



## North American Shagya Arabian Society

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### BOD Meeting

April 23, 2008 6:00 PM Pacific Time

The BOD meeting was called to order by Lori Baker at 6:17PM Pacific Time.

For accuracy of minutes this meeting is being recorded and Jamie Buck is acting as secretary and note taker.

**Roll Call:** Lori Baker, Arlene Michaud, Jamie Buck, Kathy Richkind, Gwyn Davis, Terry Hey, and Kathleen Warren

- Lori stated the previous meeting minutes are posted on the NASS website.

#### **Business:**

Motions passed since the last meeting:

- ISG Shagya-Arabian Trademark - Lori stated that we heard two stories regarding the trademark. One that it was paid for and the other that it was not. A motion was made by the BOD to have Adele as our ISG Liaison to contact Bruno Furrer to make sure everything was up to standard, and it is. Bruno Furrer has paid for the trademark for NASS. NASS sent Bruno a thank you letter. Bruno has been extremely helpful and we will be getting regular updates regarding our trademark as deemed necessary.
- The second motion was to hold a Stallion Fundraiser - which is in progress now.

#### **NASS Tax Status Report:**

- NASS is waiting for the attorney to complete the last details; it will be signed and will be a "DONE" deal. Possibly only one more week until all is completed.

#### **NASS Treasurer's Report:**

- Arlene stated that her biggest project was getting the last three years of financial records together for the 501c5 for the attorney - this was completed and she has not heard anything back from the attorney.
- The current ISG dues have been paid in full.
- The Montana Corporate Tax has been filed on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- All bills are paid to date with a balance of \$735.61
- Kathy Richkind has a new membership coming in for the sale of Shagya's Sprite AF.

Discussion went into the sale of Shagya mugs with the Shagya logo on the cup that Gwyn has for sale. Gwyn has about 10 mugs @ \$5 each plus shipping money to Arlene.

Lori suggested taking a picture of the mug and sending out to membership to see if they wish to purchase and we can have more made.

#### **NASS BOD News or Comments:**

- **Report on IGive.com** - last reported check received - \$53.19 we still have a small balance due NASS around \$20 - people need to shop online to take advantage.

- **Stallion Breeding Fundraiser** - Flyer has been sent out and Jamie posted on SEDRA, Lori posted on Arabian Sport Horse forum, Northwest Endurance Forum, Ride-Camp, and Lori is already getting questions from people!! Lori stated if we sell all the breedings it would bring NASS \$3200. Lori would like the BOD's help to promote this Fundraiser. Lori put a generic email together that the BOD can use to promote the fundraiser to other organizations. Let Lori know where and how many members are in a forum so we can start using this info for marketing purposes down the road.
- **NASS Revised Bylaws** - Lori stated that Elaine who was the ballot taker for the vote is not present so Lori gave a report of the Revised Bylaws status: NASS received 29 ballots all voting YES. NASS only needed 25 votes of the 74 to pass! Elaine will keep us posted if she receives any more ballots - for reference. There were no comments received regarding the Bylaws from membership. Elaine reported by email on 5-9-08 that we have 31 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- **Midwest Horse Fair** - Gwyn and Terry had a BLAST and did a great job! Terry stated the horses (Erros & Emir) did really well considering how young they were. Terry said that there were probably a few thousand that attended the event. The demo's went well and they had a constant stream of people at their booth and to see the horses. Gwyn was going to order a fair video and make copies. Lori stated we should do a video clip on U-Tube. Terry stated that they gave away many brochures and the Sale List. Many people kept saying they never heard of a Shagya. Terry also had a professional banner made which is dark blue with white lettering and the Shagya logo in the center.
- **NASS Flyer for the ISG 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event** - Kathy Richkind is working on the flyer and is including the basic info for NASS - here is where we are now, national meeting planned, awards program - winners, back of flyer - active stallions. She will be working on it this weekend and send out a draft for review. Kathy is taking photos from the newsletter and website.
- **International Sport Horse Registry/Oldenburg NA** - Kathy reported that she researched the various breed registries because she has a Shagya- Trakhener mare that she would like to get approved for other warmblood breeding. She sent her pedigree to Oldenburg NA and their response was YES - she could present her mare for approval. However NASS is not on their list of approved registries so NASS could apply to be an approved registry. Gwyn stated that she sold a Shagya mare named Zena to Martha Raymer in Cincinnati who had her inspected and approved through the North American Hanoverian Society. Kathy said that her next big project would be to look at other registries so NASS can be recognized as an Approved Registry with other organizations. North American Oldenburg Society approves purebred Arabians - exceptional ones - but that is a registry they will look at for presentation - any breed registration that will look at purebred Arabians and Anglo Arabs should look at Shagyas. Kathy is not sure how much it will cost to be an approved society. The more warmblood registries that approved NASS as a registry would draw more attention to NASS. Lori stated to go ahead and research the other registries and the costs for NASS to be listed as an approved registry. Kathy has the contact for the ISR and they wanted NASS' Breeding Regulation rules; Kathy will send those to her.
- **ISG Update** - Kathy reported the ISG meetings is June 14<sup>th</sup> and is the 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of ISG. This is being held in Topolcianky in conjunction with the **Topolcianky 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show for the Shagya-Arabians, Lippizans, and Huzuls**. Lori reported that Kathy Richkind, Elaine Kerrigan and Adele Furby will represent NASS. Hallie Goetz will also be attending as a Learner Judge. Linda Rudolphi had

interest but wanted to see an agenda prior and did not wish to commit. Lori asked for the Delegates to get some video so we can start putting Shagya videos on U-Tube to share world wide.

- Lori stated that we have not received a response from ISG regarding other organizations being recognized as ISG approved, but their delegates may at the ISG meeting. Our goal is to remain one organization and to follow strict breeding guidelines of the ISG.
- **Bylaws Committee** - Lori stated that the Revised Bylaws have passed. The Bylaws Committee will go inactive however in the future if we have any amendments those will go before the members for a vote if there are any changes.
- **Breeding Committee** - Kathy Richkind stated that the committee had a lively discussion about Stallion Performance Testing Requirements. The Breeding committee looked at several other breeding societies' requirements. The Breeding Committee wanted to make it do-able and meaningful for the breed society and produced a draft of suggested requirements to share with ISG and solicit feedback. One of the requirements would be an On-Site Performance Test where the Stallion would be ridden by a test rider and demonstrate basic walk, trot and canter, basic dressage movements and then jumping over small fences. On the basis of that they would get a score; following that the stallion would have to complete a 25 mile endurance ride. Endurance is a really important part of what Shagyas are. As the alternative to that we would accept some numbers of scores at first levels of dressage, or jumping or eventing to give people a choice of what they want to do with their Stallions. After they are accepted at the Breeding Inspection by a certain score then they have "X" number of years to complete performance requirements. The Breeding Committee voted on these requirements and decided that a "Draft" be posted on the website for member feedback. Arlene stated that she spoke to Adele and that the ideas were not set in stone yet. Kathy stated that the Breeding Committee needs to reach a consensus as to what the minimal requirements would be - post the "Draft" (a work in progress) on the website for feedback from the membership then submit to ISG that this is what we would like to propose and proceed from there. Many countries like Austria, Germany and France can go to a 100 day stallion test or similar situation. Countries like Sweden and Norway are pretty geographically spread apart, had to come to some compromise as to what would be adequate for testing and reasonable for members. This is the balance we are trying to meet. Realistically a 100 day or 30 day Stallion test is not reasonable for members to meet the ISG requirements for now. As the breed grows and more stallions are tested, we can raise the standards. This is a work in progress right now. Lori asked when the draft is done and posted on the website, do we need to send a member email. Kathy stated we would like member input however the most important thing right now is getting the draft together and submitting it to ISG to ask their help in making this feasible with the widespread population.
- **Learner Judge/Education Committee** - Kathy reported that Hallie Goetz will be fulfilling part of her Learner Judge requirements at the Topolcianky show and has two more shows to do to fill her ISG requirements. This is a big time, energy and financial commitment and the more judges we have here that are approved by ISG the better we will be.
- **Website** - Jamie reported that the website is going along well. Gwyn stated that Beverly Thompson mentioned that the NASS website is the best it has ever been. Ditto from the BOD. Stallion Fundraiser is the highlight at the moment. Many sites are linking to our site. Member Updates button has the most current info happening with NASS. Videos have been suggested to add to the website. Horses of Non-members will be taken off the Shagya for Sale list and other areas. Kathy mentioned that some other

societies require a stallion activation fee every year for their approved breeding stallions to remain active and placed on the website, independent of association membership fees.

- **Membership** - Arlene reported that NASS currently has:
  - 93 Members
  - 52 Life Members
  - 35 Annual Members
  - 6 Founding Members
    - 76 Voting Members (74 at the time of Voting)
  - Remainder of the Membership cards that Jamie printed for us are in the mail for members that may have not received them as of yet.
  - Mike Foss - NASS Advisor Veterinarian was suggested for Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Lori stated that Mike Foss is a big endurance vet for the Northwest. He was the head vet at the AERC Championship in 2007. He has Shagyas still but is currently inactive with his breeding program. He also spoke with Adele at the PNER Convention in 2008 and has agreed to review medical articles for our NASS newsletter and be available for the Breeding Committee if they need his veterinary advice. Mike was NASS President for over 5 years, also for several years he was the US and Canadian FEI distance riding teams' official veterinarian, and accompanied the teams to such international competitions as the World Championships in both Dubai and in Spain.

**Motion made by Kathy Richkind to make Mike Foss an Honorary Lifetime Member of NASS, Terry seconded, Jamie - yes, Arlene - Yes, Gwen - Yes, Lori- Yes, quorum present motion passed.** Lori will write a letter to Mike Foss, Jamie will print a Lifetime membership card for Mike and mail to Lori. Hallie will also need to be made aware of for the NASS Newsletter.

- **Awards** - Lori reported that Becky is out competing! Lori and Kathy both stated that Becky has done a great job on the awards program and getting more people involved.
- **Registrar** -
  - Terry reported that Carol sent her a copy of the stud book but has not had a chance to review it yet. Plans are to start looking for an online publisher for the stud book. The only thing Terry is worried about is that Carol has everything on Word Processing Disk and she has no idea if that is compatible with computers.
  - Terry reported that Carol had sent her a copy of a certificate which had an unintentionally minor mistake on the inside of the certificate for a number of years listing the horse's name incorrectly. It had been discussed whether or not to re-issue a corrected version. It was discussed between the Registrars that the name was indeed correct on both the front and back of the certificate. It was also noted that since the certificate had been this way for a number of years - if the owner requests to have a new certificate re-issued the owner may do so by contacting the Registrar and it can be issued. The BOD agreed with the decision of the Registrars.
- **Newsletter** - Lori asked what the next deadline date was for the next newsletter. Lori suggested that we wait until after the ISG meeting and post July 1<sup>st</sup> for a deadline but to also double check with Hallie and also post a whole year of newsletter deadline dates.
- **Information Officer** - Gwyn stated that she has only had two requests for information and would like to contribute this to having a real good website with plenty of information on it. Kathy asked if we had a way of knowing how many hits we are getting on the website. Jamie stated that she can add a counter button for the website. Kathy stated that it would be very helpful to see if the ad that was placed in USEF magazine helped draw people to our website, as well people who pick up materials from the NASS booth at shows that NASS attends.
- **New Business**

- **NASS 2008 Elections Committee** - Lori stated that the BOD would be involved and volunteers are welcomed. NASS will sign off on the 501c5 hopefully next week. Then elections will open up for four BOD at large positions, two new and two re-elected BOD positions are up for election, as well as President and Vice-President. Lori called for volunteers for this committee. The following volunteers agreed to help: Gwyn, Lori, Arlene & Adele. Lori would like to get some new people involved.
- **NASS Annual Meeting** - Lori stated that she contacted the Arabian Horse Association about the Sport Horse Nationals and we can have a NASS booth at their Nationals in Boise, Idaho. She will check into the cost plus has information that she can send out and the BOD can vote on it. Lori was not sure about taking any Shagyas for demonstration purposes to this event, Competitors are getting first choice at stabling..
  - **Lori motioned to have a NASS Booth and to start the planning process to have the NASS Annual Meeting at the AHA Sport Horse Nationals in Boise.** Lori-Yes, Kathy-seconded & Yes, Terry-Yes, Arlene-Yes, Jamie-Yes, Gwyn-Yes motion passed by quorum.
  - Lori stated she would work with the BOD and Jamie next week to see if we can get a few more people to volunteer to help on the planning committee for the national meeting - she would like to keep it pretty simple = plan our BOD and member meeting and member social. Then we can all get out there and enjoy the event. We can rotate volunteers to spend time at the NASS booth and it will be a great opportunity for outreach and education. We need to request pictures, videos and stories from NASS members to display at the booth. Lori would like to formally invite all the ISG organizations. So, we need to get information out as soon as possible so if there are any International travelers they have time to make their travel arrangements. Kathy stated they will carry this message to Topolcianky. Also Kathy mentioned it would be great if we could add to the agenda having AHA recognize Shagyas as part Arabian at their show. Lori stated that Elaine was going to work on this and will follow up with her on this. Lori stated that AHA was very excited about NASS getting a booth and bringing horses. Kathy can add this to the Flyer she is working on for ISG.
- **Grievance/Complaint Process & Policy** - Lori stated she will be leaving this on the agenda and coming back to this. Currently we have so much going on and will eventually get to this. However, currently we need a few more people willing to help with this committee.
- **Learner Judge/Education Committee** - The same with the Learner Judge/Education Committee we will grow into this.
- **Marketing/Promotion/Events/Fundraising Committee** - Lori stated we are all working on this committee and will all continue to work on this committee. As time progresses we will put together more of a plan and budget for this committee. In time we can buy the banners and items needed for marketing as we build our budget.
- **Liaison Positions** -
  - **AHA** - Lori reported that Elaine had sent her an email and does not currently have anything to report as the Liaison for AHA.
  - **AERC** - Lori stated the AERC moved their event to the Midwest this year and maybe we can get some horses out there for this event.
  - **USDF & USEF** - Kathy did not have anything to report at this time.
- **Upcoming Events** - Lori stated she left the same events on the agenda and as we get events added we email this information out to the NASS Membership:
  - **NW Region - Arabians in Motion** [www.arabiansinmotion.org](http://www.arabiansinmotion.org)
  - **North American Events Calendar**

- **International Events Calendar**
- **2008 NASS Annual Membership Meeting**

Lori suggests that the NASS BOD hold an Executive Meeting prior to the ISG Delegates attend the meeting. Lori noted she will be out of town beginning June 7<sup>th</sup> and suggested the week prior to her leaving to hold the meeting if they would like for her to attend.

The next NASS BOD Quarterly meeting will be tentatively scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Questions from NASS Membership:** None at this time. Members can always email any questions they may have to the NASS BOD at [NASS@Shagya.net](mailto:NASS@Shagya.net)

Lori motioned to adjourned Kathy seconded at 7:30 PM.

