

July 21, 2019
National Clydesdale Board of Directors Meeting
Shipshewana, IN

Open board meeting began at 12:15 after a workshop on Saturday night, resuming Sunday morning.

Mike Birky opened with prayer

Roll Call: all stated present - Shelby Zarobinski (by phone), Mike Taft, Dennis Johnson, Steven Davison, Chuck Cryderman, Pat Connors, Don Hastings, Mike Birky, and Wayne Mast

Officer Nominations: Chuck Cryderman nominated Pat Connors for President, Wayne Mast seconded. Voting - All yes, Pat Connors abstained, Motion carries

Meeting was turned over to President Pat Connors with continuation of officer elections
Steven nominated Don Hastings for 1st Vice President, Wayne seconded.

Voting - All yes, Don Hastings abstained, Motion carries.

Chuck nominated Wayne Mast for 2nd Vice President, Mike Birky seconded - Voting - All yes, Wayne Mast abstained, Motion carries.

Steven nominated Mike Birky for Secretary/Treasurer, Don Hastings seconded - Voting - All yes, Mike Birky abstained, Motion carries.

Committee appointments - It was decided that each committee should be chaired by board members and it would be the responsibility of the chair to work with the committee and bring the information back to the board.

Pat stated that board meetings would take place on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 CST. The agenda will be sent at least 7 days ahead of the scheduled meeting.

Teleconferences will be accepted until bylaws are rewritten.

Steven gave a fraud update - we are moving forward with investigation by many groups and many angles, including the IRS, FBI, and involved banks. The MEC email had been hacked and sent an email stating that we needed to pay our final bill. The \$37,000 for the invoice was wired, but the MEC never received the funds. All are working towards a solution.

Wayne gave an update on National Show Sponsorship stating the Jeff Goodell had been doing an excellent job procuring sponsors and that all classes were sponsored. Wayne stated that he was getting socks for youth participation. Annette Fielding stated that she would appreciate nice and classy trophies for our National Show. She wants to make sure that those who donate towards the classes have recognition and something to be proud about, which in turn, encourages others to donate. Dennis and Linda Johnson showed that the traveling trophies have been updated and are ready to be put back into the National Show. Dr. Gower generously donated the refurbishment of both Senior Champion Mare and Stallion classes. They had not been updated for 12+ years.

Mike Oxender the Vice President of the Ohio Clydesdale Association stated that the Ohio State Fair would love to have the National Show and their association would be happy to help make it happen.

Steven moved to sponsor the classes Best American Bred Stallion and Best American Bred Mare for \$750 per class at the 2021 World Clydesdale Show in Manitoba. Mike Birky seconded. All agreed. At this time, this is our donation, but we will explore a greater donation in the months/years to come.

Keystone made a donation request for sponsorship. After discussion, it was decided that it was best not to do individual shows, since it is impossible to donate to all. Annette Fielding suggested that a line item in the budget should be created for show donations, and that individuals requests can be granted until those funds are used. Pat stated that was a good idea that it could be added into the budget meeting in September in Lansing.

Mike Taft moved that the minutes from May 6, May 13, and June 26 be approved, Steven seconded. All yes, motion carries

New Business

Sheri Moleski reported on the Futurity program. She recommended suspension of the program until the board decides on one location. She stated that it did not necessarily have to be at the National Show, but she felt consistency was important. She said there were no cart horses, 2 yearling fillies, 8 foals currently. She stated that when it was in Milwaukee participation was good, it declined when the show was moved to Indiana and the movement to Iowa was a huge hit to the program. Mike Taft suggested that they talk in Milwaukee and see if the program could return to Milwaukee since it is a large Clydesdale show, Sheri suggested they speak with those involved with the Wisconsin Futurity organizers to make sure it would not be a conflict.

Mike Taft moved that all National Association financial documents 2011 and older be destroyed. Dennis Johnson seconded. All agreed, Motion carries

Mike Taft asked about the potential location of the National Sale. No comments were made.

A question from the floor regarding the Stanley purchase of sale horses. It was stated that the association reclaimed the horses and they were redistributed either back to the original owner or a new buyer. All horses were taken care of. The association did not make a statement because Budweiser requested no comment. It was asked "what can the association do to make sure this doesn't happen again" Steven suggested a buyers statement saying that the animal would not be sold for at least X# of days.

An additional question from the floor asked how do we advertise to the public - Should we advertise in the light horse magazines since we are seeing such a growth in riding horses?

Tracy Taft reported on the request for registration of geldings. The office has had several requests for registrations perhaps at a lower fee, which would encourage people to register geldings. It would only be a financial advantage to the association. The burden of proof through stallion reports would lie on the responsibility of the owner.

Question from the floor about microchipping instead of DNA testing.

Horse App. - Where is the horse app going? The board reported, there was an unofficial agreement made many years, but no board member had ever signed a contract. It had been asked for, but never received. The process was to be completed in 2 phases. Phase one with older information through 2018 had been completed, however phase 2 which was to include live registry and transfer was put on hold.

Chuck reported on moving the office registry and transfers to the Percheron Association in Ohio. He suggested that he and Pat go visit and see the facility, in order to make a presentation at the meeting in Milwaukee. Chuck stated the approximate cost would be approximately \$21,000 per year with an additional amount the first year for conversion of the registry into the new program.

Don made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steven seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Taft