



**NASS Breeding Committee Conference Call Meeting  
April 16, 2008**

**Roll Call:** Present were Adele Furby, Kathy Richkind, Elaine Kerrigan, Hallie Goetz, and Lori Baker. Absent: Terry Hey, Carol Neubauer, Linda Rudolphi

**1) Old Business:**

A) Lori reported on follow up for a complaint which she had received and which was also forwarded to others, including ISG officials. This complaint involved a non-member of NASS who stated that the NASS was unfair in not registering foals from a NASS-approved foreign stallion which this individual had used. Lori checked with the BC and ascertained that the complainant had not sent in the proper foal registration fees and also did not have either a stallion report from the stallion owner or a stallion owner signature on the registration application. Lori reported that she then asked Linda to write to both the complainant and the stallion owner to see what they felt was unfair. The complainant replied that they did not want it investigated further and declined to state specifically why NASS was being unfair, and the stallion owner expressed confusion over whether or not her stallion was approved by NASS. A discussion followed over how to make it practical for foreign stallion owners to maintain their membership in NASS, thus keeping their stallions on the "active" list and therefore to expedite registration of their stallions' foals. Adele pointed out that it is a usual practice in other ISG-member registries to require an annual fee in order to keep a stallion on the active breeding list. It was agreed that it could be suggested to foreign stallion owners that they could pay the \$200 lifetime membership fee, and that this would be a one-time fee that would qualify their stallions to remain on the NASS active stallion list indefinitely. Hallie offered to write to all owners of NASS-approved stallions in order to explain this option to them.

B) Hallie report on Forms Project: Hallie had submitted a draft of a stallion owner report form for use with frozen semen. Adele had followed up with some suggested changes. It was agreed that BC members could continue to provide suggestions to Hallie for developing this form for use from frozen semen. It was agreed that the following forms are necessary:

- 1) Purebred Shagya Reg application
- 2) Part-Shagya-Arabian Reg applications for both division A and division B
- 3) Part-Shagya application
- 4) Foreign (imported) horse application
- 5) Annual stallion report--at this time we have the 12-15-06 revision
- 6) Frozen Semen Sale Form--this is the one Hallie is currently working on
- 7) Embryo Transfer form--Adele pointed out that this form is alluded to in the Guidelines and needs to be developed
- 8) Assignment of Breeder Designation Form--it was agreed that this form was developed last year. Adele could not locate a copy in her files; other committee members indicated that they had a copy on file--so they will make sure Hallie has a copy too.
- 9) DNA form--which is completed and needs no revisions.

Hallie will continue to coordinate getting forms finalized. She has asked Carol Neubauer and Terry Hey to work on any needed changes for numbers 1 through 5 and 9, and Hallie will work on numbers 6, 7, and 8.

C) Linda report on Part-Shagya Showcase: Linda was unable to attend the meeting. Hallie said

that she had seen some draft of ideas from Linda; hopefully Linda will be able to send the BC members her draft soon.

D) Carol update breeding list for ISG votes and Studbook Revised Draft: Carol couldn't attend the meeting but did compile the tally of breeding horses to send/announce to ISG prior to the Delegates' Conference: 140 total horses, 25 stallions and 115 mares. She also reported that she has just sent off to Adele and Terry an updated and corrected draft of the NASS Studbook, which is 512 pages long. From this draft Terry is planning on researching publishers.

E) Elaine report on Stallion Performance Test Draft: Elaine gave a brief description of how the Draft had been developed, explaining that the main goal was to conform to both the wording of the RZBO (General Studbook Regulations) which were passed at last year's Delegate Conference, as well as the ISG Field Trials proposals which had been approved by vote at the 1997 Delegate Conference. After some discussion, Adele moved and Elaine seconded that, "This Draft of Suggested NASS Stallion Performance Test be presented to the NASS BoD at their next meeting with the intention that, if approved as a draft document which could then be presented to the NASS membership for feedback, as well as being presented by the NASS Delegates to the ISG Delegate Conference for feedback. The understanding is that this is a draft only and that suggestions and comments from NASS members and from ISG will be considered before a final document is presented to the NASS BoD for approval." Vote: Adele, Kathy, Elaine, Hallie all voted yes. Linda voted no after the meeting and requested that her reasons be given in the BC report, "I don't think it is appropriate to vote on a work in progress to give final approval. Second, there is a vast difference in performing once in front of an inspection team and actually showing in open competition. At this point the choices do not seem equal nor promote open competition"

F) Adele report on updated stallion lists. She had sent out a draft list previous to the meeting. The only change noted was that Max needed to be added to list number 3. Otherwise, all members present approved the current draft list. It was agreed that the wording that will accompany these lists on the website has yet to be developed--we were voting on the contents of the 3 lists, not the wording which would accompany them. Hallie suggested the following wording via email after the meeting:

#### **INACTIVE NASS APPROVED STALLIONS**

The following stallions are considered "inactive" approved stallions by the registry due to the owners because are not current NASS Members. Any stallion owner who would like to reactivate their stallion to "active" status or any mare owner looking for information regarding the registration eligibility of foals from these stallions should contact NASS for more information.

Adele will check this wording against the policy wording which was adopted by the BC and the BOD a few months ago and will send a finalized version to the BC for approval, and following that approval, will send it to the BOD for approval. The finalized version has been subsequently approved by all BC members except for Linda, who requested that her "no" vote be recorded as she feels that "it is still a work in progress".

G) The current status of communications regarding \*KS Tradition (Columbia) and A'Bajazzo (Switzerland): Elaine has been in contact with the Gaviria heirs in Columbia and Adele has been in contact with Sigi Frei in Switzerland. In both cases Elaine and Adele are supplying the information they need to apply to have their stallions approved by NASS for breeding.

## **2) New Business:**

A) Adele follow up on new division for NASS registry--division for offspring of Part-Shagya-Arabians: Adele reported that we are experiencing more interest in a new division for the NASS registry--one that would accommodate horses with part-Shagya parents--possibly one division for those whose other family members are all arabian or combinations of Arabian and Shagya blood, and one for horses whose other parent is from any other breed. Adele will work up a proposal for some possible wording for such divisions and present it to the BC for consideration and discussion when completed.

B) Adele to report on mentoring Japanese Shagya breeding: Adele reports that both she and Lori have been contacted recently by the representatives of the owner of Janos and Fayette de Cameo regarding establishing a Shagya Society in Japan. Adele has been working with these folks with the idea that NASS will mentor them as they develop their own Registry in Japan. For the time being NASS can register the offspring of NASS registered horses in NASS and eventually once the Japanese Shagya Society is formed and applied for ISG membership the NASS will be able to supply the necessary studbook information which will be in compliance with ISG rules. Adele plans furthermore to discuss this mentoring plan with ISG officials while attending the Delegate Conference in Slovakia in June and will report back to the BC.

C) It was suggested that it would be helpful to contact Janos' new owner to ask for a hair sample for DNA, since apparently Janos' former owner did not have him DNA'd prior to his departure for Japan, and there is at least one foal due this year that would require DNA for registration. Adele volunteered to take on this task and also to invite Janos' owner to make frozen semen from Janos available to NASS members since Janos is now in Japan.

D) **Set date for next BC conference call:** It was agreed to have another BC conference call in three months--the date of July 23rd was set for this meeting.