

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting
May 18 & 19, 2007

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Darrel Eberspacher.

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

Discussion opened on the minutes of the December 1 & 2, 2006 meeting minutes.

A correction was noted on the minutes submitted:

President Eberspacher called for nominations for Vice-President.

Dale McMMain reported that he would not be seeking re-election for another term and requested that another board member fill the position of Vice-President.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To approve the minutes with the correction.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the independent audit of the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Schaefer,
To accept the audit as presented.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the financial report for the first two quarters of the current fiscal year.

Discussion followed on the supplemental report for the first two quarters of the fiscal year.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To accept the financial and supplemental reports as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Neumann,
To move into executive session to accommodate an appeal to the Board.
Motion carried.

Board meeting in executive session at 1:25 p.m.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Eller,
To come out of executive session.
Motion carried.

Meeting out of executive session at 2:17 p.m.

The update from the corporation programmer regarding software modifications and online pedigree material was presented. The target date is the middle of June, 2007.

Discussion opened on the “pedigree generated non-carrier” status on the registration certificates. Modifications have been made to reflect “pedigree generated non-carrier status” from one generation to another where applicable.

Dr. Stone reported on a recent update of JEB statistics within the breed. Approximately 13% of the animals tested have been carriers of JEB.

Walt Schaefer updated the board on the legislation regarding horse slaughter. An announcement is in the spring newsletter regarding the legislation and the importance of contacting the appropriate representatives.

Dick Higby joined the meeting to deliver a presentation on development. Mr. Higby is coordinating the development committee. The presentation proposed the formation of the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance which would be an operating entity within the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc., The Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 and able to receive tax-deductible donations. Further, the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance would encompass all non-registry projects. The program has already been approved by the board of the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Higby will be meeting with the board on Saturday for additional follow-up and questions.

Roger Hare, Edward D. Jones & Co., presented a report on corporation investments.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Stone reported on the Breeder Showcase program for 2006.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Woodbury,

To continue the program for 2007 under the same conditions as 2006.
Motion carried.

Dr. Stone reported on the Belgian Merit Program. New shows have been added, classes have been broken down, and a premier sire and dam will be added for 2007. Future objectives are to add cart and team classes.

Christina Lemley reported on the All-American meeting held in Waverly, Iowa, December, 2006. Several areas were addressed concerning the verification of entries, strikes, and show level determination.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
Nominees will be published in black and white in the Belgian Review with twelve photos to a page. The program rules, list of qualifying shows, and forms will not be published in the Belgian publications. They will, however, be made available on the website.
Motion carried.

Regal Publications presented an overview of the breed publications.

Discussion followed on the renewal contract for the publications. A date of September 1st has been set to finalize the contract.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To move into executive session to accommodate an appeal to the Board.
Motion carried.

Meeting in executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Neumann,
To come out of executive session.
Motion carried.

Meeting out of executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Discussion opened on the registration of geldings.

Dale McMMain reported on the committee's recommendations to encourage the registration of geldings.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Eller,

Seconded by Stone,

To issue free corrections and a new certificate to the breeders of stallions who geld an animal and submit it for correction from May 18, 2007 until January 1, 2009. Any transferred animals will require the normal correction fee.

Motion carried.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by Neumann,

To waive the transfers and penalty registration fees for verifiable geldings until January 1, 2009 and to revise the by-laws to reflect as such.

Motion carried.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by Eller,

From May 18, 2007 until January 1, 2009 owners will be able to record non-verifiable geldings without parentage and obtain a certificate indicating that the animal is NR. Penalty fees and transfers will be waived and the fee to record the animal will be \$30.00. Further, transfers must be maintained following recording or registration of NR and verifiable animals. Corporation by-laws will be revised to reflect as such.

Motion carried.

Dr. Stone reported on the Breed Representative's meeting, hosted by the Canadian Belgian Horse Association, that he and the Secretary attended. Many topics that impact all breeds were covered during this meeting of all draft breed representatives.

Discussion opened on the current need for semen passports.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by McMain,

To discontinue the requirement to submit semen passports and revise the by-laws to reflect as such.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the revised nomination process of the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. that includes appointment to a nominating committee with representation from both the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America and the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. President Eberspacher appointed Keith Woodbury, Aaron Clyncke, and Carolyn Piergallini to the committee.

Discussion opened on corporation website links.

Motion by Lemley,

Seconded by Eller,

Subscribers to the web directory in the breed publications will be considered links on the corporation website.

Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the criteria for submitting material for the Calendar of Events on the corporation website.

Board consensus to allow equine related events to placed on the Calendar of Events at the Secretary's discretion.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Neumann,
To move into executive session to complete Board appeals.
Motion carried.

Meeting in executive session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Eller,
To move out of executive session and adjourn until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.
Motion carried.

Meeting out of executive session and adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, 2007

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Darrel Eberspacher with all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer present.

Discussion opened on the 2008 All-American program.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by McGrew,

- To place the nominees in color on the Belgian Corporation website rather than in the Belgian Review with the Canadian Belgian Horse Association doing the same on their website.
- Ballots would still be printed by the Belgian Corporation and provided to the Draft Horse Journal.
- Belgian Corporation would publish winners and results in the spring issue of the newsletter with the Canadian Belgian Horse Association doing the same.
- Photos would be furnished to the Draft Horse Journal on CD.
- The Belgian Corporation would verify entries and if an error is found the exhibitor would be given the option of having the error corrected and receiving a strike or having the entry disqualified from that year's contest.
- Disclosure of the judging results by the Draft Horse Journal as well as disclosure of the judges who do not return ballots.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by Eller,

To amend the current motion with the addition of: the accumulation of three strikes by an owner/exhibitor would be cause for a one-year suspension from participating in the program.

Motion carried.

Dr. Stone will be contacting the Draft Horse Journal regarding the proposed modifications.

Discussion re-opened on the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance with Dick Higby present.

Motion by Schaefer,

Seconded by Stone,

To accept the proposal to form the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

Motion carried.

President Eberspacher appointed Christina Lemley and Dr. Mike Stone as Belgian Draft Horse Alliance Trustees and Dick Higby as coordinator for the group during the planning and restructuring phases.

The Secretary will inform the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. that the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation has joined with them in the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance and will report back on the trustees appointed from their board.

Discussion re-opened on the breed publications.

Motion by McMMain,

Seconded by Neumann,

To commit to a five year contract with Regal Publications at \$65,000 annually with the same provisions as in the past.

Motion by McMMain,

In the event that the offer is declined by Regal Publications the requested cost of living increase would be included.

Motion withdrawn by McMMain.

Discussion opened on the 2008 budgets for programs that will be transferred into the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance. Anticipated are: All-American \$3,000; Registered Gelding Halter \$1,200; Publications \$40,000; Website \$3,000; Trophies \$1,500; Belgian Merit Program \$5,000; Breeder Showcase \$1,500.

Motion by Stone,

Seconded by Schaefer,

To allocate funds to the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance for programs in 2008 while the fundraising portion of the Alliance is still building. The Board will review each program annually.

Motion carried.

President called for any further business.

Motion by McGrew,
Seconded by Lemley,
To adjourn.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.