

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting
May 19, 2006

Meeting called to order at 12:50 pm by President Darrel Eberspacher at the Corporation office, Wabash, Indiana.

All Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer were present. They were: Darrel Eberspacher, Crae Eller, Christina Lemley, Bill McGrew, Dale McMain, Dr. A.J. Neumann, Walt Schaefer, Dr. Mike Stone, Keith Woodbury, and Vicki Knott.

President Eberspacher announced a change in the agenda to accommodate some of the presentations and guests.

Christina Lemley presented a painting to the Corporation of Korry's Captain. This painting, by C. Marcus Stone, will hang permanently in the Corporation office.

Crae Eller announced that Keith Woodbury has been inducted into the Indiana Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame.

Dris Abraham presented the Board with an alternative plan to procure funds on an annual basis rather than depending on the breed registry to fund projects. The Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc., a 501 c (3), could restructure somewhat to accommodate a fundraising arm.

Walter Schaefer, Jr., Vice-President of the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc., was also present to discuss the mechanics of the proposal.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To move forward with the development proposal within the 501 c (3) entity pending approval by the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund Inc. board.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the December 2nd and 3rd, 2005 board meeting minutes.

Motion by McMain,
Seconded by Neumann,
To approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

The Secretary presented a PowerPoint® summary of the first half of the current fiscal year.

Discussion followed.

Discussion opened on the financial statement for the first half of the current fiscal year.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To accept the financial report as presented.

Discussion opened on the revised fee schedule to be implemented on July 1, 2006.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Schaefer,
The fee schedule be implemented as is on July 1, 2006 with the following modification: 00-06 months of age be \$30.00 for members; \$60.00 for non-members and 6-18 months of age be \$40.00 for members; \$80.00 for non-members.
Motion denied.

Motion by McMain,
To decrease the fees on the updated fee schedule by 25%.
Motion withdrawn by McMain.

Motion by Schaefer,
Seconded by McGrew,
To reverse the decision of the updated fee schedule and return to the present structure with the appointment of a committee to develop a proposal.
Motion denied.

Motion by McMain,
Seconded by Schaefer,
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Motion carried.

The updated fee schedule will be published in the next issue of the *Belgian Newsletter*.

Discussion opened on the by-law and policy changes.

Changes will be published in the next issue of the Belgian Newsletter. In addition, a pdf file of the complete by-laws will be available to download from the corporation website.

Dale McMMain reported on the DVD marketing plan. To date no progress has been made and a new avenue is being pursued.

Discussion opened on the DNA of mares.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by Schaefer,

A female foaled in 2007 or later must be DNA profiled prior to registering any of her offspring.

Motion denied.

Discussion opened on registered geldings.

Crae Eller reported that he has added new classes at the Indiana State Fair for registered geldings and that other shows are being encouraged to do so as well.

Discussion opened on the proposal for online pedigrees and the Corporation website.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by Eller,

To accept the proposal for both the online pedigrees and the Corporation website with the first phase to be the update of information on the website and the registry phase to follow later.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on links to the Corporation website.

Motion by Lemley,

To charge \$25.00 annually to link to the Corporation website.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion opened on the articles in the breed publications.

Dr. Neumann reported that the receipt of articles has been slow and he will be making inquiries regarding the submission of articles.

Discussion opened on the benefits of allowing the registration, transfer, and other forms to be downloaded from the website.

Board consensus to allow the forms to be downloaded provided that they are mailed to the Corporation office with the original signature.

Discussion opened on the quote to print and mail a postcard to those members who have been inactive for several years to update records.

Board consensus not to peruse this project at this time due to cost.

Roger Hare, Edward D. Jones and Co., reported on the Corporation investments and made recommendations for the repositioning of funds.

Discussion followed.

Motion by McMain,

Seconded by Eller,

To adjust the investments according to Mr. Hare's suggestions, with the withdrawal of \$15,000.00.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the horse slaughter legislation.

Walt Schaefer reported that the legislation remains in committee and is undecided at this time.

The NABC VI Committee reported that all sub-committees have been contacted and are progressing and that the main committee members will be working on securing sponsorships for classes.

Discussion opened on the Breeder Showcase Program.

A financial statement was presented for the project as well as a request to continue with the project for 2006.

Motion by Lemley,

Seconded by Eller,

To continue with the Breeder Showcase Program for 2006.

Motion carried.

Walter Schaefer, Jr., Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc., Vice-President, reported on the Stallion Service Auction of 2006, the third Take The Lead Workshop being held in June, and the progress of the youth portion of the NABC VI.

Regal Publications reported on the breed publications and the new pre-press techniques expected to result in substantial printing savings.

Discussion opened on the updated registration and transfer forms.

Board consensus to have the forms printed as presented.

Christina Lemley reported that there have been no changes to the All-American program.

Dale McMMain reported that the National Belgian Show is undergoing some administrative and scheduling changes for 2006.

Committee members Christina Lemley, Crae Eller, and Dr. Mike Stone presented a proposal and logo for the Belgian Merit Program. This program would be based on a point and index system to determine winners from the show season.

Motion by McMMain,
Seconded by Neumann,
To implement the Belgian Merit Program as soon as possible.
Motion carried.

In addition, Dr. Stone will work with Regal Graphics to finalize the logo for the program.

Discussion opened on the National Animal Identification Plan.

Board consensus to watch this situation.

Discussion opened on advertising in other publications.

Board consensus to pursue the DVD distribution and the new website development rather than expand publication advertising at this time.

Dr. Stone presented a report on his attendance as a speaker at the recent Canadian Association annual meeting and suggested that we invite the President and Secretary of the Canadian Association to our annual meeting.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by McMMain,
To invite the President and Secretary to the annual meeting and board meeting in December.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on publishing board meeting minutes.

Motion by Neumann,
Seconded by Schaefer,
To publish minutes, beginning with those from this meeting, on the website after they have been approved by the board.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the length of the summer board meeting.

Board consensus to hold a two-day meeting in May, 2007.

Motion by Woodbury,

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

Board moved into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

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

Board moved out of executive session at 9:55 p.m.

President Eberspacher called for any further discussion.

Motion by Neumann,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To adjourn.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.