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I am seeking election to the Board of directors for The Clydesdale Breeders Association of the USA. I am a fifth generation Clydesdale breeder; my great, great grandfather had Clydesdale horses in Great Britain. My great grandfather came to the USA and homesteaded in the Tomah area and raised seven boys and one daughter. When each of these children married and moved off the home farm they were given a team of Clydesdales as their wedding present. Everything was lost in the great depression but in the early seventies my father and grandfather got back into the Clydesdale business.

Growing up I was active in 4-H and FFA showing both our families Clydesdales and my riding horses. I competed in every youth event available and won multiple trophies. As a junior in high school I purchased my own Clydesdale mare she was the foundation of our current herd of black Clydesdales. I went on to college and earned my Bachelor's degree in Animal science production option with an emphasis in horses. During my college years I supplemented my income by trimming and shoeing both draft and light horses. Until my back surgery in 2009 I did all farrier work for both our hitch and my parent's hitch of horses. Since surgery, I still do some trimming and can tack a shoe on in a pinch.

In the spring of 2003 I married my life partner, my husband Doug. We own and operate Ebony farms, which currently consists of 20 Clydesdales and 7 quarter horses. We stand 2 stallions and have 8-10 mares to foal this spring. We have a 50 head registered Polled Hereford cow/calf finishing operation and also own and operate Ebony Farms Trucking LLC. We raise all our own crops. We have four children and 3 granddaughters, all of our children have competed in the junior events our youngest son still actively competes. We collected and froze semen on two of our stallions in 2013 we also imported our newest stallion from Scotland in the fall of that year.

We campaign a full line of halter horses and hitch from a cart to a six horse hitch and everything in between. We do all our own training, working young horses (stallions included) into the hitch and at times it makes for some excitement. We also compete in the riding classes and fun classes. I hold a judges card for the state of Wisconsin for beef, horses: both light and draft and have judged my share of open shows.

I always am willing to share my knowledge and experiences with fellow horse enthusiasts young and old, new and established. I hope to now bring this knowledge to our Association and help promote our great breed. If you feel that I have the credentials necessary I would appreciate your vote to elect me as your representative for the board of the Clydesdale breeders of the USA.