



**NASS Breeding Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 25, 2009**  
**6:00 PM Pacific Time**

Breeding Committee met March 25, 2009, convening at 6:10 pm Pacific time via conference call.

**Committee Members:** Hallie Goetz, Kathy Richkind, Elaine Kerrigan, Adele Furby Chair, Jamie Buck NASS President

**Committee Members Absent:** Carol D. Neubauer – Registrar, Terry Hey-Assistant Registrar, Linda Rudolphi, Kathleen Warren

**Old Business - Utilizing the NASS Task tracking sheet:**

**1. Stallion Performance Requirements: Adele, Kathy & Elaine**

Adele thanked Elaine for sending in the additional items that were added to the DRAFT and felt the additions were adequate for the time frame. Kathy Richkind agreed:

***Stallion Book I / Appendix to Stallion Book I:***

***For permanent registration into the Stallion Book I/ Appendix of the Stallion Book I, a fundamental requirement is to pass a Stallion Performance Test successfully. Should a stallion not complete a Stallion Performance Test successfully, the stallion will be registered in the Stallion Book II / Appendix to Stallion Book II.***

Adele stated that the other item on the task tracking sheet was more specific information regarding the Performance Trials but wanted the committee to vote on accepting these additions first then later adding the rules and regulations for the Performance Trials which we will not need in place for the 2009 Inspection but we will need to have in place by next Inspection in 2012. *Adele moved that the committee accept these additions to the Stallion Performance Requirements DRAFT; Elaine seconded – yes, Kathy – Yes, Hallie – yes, Adele – yes. Motion passed by quorum.*

Elaine asked what more do we need for the stallion field trials during the inspection time. Adele stated that Kathy had mentioned that we need to define how we would choose test riders, insurance issues, etc. There will not be any field trials until the next Inspection in 2012.

No other committee members had any other comments regarding the Stallion Performance Testing Guidelines. Adele asked Jamie to post the draft next to the Breeding Guidelines on the NASS website “Members Update page” so members can refer to both documents.

**2. Draft of Revised Guidelines for Shagya Breeding:**

Adele stated the Breeding Guidelines have been posted since March 5<sup>th</sup> and will be posted on the NASS website under the “Members Update page” until April 16<sup>th</sup> for member’s feedback. Then the NASS BOD will vote on both drafts – Stallion Performance Testing Guidelines & the NASS Guidelines for Shagya Breeding.

**3. NASS Registration Procedures:**

Adele stated that Carol has sent a protocol for registration procedures to Jamie who has forwarded them onto Adele. Adele has not had a chance to review the document or make any suggested changes. Adele will forward to the committee to review for any additional changes and would like the committee to see if anything was left out or items we may wish to include. The concept is to produce a “How To” document easily accessible in case members have questions on how to fill out the paper work. The procedures will then be posted on the NASS website after BC and BOD approval.

**4. Part-Shagya showcase: Kathleen Warren**

Kathleen Warren was not available for this report.

**5. Registration Forms Update: Terry, Carol**

Adele stated Carol will be visiting Terry the first part of April for a show and they will work together on updating this form. We hope to hear back from them both on this form soon.

**6. NASS Studbook Printing/Publication: Adele, Kathy, Jamie**

Adele stated that Kathy Richkind was going to get an estimate for us from a company that her daughter worked at. Kathy stated that Bruno's estimate was less expensive than the company she checked into but unfortunately her daughter no longer works for the company. The difference with Bruno's estimate is that it was for a larger amount of copies. We are back to the drawing board on getting this published. Adele and Jamie will continue to work on this.

**7. Frozen Semen: Hallie**

Hallie reported she was not sure how to word the form regarding number of breeding sold or doses per straw and asked how it should read. Adele suggested that Hallie send by email what she has together now and the committee could all work on it via email and try to have it done within the next week. Then the committee can vote on it via email.

**8. Embryo Transfer: Hallie**

Hallie reported that it was going to be put on NASS letterhead and Adele did send the draft to Hallie during our last conference call in February.

**9. Swiss Database Entry: Elaine**

Adele asked Elaine if Bruno has contacted her regarding the Swiss Database. Adele stated that Bruno had asked for Elaine's email and she had sent it to him. Elaine has not heard from Bruno yet and had been expecting to hear something from him by now. Adele will contact him and see what the status is.

**10. Committee Guidelines: Adele**

Adele stated the committee talked about some guidelines last time and believes we have not received any more comments. Adele was hoping Linda might be on the call tonight because she had not been on the call the last time we talked about and wanted to see if she had any feedback to offer us. The major consensus from the last meeting was that some of those guidelines might be good for all committees but we did not have anything more specific. Adele asked if anyone had any more comments to add and if not then we will defer it until the next meeting. Everyone has pretty much had a chance to discuss it on the phone but we want to see if Linda has some more ideas we may not have heard yet. Elaine asked if the BC was going to present this to the BOD for adoption in general. Adele stated that the BC thought it would be good to pass onto the BOD for all committees. Since the BOD has the BC minutes when the BOD has their next meeting Adele will remind the BOD what points were discussed and worthwhile discussing for general guidelines. Jamie stated that she would have thought since the minutes were sent to Linda that she would have had comments or changes if any at that time. Elaine stated that since there have not been any additional comments then should we go ahead and take a vote. Adele stated this was a preliminary discussion by the BC and the consensus was that these points may be something the BOD may wish to consider first as general guidelines for all committees instead of individual committees adopting any guidelines. The BOD has not had any time to review anything beside the one guideline (*as noted above*).

**Excerpts from the 2-4-09 Breeding Committee Minutes posted on the NASS website of the "Suggested Committee Guidelines". For complete detail of this discussion please read the minutes posted for 2-4-09 page 4:**

- a) *All committee members commit to attend all conference calls. If a BC member misses "X" number or percentage of meetings within "X" time frame (we can ponder what would be workable here) the member will be invited to step off of the committee*
- b) *All committee members will please acknowledge receipt of all e-mail correspondence from the committee chair in a timely manner (suggest within 5 days) so as to ensure that all members are staying within the communication loop at all times.*
- c) *Similar to (b), all committee members will reply to the committee chair within 5 days of the scheduled announcement of a conference call meeting whether or not the date and time is OK for that member to attend the meeting-- so that if any committee members have a conflict on that date and time the chairman can endeavor to find an alternate date and time which works for all members, (as much as is practical.)*
- d) *If a last-minute situation arises in which a committee member who had previously committed to attend a*

*conference call has a sudden conflict and cannot attend the meeting, the committee member will make reasonable efforts ASAP to inform the chairman that he or she cannot attend the meeting after all.*

**11. NASS Inspection Tour Planning: Adele**

Adele has done some research on flights starting on the East Coast in Vermont, Florida, Dallas, Indiana and hopefully being able to figure out a way to get up to Cranbrook BC by either flying or driving from MT. It is very complicated trying to plan time wise and money wise. The owner cannot trailer her mare because when the mare was a weanling it fell on ice and broke her hip and feels the mare cannot travel well. She only has one mare and may have another but that owner may be on vacation. The timing and money may be a big part of planning this trip. Adele would like to accommodate this mare if possible but it depends on the travel.

Adele stated if the tour started on the 15<sup>th</sup> in Vermont then the tour could end up in MT since the BOD had mentioned having a National Meeting in one location and the logical place to hold the meeting on the weekend Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> and travel to CA on 21<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Al Samarraie would need to return on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kathy commented that if there were any cancelations the schedule did not allow any wiggle room at all.

Adele will work up a tentative schedule and pricing and forward to the BC for review once she has had a chance to work out all the details. Airfares seem to be priced very reasonable.

Adele hopes to coordinate between Host, BC Members and RD's in the areas of inspections:

**Vermont & Florida:** Hallie Goetz, Kathleen Warren

**Texas & Indiana:** Monique Vincent, Gwyn Davis, Terry Hey, Linda Rudolphi

**Cranbrook BC:** Anke Brander, Patty Betts, Kathy Richkind, Adele Furby

**California:** Elaine Kerrigan, Kathy Richkind, Kelly Gunn

**12. Learner Judge Program: Adele & Kathy**

Adele stated that Kathy had commented that people already involved with learner judge may wish to go ahead and work up some ideas. Adele stated that Hallie had some suggestions but we have not heard from Linda yet. Kathy Richkind stated that she wanted to get the article from the ATA about judging on breeding approval if they would allow us to use it. Adele suggested that Kathy Richkind marshal the forces of the Judge Ed committee and hold a conference call in the next couple months. Hallie stated that the ATA has another good article on "Presenting". Adele suggested this be placed under a Judge Ed committee as a sub-committee.

Hallie suggested the CD/DVD from Germany would be useful in a presentation. Hallie suggested that a presentation might include "family groups". Adele thoughts are to hold the NASS Annual meeting and have a seminar in the afternoon at the inspection site at her farm. Hallie suggested NASS contact the membership first to see what if any are interested in attending a learner judge clinic and at which sites before progressing with further planning.

**12. Outreach and Publicity for the Inspection Tour: Adele**

With regards to Outreach and Publicity Adele stated that if and when the BOD accepts the new guideline this will give NASS a number of other horses a chance to be registered as well as inspected. The ones that are registered but not inspected are several of the Part-Shagyas-Arabians. There is a member that has a stallion back East and because his percentage of Shagya is so low there is a couple of his offspring from Arab mares that before were not eligible for registration or breeding approval would be.

One of the things NASS needs to do for outreach and publicity is a press release about the registration and inspection possibilities that did not exist before. Adele had a chance to speak with Monique the other day about this too and she knows some people in the Dallas area that have blue list and blue star horses that might be interested to bring. Adele explained to Monique that a purebred Arabian mare whose sire is already approved into NASS then that daughter can have a different status if she is approved for breeding than another purebred Arabian mare whose sire is not approved.

Adele stated we need to find a good way to explain these opportunities and get this out to people in all these regions so we can generate the interest in bringing more purebred Arabian mares and purebred Arabian stallions as well as Part-Shagya-Arabians that were not qualified before that now can be brought into the breed. Kathy stated the Equine Journal would be a good place to start. Adele commented that the Equine Journal committee (Adele, Gwyn & Terry) have come up with a schedule for the year of what we will have for each issue. Two months prior to the Inspection the EJ committee will submit an article on how the inspections are done and this will be one good opportunity for NASS to get the

word out in the local areas.

Adele believes we should get press releases out. Jamie suggested getting a press release out to the AHA and was not sure if they would charge us to do this or not. Maybe other organizations would send out email to their members for us. Elaine stated that the Arabian Community has a forum that can send out announcements. Elaine will take a look at the next one she gets and will see if she can send out an announcement as a member of that forum.

Adele has volunteered to write up the Press Release for the new eligibility information for the Shagyas that are now available for registration and inspection. Then the RD's and BC's members as well as forward out to all of NASS Membership who may belong to other dressage groups or distance riding clubs can get this information out into those newsletters. The hosts for the inspections sites can also send out to their local area to promote interest by publicity as well. Elaine receives emails from the Sport Horse Nationals (SHN) and they may allow us to also post something as well. Adele asked Jamie to also try to get it out as well via the internet and Monique also maybe available to help promote. Hallie suggest the ATA as well. Adele will need to wait until the BOD approves the Guideline changes, then Adele will put the Press Release together for us to BLAST to all the organizations and forums with the help of the RD's, BC members and BOD members. Kathy mentioned that the Arabian Regional's were coming up this summer and for people that might be going, we can ask them to post at these events with a PDF flyer into their Sport horse class programs. The flyer can be readily available for those to who attend shows so that they can take a few to post where ever they show or attend.

Adele asked what else we need to plan for. If all the hosts start putting together an itinerary this may help us determine what we may also need to plan for.

Adele asked Hallie if she would be attending any shows prior to the NASS inspection tour in September so she would qualify for the inspection tour as an official judge. Hallie stated that she needs two more events in Europe to learner judge at before her ISG qualifications are met. Although she is not sure when she will meet the requirements, she expressed interest to ISG and noted that in the past has received invitations close to the event dates. Adele stated that she did not think you had to be invited. Kathy suggested asking one of the judges to invite her. Hallie stated she believed there were some events in Europe this fall she may try to attend but no plans have been made at this time. Adele asked Hallie if she would be making the NASS Inspection tour. Hallie responded that she hoped to attend some of the inspections.

Adele has committed to East Coast tour. Kathy Richkind stated that she cannot do the East Coast tour but would be available to tour the West Coast (MT & CA). Adele will also tour the West Coast since she will be heading back that way from the tour. Adele stated that if Hallie could tour any of the other areas that would be great.

Jamie asked Hallie if the tour in the US counted towards her Learner Judge time. Hallie believes she has to do the tour in Europe. Kathy suggested that Hallie email Mr. Al Samarraie to find out if the US tour would count towards her Learner Judge credit especially since he will be judging here. Hallie also wondered if she could use the 2006 inspection towards her qualifications. Adele commented that the 2006 probably would not count since she had not been nominated yet since the Official Babolna judging seminar was in 2007. Hallie mentioned that she received a letter that referenced to European show's participation as the criteria. However, it was suggested by other BC members that perhaps this was because of the origin of the letter being "European". Nonetheless, if the US tour would count, then Hallie would only need one more show to qualify. Hallie stated she hopes to take some other judging courses in the US such as those offered by the USDF. Hallie stated as soon as she has more information regarding her status as an ISG Learner judge she will let the Breeding Committee know.

Adele summarized that once the BOD meets in a couple weeks and finalizes the Breeding Guidelines, Adele can firm up the inspection schedule within the same time frame and let the BC know about it plus the public relations.

#### **Final Comments:**

The next BC meeting will be planned for May 6 which gives the Adele enough time to put together the Press Release about the new guidelines and the schedule. Adele suggested that we invite all the hosts for the inspection locations, all the people for all the different locations that will be involved. Kathy suggested an Inspection Tour meeting separate from the BC meeting. Adele suggested we hold a half hour BC meeting at the end and those people can leave the conference if they did not wish to stay. We need to get the PR out ASAP in MAY, the sooner the better several times. Include the branding info. When Adele presents the draft we can review for other suggestions to include in the Press Release.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15PM Pacific Time

Submitted by: Jamie Buck