

**Teleconference Minutes – Monday – Feb. 5, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.**

Call to order – Andrew Stalhiem

Roll Call: Sierra Covell, Andrew Stalhiem, Dennis Johnson, Chuck Cryderman, Pat Connors, Ken Airgood, Mike Taft, Shannon Cobbs, & Dave Hennen.

Approval of Minutes of Teleconference – January 16, 2018. ***Ken moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sierra Covell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried.***

WCS Judges - Andrew Stalhiem reported the top vote for Mare Halter was Alan Freitag. He reported that there was a tie for the Stallion judge between Marion Young and Chad Cole. He reported that Jason Honsberger had been chosen as the top hitch judge and gelding halter judge. Gerald Allebach and Craig Grange were voted on to fill the panel of judges for hitches. President Stalhiem asked the board how the tie for the Stallion judge would be solved. Discussion was held ***and Mike Taft moved to revote on the Stallion Judge nominees presented in the tie. Pat Connors seconded the motion and motion carried. A Roll Call Vote was as follows: Sierra Covell – Marion Young; Dennis Johnson – Chad Cole; Chuck Cryderman – Marion Young; Pat Connors – Marion Young; Ken Airgood – Chad Cole; Shannon – Chad Cole; Mike Taft – Marion Young; Dave Hennen - Chad Cole; and Andrew Stalhiem – Chad Cole. 5 votes were cast for Chad Cole and 4 votes were cast for Marion Young.*** Further discussion was held on to the process of going down the line of votes if the top vote choices could not accept the position. It was the consensus of the board that there were clear 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> nominations to move on with if the top person did not accept. Further review and discussion was held on the judge nominations with consideration to all aspects of the judge choices. It was noted that all consideration was given to the member's nominations and also the committee recommendations when finalizing the judge selection. President Stalhiem asked for a motion to proceed with the vote for WCS judges from the Board of Directors. ***Chuck Cryderman moved to proceed with WCS judges as voted on by the Board of Directors. Pat Connors seconded the motion and motion carried.***

Cathy Behn asked the Board which judge would be judging the Group classes for WCS. Discussion was held on the potential judges. ***A Roll Call Vote was taken on which nominee to judge the Group Classes resulting in the following: Sierra Covell – Alan Freitag; Dennis Johnson – Alan Freitag; Chuck Cryderman – Alan Freitag; Pat Connors – Alan Freitag; Ken Airgood – Alan Freitag; Mike Taft – Alan Freitag; Shannon Cobbs – Alan Freitag; Dave Hennen – Alan Freitag – President Stalhiem approved motion carried to have Alan Freitag judge the Group Classes at the WCS.***

Discussion was held on the procedure for Panel judging of the hitch classes. Mike Taft stated the light horses had been utilizing panel judging for many years and he had looked into information on a computer program to tabulate the judges' cards. He stated the computer program would cost approximately \$600. Cathy Behn related it was her understanding that all results of panel judging of each class would need to be posted. Mike Taft stated the computer program would kick out the results for posting the results. Shannon Cobbs asked if program tabulates low or high win and Mike Taft commented that it tabulates on a high win. Further discussion was held on the point system. Ken Airgood asked how many of the hitch classes will be panel judged. Andrew Stalhiem stated he thought all the hitch classes would be panel judged. Further discussion was held on the topic of panel judges and concerns of slowing down the show, etc. It was the consensus of the board that panel judging was a trend that would be a positive influence on the industry. ***Shannon Cobbs moved to panel judge all hitch classes at the 2018 WCS and to purchase the computer program to tabulate judges' cards. Pat Connors seconded the motion and motion carried.***

Discussion was held on a Youth judge. ***Mike Taft moved to use the 2 panel judges for the youth classes at the WCS. Pat Connors seconded the motion and motion carried.***

Discussion was held on the Contract and pay for WCS judges. It was the consensus of board for the judges to all be paid \$250 per day plus their hotel room. Dave Hennen asked Cathy Behn about the budget for judges, and she related

the budget would increase with more judges being hired. ***Sierra Covell moved to pay the WCS judges \$250 per day plus hotel rooms. Mike Taft 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the motion carried.***

***Mike Taft moved to have Cathy Behn contact potential judges and confirm terms of contracts. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried.***

Discussion was held on the time frame and announcement of the WCS. It was the consensus of the board to inform the WCS committee the next day about the decisions for judges by the Board of Directors. It was also the consensus of the board to confirm judges as soon as possible and then to announce all judges for the WCS to the members and public once they are confirmed. Highlights of judge's profiles could be followed up on social media and the website in months to come.

Cathy Behn reported that there were approximately 96 entries in the National Sale as of that day. Discussion was held on keeping to a deadline or extending the deadline to get more horses cataloged for the sale. It was noted that in the future, a confirmed deadline needs to be adhered to. It was the consensus of the board that for 2018 the National Sale Deadline should be extended until 2/15/18. Dave Hennen agreed to write information for an eletter announcing the Sale deadline extension.

Cathy Behn reported that at the present time there was only 2 Jackpot horse. Discussion was held on the Jackpot and how the positive program could be better launched. It was the consensus of the board that the program for 2018 be discontinued and that plans to promote the Jackpot horses for the sale earlier in the year for more value for consignors. The program will be revisited later in the year for promotion.

Dave Hennen reported there was one Crossbred entered in the sale. He stated the Sale Committee Chairs had been in agreement that that horse could sell at the end of the sale. Further discussion was held on the topic of crossbred horses in the industry. Pros and Cons of the topic were reflected upon with no action being taken.

***There was no other business, so at 9:30 p.m. Chuck Cryderman moved to adjourn the teleconference. Pat Connors seconded the motion and motion carried.***

Respectfully Submitted,

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