

North American Shagya Society

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

August 6, 2007

Via – Phone Conference

Called to order by Gwyn Davis at 8:10 PM EST.

ROLL:

Gwyn Davis
Arlene Michaud
Lori Baker
Terry Hey
Hallie Goetz

SILENT LISTENERS:

Jamie Buck
Adele Furby
Barbara Abrams
Elaine Kerrigan
Daniel Shaw

QUORUM PRESENT

Gwyn Davis called the meeting to order. Gwyn stated the meeting is being recorded for accuracy of meeting minutes by Jamie and that she will also be officially recognized at this meeting as the recording Secretary.

- I. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Arlene reported as of August 3, 2007 our checking balance is \$6,995.38 and \$200 in hand to be deposited which brings our total to \$7195.38.
- II. **OFFICERS REPORT:** Lori announced for fun she will be attending the AREC Championship and promoting NASS in addition she will be attending the USDF/USEF breed inspection and showing her stallion and promoting NASS there as well.

Terry stated she is thinking about publishing a breed spotlight for the USDF Connection Magazine on Shagya's and has been looking through the USDF magazines trying to figure out how to submit the article along with a historical picture of a Shagya. Gwyn stated she can get that information to Terry about submitting articles to USDF. Gwyn suggested using Blixten AF since he is the only FEI Dressage horse in the United States that she can think of. Terry will contact Holly to see if she has a photo of herself and Blixten AF. Terry is also going to try and mount another Midwest Horse Fair demo and will start recruiting in another couple months or so. Deadline is not until November but people need time to get their calendars cleared. Gwyn stated she would like to attend if she can. Terry said Kathy Johnson from Wisconsin will come and bring her part shagya mare, and she also thought Holly would bring Blixten AF again. Terry plans to take two of her horses.

- III. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No committee reports at this time.
- IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Gwyn stated we needed to start with Election information. Gwyn referred to the regional map that Arlene emailed to the BoD. Gwyn stated the regions would be divided up with regards to where the population is located so it will be equally divided and represented amongst the regions: East Coast, Midwest, Mountain, Northwest, and Southwest with the regional lines going into Canada. This would add one Regional Director position making a total of five (5) Regional Directors. Gwyn stated that at this time only two Board Members were not elected by the membership and eventually all Members of the Board would be elected.

Gwyn stated that we believe we are moving into a direction that we need to go and believe people want.

- V. **MOTION:** Lori moves to accept the new regions as East Coast, Midwest, Mountain, Northwest, and Southwest with the regional lines going into Canada along with the addition of a fifth Regional Director. Hallie seconds. Gwyn votes yes, Arlene votes yes, Lori votes yes, Terry votes yes. Quorum carries the motion.

Lori stated that we need to announce Board openings and invite candidates.

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Gwyn would like an announcement for Nominations for President, a Board position and two Regional Directors (East Coast and a Mountain) positions to be included in the NASS Newsletter along with the new regional map to show the region areas. A description of the duties of each position will also be included in the newsletter. Nominees will be required to submit a resume along with a Bio and a summary of how they will promote and support NASS.

Hallie will create the Announcement for Nominations and identify the new regions with the map as well as create the nominations ballot. Hallie will use a previous ballot and change the titles. Hallie will send the completed documents to the BoD for review and approval for posting in the newsletter. This information will also be posted on the NASS website.

Gwyn asked how will be handle the voting. Adele stated that attorney Thad Huse advised that it was totally appropriate for an organization of this type to appoint someone to handle the ballot count as long as they were not on the ballot. Elaine Kerrigan volunteered to handle the ballot counting. The BoD's agreed that Elaine Kerrigan will be designated person to receive the ballots. Hallie will take care of sending out the Nomination form and Ballot form within the next week and not more than two weeks in order to announce the results at the September 15 Annual Membership Meeting which will be a conference call to be held at 6:00 PM PST. Conference call information will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

VI. MOTION: Lori moves to have the September 15, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting which will be a conference call to be held at 6:00 PM PST posted to the NASS website. Terry seconds. Hallie votes yes, Gwyn votes yes, Lori votes yes, Terry votes yes, Arlene votes yes. Quorum carries the motion.

VII. MOTION: Gwyn moves to have the Membership Duties returned to the Treasurer in order to simplify and speed up the process. Terry seconds. Discussion: Hallie would like a thank you letter to go out to Becky McCarty for helping with the Membership information and that the BoD would like for her to continue as the Awards Chair. Lori votes yes, Arlene votes yes, Terry votes yes, Gwyn votes yes, Hallie votes yes. Quorum carries the motion.

Arlene stated that she has two checks that she received from Becky McCarty last week that are made out to NASHR. Arlene would like the BoD's suggestions on how to handle the checks. Lori suggested the BoD could review a draft letter written by Arlene prior to sending along with the returned checks with a gentle reminder to the members that checks need to be made out to NASS.

VIII. MOTION: Arlene moves to have any information with regards to NASHR should be removed off the NASS website. The BoD's will review content on the NASS website and compile an email list of items they want removed, changed or added on the NASS website as soon as possible. This motion will be completed via email vote.

Lori stated she received a certified letter from NASHR requesting NASS to relinquish funds and all the ownership properties which all of us will probably receive in the next day or so. Lori asked if anyone else received it yet. Hallie stated that she has the letter because she is on the NASHR Caretaker Board and signed the letter and further stated that she guesses she will have to resign off one or the other Boards. The BoD's agrees Hallie does need to resign from NASHR or NASS and to let us know ASAP. Once everyone receives their certified letter we will have a email or phone conversation regarding how to proceed with a response at the direction of our attorney.

Hallie stated that Jamie needs the Price List for NASS in order to post that information on the website. Hallie stated she would get that information to Jamie on Tuesday August 8, 2007. Jamie stated that there are some horses that need to be posted for Sale as well and that information will also need to be forwarded through the appropriate channels for posting. Jamie stated Linda Rudolphi has some

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horses that need to be listed. Hallie will double check her newsletter listing to see what horses need to be posted to the website. Also a non-members ad needs to be reviewed since it expires on 8-6-07.

Arlene stated that Carol Neubauer brought to her attention that she sent Kathy Voyer two registrations to be signed that she sent to Kathy Voyer via certified mail on May 19, 2007. It was signed for on May 26, 2007 and Carol received her confirmation of certified mail back on May 29, 2007 and to date still does not have the registrations returned to Carol. Hallie stated that since she is no longer the NASS President that a letter be sent asking for these items to be returned to Gwyn Davis, NASS President.

Hallie stated Branding Applications need to be posted to the website. Adele will send a copy of the Branding application and Protocol Guidelines so everyone on the BoD and Jamie has a copy to review. Once reviewed a copy for correct content it will be posted to the NASS website so members are aware this is available to them. Terry will need this information as Assistant Registrar. Jamie has been asked to scan the Branding Applications and guidelines in a PDF.

NASS Newsletter will go out in the next two weeks after the BoD reviews the content of the newsletter.

Gwyn would like her gwyn@starband.net email address to be used.

Gwyn will contact Carol Neubauer to make sure she is aware of NASS's position with regards to NASHR on Tuesday August 7, 2007.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Gwyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 EST. Seconded by Lori.

X. ADDENDUM ADDED TO MINUTES Via EMAIL DATED AUGUST 8, 2007:

CONTINUATION OF MOTION LISTED UNDER VIII REFERENCE ABOVE: Arlene moves to have any information with regards to NASHR should be removed off the NASS website. All website information listed that is removed will be Archived and saved for reference.

Home Page - Move copyright logo to bottom of page

Member Updates Page - Remove Caretaker BOD report 1/15/2007

Membership - Revise Membership form, send to Arlene

Under the membership page - NASS Board & Committee Meeting Notes /Minutes

REMOVE:

Caretaker Committee Meeting Minutes

Caretaker Board Report 01/15/07

Contacting NASS

Acting NASS President - Change to Gwyn Davis

Acting NASS Secretary - Change to Jamie Buck

Membership - Change to Arlene Michaud

Remove Caretaker BOD information

Remove **Presidents Corner - Archive** and save for reference – after elections, next President can propose to have this link back on the home page.

NASS Committees link added to home

Gwyn seconds the motions. Lori votes yes, Arlene votes yes, Gwyn votes yes, Terry votes yes. Quorum carries the motion.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jamie Buck