

**North American Shagya Arabian Society - NASS  
Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting  
October 24, 2007**

Via phone conference

Called to order by Lori Baker, president, at 9:12 EST.

**ROLL**

<b>BOD</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Silent listeners</b>
Lori Baker	Adele Furby –ISG liaison	Terry Hey - RD	None
Arlene Michaud	BC chair	Carol Neubauer -registrar	
Kathy Richkind	Hallie Goetz –newsletter editor		
Jamie Buck			
Gwyn Davis			
Elaine Kerrigan			

**Quorum present**

Lori Baker called the meeting to order. Lori stated that the meeting is being recorded for accuracy of meeting minutes by Jamie Buck and that Kathy Richkind is acting as recording Secretary for this meeting.

**Motions passed at Executive meeting on 10/22/2007**

Elaine Kerrigan was appointed 9/27/2007 to replace Shelly Housh, who resigned as the Southwest Regional Director. Her term will expire on 7/31/2009.

The four missing registration certificates which had been sent out by Carol Neubauer but never received by the horses' owners were approved to be replaced. BC Chair Adele Furby reported that she had checked with Carol and that Carol will have these replacement certificates completed by 10/31.

The policy on member resignation and requests to move horses to inactive status was passed and approved unanimously by email vote of all members of the BOD. Several BOD members had researched what other breed organizations do with requests to "unregister" a horse, and our policy is in line with most other horse breed organizations:

**NASS Policy:** Membership/ISG Revocation 10-31-07

**Dated:** November 1, 2007

**Policy:** Any request from the owner of an approved breeding horse (1) to permanently revoke the owner's membership in NASS and (2) to remove the owner's approved breeding horses from the roster of breeding horses which NASS annually reports to ISG, must be signed, dated and notarized and received by NASS via certified mail Upon receipt of this request, NASS will (A) permanently revoke the owner's membership and (B) remove the owner's approved breeding horse(s) from the roster of breeding horses which NASS annually reports to ISG. Step B will not be enacted without Step A, the simultaneous revocation of the owner's NASS membership.

**Policy approved by NASS BOD on October 31, 2007**

Lori Baker, NASS President, NW Regional Director

Gwyn Davis, NASS Vice President  
Elaine Kerrigan, SW Regional Director  
Kathy Richkind, Rocky Mountain Regional Director  
Terry Hey, Midwest Regional Director  
Jamie Buck, Eastern Regional Director  
Arlene Michaud, Treasurer and BOD Member

### **Status of Vote for Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws change**

Arlene reported that we have 72 voting members; voting packets were sent to active members only these are individuals who are paid in full and own one or more NASS-registered horses in his or her own name.

Elaine Kerrigan reported that to date vote tally for the Restated Articles of Incorporation were 28 in favor, three opposed. The vote for the proposed First Amendment to the Bylaws was 24 in favor, seven opposed. It was agreed to finalize the votes on Monday, October 29, to ensure that all votes postmarked by the correct date were included in the final tally. At that point Adele will contact Mr. Huse so he can begin the necessary paperwork in order to change to 501c5 status and give us information on what we need to do to modify the bylaws.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lori Baker reported that she had found the written summary of the NASS audit which was completed earlier in the year by NASS Advisory Committee Members and she will fax them to the board. The only irregularity reported in the audit was that there was no record of a 2004 ISG dues payment; otherwise all else seemed in order. Arlene reported that there was no ISG payment shown for 2004 on the Treasurer's records which she had received nor was there any indication that NASS had ever received an invoice for payment. She questioned if we traded the payment for advertising for ISG that year, as we had in past years. Adele will contact ISG and also Arlene will contact Doris Newton, who was the treasurer in 2004, to ascertain if an invoice was ever sent, and if dues were paid that year.

### **NASS BOD News**

#### **1) WEBSITE**

IGive.com Jamie Buck has identified this service [www.iGive.com/NASS](http://www.iGive.com/NASS) and would like to post it on our website. NASS members can sign up and shop from the IGive website through their retailers (over 680 stores to shop at on line) IGive will then give a percentage of their sales to the designated organization (i.e. NASS) at no cost to NASS. This is a great fund raiser for NASS. Arlene reported that she tried it and it worked very well.

Under the Shagya Horses for Sale on website a photo link has been added.

Breeder's directory listing- Lori only got a few responses for breeders who wanted their farms posted on the website. Kathy suggested that the RDs remind their members to sign up, this will be especially important after the USEF ad, which will direct interested people to the website, comes out.

## **2) USEF AD**

Kathy Richkind reported that NASS will have a half page ad in the breeder's issue (Dec/Jan) of the USEF magazine, Equestrian will reach 80,000 readers and will also be included in the yearly competition calendar. Jamie has requested the finished ad be provided in electronic format to us so we can use for other ads; Kathy will request this. Lori has already sent the ad in PDF format to some interested parties. Gwyn suggested that we put the ad on online horse sale sites she will check into that for us also check other websites and local newsletters, etc. Kathy will take copies of the ad to the USEA annual meeting.

### **Committee reports**

**1) ISG** Adele is sending periodic updates to ISG, and will send another one when the election is finalized. The BOD would like to have members join in the ISG liaison group and asked Jamie to advertise on the website for volunteers.

The next ISG delegates meeting is on June 14 in Topolcianky, Slovakia. This will be the 25th anniversary of the founding of ISG. At the same time Topolcianky is having a horse festival celebrating their 100-year anniversary there will be one-day shows for Lippizans, Shagyas and Huzuls. The German society ZSAA is also having a Shagya show in Kreuth Aug 8-10 in cooperation with the German society VZAP.

Kathy asked Adele to acknowledge Walter Huber, Carin Weiss and Tomas Rombauer for sharing photos for NASS to use in the USEF ad.

**Breeding committee:** All members of the previous breeding committee have agreed to stay on. We are looking for one new member. The NASS Studbook and the development of performance criteria for stallions are the two main action items on the BC calendar.

**Education and judges committee:** Kathy asked that this committee be split into two separate committees. She will stay on as head of the judge's committee but does not have the time to keep on with the education committee. We need to ask for a volunteer to head this committee.

**Website Committee:** Jamie reported that she is in the process of reorganizing the buttons. All recent changes/info goes under the Member Update button. The Shagyas for Sale now has photo capacity. The breeding guidelines have been posted on the web site. A separate button will be added for <sup>3</sup>Fees and Forms<sup>2</sup>. Lori is working on compiling the info for the Breeder's Directory.

Email addresses for stallion owners should be on the Stallion page before the USEF ad comes out. The Shagya.net email address connections are now established and she is updating the NASS mass email list.

**Awards:** Becky could not make this meeting but talked to Lori prior to the meeting. Jamie has put new info re: awards on the web site. Final results will be available on 12/14. A reminder to all - horses must be nominated before any scores or placements will count, copies of score report forms should be kept, and some way to determine that the score report forms were received (e.g. send by certified mail or check with Becky) would be helpful. Becky sent a current status list to Lori.

**Registrar:** Carol Neubauer was unable to attend the meeting.

**Newsletter:** Hallie said she needs material for the next newsletter, as well as full and half page ads. She would like to get biographies of the current RDs and BOD members. The RDs could encourage their region members to submit news. Lori suggested Hallie add Terry's article about the Jane Savoie clinic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Conflict resolution committee:** Lori will contact members from last year to see if they will reconvene. She wants each committee to choose its own chair, not have the chair appointed by the president as has sometimes been done in the past.

**Bylaws committee:** Terry has been added to that committee. Lori wants to address the member comments re: the bylaw change on the election ballot, to make the wording more specific. Lori will call for a meeting on Nov 7th, when they will address the BOD composition guidelines to bring them in compliance with the Montana 501c5 status. Per these requirements, all members of the BOD must be elected by the membership at large.

Adele stated that Mr. Huse needs feedback from the BOD as to changes that the BOD thinks might best suit the organization so that he can develop the appropriate framework.

**Stallion auction:** Lori will send out a separate email. Adele asked if Hallie would help as she has worked on this before and has the ad template. Gwyn asked if we could put this on other websites with a link to our website.

**USDF/USEF:** Kathy will send the business membership form for 2008 to Arlene and will check with USEF to see when dues are due.

**Membership renewal:** Arlene will send out invoices soon and post a reminder on the web site.

**USEA liaison:** Gwyn volunteered to do this. Kathy suggested Hope Phelan may want to help and volunteered to contact her.

**AERC liaison:** Elaine volunteered she will add NASS awards for high mileage, best condition. Lori will let Becky know about this.

**Upcoming events:** Regional activities should be sent to Jamie for posting on the website.

We need to start thinking about the 2008 annual membership meeting dates Aug-Sept? Place??

Adele suggested soliciting ideas on the website.

**Next executive board meeting:** is scheduled for Dec 5 at 6PM PST

**Next general BOD meeting:** scheduled quarterly, second Wed of the month, starting with a meeting on Jan 9, then April, July, Oct.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Lori moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM EST. Seconded by Kathy.