



**NASS Annual Members Meeting – Minutes
November 19, 2008
6:30 pm Pacific Time**

Present:

BOD: Gwyn Davis, Jamie Buck, Adele, Furby, Arlene Michaud, Kathy Richkind, Monique Vincent, Terry Hey, Elaine Kerrigan

Members Present: Kathleen Warren, Patty Betts

Actual count of those on the conference call (11) which includes a call from (1) known silent listener.

- Gwyn calls meeting to order.
- Stephany appointed as Secretary
- Welcome members
- Lori Baker stepped down as President and NW Region Director. The BOD thanked her for her service. Jamie would send out a card of thanks on behalf of the BOD.
- Gwyn announced Jamie Buck as new President for NASS. Jamie appreciates the opportunity and happy to take position on; recognizes hard work of the Board and Committees.
- Jamie thanked Gwyn for stepping in as interim President
- July 2008 BOD meeting minutes & Breeding Committee meeting posted on NASS web site; if you can't find it, send us an email.
- The NASS BOD set the 2009 meeting calendar: Jan, April, July, Sept, and Dec – third Wednesday of the month. Board Meeting in September TBD around inspections.

NASS Elections were announced by Jamie and welcomed to the BOD: Directors at Large with term expiration of July 31, 2011. The following nominated individuals were elected: Monique Vincent 17 votes; Gwyn Davis 17 votes; Adele Furby 17 votes; Arlene Michaud 18 votes.

November 16, 2008 the Executive BOD met and appointed the following Officers:

Jamie Buck appointed as President

Gwyn Davis appointed as Vice President

Arlene Michaud appointed as Treasurer

Stephany Seay appointed as Secretary. Stephany excited to take on position; Jamie mailing minutes on CD as she's in Yellowstone region helping protect Bison and has very limited phone/internet access during the winter months.

Northwest Regional Director Position: Open for appointment by the BOD. This position can be appointed by the BOD since there is less than 12 months left for this term expiring on July 31, 2009. The BOD would still like to receive nominations for consideration and then make the appointment allowing membership involvement, however not required by the bylaws. The Northwest region areas are WA, OR, AK, BC, YUKON, NW Territories, European and International Members. The BOD asked the membership on the phone if any in that region would be interested in this position. NASS will send email out to membership to see if there's interest and have them respond back to NASS BOD. Give a week to respond back. Patty Betts has expressed interest so we'll wait a week and see who has had a chance to respond and then the BOD can appoint position within a week. BOD Agrees.

Eastern Region Director Position: Jamie Buck current Eastern RD reports:

Jamie stepping down as RD, since she is now President of NASS. As soon as RD is elected (nineteen months left, expires 7/31/2010) will hold a special election for the eastern region members only. Member elected will need majority of votes cast to be elected. After meeting today, Jamie will send out email to all Eastern Region members. Jamie asked if any Eastern Region members online now with interest. No response. Close nominations on 12/10/08. Another email will go out with nominees and give Eastern Region members chance to cast vote. BOARD AGREES.

Midwest Region: Terry Hey reports:

Not going to Midwest Horse Fair in April. Will attempt to attend again next year. Terry hopes to still be able to attend the IA Horse Fair. Promotional event and we'll get Shagyas in front of people. Also emailed Tom Montex who published her husband Phil's book, Terry talked with Phil, and 50 hardbound copies of studbook may cost a fortune. Will also ask about softbound copies.

Southwest Region: Elaine Kerrigan:

Everything going smoothly in Southwest Region. Starting to put horses together for inspection.

Rocky Mountain Region: Kathy Richkind:

USDF National Meeting in Denver, not a lot of people can go. Hope Phelon is going and will present the NASS All Breed Award and accept as well! She's promised to say Shagya a lot! Get to put flyers on the table. Hope will get PDF of NASS ad and print them out to take along.

There were no questions from Membership regarding regional reports.

Treasurer's report: Arlene Michaud:

Arlene reported total revenue for year through November 15, 2008: \$8,784.99; January 2008 beginning balance of \$916.73. Total expenses - \$8,057.57 ending balance as of November 15, 2008 - \$727.11; also did a breakdown of donations for the USDF ads and other donations that is on the financial report. A few more things will happen in next six weeks to be added into the final year end report. Members were asked if they had any questions. None to report. The financial report will be placed on the website under agenda and will be included with the minutes on web site. Jamie asked if the BOD wants her to post this financial report under the Membership Info and Forms page of the NASS web site. The BOD stated YES.

Membership Report: Arlene Michaud:

Arlene reported 58 Lifetime members; 43 Annual members. Total of 101 members. Sent out membership renewal invoices on November 1st to 43 annual members in addition to 2 possible returning annual members; no renewals received as of yet. Good time to take advantage of the \$200 Lifetime membership before it increases to \$350. Arlene reported three new members have joined.

- New Lifetime Member: Stephany Seay from Charlo, Montana
- New Member: Gary Aitken from Ovando, Montana
- New Junior Member: Olivia Wedegaertner from Raleigh, North Carolina

There were no questions from membership regarding the financial or membership report.

ISG Liaison Report: Adele Furby:

NASS was represented by three Delegates, Adele Furby, Elaine Kerrigan and Kathy Richkind at the Annual ISG Delegates Conference which took place in Topolcianky, Slovakia June 14 2008. NASS members Shelley Housh and Hallie Goetz were also in attendance at the meeting. NASS sent in advance a very nice full color flyer about NASS which all conference attendees received. The main issue of interest to NASS members is that another North American Shagya organization, ASAV applied for the second time for membership into ISG. Again ISG voted against this membership. NASS currently maintains membership in ISG with a census of the number of breeding animals in the purebred Shagya stud book. NASS pays dues at the rate of five Euros per horse. 143 breeding animals in stud book equals approximately \$1,000 in dues annually. The BOD suggested we approach ISG as to how we can benefit from dues we pay.

Some suggestions include:

- 1) Allowing all NASS members to receive "ISG Info" which is a small magazine published in Switzerland.
- 2) Bring foreign judges to help with Inspection.
- 3) Allowing some NASS dues to be paid by having some ISG advertising in NASS publications.

ISG no longer translates ISG minutes into English. NASS members and other non-German speaking members are currently uninformed as to what happens at ISG meetings. NASS is currently having minutes from ISG Delegates Conference translated into English and will make sure all NASS members and English speaking ISG countries get a copy. Also posted on the ISG website HYPERLINK <http://www.shagya-araber.info>.

There were no questions from membership regarding this report.

9/16 Rule Clarification Summary: Adele Furby:

It was brought to the BOD's attention that ASAV posted information on some web sites regarding how you can use purebred Arabian mares for Shagya breeding. NASS believed it best to prepare a thorough explanation of the breeding rules regarding the 9/16 Rule. ISG passed the framework guidelines for breeding, which will in theory be followed by all members around the world. NASS will review the ISG framework guidelines and compare what NASS is currently doing making sure the NASS Registry continues to be in compliance with ISG. A person can read through and Adele will be happy to respond or clarify. Jamie stated that after reading NASS' statement regarding the 9/16 Rule Clarification Summary (posted on the NASS website), unless you have been around the Shagya world a long time it can be a bit overwhelming and confusing. Adele stated language barrier makes it more complicated. Terminology isn't always the same. Stud book has different meaning there than here.

There were no questions from membership regarding this report.

Breeding Committee: Adele Furby:

Adele reported a busy year. Instituted regular meetings every 2 months through conference calls along with email, U.S. mail and phone calls. Minutes are posted on web site. Expanded committee by one member, Kathleen Warren from Florida. Kathleen has extensive experience in Arabian breeding; recent years have been active in breeding and showing Part-Shagya-Arabians. Kathleen owns imported mare, Mafia, a rare representative of Bulgarian Shagya bloodline. Extensive training in equine reproduction. Welcome Kathleen.

- BC Accomplishments include preliminary planning for 2009 Inspection in September. Sent invitation to one ISG judge but have not received a reply yet. At last count approximately 25 horses tentatively signed up. Locations may include: MT, CA, IN, FL, VT.
- **Swiss Shagya Database:** Most complete in the world w/ over 20,000 horses. Anyone can access info through the website. Each horse can be traced back to the originally recorded horse in the line of his/her pedigree. HYPERLINK <http://www.shagya-database.ch>. Bruno Furrer is entering data from draft book of NASS stud book from 2004 and hopes to have this completed by end of 2008. Bruno would like NASS to identify a person on NASS BOD who will have the password to enter data to take on this task for NASS by entering NASS horses beginning with the first of the year. Bruno will serve as quality control. There is also a database managed by the VSAA for horses in a German Shagya registry which can be accessed at HYPERLINK <http://www.shagya.info> just click on databases.
- Oldenburg Registry of North American now recognizes NASS as official registry for Shagya bloodlines in the U.S.
- NASS brands have been returned.
- Approached by Japanese to start a Shagya / Shagya-cross breeding registry in Japan.
- Developed draft set of Stallion Performance Requirements. Draft sent to NASS BOD and ISG in May; draft accepted by NASS board.
- BC has been studying RZBO – frameworks adopted by ISG; BC will review in more detail and will consider proposals for December meeting.
- BC working on updating all registration and branding forms; including frozen semen and embryo transfer.
- BC working on plans and policy for Part-Shagya showcase for NASS web site (possibly be even mules!)
- BC continues to update and monitor DNA data at University of Kentucky; All NASS registered horses must have parentage verification.
- BC will consider adding registry division for horses whose pedigrees are completely a combination of Purebred Arabian, and Shagya-Arabian or Part-Shagya-Arabian who do not otherwise currently qualify for registration as Part-Shagya-Arabian.
- BC reviewing possibility of printing NASS stud book, mentioned earlier by Terry. Would cover all horses through 2004. Probably take the form of a hardbound copy which will be available through subscription. A CD would be a less expensive alternative to hardbound books. The studbook info could be posted on the website and maybe the newsletter.

There were no questions from membership regarding this report.

Registrar: Carol D. Neubauer, Terry Hey:

Carol reported there have not been a large number of horses registered this year. Three Purebreds. One is Elaine's black mare she just imported. Filly for Adele. Another of Elaine's. This has been the complication, can't assign a number until I get the DNA. As soon as it comes in, I'll get it done. Appreciate support and comments anytime. Created summary of registration process. Recommends people send in DNA before sending in registration to cut the wait time. Registration form will be on web site w/ BOLD RED "DNA NEEDS TO BE SENT IN". Carol would like to make it easier for people. Terry reported she is continuing to look for a price to print the studbook and will inform the BOD once she receives info.

Learner Judge Education Committee: Kathy Richkind:

Not much this year. Next year with 2009 Inspection we may be able to get some activity going.

Website Committee: Jamie Buck, Kathleen Warren:

Plenty going on. Constantly updating. New Fee Schedule posted. Waiting for other forms to be approved by BC before posting. Once forms are sent to Website committee I'll post them. New page – Member Showcase page which is a page dedicated as a fun page good times page for NASS members who would like bragging rights: awards, accomplishments, achievements, successes, recognition, etc. Please submit NASS Registration #, sire and dam, breeder, owner, and rider/exhibitor to the NASS BOD to HYPERLINK "<mailto:NASS@shagya.net>" for consideration. Photos are acceptable with photographer credit only. Kathy Richkind asked what hits to the site did we get from ads posted in USDF? Jamie can print off Sept and Oct of 08 and send it so we can get an idea.

Internet Forms / Blog / Internet: Kathleen Warren:

Kathleen reported the Shagya Forum is online and up waiting for people to join. Kathleen stated that those who join must receive approval to join the forum and the forum will be moderated in order to keep spammers off. NASS members are also welcomed to join the yahoo group forum at HYPERLINK <http://www.yahogroups.com> group name is Shagya_Arabians. When your forum membership is approved the moderator will be send a file to the individual joining regarding the rules of the Shagya forum. Kathleen would like to see people start joining. This forum is open to ANY ONE who has a Shagya interest. Jamie suggested that the members of the BOD should do that tomorrow.

Kathleen stated she will be working on the NASS Members Forum next when she has a chance to work on that. Kathleen would like to see the Japanese members get involved and any of the European ISG people also.

Awards Committee: Becky McCarty, Elaine Kerrigan:

Becky not in attendance to report. Elaine reported she did not have much to report since I haven't been involved in it until just recently. Ideas batted around about adjusting how points are awarded and how they compare one discipline to another so that they are all equal. Jamie stated all info for Performance Awards needs to be turned into Becky no later than 12/14. Jamie reported Becky will be stepping down as Chair end of 2008. Becky will be competing heavily and will not have time to assist with Performance Awards. Elaine will be stepping in as Chair and is willing to help Becky with paperwork and will be getting in contact with Becky.

Newsletter Committee: Hallie Goetz, Joan Clark and Carol D. Neubauer

Hallie not in attendance to report. Jamie reported NASS Newsletter went GREEN to save funds during this economic crunch. Deadline for submissions will be extended to 11/26. Proposed publishing date 12/31 to email out to membership. Hallie stepping down as Editor, BOD will find a new Editor and Co-Editor. If anyone has an interest that is familiar with publishing software and knows how to write/edit a newsletter please contact the BOD. Newsletter is also used as a historical referenced document. Need to set newsletter committee meeting and layout for the year. Need to give members heads up so we can solicit articles, pictures, etc.

There were no questions from membership regarding these reports.

Fundraising/Marketing/Promotions/Events/Publicity Committee: Terry Hey:

Terry would like to encourage BOD members to jump on this BIG committee. Terry says best we can do is get our horses out in public as much as possible: show them, compete them, and get them out there. New idea: National magazine called Equine Journal published on East Coast – a lot of breeds publish club news in it, why not for Shagya. Terry got copy and will try to contact and learn more to see how to get Shagyas in there. It would be monthly. We'd need monthly news and a few pictures twelve times a year. Everyone seems interested in this. Jamie asked Terry to find out deadlines and get them out to whoever is going to head this up; Jamie will help. Terry thinks we should take out ads in inexpensive horse magazines. Put in general NASS ads w/ contact, etc. Keep thinking about all the ways to get the word out.

IGive.com & Jeffers Affiliate programs: Jamie Buck:

Jamie reported when you shop at I-Give.com from the NASS website link at the bottom of our home page, IGive donates a certain percentage to NASS. NASS members have raised \$73.26 for NASS this year due to IGive program. IGive generates a report generated quarterly as to our donation status and sends that to the NASS BOD when we receive our percentage from items bought from over 800 stores. Jeffers Program the same thing. Jamie stated she has not heard anything regarding our affiliation set up with them as of yet. They just redid their web site, so that may be the hold up. NASS should put up link to Jeffers Program once the affiliation is completed.

Stallion Auction:

Jamie asked BOD if NASS will be holding a Stallion Auction this year. If we are, it needs to be done by February to line up stallions. A final decision has not been made on this and this item will be considered later.

Articles & Publicity: Terry Hey:

The BOD thanked Terry for article and Terry stated she got a lot of help from Gwyn. Carol would love to see the article. Terry says it's on website but will mail it to Carol. Can't get it in color, but still looks good in gray. Jamie will print out and get it in the mail.

AHA Sporthorse National: Elaine Kerrigan:

Elaine & KB Omega Fahim+++// (ox) won! One of NASS' approved stallions won. He showed at Prix St. George and at Intermediate 1, and he also showed In-Hand. He was Champion in two dressage divisions and then he was top 10 in halter. Got 69.5 % at PSG, 66% at Intermediate I, and awarded the FEI high score award. Jumped on him bareback and rode him into the coliseum to get their awards. His daughter did really well and was also in top 10 in both 3rd & 4th level dressage.

Information Officer: Gwyn Davis:

Gwyn stated nothing to report due to the wonderful web site.

Organization Liaisons Reports:

USDF: Kathy Richkind:

NASS sponsoring USDF all-breed awards for Shagyas. Quite complicated. This year the only horse to qualify has been my own. Kathy emailed everyone whose horse is USDF nominated reminding them of the requirements for the All Breed Awards. Didn't hear back from anyone. Will do it again in January for next year and hopefully we'll have more participants.

AHA: Elaine Kerrigan:

Not much to report. A lot of discussion trying to figure out how to get the AHA to recognize the Shagya-Arabians and give them a spot in their shows. Haven't been able to get through with that. Will work more on that this year.

AERC: Elaine Kerrigan:

No particular correspondence with them. In past talked about a year-end Shagya award. NASS needs to supply the info, winners, and award and they would put it out in annual meeting usually in Feb/March.

New Business:

Congratulations to our members:

- Elaine Kerrigan and KB Omega Fahim+++// (ox) – USDF Arabian Prix St. Georges All-Breeds Champion
- Becky McCarty and WineGlass Dominance – Reserve National Champion at Half-Arabian National Competitive Trail Ride
- Kathy Richkind on Emilagra – USDF Regional Award - tied 7th in championship class October 08

Upcoming Events: Terry Hey:

No report.

Next BOD Meeting January 21, 2009. Next Meeting for BC 12/1/2008.

There were no questions from membership regarding these reports.

Jamie thanked the Board and Membership for attending the Annual Meeting.

Board Motions to Adjourn, BOD approves for adjournment.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:51 pm Pacific Time.