaefer, Jr.; Michael Stone; Keith Woodbury and Vicki Knott.

President introduced Dr. John Baird who gave a report on the past ten years of JEB testing in the Belgian breed and discussed DNA of mares with the matter being tabled until a later point in the meeting agenda.

Discussion opened on the executive session minutes of the May 17, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion by Schaefer, Jr.,  
Seconded by Barie,  
To accept the executive session minutes as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion opened on the financial report for the fiscal year.

Motion by G. Miller,  
Seconded by Barie,  
To accept the financial report for the fiscal year.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion opened on the Corporation's investments with a Board consensus not to make any changes at this time.

Christina Lemley presented a revised registration application for the Board's consideration.

Motion by Barie,  
Seconded by Woodbury,  
To accept the following changes: make the submission of a second name choice optional; replace the individual check boxes for leg markings with one box; replace the mane and tail boxes with one combined box.  
Motion carried unanimously.

President reported that he had attended the recent Percheron Horse Association meeting to discuss the possibility of collaboration between the draft breeds. At this time there is not a unified consensus between the breeds.

Discussion opened on the informational mailer sent out in July and the possibility of software modifications to expand the mailing list.

Motion by Barie,

Seconded by G. Miller,

To proceed with software modifications with a budget of \$400.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion opened on the 2013 Belgian Review with Duane Miller presenting proposals on a cover, collector edition concept, proposed number of books to print, and cost of books. Books are to ship by the end of January, 2014.

Motion by Schaefer, Jr.,

Seconded by Peckinpaugh,

To approve the proposed cover.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barie,

Seconded by Schaefer, Jr.,

To approve the printing of fifty collector edition books that will sell for \$100.00 each.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barie,

Seconded by Peckinpaugh,

To recommend that the book be a publication of both the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America and the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barie,

Seconded by Woodbury,

To print a quantity of 2,500 books.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Woodbury,

Seconded by G. Miller,

To keep the price of the book at \$20.00 after the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion opened on a price break for advertisers placing a two-page color ad.

Motion by G. Miller,

Seconded by Peckinpaugh,

To offer a two-page color ad at the price of \$850.00, giving a discount of \$150.00 on the second page.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Barie reported that sponsorships were available for the NABC 8 and would be updated on the show website. Additionally, the next Breeder's Challenge service sale will take place at the 2014 Michigan Great Lakes Sale.

Walter Schaefer, Jr. reported on the social media program and presented a proposal from the social media coordinator to develop a website at no additional cost.

Motion by Peckinpaugh,

Seconded by D. Miller,

To accept the website proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion opened on the proposal for a mobile friendly version of the online pedigrees.

Motion by G. Miller,

Seconded by Peckinpaugh,

To proceed with the mobile version of the online pedigrees.

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

Abstain: Woodbury.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the DNA of Mares with the President presenting a proposal for implementation.

Motion by Peckinpaugh,

Seconded by D. Miller,

To accept the proposal that all mares foaled from 2015 on be DNA tested before offspring can be registered.

Yes: Peckinpaugh; Schaefer, Jr.; Woodbury.

No: Barie; Frieden; Lemley; D. Miller; G. Miller.

Motion denied.

Motion by Barie,

Seconded by D. Miller,

Any mare foaled 2015 and beyond must be DNA profiled and JEB tested if not a pedigree generated non-carrier of JEB.

Yes: Barie; Lemley; D. Miller; G. Miller; Peckinpugh; Schaefer, Jr.; Woodbury.

No: Frieden.

Motion carried.

Motion by Barie,

Seconded by G. Miller,

Any animal being DNA profiled only will be done at a fee of \$40.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary will update Article VII; Section 4 of the by-laws accordingly to reflect the new DNA requirements.

Discussion opened on the current fee structure.

Motion by D. Miller,

Seconded by Woodbury,

Effective January 1, 2014 the registration fee schedule for animals registered up to twelve months will be as follows:

Members: 00-12 months of age \$40.00; Non-Members: 00-12 months of age \$75.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Barie reported that the show rule committee will be presenting material for consideration as quickly as possible.

President announced the 2013 Hall of Fame inductees:

Individuals:

- J.D. Conner, Jr.-Founder and first Secretary of the American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses.
- Harmon Wolf-Founder and first President of the American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses.
- A.B. Holbert-Importer.
- C.G. Good-Breeder.

Stallions:

- Omer 1269
- Farceur 7332
- Rubis 8004
- Douglas 12437

Mares:

- Civette 3065
- Janette De Maeter 7053
- Genese De Ergot 8613
- Aida de Bierbeek 20062

The program and inductees will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Saturday and full coverage of the inductees will appear in the 2013 Belgian Review.

President reported that the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. Board held a strategic planning session the previous day.

Balloting was conducted for the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. Director election. The ballots will be tabulated with those of the Directors of the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. and the results will be announced at on Saturday.

Discussion opened on appeals criteria. President will look into the matter further and report to the Board.

Discussion opened on signing authority for memberships.

Motion by Schaefer, Jr.,

Seconded by Lemley,

If a membership dissolves the signing authority dissolves also.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion opened on corporate memberships.

Motion by Schaefer, Jr.,

Seconded by D. Miller,

If a corporation is no longer a legal entity they will be granted one year from the date of dissolution to transfer animals out of the entity at the member rate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Barie presented a proposal from the National Belgian Show committee to move the show from the Mississippi Valley Fair in Davenport, Iowa to the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis, Indiana beginning with a commitment in 2014 and running through 2017.

Motion by Woodbury,  
Seconded by D. Miller,  
To accept the National Belgian Show proposal.  
Yes: Barie; Lemley; D. Miller; Peckinpaugh; Woodbury.  
No: Frieden; G. Miller; Schaefer, Jr.  
Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2013 by President Michael Stone with all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer present.

President called for nominations.

Motion by Peckinpaugh,  
Seconded by Woodbury,  
To retain current President and Vice-President.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Michael Stone and Christina O. Lemley were re-elected President and Vice-President respectively.

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

Meeting in executive session at 12:50 p.m.

Motion by Barie,  
Seconded by Woodbury,  
To move out of executive session.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting out of executive session at 1:45 p.m.

Discussion opened on the date of the May, 2014 meeting.

Board consensus to hold the meeting on May 16, 2014 and to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion opened on attendance at the National Pedigreed Livestock Council meeting in May, 2014.

Motion by Barie,  
Seconded by Lemley,  
To send the President and Secretary to the meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously.

President appointed a committee of Mark Barie, Chair; Matt Frieden; Duane Miller; and the Secretary to make annual meeting plans and report to the Board in May.

Discussion opened on the request from the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. Board to reconsider a registered gelding program.

President appointed Kent House from the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. to form a committee and have a proposal for the May meeting.

President announced that the all-breed meeting would be July 1 & 2, 2014 and would be hosted by the Percheron Association.

President and Secretary will work on an updated display for events.

President called for further business.

Motion by Lemley,  
Seconded by Barie,  
To adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.