

**Board Meeting Minutes – Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 7:13 p.m.
Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana, IN.**

1st Vice President Shannon Cobbs called the meeting to order.

Cathy Behn took roll call resulting in the following being present: Shannon Cobbs, Mike Taft, Chuck Cryderman, Wayne Mast, Pat Connors, Steven Davison, Dennis Johnson, Sierra Covell, & Ken Airgood. There were also a few guest present at the meeting.

Mr. Cobbs welcomed new board members Steven Davison and Wayne Mast to the Board.

The first order of business was to elect officers. ***Dennis Johnson nominated Shannon Cobbs for President. Steven Davison second the motion. Mike Taft moved to close nominations, seconded by Steven Davison. Motion carried.***

Dennis Johnson nominated Ken Airgood for 1st Vice President. Wayne Mast 2nd the nomination. Steven Davison moved to close nominations and Mike Taft 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Johnson nominated Steven Davison for 2nd Vice President. Sierra Covell 2nd the nomination. Ken Airgood moved to close nominations with Pat Connors seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Cathy Behn reported the preliminary numbers for the National Sale and averages. She also reported the total sales for the WCS Auction. She reported that there were many more people at the sale. Mrs. Behn asked the board if they would want to return to the Michiana Event Center for 2019. ***Steven Davison moved to hold the 2019 National Sale at the Michiana Event Center. Chuck Cryderman seconded the motion and motion carried.*** The Board instructed Cathy Behn to work on a contract for 2019. Some things to discuss were if there would be a multi-year discount to the contract and also how to negotiate the cost of shavings. It was noted that the live stream again was not good at the sale. Sierra Covell stated she tried to live stream it on Facebook. It was noted that the live streaming issue be re-addressed for 2019. It was also noted to look into a bid board thru the MEC.

Dennis Johnson reported for the Social Committee. He stated approximately 600 people were served at the Banquet. Mike Taft stated some food ran out such as the salad. Sierra Covell said she received complaints about the Band. It was reported the band cost \$1400 plus two hotel rooms. It was reported they did the painting during the band performance which sold for \$300-\$400. Sierra Covell suggested in the future, a demo tape of bands performing need to be reviewed. Cathy Behn stated she felt it was important to pre-quote all expenses of the sale. It was noted that the beverages at the Meet and Greet at the Thursday night event had ran out also.

Sierra Covell reported that Social Media had gone well and had broken 5245 likes, starting with only 1200 likes. Steven Davison stated it helped to have a five star rating. It was noted it would be good to have a short promotional clip to promote on Social Media and the Website.

Moving on with the Agenda was Publications & Communications. Sierra Covell stated it would be good to send Thank You letters to consignors. Cathy Behn related she sent those types of letters with Sale checks. Discussion was held on the fact that a hard date of February 1st needs to be adhered to for 2019. It was noted that extending the deadline only pushed getting the catalogs out and with the uncertainty of the mail, the deadline needed to be Feb. 1st. Pat Connors stated that perhaps changing the deadline to January

31st may work better. **Sierra Covell moved to enforce the deadline for cataloged horses for the sale to be January 31st, 2019. Mike Taft seconded the motion and motion carried.**

It was the consensus of the board to again have the Clydesdale Education Foundation organize and sponsor the seminars at the sale. It was also noted that Rene Petz should be asked to record the seminars.

Dennis Johnson reported for the Nomination Committee. He reported there were 16 absentee ballots, 100 ballots cast at the sale, and four spoiled ballots. He gave the results of the elections as: Ken Airgood – 72 votes; Steven Davison – 63 votes; Wayne Mast – 57 votes; Bob Wilson – 41 votes; and Shannon Martin – 31 votes. Mr. Johnson related there were 9 write in votes. Dennis Johnson offered to chair the nomination committee again for the 2019 election.

Moving on, the National Show was discussed with Sierra Covell reporting there were a few scheduling issues to be worked out. Discussion was held on the details of arrival dates and release dates. The Show and Awards will be handled by Sierra Covell and Mike Taft. Shannon Cobbs related his disappointment that the board was not considered when choosing the judge for the National Show. It was noted that there needed to be a follow up regarding premiums and classes.

It was the consensus of the Board to keep the voting for the All-American the same for 2018. Cathy Behn stated the program is an excellent program to promote Clydesdale genetics.

Ken Airgood reported for the Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress stating the dates would be July 19th – 22nd. He welcomed volunteers to help with the event. Mike Taft stated he had attended the prior year and felt it was a very positive event and his children loved it. It was noted that there was no commitment from other Draft breeds. It was noted that continued sponsorship of the event would be appreciated.

Shannon Cobbs reported for the By-Laws committee stating there was nothing new for the By-Laws.

Dennis Johnson presented the prefixes to be approved as the following: Jacob Schut – Monte West; Hollie Aquino & Greg Ernst – Liberty Lake; John Haney – Hopewell; Kirsten Absher – Spindrift; Tony & Cheryl Hawkes – HR; Daniel Schubert – Warhorse; Brian & Maegan Kinane – Copperbottom. **Dennis Johnson moved to approve all said prefixes. Sierra Covell 2nd the motion and motion carried.**

Cheri Moleski sent a report for the Board on the National Futurity stating the following: “There are currently 4 horse eligible for the 2 year old cart futurity. There are 2 yearling fillies and 3 yearling stallions still in the yearling futurity classes. There were 28 mares nominated for 2018. This is the same number nominated as in 2017. We have two new participants for 2018, 3 members who had participated when the futurity was held in Wisconsin, one who only started when we moved to Indiana and 3 members who have supported the futurity regardless of where it has been held. 2017 and 2018 is a record low for the futurity since its inception in 1986 and the number of yearlings and two year olds still eligible is an all-time low. “Discussion was held on the decrease in the program. Cathy Behn suggested there needs to maybe be more incentive to participate in the program. Steven Davison asked if it would help to have the entries shown as foals.

It was noted that an updated list of board members emails and phone numbers needed to be created. It was also suggested that the names of past committee members should be forwarded to Steven Davison and Pat Connors for review.

There was no report for the Equine Health Committee.

Ken Airgood stated he had given his report at the Annual Meeting for the USLGE.

Moving on to the WCS – it was noted that Dennis Kuehl had much input from exhibitors at the sale. He stated he was okay with the person willing to run the Model Horse Show. Mike Taft agreed to follow up on computer software for the WCS. Linda Harmon stated she was not willing to chair another auction for the WCS as she felt many had donated much at the auctions. It was noted that it would be nice at the Sale Banquet if tables could be reserved for sponsors and board members. Linda Johnson had found tables for Express and the Funks. Discussion was held on the issue of reserving tables and the burden of such for the social committee. Different ideas were discussed on how to raise money for the Association instead of an auction at the Banquet. One idea was if 25-30 horses could be sold with commission going toward a specific project.

Chuck Cryderman related that there would need to be plans for an event after the WCS. He stated there would be many years before the WCS comes back to the U.S.A. and there would be a need for a new event to support the breed.

Discussion was held on meeting schedules for the Board. It was suggested the monthly teleconference be scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday for each month at 8:00 p.m. central standard time.

Other business: There would be a need to help test the New Horse App and several board members offered to test the program.

New Business: Shannon Cobbs stated he felt that Lisa Graham deserved to be paid the same amount as the ringman for the National Sale. Cathy Behn stated her current pay plus her room averaged out to be more than most staff as she had more nights of room expense. It was the consensus of the board that a protocol be put together and adhered to regarding pay & accommodations for staff of the National Sale.

At 9:15 p.m. Mike Taft moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Connors seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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