



NASS Breeding Committee Meeting February 28, 2008

The BC had a conference call on 2-28-08.

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

Present were: Adele Furby BC Chair, Lori Baker NASS President, Carol D. Neubauer NASS Registrar, and BC members Elaine Kerrigan, Linda Rudolphi, Kathy Richkind, and Hallie Goetz

Adele announces that since no BC members had sent in suggested agenda items that no agenda was sent out prior to the meeting. The only agenda item suggested prior to the meeting was that Lori Baker requested to give a brief talk at the beginning of the meeting.

Lori acknowledged that there had been some valuable discussions over the e-mail, and that she felt that a conference call can often also be helpful. She encouraged positive participation from all committee members.

Adele then suggested that the committee continue the discussion regarding bloodtyping for parentage confirmation and stallion reporting procedures. A general discussion regarding the attempt to firm up the accessible data bases and lists held by both NASS and the U of K followed. Everybody agreed that Kathy Richkind has done a great job of following up with U of K. Kathy explained that it is often difficult to get all of the data accessible with such a complex system. It was agreed that Carol Neubauer's list was very helpful and that the goal is to get both lists totally accurate and up to date and then keep them continually updated.

A discussion followed regarding the documentation required for verification of ownership of foals. Linda expressed the concern that we must be careful to protect stallion owners who haven't received stud fees, and the committee discussed whether further mechanisms needed to be put in place aside from the current annual stallion report form and the stallion owner signature on the registration application. Carol explained that she considers the annual stallion report sufficient to verify from the stallion owner that the mare in question was bred that season, and that if a stallion owner was not properly paid the Registrar should be notified in writing ASAP. After much discussion Adele moved and Elaine seconded that: Wording will be added to the stallion report form to the effect that a stallion owner should note on the annual stallion report any unpaid fees for any mare bred, the purpose being to alert stallion owners to report these unpaid fees at the time they submit their annual report. The resolution was passed unanimously, and Hallie agreed to work with Carol Neubauer and Terry Hey to develop suggested wording to this effect.

Kathy Richkind brought up the concern that there should be a time limit if there is some dispute over ownership of any horse. Pros and cons of this idea were discussed, and the suggestion was made that this may be something the committee needs legal advice on, as well as researching how other registries handle this issue.

Adele suggested as an addendum to the meeting that the following wording could be considered to be used to describe current policy:

"If a person, be it stallion owner, mare owner, foal owner, lessor, lessee, etc, comes to NASS with a written document stating that there is an ownership dispute, or a questionable pedigree, etc., NASS will delay

registration, transfer of ownership, etc., while allowing time for the legal situation to be clarified. NASS must stay neutral. The "complainant" and/or "defendant" then will be given time to clarify ownership, pedigree, etc., through legal processes. Any relevant judgment in a court of law or through mediation or any contractual agreement/settlement between the parties must be presented in writing to the Registry as evidence before the Registry will continue with the registration or transfer of ownership. Since no two situations are alike, the NASS BOD reserves the right to make decisions involving ownership or pedigree on a case-by-case basis after carefully reviewing all the facts presented."

Hallie brought up the idea that since *KS Tradition LCR was recently inspected in Columbia by Dr. Walter Huber, perhaps it would be possible to continue with getting him approved for breeding by NASS via frozen semen. Adele suggested that NASS needs to find out more details as to the inspection itself--was it organized by the Columbian Shagya organization whose application for ISG membership was recently accepted, or as it organized by the Venezuelan society? It was agreed that NASS needs to re-contact the owners and see if they are still interested in having Tradition approved by NASS, and if so, gather the information necessary. Adele asked that Elaine contact the owners and assist them, if they so desire, to pursue approval, since Elaine had been their principal official NASS contact following the death of the previous owner, and had formed a good rapport with the current owner.

Also it was mentioned that there is a stallion being advertised in the latest ISG newsletter as having semen which is approved for use in USA. Adele volunteered to contact the owner to see if he wants to have this stallion approved for use in the US via frozen semen.

Discussion moved on to projects which Adele proposed to the BC on a recent e-mail. Adele has proposed that each project be spearheaded by one member of the BC and be assisted by one or more others. Then, after about 6 weeks of preliminary work, progress on the various projects can be reported to the entire BC via e-mail, and then all projects can be discussed in a conference call.

1) Elaine, assisted by Kathy R, is going to work on the development of Performance Criteria for NASS Approved Stallions. Adele has this past week sent out information about ISG and various ISG member Countries suggestions or regulations regarding Performance Criteria for each BC member to review. Elaine said she had no questions at this time.

2) Linda, assisted by Hallie, is going to formulate a policy for developing a "Showcase of Part-Shagya Performers" which will be put on the NASS website. Linda asked for some clarification about the idea and it was agreed that this would be a great way to encourage folks to use Shagya blood for outcross use. The Showcase will feature NASS-registered Part-Shagyas and Part-Shagya-Arabians and their owners and accomplishments. Since Shagyas have long been used as improvers for other breeds this will be in line with a traditional role that the Shagyas have always played.

3) Adele, assisted by NASS Registrar Carol Neubauer and Assistant Registrar Terry Hey will formulate a plan for the publication of the first NASS Studbook, 1986 through 2004. It is envisioned that a "supplement" will then be published every third year following the Inspection Tour. The plan is to research ways which are financially feasible to publish a hard copy book, probably through the use of a "self-publisher", as well as to produce a DVD which would be affordable for all.

4) Continuation of other BC projects:

Hallie is developing a "forms list for the BC to review so that we can make sure we have all forms necessary according to the NASS Guidelines for Breeding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 with plans to have our next conference call on April 16th.