

Teleconference – Tuesday – January 16th, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.

Call to order by Andrew Stalhiem

Roll Call taken by Cathy Behn resulting in: Dennis Johnson, Ken Airgood, Chuck Cryderman, Sierra Covell, Mike Taft, Shannon Cobbs, Andrew Stalhiem, Pat Connors, Dave Hennen emailed that he would try to get on the call but it would be a bit later.

President Stalhiem asked for approval of November 15th, 2017 teleconference minutes. ***Mike Taft moved to approve the minutes of the November 15th Teleconference. Chuck Cryderman seconded the motion and the motion carried.***

Executive Director Report presented by Cathy Behn. She asked if there were any questions. Andrew Stalhiem asked if the check ledger could be sent as it had been before. Cathy Behn stated she would email the ledger as soon as possible.

Moving on with the agenda, Cathy Behn reported there were only 9 entries in the office as of that day. She stated that Dennis Johnson was working on the social events for the Sale. Andrew Stalhiem asked what minimum would be set on the National Sale Jackpot showing concern about there being enough entries to be successful. Chuck Cryderman thought it would work out as he talked to a lot of people that were willing to support it. Cathy Behn was to send an email to update the board on the Sale entries and Jackpot entries.

Next on the agenda was discussion on vendors using the wording 2018 WCS on merchandise. Pat Connors asked if Lisa Graham had all or any rights to that and if the Association should trademark the entity of World Clydesdale Show. Ken Airgood explained that Ms. Graham's agreement included the WCS logo and CBUSA logo, but no verbiage was mentioned in the agreement. Pat Connors felt the board had no right to stop anyone from using World Clydesdale Show if it was not trademarked. Discussion was held on whether or not to copyright or trademark the entity of World Clydesdale Show.

It was mentioned that if Show goes to other countries, that would be challenging. It was noted that if trademark was obtained, permission could still be granted for its use internationally. It was the consensus of the board to look into trademarking the entity and Pat Connors agreed to look into the matter. It was also the consensus of board that words can be used by vendors of the WCS. ***Chuck Cryderman moved to allow vendors to use the wording 2018 World Clydesdale Show, Mike Taft seconded the motion and the motion carried.***

Next on the agenda was discussion on 2018 WCS judges. President Stalhiem asked if everyone had time to review the membership nominations and committee recommendations. Chuck Cryderman stated he felt the membership had nominated with approximately 25 to 30 names and the next step would be to come up with procedure for the 9 board members to make the final decision on the WCS judges. He said that the committee had advised the board of their recommendations, and as elected officials of the Association, the board needed to move forward. Chuck Cryderman suggested that a ballot be created by asking each of the 9 board members to nominate a person for each category from the lists presented. Said categories would be Mare Halter, Stallion Halter, Foal Spectacular, Hitch Panel, and use the top hitch judge to judge the Gelding Halter. He suggested that after that ballot is created, the board could then vote on their first, second, or third choice by paper ballot, sent to the Executive Director to be recorded. Mr. Cryderman stated the Foal Spectacular class would be one of the bigger things in history and felt it should be judged by a panel judging system, along with some hitch classes. Andrew Stalhiem stated he agreed and would accept the paper ballot via email. Discussion was held on what judges would be needed for the WCS and what would be by panel judging. Points were made on the timing and procedure to achieve a final decision on the WCS judge. It was noted that the top hitch judge would be the judge for the Gelding Halter Classes. It was also noted that a computer system would be needed if panel judging was implemented. Brief discussion was held on a judge for all the youth classes, leaving it tabled. ***Chuck Cryderman moved to have each board member vote for one name for Mare Halter, Stallion Halter, and one vote for Hitch Judge, and submit to the Executive Director in Clydesdale Office. She would then create a ballot for each board member to vote for WCS judges. Upon receipt of ballot, Executive Director would report results to the BOD. Pat Connors seconded the motion. President Stalhiem asked for a Roll call vote: Dennis Johnson – no; Pat Connors – yes; Chuck Cryderman – yes; Mike Taft – yes; Ken Airgood – yes; Sierra Covell – yes; Shannon Cobbs – yes. Roll call vote resulted in 6 yes votes and one no vote. Motion carried.***

Cathy Behn asked for a time frame to submit nominations to the office, and it was the consensus of the board that could be done within 7 days. She was then instructed to create a ballot from those names and give the board members seven days to cast their final votes. Further discussion was held on the procedure of sending in nominations and ballots and if they should be submitted to all via email or just to the office. Shannon Cobbs moved all vote for one mare halter, one stallion halter, three hitch judges on an open ballot to Cathy Behn. Pat Connors related that one motion had already been made, so clarified that Shannon Cobbs motion was in reference to the ballot being an open ballot, or just recorded in the office. **Shannon Cobbs made a motion to nominate names like stated in the previous motion, but to send nominations and ballots via email in an open ballot among the board members. Sierra Covell seconded the motion. President Stalhiem asked for a Roll call vote: Dennis Johnson – yes; Pat Connors – yes; Chuck Cryderman – no; Ken Airgood – no; Sierra Covell – yes; Mike Taft – yes; Shannon Cobbs – yes. Roll call resulted in 5 yes votes and 2 no votes. Motion carried.**

Cathy Behn reported for the WCS Foal spectacular, relating that there were 133 mares nominated for the Spectacular. She stated there had been some with the fact that the committee felt it was mandatory to nominate the stallions for the program. Andrew Stalhiem, Sierra Covell, and Chuck Cryderman all agreed that they did not think the sire nominations was mandatory. Discussion was held on making the nomination of the sire mandatory and what effect it would have on the program and those participating. It was noted this was a new program and procedure and therefore some confusion existed. Andrew Stalhiem questioned who would receive the prize money for the sires if the stallion had been leased. It was the consensus of the board to not send a negative message by making the sire nominations mandatory, but to communicate with sire nominees, explaining the program to try and get their participation for equal payouts. It was also noted that if confusion continued to have Cathy Behn communicate with Victoria McCullough.

It was noted that the Riding/Pleasure judge had already been selected.

Cathy Behn asked for direction on an ongoing paperwork situation that involved repetitive communications from Deb Kelly. It was noted that in view of the previous communications, nothing more could be done for the situation and that their discussion stood firm on that last communication to her.

At 9:19 p.m. Sierra Covell moved to adjourn the teleconference. Mike Taft seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cathy Behn, Executive Director
Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A.