

## NASS BOD MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2011

6:30 PM Pacific Time

### Called to Order:

**Roll Call:** Adele Furby, Jamie Buck, Jamie Bratt, Elaine Kerrigan, Kathy Richkind, Arlene Michaud, Gwyn Davis, Pattie Betts, Carol Neubauer, Kathleen Warren, Hallie Goetz.

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### **Treasurer's Report (Arlene):**

Montana corporate taxes have been paid

Federal taxes have been filed

USDF dues have been paid (\$200)

Trophy & Awards have been paid (\$472.28)

One DNA charge from UKY (\$29)

Bank Balance to date is \$266.38

All bills are paid ... except:

Carol sent in a bill (\$79.54) early in February, but hasn't been paid and could use it. In packet (dated 2/7) with Registration Summaries. Arlene got packet, but may have overlooked bill and will check again. (Arlene) found report and will get check in the mail tomorrow.

Can BOD approve invoice? Approved.

#### **Membership Reports (Arlene):**

3 new members; renewals (8; annual). Membership now standing at total of 84. Ended last year with 96 members. Still have 9 months to go.

#### **Registrar's Report (Carol):**

Processed 2 registrations in Jan. and Feb. One call from a gentleman (Vern Wingard, AZ) who was transferring endurance gelding, but papers have not been received yet.

Sent DNA test request for Brigit to UKY on 3/19. (Pattie) sire was not DNA tested, can we request UKY to DNA type him w/ blood sample? (Adele) BOD already agreed to pay for it. Toni Jones has been updated by Adele and Carol.

BOD should have received listing of all horses NASS has registered to date; sent in February. (Adele) requests hard copies are sent ASAP to Bruno. (Kathy) also requested a copy. (Elaine) has been using this to update database, and has some of those corrections and will get them to Carol.

#### **ISG Liaison Report (Adele)**

Received official report that there will be ISG Delegate Conference and Meeting held July 8-10, 2011, in Radautz, Romania, Thurs-Sun; meeting itself on Saturday. Could be put up on NASS web site now. Is anyone interested in going? Adele is interested in going (would like to see Hadban USA's relative!) NASS only needs to send one delegate.

Great Breeds of the World book will be published in June; we should take some copies to ISG meeting. Adele would like to propose that we take a gift copy to the people whose photos of horses are used in the book.

Adele found out that PSHR and ASAV did apply for membership. There will be an evaluation of their studbooks.

#### **Information Officer (Gwyn)**

No report at this time.

**Regional Directors Reports:**

*Eastern – Kathleen Warren:*

Taking Arinya Morning Star to breed expo on April 17 in Ocala, FL

*Rocky Mountain – Kathy Richkind*

Nothing to report

*Midwest – Rebecca Blair*

Not on call tonight

*Northwest – Pattie Betts*

Nothing to Report

*Southwest – Elaine Kerrigan*

Took Serena to south of Bay Area and were part of a Dressage seminar; demo horse and rider, with Jeff Moore (who loves Shagyas). Jeff was very impressed with Serena. He had seen Emilagra by Shandor in the past and loved him. Serena enchanted many at the demo. Demos are great opportunities for Shagya owners to get horses out there for not too much money.

**Organization Reports and Updates:****USDF & USEF (Kathy)**

Got our awards for USDF solidified. NASS now registered for every level and every division.

Kathy showed Emilagra in an Arab show that had open USDF Dressage show, First Level; She placed 5<sup>th</sup> USDF Arab Regional Competition. May show her again in May.

**AHA (Elaine):**

Nothing to report. Wants to work on pushing Shagyas into the International Arabians in Sport Organization. Member of AHA. Arab shows in Europe have Shagyas in it, even in with the Arabs (purebred, part, anglo, etc.).

**AERC (Pattie):**

Haven't heard anything from them about awards. Will follow-up again.

**Committee Reports:****Breeding Committee (Adele):**

Thinking about inventorying in the fall for the next Inspection (2012).

Elaine making great strides for getting all the horses on the Swiss database. (Elaine) if you go to the web site, you can pull up a list of NASS horses. As of last night there are 295 in there; getting bogged down on some because they are part-Shagya, and some part-Shagya-Arabian, and needs pedigrees that she can PDF to Alfred. Some of the part-Shagyas don't have pedigrees. (Carol) has all pedigrees that are out of Arabian mares. Has horses from Europe, and all the horses that were used in part-Shagya breeding. (Elaine) in order to get a horse in the database she needs to know that the horse was born in, among other details. (Carol leaving call)

**NASS Performance Awards (Elaine)**

Since last meeting we have new forms, and new guidelines are up and ready to go. Up on web site.

**Learner Judge Education Committee (Kathy):**

We had one inquiry about being a learner judge. Very interested, suggested avenues he might pursue and invited him to participate in next breeding approval.

**Web Site Committee (Jamie Buck)**

Discussed web site redesign. Came up with verbiage for board to approve.

Agendas have language.

Beginning April 2011 would begin researching design software; Send mass email to NASS membership asking for feedback/suggestions; Target date would be May 2011; Redesign will begin w/ offline version; Target date review Aug-Sept 2011; Redesign will include blog and access to NASS FaceBook page; would link to each other.

Subcommittee consists of: Jamie Buck, Jamie Bratt, Adele Furby, Kathy Richkind, Kathleen Warren, and Rebecca Blaire  
Would like BOD approval

(Adele) Maybe do the web membership feedback with the NASS nomination elections?

(Jamie Bratt) We did issue a full RFP to try to outsource web site upgrades. Got 100 responses, but none fit budget (which is \$0).

**Adele moves that BOD approve it: APPROVED by BOD**

#### **Internet Forum/Blogs (Kathleen)**

Would like to take off Yahoo group, as there's no activity. (Adele) would make more sense since we've got the blog.

**APPROVED by BOD.**

#### **Newsletter Committee Report (Jamie Bratt):**

Newsletter went out this evening. Huge (53 pages). Really exciting content.

Dovetailing with web site committee, we've discussed moving in a direction that would rely more on the blog format, and less on the newsletter format, and we had discussed things like Farm News, etc. are really better served by being on a blog because the reporting requirements are less stringent and easier to get them up in timely manner, and helps generate buzz. Will also reduce payload on more formal NASS Newsletter. Would like to return emphasis to more scholarly articles in NASS Newsletter, maybe have it come out quarterly.

(Jamie Bratt) Can blog get going before web site is redesigned? Jamie Bratt will ask Rebecca about that.

#### **Fundraising, Marketing, Public Events, Publicity (Jamie Buck)**

Great Horse Breeds coffee table book. Should give Shagyas great publicity; will take some to ISG (discussed above). Should have copies in May.

#### **Stallion Auction Fund Raiser (Gwyn):**

No bids at this time. Extended to May 31. (Adele) has heard from several people who have been interested, so we should expect some bids.

#### **New Business (Jamie Buck)**

NASS Nominations/Elections open on June 1; deadline midnight June 17; Ballot taker will be Elaine.

Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Adele's position (appointment, not election); BOD at large – 3 year terms are up for Monique, Arlene, and Gwyn;

NASS 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary!!! What are the plans for celebration? New stationary, web site.

#### **Old Business (Jamie Buck)**

Stud Book Committee; (Adele) would love for Jamie Bratt to investigate CD, limited edition book, grant writing/fundraising. Need to get everything off discs Carol has, or camera-ready prints Adele has, add photos, and figure out how to put it on CD, in book, what's the cost, etc.

#### **Upcoming News, Events, Shows, Etc?**

Nothing reported

#### **Questions from NASS Membership?**

#### **Next BOD Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 PST**

Think about NASS nominations

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

First: Jamie Bratt

Second: Adele Furby

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:43 PM EST**