

## **Teleconference – Wednesday April 18, 2018**

President Stalhiem called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Sierra Covell, Chuck Cryderman, Ken Airgood, Pat Connors, Shannon Cobbs, Dennis Johnson, Andrew Stalhiem, & Mike Taft. Dave Hennen was unable to be on the teleconference.

Sierra Covell reported with information on the Dressage Classes at the WCS. She stated that Angelique Cruickshank was sponsoring the Dressage portion of the WCS with proceeds from her artwork. She voiced concern about adding more Dressage Classes with the allotted time frame. Sierra Covell stated she had done a FB pole trying to gain information on what level classes for Dressage would serve appropriate for the WCS. She stated she was also working with Dennis Kuehl and the Dressage judge to coordinate that portion of the WCS. She also reported that Dennis Kuehl would like to eliminate at least one class in the pleasure section of the WCS due to time constraints. Sierra Covell stated she felt the Keyhole class would be the safest class to eliminate as per her FB pole. Dennis Kuehl also suggested maybe cutting the Feed Team Class to one heat. He related he felt that if those classes were not sponsored, consideration should be given to eliminating a few of them. Sierra Covell stated there were only a few pleasure classes that had not been sponsored and if cuts were made, it would have a negative impact. Mike Taft ask to confirm exactly how Angelique’s sponsor money would be split. Sierra Covell stated she would meet with her at the National Sale. Mike Taft stated he felt it would be fair to pro-rate between classes and expenses such as judges, ring staff, etc. Sierra Covell stated all Dressage Classes would be held on Thursday. ***Sierra Covell moved to approve two Dressage Classes, to remove the Keyhole Class, and to limit the Feed Team to one heat. Mike Taft seconded the motion and the motion carried.***

Discussion was held on the conflict of the hitch judges on the panel judging with the youth classes on Sunday of the WCS. Dennis Kuehl suggested Roger Thoms as a Youth Judge and to keep it all separate. Cathy Behn related prior discussion was held on using a person that would already be at the show to save cost and avoid conflict. Mike Taft stated he had spoken to Sherry Lewis as the Clydesdale Education Foundation had suggest Mrs. Lewis. Shannon Cobbs asked if there was any way to change the schedule to accommodate the conflict. Cathy Behn suggested speaking to Dennis Kuehl at the National Sale as he would be present. If the Clydesdale Education Foundation was sponsoring the Youth Classes, it was the consensus of the board to agree to invite Sherry Lewis to judge if needed. Moving forward with the WCS Entry Book, the Youth Judge would be listed as TBA.

Discussion moved onto hitch premiums at the WCS. Shannon Cobbs stated he felt the hitch premiums were a bit out of balance. His thought process was that everyone loved London and appreciated the premiums. He stated the Halter Premiums were much higher than London’s Halter Premiums and that the Teams, Unicorns, and Four Premiums were also the same as the London Show. He stated the cart classes were off approximately \$225 each and that committing \$1000 additional premiums for carts would sure that section up. Mr. Cobbs stated the hitch people appreciated the premiums given at the London show and felt making them the same for the 2018 WCS would put a positive spin on the show. He stated to do that would add an additional \$10,200 in premiums. Andrew Stalhiem stated that if all classes were sponsored, then some of the additional money would already be there. It was noted that all premiums should reflect the amount the sponsor had paid. Additional discussion was held. ***Shannon Cobbs moved to payout \$7500 to all three six’s with every exhibitor that didn’t place receiving \$300, and \$10,000 be paid out for the Eight Horse Hitch with all exhibitors not placing receiving \$300. He also moved to payout***

***\$750 per cart class instead of \$350, which reflects what the sponsorship is for each class. Sierra seconded the motion and the motion carried.***

Cathy Behn asked for direction from the board as to when WCS entries should close. It was the consensus of the board to have the entry close date as August 24, 2018 with late entry fees assessed after that date.

Cathy Behn explained that when the contract was written with the Alliant Energy Center, it did not include horses coming in on Tuesday. The Alliant Energy Center therefore would be charging \$25 per head for horses arriving on Tuesday. Andrew Stalhiem suggested putting in the Entry Book that if you want to arrive on Tuesday, it would be \$25 per stall extra. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to add \$5 to each stall to cover the extra costs of Tuesday arrivals instead of charging each exhibitor. Final consensus of the board was to charge \$80 per horse stall, \$80 for two tack stalls, with exhibitors bringing 6 or more horses being allotted two extra tack stalls at \$80. Over that amount, each extra tack stall would be \$100 per stall. It was also the consensus of the board to charge \$40 administration fee per entry and a \$10 class fee.

Concern was voiced about not having two feed team heats and it was the consensus of the board that we try to find time for two feed team heats.

Cathy Behn reported each Sky Box cost the Association \$650. She stated there are five with one being given to the Title Sponsor. It was the consensus of the board to sell two sky boxes at the Banquet Auction at the Sale.

Cathy Behn stated it would be a big sale with 132 horses cataloged. She also related if there was a lot of Tack, two rings may be needed for the Tack Sale.

***At 9:12 p.m. Mike Taft moved to adjourn the teleconference. Sierra Covell seconded the motion and motion carried.***

Respectfully Submitted by,

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