

Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board Meeting
May 15, 2009

Meeting called to order at 12:48 p.m. by President Darrel Eberspacher with all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer present.

They were: Darrel Eberspacher; Crae Eller; Matt Frieden; Kent House; Christina Lemley; Bill McGrew; Gary Miller; Dr. Mike Stone; Keith Woodbury; and Vicki Knott.

Discussion opened on the minutes from the December 5 & 6, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Woodbury,
Seconded by House,
To accept the minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the minutes from the March 22, 2009 conference call.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Lemley,
To accept the minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the financial report for the first and second fiscal year quarters.

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

Discussion opened on the independent audit of the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by House,
To accept the independent audit.
Motion carried.

The Secretary presented a supplemental report on the registry and corporate statistics as well as the Belgian Draft Horse Alliance.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Miller,
To move into executive session.

Motion carried.

Meeting in executive session at 1:32 p.m.

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

Meeting out of executive session at 2:30 p.m.

Discussion opened on the postage associated with the business reply envelope included in the annual letter mailing.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,
To discontinue the business reply envelope and replace it with an envelope addressed to the accounting firm that will require members to affix postage. This will result in a savings of approximately \$1,415.00.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the frequency of audit periods.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Frieden,
To randomly request an audit or review for the preceding fiscal year without prior notice to the Secretary/Treasurer.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the cost of taking credit as payment.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Miller,
To increase the credit convenience fee from 5% to 10%, effective immediately.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the Annual Meeting Luncheon.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To charge \$15.00 per person to attend the luncheon.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the Breed Publications.

President appointed Kent House, Chair; Dr. Mike Stone, and Vicki Knott to meet with Regal Publications to discuss possible concepts for the publications.

Discussion opened on the 2009 travel schedule.

Motion by Miller,
Seconded by Stone,
To eliminate all travel to remaining events in 2009 and revisit the travel schedule for 2010 at the December meeting.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on Registered Gelding Halter sponsorship for 2010.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Stone,
To suspend Corporation funding for Registered Gelding Halter in 2010 and allow the program to continue provided Belgian Draft Horse Alliance donations are sufficient to cover proposed budget of \$562.00.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the Breeder Showcase program.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,
To accept the 2010 Breeder Showcase budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the 2010 Trophy and Awards program.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by McGrew,
To accept the 2010 Trophy and Awards budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the All-American and Belgian Merit Programs for 2010.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To table the discussion on these programs for the present.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the leasing of animals.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To dispense with the proposal to lease animals.

Motion carried.

Dr. Stone reported on the online pedigree project. The programming development has halted for the present time due to business changes in the programming firm. Dr. Stone will be looking into other options and reporting back to the Board.

Darrel Eberspacher reported on the "Chaff" article submissions for the newsletter. Board consensus to table the matter at the present time.

Discussion opened on the NABC VI photos for the Wall of Fame in 2012.

Motion by Lemley,
Seconded by Eller,
To put a request in the publications for class winners to submit an 8x10 color photo to Beth Palmer.
Motion carried.

Discussion opened on the future of the NABC and the financial obligation.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Miller,
To open the 2016 NABC for bids from an outside organization or source with no financial obligation on the part of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation.
Motion carried.

Motion by House,
Seconded by Frieden,
To close the NABC VI accounts receivable at the conclusion of the receipt and payment of final financial obligations.
Motion carried with three abstentions.

Discussion opened on investments.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by House,
To remove \$15,000.00 from investments to meet Regal Publication and audit financial commitments.
Motion carried.

Kent House reported on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc.

President appointed Bill McGrew, Chair; Mable Buerckley, and Dick Higby to serve on the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. nominating committee along with Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc. appointee Walter Schaefer, Jr.

Motion by McGrew,
Seconded by Woodbury,
To move into executive session to complete Board Appeals.
Motion carried.

Meeting in executive session at 6:04 p.m.

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

Meeting out of executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Regal Publications gave a report on the Breed Publications.

Jeff James presented an update on the U.S. Belgian Finals.

Kent House inquired about selling the corporation trailer. President appointed him to check into the value and sell the trailer.

Discussion opened on the removal of the event calendar from the website.

Motion by Eller,
Seconded by House,
To remove the event calendar.
Motion denied.

Discussion opened on the replacement of the garage roof.

Motion by Stone,
Seconded by Lemley,
To put Gary Miller in charge of the roof replacement.
Motion carried.

President called for any further business.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.