

AHR Board of Director's Meeting – September 2008

TOPICS	DISCUSSION
	The September 3, 2008, meeting was called to order by Paul Sutton at 8:06 p.m. (EST). Attending were: Paul Sutton, Emily Gibson, Andrew Yoder, Bob Duvall, Art Winder, Mike Bobal, Mike LeVasseur, Willie Lehman, Dave Kraus, Gary Leisure, Bill Jameson. Ruth Schwab absent with notice Theo Hug absent thinking it was canceled
I. Old Business (Review of the minutes of previous meetings)	August minutes approved on line. Online Motion made by Sutton and amended by Gibson: “To approve hiring 415 Accounting Firm to do an annual financial review as required by the Bylaws.” Jameson – yes Lehman – yes Yoder – yes Gibson – yes Leisure – yes LeVasseur –yes Kraus –yes Hug-yes Bobal—abstain Winder--abstain Duvall—abstain Bobal requests, in writing, specific salary and benefit expenditures for current AHR office employees for informational purposes only. Sutton states the published budget provides overall combined salary and benefit figures, but in executive session he will provide specific employee compensation information if requested.
II. Office Update – Ruth Schwab	For the month of August (report dates between 8/6/08 and 9/2/08), Tana has processed 2163 line items through QuickBooks and continues working with the accounting firm for the annual review. Tana is working with bank and setting up processes and equipment in order to be able to accept Visa and MasterCard for horses at the fall sale. She is also working on articles for the magazine and clean-up of accounting problem files. Sheila reports that the Pedigree department has processed 60 foal registrations and 135 transfers. During the past month, we completed the 99th HBO pedigree exchange; another three are still pending, which we cannot complete until the owner sends the original HBO pedigrees. A number of owners have sent early registrations for weanlings, and we are completing them as DNA reports arrive from the lab. Thanks to reminders that were sent out in May and June, we are now receiving DNA reports for a number of pending 2006 and 2007 foals, and those registrations are being finalized as well. Transfers both from individuals and from sales in the past month have mostly been unproblematic. The current membership count is 1554 with 201 magazine subscribers. The National Show Book and the Election ballots are currently at the printer.
III. Committee Reports	
1. AHR Youth	Dave Wilson and Aileen Ayers - Co-Chairs Members: Carolyn Sutton, Dave Kraus, Paula Verhoff, Levi Yoder,

	and Sue Cassaday (office consultant) No report received.
2. By-Laws	Bill Jameson – Chair Members: Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler Ballot for the bylaw proposal will be mailed with the director ballot
3. Classification	John Dunkel and Abram Miller – Co-Chairs Members: Theo Hug, Brandy Wagner, John Cisler, Robert Eicher and Dave Ayers. No report received.
4. Disposition and Trainability Assessment Committee	Robert Eicher – Chair Members: Lou Sutton, Steve Verhoff, Glen Yoder, Emily Gibson, Peg Brown Cindy Bunner No report received.
5. Finance	Andrew Yoder – Chair Members: Levi Yoder, Abram Miller, Paul Sutton and Tana Moneypenny (office consultant) P&L and Balance Sheets for August distributed
6. Futurity – SIP	Brian Mitteer – Chair Members: Bill Jameson and Lou Sutton Dave Ayers and Brian Winkler will judge the Pleasure & Draft shows, respectively. There are 82 enrolled in this year's Futurity. The following stallions are enrolled in the SIP: Andiamo APF Anthony Aristique TOF Aristocrat TOF Armani KCH Arno van het Nieshof A Rock Midas Touch II NTF Neiman Marcus TOF Neumeister TOF Notting Hill Stars N Stripes TOF
7. Judges	Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Kim Hart, Mike Bobal, Holly Singleton and Jennifer Rousseau No report received.
8. Membership	Bob Duvall – Chair Members: Art Winder and Mike Williams Partial year membership numbers pending
9. National Show	Lou Sutton – Chair Members: Bill Jameson, Brent Leininger, Steve Verhoff, Jacque Woodward, Carolyn Sutton and Brian Miteer Everything is ready for the show next week; sponsorships are higher than last year.
10. Nominating	Mike Bobal – Chair Members: Roger Stalvey and Art Winder No report received.
11. Pedigree	Theo Hug – Chair Members: Ray Miller, Dave Kraus, Anita Sweeney, Don Jackson and Sheila Pearson (office consultant). Nothing new to report.

12. Personnel/Office	Paul Sutton – Chair Members: Andrew Yoder, Gary Leisure, Theo Hug and Carolyn Sutton Two five year employee anniversaries (Ruth and Sheila) to be celebrated.
13. Planning	Willie Lehman and Chuck Kohler – Co-Chairs (Currently inactive)
14. Points/Awards	Ann Walton and Mike LeVasseur – Co-Chairs Members: Doris Thomas and Art Winder. Questionnaire was sent to recent participants to help the committee improve the program. The results should be available for the next meeting.
15. Promotions/ Advertising/Regional Support	Dave Kraus – Chair Members: Mike Bobal and Art Winder Wayne County Fair \$30 for Best Registered Haflinger at the show GLHA Regional request for \$500 for the event later this year Horseman Corral 1/4 page ad for \$230. Regional money is used up for 2008 so further requests will have to be considered based on the urgency and funds available.
16. Publications	Gary Leisure – Chair Members: Emily Gibson, Mike LeVasseur and Art Winder Nothing new to report. The next issue is getting put together.
17. Sales	Dave Wilson – Chairs Members: Phil Greenisen, Andrew Yoder and Levi Yoder 157 consignments so far for the Fall Sale, anticipating at least 175.
18. Video Committee	Mike Levasseur – Chair Members – Dave Kraus and Kathleen Woodward Nothing new to report. Awaiting video submissions from members.
19. Website	Emily Gibson and Gary Leisure – Co-Chairs Members: Ruth Schwab (office consultant) Pedigree search hits are well over 6000, home page hits over 4000.
20. World Federation	Joel Greenisen – Chair Members: Theo Hug, Jennifer Rousseau and Dirk Young There will be a report from John White in the next issue of the magazine. Plans are being made for 2009 WHF meeting in New York next August.
I. V. New Business	Discussion about whether or not the organization should defer a face-to-face meeting of the annual Board meeting this year due to budget issues. Discussion of the liability considerations of a HOPE clinic held at Ashland fairgrounds on Thursday prior to the Fall Sale.
	Motion made by Kraus and seconded by Yoder that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. The next meeting date is Wednesday, September 24, 2008.