

**Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America**  
**Board Conference Call – December 12, 2017**

The conference call was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Walter Schaefer Jr. The following were present for the meeting: Levi Beachy, Jim Carey, David Flickner, Matt Frieden, Jenna Hovermale, Larry Piergallini, Walter Schaefer Jr, Dean Woodbury, and Teresa Zube.

**Minutes:**

Minutes were presented for approval from the December 1, 2017 board meeting. Jim Carey moved to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes were presented for approval from the December 2, 2017 board meeting. Larry Piergallini moved to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Levi Beachy updated the board on possible annual meeting locations. He recommends that it be held at the Amish Country Theatre. They will have hotel rooms and a place for the meetings available.

Matt Frieden moved to have the annual meeting at the Amish Country Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Zube presented an update on the Bylaws articles. The committee is working to finish up the remaining articles and until then there are a few changes that need to be made before the next meeting. The committee will be meeting in Wabash on January 20, 2018 to continue making updates.

Teresa Zube moved to amend the bylaws Article XI Importations and Articles XII Expectations and Penalties to read:

***Article XI***

***IMPORTATIONS***

***Section 1.***

- a) ***All horses imported from Belgium into the United States prior to January 1, 1888, may be entered in the Registry of The American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses provided application for their entry shall be made, or shall have been made prior to January 1, 1890; satisfactory proof of which, with the name of the importer, the name of the vessel, the port of entry and date of importation shall be furnished to the Secretary.***
- b) ***No horses imported from Belgium into the United States after January 1, 1888, shall be eligible to register in the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America unless the same is registered in a recognized Belgian registry.***
- c) ***And except that all Belgian Draft Horses imported into the United States from Canada, shall be eligible to register in this Corporation, provided such animal is duly registered in the Canadian Belgian Horse***

*Association; and provided such animal is either exported from Belgium to Canada and duly registered in a recognized Belgian registry or is a Canadian native purebred Belgian, which is declared to mean a purebred animal bred in Canada and tracing its origin to purebred registered sire and dam recorded in said Canadian records. Provided that satisfactory proof of said facts and the true identity of the animal shall be furnished to the Secretary of this Corporation and the same accompanied by the certificate of transfer of the last Canadian owner to the first American owner. And if a female and bred, accompanied by the certificate of service of the owner of the stallion, showing the date of service, the name and Canadian number of the mare and stallion and pedigree of stallion, special forms for registering Canadian Belgians will be provided.*

- d) No animal shall be entitled to record except imported horses as set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, and native purebred horses (with the exception of geldings recorded from May 18, 2007 until January 1, 2010.) Geldings recorded during this time period will be eligible to be recorded as non-verifiable without parentage and obtain a certificate indicating that the animal is NR (non-registered.)*
- e) A native purebred is declared to mean an animal bred or owned in the United States and tracing its origin to registered sire and dam recorded in the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.*

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### **EXPECTATIONS AND PENALTIES**

*Section 1. Dealing in Certificates of Registry Prohibited. Any member or non member of this Corporation or any Belgian breeder or dealer who sells or offers for sale or exchange or gives away, any Belgian Certificate of Registry, or any person who purchases or accepts or uses such certificate of registry in violation of any of the provisions of these By-Laws, shall, regardless of whether or not they are a member or non-member of this Corporation, be immediately and automatically barred from transacting any further business with this Corporation until and unless they are reinstated by the Board of Directors of this Corporation.*

*Section 2. Penalty for False Statement. Any person who willfully misrepresents the age of an animal, the color or description, the owner of the sire or of the dam or both, the owner of the animal at the time of registration or who makes any other misrepresentation not herein enumerated in connection with the registration or transfer of any animal shall be deemed guilty of misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation. Any person found guilty of such misconduct shall be denied the privileges of the Corporation and, if a member of the Corporation, may be suspended or expelled from the Corporation and they shall be subjected to such other penalty or fine as the Board of Directors may impose and if a fine is imposed shall remain suspended until such fine or penalty has been satisfied.*

*Section 3. Penalty for False Statement. In case of a transfer furnished which does not represent a true transaction either in the date of sale, the name of the purchaser, or which contains any material misrepresentation, the seller who signs such a transfer as well as the purchaser who accepts such transfer, knowing that certain misrepresentations were made, may be charged with misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation. Any person found guilty of such misconduct shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may impose.*

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

Walter Schaefer Jr. presented assigned committees as follows:

##### **Alliance Board Members:**

Teresa Zube

Jim Carey

Walter Schaefer Jr

Matt Frieden

**Publications committee:**

Matt Frieden- chair

Dean Woodbury

Levi Beachy

**Personnel committee:**

Walter Schaefer Jr- chair

David Flickner

Levi Beachy

Gary Miller

**Merit Committee:**

Teresa Zube- chair

Larry Piergallini

David Flickner

**National Show Committee:**

Gary Miller- chair

Teresa Zube

Adam Steinbrick

Lisa Eller- Fair Liason

**Hall of Fame:**

Jim Carey- chair

Dean Woodbury

Jim Richendollar

Steve Jones

**Futurity:**

Jim Carey- rep from the board

**Building Maintenance and Improvements:**

Walter Schaefer Jr

Gary Miller

Jim Carey

**Bylaws:**

Teresa Zube- chair

Gary Miller

Corbly Orndorff

Larry Piergallini

**Trophies/Awards:**

Matt Frieden-chair

Sue Frieden

**Nominating Committee:**

Levi Beachy- chair

Gary Nebergall

Herman Miller

**Annual Meeting Committee:**

Levi Beachy

Gary Miller

**Pull/Farm Team Engagement:**

David Flickner

Levi Beachy

Jenna Hovermale updated the group on the office. She is going to provide a quarterly update in the beginning of February.

Larry Piergallini suggested the board consider adding a financial committee. This will be added to the agenda for the spring meeting.

Matt Frieden asked what our bank is insured for and how much of our funds would be protected. Jenna Hovermale will find out and report back.

Dean Woodbury moved to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Signed:

Jenna Hovermale

Secretary, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America