**Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America**

**Board of Directors Meeting-December 4,2021**

The Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Walter Schaefer Jr. at the Best Western in Arcola, IL. The following were present: Levi Beachy (present on phone conference), DeWayne Beechy, Lewis Biddle, Jim Carey, Michelle Keaffaber, Herman Miller, Cobrly Orndorff (present on phone conference), Larry Piergallini, Walter Schaefer Jr., and Dean Woodbury.

**Elections:**

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

Dean Woodbury nominated Walter Schaefer Jr. for president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Larry Piergallini moved to close nominations.

Lewis Biddle seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Walter Schaefer Jr. was unanimously voted 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.

Herman Miller nominated Jim Carey for vice president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Corbly Orndorff moved to close nominations.

Dean Woodbury seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Levi Beachy, DeWayne Beechy, Lewis Biddle, Herman Miller, Corbly Orndorff, Larry Piergallini, and Dean Woodbury.

Abstained: Jim Carey

Motion passed.

Jim Carey was voted as vice president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Dean Woodbury nominated Michelle Keaffaber as Secretary and Treasurer of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Larry Piergallini moved to close nominations.

Dean Woodbury seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Nominating Committee:**

The following individuals will be up for election in 2022: Levi Beachy, Lewis Biddle, and Walter Schaefer Jr.

Larry Piergallini nominated Herman Miller as chair of the nominating committee.

Jim Carey seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dean Woodbury moved to have Aaron Freitag and Mark Barie on the nominating committee.

Lewis Biddle seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Herman Miller will contact Aaron Freitag and Mark Barie to be part of the nominating committee.

**New Business:**

**Sponsorship Committee:**

Walter Schaefer Jr. reported on the sponsorship committee. The board provided feedback to the initial plan. The committee will report with a revised plan at the spring meeting.

**Membership Relations:**

The committee will work on a livestream and call-in capability for the Mid-America Draft Horse Sale. The committee will include: Lewis Biddle, DeWayne Beechy, and Corbly Orndorff. The committee will report to the board in January with an estimated budget.

**Alliance Committee Reports:**

**National Belgian Show:**

Dean Woodbury reported on the National Belgian Show. This upcoming year will be the 100th anniversary. The committee is looking into different ways to make the event special. Michelle Keaffaber presented a budget for the National Belgian Show.

Larry Piergallini moved to give the Belgian Alliance $10,000 for the National Belgian Show.

Jim Carey seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Futurity:**

Larry Piergallini reported on the Belgian Futurity.

**Hall of Fame:**

Dean Woodbury reported on the Hall of Fame. This year’s hall of fame inductee is the stallion Constrico. Jim Richendollar is writing an article for the review.

**Merit Program:**

Larry Piergallini reported on the Belgian Merit program. The Alliance approved a second regional show for each state. Each state will include 1 state show and 2 regional shows. The deadline for applications has been extended until February 1, 2022. The committee is looking at different awards for the Merit Program. Michelle Keaffaber presented a budget.

Jim Carey moved to give the Belgian Alliance $3,750 for the Belgian Merit Program.

Corbly Orndorff seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Trophies and Awards:**

Michelle Keaffaber reported on the Trophies and Awards. Trophies and Awards will be ordered by Michelle Keaffaber. All trophies will be the same size this year. Michelle asked for feedback from the board on the best way to deliver the trophies. She will have them for the spring meeting to distribute to board members.

**Breeders Challenge:**

Walter Schaefer Jr., Larry Piergallini, and Michelle Keaffaber reported on the Breeders Challenge. The 2020 event was a success and a financial breakdown was presented. The committee is working on Stallion nominations for the 2022 auction held at Mid-America Draft Horse Sale.

**Youth Programs:**

Michelle Keaffaber reported on the Youth Ambassador program. Applications are due in April; the ambassadors will participate in the Belgian Expo that will be held in Illinois. Michelle Keaffaber reported on the Scholarship program. For the 2021 Scholarship; 4 individuals were awarded $1,000 each. Michelle will be contacting each individual for a photo and write up for the upcoming Belgian Review.

**NABC:**

Walter Schaefer Jr. reported on the 2024 NABC. The committee is currently working on sponsorships. A detailed proposal will be presented at the spring meeting with more information on sponsoring. The board will review during the spring meeting.

**Marketing:**

Michelle Keaffaber reported on the Marketing committee. The committee is looking at different upgrades to the booth. Michelle requested feedback from the board on things they would like to change for the booth. A proposal will be presented at the spring meeting.

**Belgian Expo:**

Michelle Keaffaber reported on the Belgian Expo. The 2021 Belgian Expo held in Daviess County; IN was a success. The 2022 Belgian Expo will be held in Arcola, IL. The committee has already began planning for the event.

**Spring Meeting:**

The spring meeting will be held May 20-21st, 2022 at the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation office in Wabash, IN. The estimated start time for the meeting will be May 20th 3:00 pm. The board will finish the meeting by 12:00 pm May 21st.

Dean Woodbury moved to adjourn meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.

Signed:

Michelle Keaffaber

Secretary, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America