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Clydesdale Breeders of the USA 2021 Meeting Minutes –

4/24/2021 Lower Level, Livestock Center (below Sale Ring)

4:22p Board Members Present: Keith Mann, Marty Soukup, Linda Harmon, Mike Birky, Mike Taft, Andrew Stalheim, Shelby Zarobinski, Don Hastings, Jeff Goodell

Members & Guests present.

President Keith Mann called the meeting to order at 4:22p. Roll call resulted in all board members present.

Marty Soukup was welcomed as our newest board member

Election of officers took place:

For the office of President:

Mike Taft nominated Keith Mann and was seconded by Marty Soukup

Jeff Goodell nominated Mike Birky and was seconded by Don Hastings- Mike Birky respectfully declined the nomination leaving Keith Mann as the sole candidate. All in favor resulting in Keith Mann being elected as President

For the office of First Vice President:

Andrew Stalhiem nominated Jeff Goodell seconded by Shelby Zarobinski, no other nominations, all in favor resulting in Jeff Goodell as the First Vice President

For the office of Second Vice President:

Andrew Stalhiem nominated Linda Harmon and seconded by Mike Taft, no other nominations, all in favor resulting in Linda Harmon as the Second Vice President

For the office of Secretary/Treasurer:

Mike Taft nominated Mike Birky and seconded by Don Hastings, no other nominations, all in favor resulting in Mike Birky as Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Birky stated that he has no intentions of running for re-election in 2022 and wishes to train another member for the tasks at hand. Jeff Goodell volunteered to take on this task as a co-chair of the finance committee

President chose to move ahead and appoint committee chairs

All-American: Shelby

Bylaws: Mike Birky

Education: Linda

Equine Health: Linda

Finance: Mike Birky/Jeff

Futurity: Shelby

Hall of Fame: Andrew

Historical: Andrew

National Sale: Will be revisited at a later date

National Show: Jeff

Nominating: Andrew nominated Marty Soukup seconded by Jeff, no other nominations, all in favor, Marty Soukup to chair the committee

Parliamentarian: Executive Board with Martin English serving and attending our meetings

Pedigree/Prefix: Andrew/Shelby

Personnel: Non assigned

Pleasure Riding: Linda

Social Media/Technology/Marketing/Website: Marty/Shelby

USLGE: Keith with Tracy Taft and Kayle Grott

Youth: Mike Taft

Queen: Mike Taft

World Show: Keith

Discussion took place about working on awarding the Clyde News contract early so the editor can have time to compile articles, show results, and ads in a setting not so rushed.

Lisa Banga presented on the National Sale:

Tack Grossed: \$24,155.57

Collectibles/Horses Grossed: \$799,474.43

Sale Gross: \$823,630.00

59 horses with 2 no sales lead to an average of \$14,025.87

Sales tax was collected on the collectibles and tack only

One thing brought to the attention was looking into a better way to accept payments from the online bids as processing a credit card charged the 4% transaction fee.

Discussion was brought up about changes to the sale and it was mentioned to look into capping the sale at 100 horses in the future as thoughts were that the limited number of horses helped with the prices.

Minor changes to help with the overall of the sale was to have the arena prepared better to prevent a dusty atmosphere as well as looking into the rental of more tables as it was underestimated the amount we would need and would prevent the need to continuously move tables from upstairs to downstairs etc.

We were able to sell 13 preferred tables and the auctioneer commented that it helped with making bid taking easier.

Discussion took place about additional seating, preview location, the schedule of challenge classes and open drive/ride, challenge class rules, and the struggles of working with the fairgrounds in the few weeks leading up to the sale.

Discussion took place about schedule of Friday banquet and order of meal/presentations/auction.

The morning sponsorships for donuts and coffee was an asset and a little sign of appreciation to the consignors that went over well.

Discussion took place over the tack auction auctioneer as well as the success of the benefit auction Friday night which raised \$57,000.

In conclusion of sale discussion **Andrew Stalhiem motioned to keep the sale at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in 2022 with the schedule and days of the sale the same barring expenses and negotiations with the fairgrounds. Mike Taft seconded. All in favor, motion passed**

Old Business:

Mrs. Birky brought up discussion on Cathy Behn and Martin English spoke that personnel matters should be discussed in a closed board meeting not in an open meeting format.

Don Hastings discussed the success of the Simply Voting system for this election and looking to utilize all 10 "elections" in the form of sending out surveys to get member input on subjects.

Mike Taft made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Don Hastings.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm

Minutes Reported by Shelby Zarobinski