

**Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
Board of Director Meeting – December 5,2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 a.m. by Walter Schaefer Jr., at the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation office in Wabash, IN. The following were present for the meeting: Levi Beachy, Lewis Biddle, Jim Carey (on video conference), Michelle Keaffaber, Herman Miller, Corbly Orndorff (on video conference), Larry Piergallini, Dean Woodbury, and Teresa Zube.

Elections:

Walter Schaefer Jr. turned the floor over to Michelle Keaffaber to preside over the election of President.

Larry Piergallini nominated Walter Schaefer Jr. for President of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Dean Woodbury seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Zube moved to close nominations.

Dean Woodbury seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Walter Schaefer Jr. was unanimously selected as President of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Michelle Keaffaber turned the floor over to Walter Schaefer Jr. to preside over the meeting.

Larry Piergallini nominated Teresa Zube for Vice president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Lewis Biddle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dean Woodbury moved to close nominations.

Lewis Biddle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Zube was unanimously selected as Vice president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Levi Beachy nominated Michelle Keaffaber as Secretary and Treasurer of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Teresa Zube seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lewis Biddle moved to close nominations.
Dean Woodbury seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Keaffaber was unanimously selected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation.

Walter Schaefer Jr. welcomed Herman Miller onto the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation board.

Grievance and Appeals:
None have been turned in to the office.

Levi Beachy discussed the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation attendance at the Horse Progress Days in July. It was decided that this will be discussed in our May meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

Nominating Committee:
Corbly Orndorff, Dean Woodbury, and Teresa Zube will be up for election in 2021. The bylaws were reviewed for the process of creating the nominating committee. Discussion took place to nominate both a board member and two members at large to represent the 2021 nominating committee.

Herman Miller moved to have Larry Piergallini chair of the nominating committee.
Levi Beachy seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Levi Beachy moved to have Larry Piergallini contact Gary Miller, Adam Steinbrick, and Ken McGrew for the nominating committee in that order.
Lewis Biddle seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

New business:

Percheron Crossbred Registry:
Michelle Keaffaber explained to the board that the Secretary of the Percheron Association reached out to her about a new crossbred registry they established. They had an individual wanting to register a Belgian/Percheron cross. To register horses in this registry the DNA of the parents need to be submitted. The Percheron association asked if the Belgian Corporation would be willing to release this DNA. The board discussed pros and cons to releasing the DNA. The board does not believe that this request aligns with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation mission statement; "The object of the Corporation is to keep and maintain a register of the importations, descriptions and genealogies or pedigrees of such imported stock and their descendants in order to maintain a pure breed; to issue certificates of registry and transfer of purebred Belgian Draft Horses and for the advancement of the interests of the Belgian Draft

Horses in America and to do any and all things that may be necessary to properly conduct the business of the Corporation.”

Lewis Biddle moved to not participate in the Percheron Crossbred Registry and will not release DNA to the registry.

Corbly Orndorff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Spring Meeting:

The board discussed potential dates for the spring meeting. The board is looking at a few different dates; April 30th and May 1st or May 7th and May 8th. Walter Schaefer Jr. will connect with Scott Seymour, the president of the Belgian Alliance, to coordinate. The board agreed that having the Alliance meet prior to the corporation meeting was helpful for communication between the two boards.

Corbly Orndorff reported that he and Dean Woodbury have had individuals from the draft breed industry reach out to him about a form the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association put in place to cross the border into Canada. Individuals believe it would be beneficial for all draft breeds to come together and create a similar form. The board discussed and decided Dean will reach out to Scott Seymour to allow the alliance to make the decision moving forward.

Dean moved to adjourn meeting.

Levi Beachy seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Signed:

Michelle Keaffaber

Secretary, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation