

Teleconference – Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – 8:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

Call to order by President Stalhiem

Roll Call resulted in – Ken Airgood, Shannon Cobbs, Dennis Johnson, Pat Connors, Sierra Covell, Andrew Stalhiem.....Dave Hennen & Chuck Cryderman were not able to be on the teleconference as per their communication. Mike Taft was not on the call at the time of roll call. Cathy Behn was also present on the teleconference.

President Stalhiem as for Approval of Minutes Cathy Behn had presented. ***Pat Connors moved to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Sierra Covell and motion carried. Sierra Covell moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 29th, 2017. Motion was seconded by Dennis Johnson and motion carried.***

Cathy Behn related that the Executive Director report sent to the board had included all the topics on the agenda, plus items such as the monthly checks etc. had been sent to the Board prior to the meeting. She asked for any questions and suggested moving on with agenda to cover topics on her Report.

The first item on the agenda was the WCS Workshop notes presented by Cathy Behn. Sierra Covell voiced her concern of waiting to pick judges until May of 2018. Ken Airgood stated he felt it would be a good idea to have the judges listed in the premium book, which is scheduled to be released in March, 2017. Sierra Covell stated she had many requests on FB of wanting to know judges, etc. Shannon Cobbs asked Cathy Behn what the reason was for waiting to pick the judge until May, 2018. Cathy Behn stated Keith Mann announced the procedure and that May 2018 would be the announcement. Andrew Stalhiem stated it didn't matter to him when the judges are chosen and that the judges may change if chosen too soon. Sierra Covell stated she felt the judges needed to at least be in the premium book. Pat Connors stated he felt the board needs to be involved in the decisions of picking judges for the WCS. Cathy Behn stated as per Keith Mann that the board would get final approval of the slate of judges presented to them by the WCS Committee. Shannon Cobbs stated the Board should be involved as they will field any complaints and that he felt Keith should talk to the board about the procedure. Cathy Behn suggested some conversation and then the board should release a statement so that the public would know the procedure and timing of the announcement. Shannon Cobbs suggested that Keith Mann & Linda Harmon should be on the next teleconference to discuss some major issues such as this. Pat Connors said there were differences of opinion on Scottish judges. ***At this time Mike Taft came on the phone.*** Andrew Stalhiem said at the end of the day, the judge selection could come down to availability. Mike Taft stated that at the workshop Keith Mann stated he wanted to announce something new every month so didn't know why Keith wanted to wait until May of 2018 to announce the judge. Sierra Covell stated that social media people were bickering and making assumptions. Cathy Behn stated the decision was not just picking the WCS judges, but the other pleasure and riding classes would be a whole different judge. Sierra Covell stated all those classes could be judged by one person, but that was a very limited slate and those individuals would not necessarily be in the Draft Horse Industry. Shannon Cobbs asked if a light horse type judge would be used for riding and dressage, and a draft horse person for pleasure driving classes. Shannon Cobbs agreed 100 percent that is the way the judge should be chosen for those classes. Shannon Cobbs asked if some of the assumptions would stop if there was a statement released that the riding and pleasure classes would be judged by a specific judge and not the hitch judge for the WCS. Sierra Covell stated she had posted a similar statement many times but felt there was still assumptions going on. She felt it would be accepted better if that person would be posted on the website or in an eletter. Cathy Behn said that the protocol needs to be discussed on the judge for the riding classes as there is difference of opinions on the committee if it should be a light horse person or Clydesdale person to judge that section of the show. Shannon Cobbs stated there are only a few Clyde people that could judge those classes and disciplines. It was the consensus of the board to have Keith Mann and Linda Harmon on the next teleconference of the board to discuss the issue of choosing judges and the timing of making that announcement.

Next on the Agenda was National Show updates. Cathy Behn stated there was an email about \$600 for the live streaming at the National Show and she felt there needed to be a motion on that subject as she could not tell by the email vote if it was approved. ***Sierra Covell moved to approve the \$600 for streaming of the National Show into the***

barns at Indiana State Fair. Pat Connors seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ken Airgood was opposed to the motion. Cathy Behn asked the board if their Executive Director should have a booth or attend the National Show. Andrew Stalhiem didn't think the booth would do any good at the show, and stated it was up to Cathy Behn if she wanted to attend the National Show. Dennis Johnson agreed to no booth but stated if Cathy Behn attends the Show her expenses would need to be approved. Pat Connors stated he thought Jake Schut plans on having the WCS wagon at the National Show. Cathy Behn stated she kept placings and visited with exhibitors and didn't think a booth was warranted. Pat Connors stated if the wagon was there, a banner could be put on it with information on how to win the wagon. Cathy Behn stated someone from show and awards would need to be present to oversee the awards and felt Dave Hennen may be there to help with that. Sierra Covell felt it is the National Show and Cathy Behn should be at the show. Cathy Behn stated that she could not afford to keep paying her own way to events. She had submitted a list of expenses she had already paid for to date and it was over \$2,000. She stated she was leaving the decision up to the Board on their opinion if she should go. Discussion was held on where the best place to have the Executive Director present was and what was the best way to spend Association money on marketing. Cathy Behn asked if there was a better show to attend with more exhibitors, etc. Cathy Behn stated she could try and get the numbers for the National Show and get back to the board. Andrew Stalhiem felt that maybe a show or event that had a better option to attract new people into the breed would be a better fit to send the Executive Director.

The next topic on the agenda was the Computer program Contract. Cathy Behn stated she had forwarded the contract and email explaining additional information to the board. Andrew Stalhiem stated he wondered if we do all of this and in a few years, we will do a grade up program with Shires, what changes would need to be made and at what cost. Cathy Behn stated it was our program and additional ways to do business could be written into the program. Discussion was held on if there should be a teleconference with Ian after reading the contract. Dennis Johnson stated he did look at the contract and concern is warranted on future cost factors of the program. Pat Connors stated at first he was a bit skeptical about such a great program at no cost but after meeting and talking with Ian, he was convinced that the offer was a great offer from a very honest man and company. Pat Connors stated he was not very optimistic about the program. Dennis Johnson shared concerns on how well the membership would accept the new program. Pat Connors felt that once people try it, they will really like it and be pleased with what more can be accomplished with the program. Sierra Covell stated she had talked to a member that was not tech savvy and he was excited by this. Cathy Behn stated that something has to be done to get more updated, as Ian pointed out in his email with the age of the program and safety of our data. Pat Connors stated we are very fortunate to have Ian on this deal and making it affordable. Shannon Cobbs stated it would nice to generate money for the association through special things on the new program and it would make things easier on the members and office. He stated it would not matter if they sell the program to other associations as we have been updated by them writing the program. Cathy Behn stated if there were more advanced opportunities, then a fee schedule could be set up to bring income into the Association in the future.

Ken Airgood updated the board on the Draft Horse Youth/Novice Congress. Ken gave statistics that were also included in the Executive Directors report, and stated all was in line for a great event.

Other business – The date for August Teleconference was set for Monday, July 31st at 8:00 p.m. It was noted that Cathy Behn was to invite Keith Mann and Linda Harmon to the teleconference.

Dennis Johnson shared concern regarding Dr. Winter's correspondence of May 13th and asked if the issue had been addresses. He stated that were as the Happy hour does help stimulate the membership for the auction, he does understand Dr. Winter's complaint and asked if there were any other thoughts? Andrew Stalhiem stated he thought Dr. Winter made some valid points with his concern all the extra activities were taking away from the horse sale itself. Dennis Johnson stated he felt the issue needed to be addressed with Dr. Winter. After further discussion it was noted that complaints should at least be acknowledge with a polite letter that it was received and issues will be addressed.

Discussion was held on the Scott Nicks paperwork from the sale two years ago. Cathy Behn explained the issue of the 2nd buyer requesting the transfer of one of the horses Scott Nicks sold after the sale and bouncing the check. Since that sale, the District Attorney had eventually sent a check to clear Scott Nicks debt on the horses purchased. He had then sold them to other people, but cannot be found to sign appropriate transfers. Shannon Cobbs suggested asking for bill of sale or cashed check, or have Cathy Behn contact her and see what she has for proof of purchase. Discussion was held on issues such as this and it was noted that maybe in the future, some of the rules and regulations could be edited

to solve some of these issues. Cathy Behn stated she would have to have board approval to go outside the rules, regulations, and by-laws of the Association regarding paperwork. Cathy Behn was to work with the executive committee of the board regarding this issue and keep the board apprised as to the process.

Dennis Johnson asked about in-transit payment. Cathy Behn stated she had received commitment for payment from one client and will work on the other two and let Dennis Johnson know.

Dennis Johnson wondered if the chairs of the committees had been reviewed. He stated that was usually done at the re-organization meeting at the Sale. There was no discussion on committee members at the sale but it was noted that all committees of the Association had a board member as chair and that the list needs to be reviewed for any corrections or additions.

Dennis Johnson asked if anyone knew where the bid board for the sale was. It was noted that we need to ask Dave Hennen if he has seen the bid board. Discussion was held on the bid board and it was also noted that it may help to clarify the bid on horses if it was again used for the sale. Discussion was also held on the age and cost of a new bid board. Dennis Johnson was to look into the price of a new bid board for the sale.

At 9:20 p.m. Ken Airgood moved to adjourn the teleconference, seconded by Shannon Cobbs and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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