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NASS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (#5)

A. Call to order by President Kathy Voyer at 5:15 pm PST by telephone conference call.

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I wish to welcome all of you to our fifth North American Shagya-Arabian Society Board of Directors Conference Call, since I have been nominated as your President. We are continuing to hold our Board of Directors' meetings more frequently than in the past, so that we can continue to keep you personally informed of our progress, during each of these meetings.

The Articles of Incorporation and the By Laws have been edited and tailored for our new Registry. Both sets were presented to our Incorporating Attorney on 3-19-07 for review and filing.

Rules and regulations are being written by the breeding committee and the conflict resolution committee. These will be separate from the bylaws. BC scheduled for a meeting next week.

ADDENDUM: All motions will be followed up by e-mail contact for votes from BOD members not in attendance.

C. ROLL CALL :

Kathy Voyer, President
Arlene Michaud, Treasurer
Nancy Skakel, Secretary
Shelley Housh, BOD SW RD
Hallie Goetz, BOD NE RD
Lori Baker, BOD NW RD
Not present:
Gwyn Davis, vice President
Terry Hey, BOD MW RD

silent listeners:

Shannon Slessor
Donna Coss
Linda Rudolphi
Judy Moore
Killian Dill
Mark Hefler
Eric Nelson

NO QUORUM PRESENT

D. READING OF MINUTES FROM 2-16-06 MTG

- Minutes from our last meeting were approved via email as of 2-20-07

E. TREASURER'S REPORT - Arlene Michaud:

- Current balance as of 3/14/07 is \$7,234.14 with receipts of \$890.00 for a total of \$8,124.41
- Quick Books Online has been purchased with a non-profit discount costing \$15.96 a month. Three other names can be added to the account. Discussion with Eric Nelson and Linda Rudolphi regarding records from their audit of past financial records.
- Hallie Goetz has been reimbursed for out of pocket expenses with the recent news letter; approved via email 3/13 - w/votes from Lori, Terry, Shelley and Hallie)
- **MOTION:** to reimburse Linda Rudolphi for shipping and mailing expenses of \$31.41 and \$3.99 for a total of \$35.50. Moved by Shelley, seconded by Lori. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
- **MOTION:** to reimburse Eric Nelson for postage of \$8.30. Moved by Shelley, seconded by Lori. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.

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- **MOTION:** to reimburse Arlene Michaud for stamps, files, and folders for the Treasurer of \$39.75. Moved by Shelley, seconded by Lori. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
- **MOTION:** to reimburse Adele Furby for postage and copying of past BOD minutes of \$55.40. Moved by Shelley, seconded by Lori. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
- USDF bill of \$36.00 was paid 1/23/07
- 2006 IRS filing: President will seek advice of incorporating attorney regarding requirements for 501(c)3 and forward information to Treasurer
- Annual Report for State of Montana filed 1/27/07 with payment of \$15.00
- 2007 membership dues received number 24 with another 7 being forwarded by Becky McCarty. Treasurer is keeping copies of all checks received for verification. Membership dues recorded separately from awards program fees.

F. REPORT OF OFFICERS – BOD

Gwyn Davis (VP): absent

Hallie Goetz (NE RD):

- Inspection Newsletter done – Thank you for a very nice job!
- April Newsletter has been formatted. Half page and full page ads till available. Stallion auction donors need to submit copy for free half page ads. Newsletter will include awards booklet
- Request for BOD to consider selling copies of newsletter at cost plus. Will ask Gwyn Davis what policy has been in the past.
- **MOTION:** A copy of the newsletter will be sent to the librarian for archive. Moved by Shelley, seconded by Lori. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
- **MOTION:** A copy of the previous newsletter will be posted to the website when current newsletter has been mailed to membership. Moved by Hallie, seconded by Shelley. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
- Discussion of posting past newsletters to website for archive on education page.

Terry Hey (MW RD) – absent

Lori Baker (NW RD):

- Report from AERC Convention by Killian Dill: Event well attended
- Request for more members to become involved, to make presentation more interactive
- Discussion of possible booth sponsorship in the future
- Proposal to consider holding national meeting in conjunction with AERC convention next year will be discussed by BOD at next meeting

Shelley Housh (SW RD):

- ISG Kabiuk Meeting: Have received a couple of inquiries about group travel plans, but nothing has been decided yet
- June Arabian Sporthorse Classic will have Shagya classes

G. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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- 1) 501 – Vince McCarty (Chair): absent, report tabled
- 2) By Laws – Kathy Voyer (Chair): New Chair – Shannon Slessor:
 - Draft bylaws have been submitted to incorporating attorney for review
- 3) Marketing – Vince McCarty (Chair): Kathy Voyer reporting:
 - Waiting for filing of incorporation papers
 - Will discuss logo copy write requirements with attorney
 - Caretaker Board will discuss adoption of new logo
- 4) Breeding Committee – Hallie Goetz (Chair):
 - Will finish breeding guidelines handbook in next two weeks
 - Final review will be made after May ISG delegate meeting in case changes are required
 - English translation of and by ISG rules is in process
- 5) Advisory Council – Eric Nelson (Chair):
 - Registry database: Linda Rudolphi has conducted a survey of other breed organizations' registry data bases and costs. She recommends "Hi-Dat". Linda will submit a copy of her report to BOD members for review.
 - Gwyn & Adele: Compilation of all past NASS BOD notes back to 1987 completed. Requested to send copy to Secretary for records.
- 6) Learner Judge / Education Committee – Kathy Richkind: Nancy Skakel reporting:
 - President requests a complete report of the names and resumes of the applicants for the Judging Course in July – to be sent to the BOD and the President
 - April 15th is the NASS deadline for the Babolna seminar (ISG deadline is June 15th) so candidates will have opportunity to arrange travel plans to take advantage of cheaper air fares
 - Members encouraged to attend ISG judging seminar. Adele contacted Bruno Furrer about possibility of inclusion of more than 2 candidates for training segment; awaiting response
 - Adele and Kathy Richkind are continuing review and revision of apprentice judge requirements
 - Adele has offered to edit a video tape of the 2006 Inspection Tour to offer for sale
 - Nancy Skakel has been transcribing articles from early newsletters for consideration for inclusion on educational website page.
 - Nancy is completing a listing of books, articles, and videos from her personal library that can serve as the foundation of a lending library
 - Request response from the BOD for approval of submitted postings to the web site
- 7) Website – Jamie Buck (Chair) – absent, report tabled
- 8) ASAV Merger: Mary Lehman, chair: Killian Dill reporting:
 - Two recent meetings had to be rescheduled
 - Questions on specific horses are being resolved
 - Inspection issues are main focus now, but confident that these will also be resolved

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H. CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS

- None presented

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- 1) 2007 Stallion Auction (2/15 – 3/22) Adrianna Kostersitz: Hallie Goetz reporting:
 - Only two bids received, both for same stallion. Thanks to all who participated.
 - Discussion of extending auction period and inclusion of notice in April newsletter. Will need to contact Adrianna to see if she is willing to oversee this. Will contact BOD by e-mail for decision regarding extending auction period.
- 2) Awards and Membership– Becky McCarty: Linda Rudolphi reporting:
 - 31 NEW Active memberships
 - 11 NEW horses in the Awards program and at least 2 more in process. A total of 44 horses nominated for awards.
 - Request for clarification of voting privilege; one vote per person per membership.
 - Discussion of family membership category. Will be reviewed by Caretaker Board.
 - Would like a reminder in the next newsletter re: push for new members
 - **MOTION:** NASS BOD authorize the immediate posting to website of awards nomination for horses and point report forms. Moved by Lori, seconded by Shelley. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
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- 3) Caretaker Board Report – Eric Nelson: strike from agenda
- 4) Membership update project (Terry Hey): strike from agenda
- 5) Conflict Resolution Committee formalized – Nancy Skakel, chair:
 - Four members volunteered for appointment to this committee – Egon Kamarasy, Marianne Spitzform, Jamie Buck, and Dale Scoville.
 - All highly qualified for this role. Individual resumes will be submitted to BOD for approval and posting to website so membership will know who is on this committee
 - Arbitration clause language was included in bylaws. Proposed guidelines, check off list, and forms are ready to submit to BOD and Caretaker Board.
 - Reminder that these positions were appointed by the President, but will be elected positions with first elections of new corporation.
- 7) Report on Can-Am Equine Affaire: Shannon Slessor:
 - Very big and well attended annual Canadian event lasting 3 days
 - 300 vendors at this year's event
 - Costs may be going up but for this year booth/stall space for vendors was \$250 CD for 100 square feet of space
 - Discussion of consideration for future sponsorship, in whole or by percentage since there are many such activities for promotion
- 8) Registrar: Carol Neubauer: Kathy Voyer reporting:
 - Studbook draft (inclusive through 2004) is camera ready and will be sent to Adele Furby next week
 - Supplemental studbook through 2006 will follow
 - Suggestion publishing supplements every 3 years to coincide with inspection schedule
 - Request that any relevant changes in policy or procedures be forwarded to Registrar in writing

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J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) ISG Delegates meeting:
 - Request for nominations, for consideration, to act as ISG delegate at May 2007. Please e-mail BOD if interested.
- 2) Regarding Awards (Promotion):
 - Discussion of question: as an organization do we want to recognize Shagyas who compete within AERC (or any other discipline) whether or not they are registered with NASHR? (ie competitor from Europe flying in a Shagya for competition)
 - Suggestion of recognizing any ISG registered horse, but many horses with Shagya ancestry are not ISG registered
 - Tabled for further research and discussion by BOD
 - President appoints Becky McCarty, Awards and membership contact person, as NASS contact for USDF and all other equestrian associations with regards to awards.
- 3) BC Website Posting Requests:
 - **MOTION:** NASS BOD authorize the immediate posting of membership and registration forms (containing correct information), stallion report form, as well as the correct DNA form on our Website ASAP, once approved by their corresponding committees. Moved by Shelley, seconded by Hallie. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
 - **MOTION:** NASS BOD authorize the immediate posting of correct fee schedule to website. Moved by Shelley, seconded by Hallie. Yes votes from Shelley, Lori, and Hallie. Motion carries.
- 4) Payment of Legal Fees:
 - **MOTION:** NASS BOD authorizes to reimburse NASS President Kathy Voyer for 501(C)5 Legal Fees for setup of new corporation, (voted on and passed during our 11/30/06 BOD meeting which directed the President to accomplish) in the amount of \$2393.30 and all future legal costs should be covered by NASS to accomplish this correct legal status. Moved by Hallie, seconded BY Shelley. Yes votes from Hallie, Shelley, and Lori.
 - to date, legal fees to the law firm of Kinkead & Stilz have been \$2,393.30. I expect there will be further fees involved before the incorporation process is completed. At this point all fees have been paid from the personal funds of the NASS President.
- 5) Lori Baker will write a letter of recognition for the contributions of Libby Bickford, past BOD member
- 3) **UPCOMING EVENTS** –
 - ISG Meeting in Kabiuk, Bulgaria – (5/19 & 5/20) – group trip
 - Judging Seminar – Babolna – July 6, 2007 – to coincide w/ISG European Championship Show for Shagya-Arabians (July 7 & 8)
 - Equine Affaire – Boston ???
- 4) Membership Renewal – Becky McCarty is our new Membership Chair and she has sent out: (THANK YOU)

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- Introductory letter for 2007 membership
- 2007 Membership card
- Membership Application
- Application for Year End Awards Program

Please remember that when you renew your membership for 2007, these funds will go directly to the new Registry.

K. Next BOD conference call meeting

- Thursday May 10, 2007 at 5 pm PST by conference call

L. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:15 pm PST

Submitted by Nancy R. Skakel, Secretary

ADDENDUM: Minutes approved April 9, 2007, and yes votes recorded per e-mail communication same date, by Terry Hey MW RD, Hallie Goetz NE RD, Shelly Housh SW RD, and Lori Baker NW RD.