



**NASS BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2009**  
**6:34PM Pacific Time**

**Present:**

Jamie Buck, Adele Furby, Gwyn Davis, Elaine Kerrigan, Terry Hey, Arlene Michaud, Kathy Richkind, Carol D. Neubauer, Patty Betts, Kathleen Warren, Monique Vincent

**Absent:** None

**Silent Listeners:** Silent listeners were asked to acknowledge their attendance. One caller would not acknowledge their attendance. However, documentation from billing verified the number is the Microsoft main number in Seattle (425) 882-8080. A total of 12 on conference call for billing.

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 6:34PM Pacific Time by Jamie Buck. Jamie explained Stephaney Seay's situation of having very limited access to internet and phone service while living on the Yellowstone National Park helping with their campaign for the winter. Meeting minutes are being recorded so that Stephaney can do minutes for NASS. Jamie asked that everyone please identify themselves when speaking so that our new secretary can learn our voices.

**Presidents Report:**

Jamie stated that the NASS November 19<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting minutes are completed and being reviewed for edits and once they are approved will be posted to the NASS website at [www.Shagya.net](http://www.Shagya.net) The December 1, 2008 BC minutes are completed and are posted on the NASS website. The BOD Meeting Calendar was reviewed and the next BOD meeting will be held on April 22, 2009. Dates for the September Annual meeting will be determined according to the NASS Inspections and the BOD is currently working on coordinating with the BC on this date. All Meeting dates have been posted on the NASS website. Jamie stated she prepared a "NASS Task/Actions Tracking Sheet" for the NASS BOD and Committees to determine projects assigned to individuals and deadline dates. Jamie welcomed two new BOD Members, Patty Betts for the NW Region (this position replaced Lori Baker and this term expires July 31, 2009) and Kathleen Warren (replacing Jamie Buck term expires July 31, 2010) for the Eastern Region and explained the process that took place for both positions.

*There were no questions or comments from membership.*

Jamie continued with Resolutions passed at the January 18, 2009 Executive BOD Meeting unless otherwise noted:

- **Equine Journal Affiliation** – passed January 18, 2009
- **Resolution on NASS Conference Calls** - passed December 8, 2008

*The Directors on the NASS BOD, who are also committee members, by consensus vote have agreed that NASS is an important and worthwhile organization where they donate their time, energy and money. If NASS were not an important and worthwhile organization to them, they would not be on any of the committees or supporting NASS with these in-kind donations. Considering that phone cards can easily be purchased for around .03 cents per minute, the BOD of NASS resolves that those who volunteer to serve as committee members agree to donate their personal phone costs while attending NASS committee meetings.*

Jamie explained that last year NASS was billed for over \$863.00 in conference calls. These are funds that could be better spent on other activities. Committee volunteers and members are asked to help by donating their minimal expense engendered by conference calls compared to NASS picking up the tab for all. Over a three year period NASS averages \$425 per year in conference call fees and Jamie explained we want to cut that cost as much as possible.

- **Resolution - Confidentiality Agreement Form – for NASS Officers, Board Members & Committee Chairs**  
NASS BOD approved a Confidentiality Agreement Form that all NASS Officers, BOD Members and Committee Chairs will be requested to sign. The purpose is so that the BOD members can speak freely and be able to state what they think on sensitive subjects during Executive discussions until such agenda items have been approved for presentation to NASS Membership.
- The BOD discussed the resolution (below) proposed regarding a NASS Officer, Board Member, Committee Chair or Committee Member supporting NASS. After much discussion and final clarification of resolution wording Jamie motioned the BOD to accept the resolution, Gwyn second and votes yes, Kathleen votes yes, Terry votes yes, Patty votes yes, Arlene votes yes, Elaine votes yes, Adele votes yes, Monique votes yes. Motion passed by Quorum.

**A NASS Member who wishes to serve in the capacity of Officer, Board Member, Committee Chair or Committee Member should demonstrate their support of the North American Shagya-Arabian Society (NASS), and should “lead by example” by:**

- **Registering with NASS all their Shagya-bred horses which are eligible for NASS registration.**
- **Actively supporting NASS Breeding Inspections by making reasonable efforts to present their eligible horses for breeding approval.**

Jamie stated that since the Breeding Committee is pretty much the heart and soul of NASS that BC members especially should be committed to this resolution if they wish to stay on the committee.

*There were no questions or comments from membership regarding the Resolutions.*

**Treasurer’s Report: - Arlene Michaud**

2008 Year End Financial - current balance - \$1285.86, ISG Dues - \$950 plus wire transfer fee – will get this paid this coming week to ISG. The Yearend Financial is posted on the NASS website and will also appear in the NASS Newsletter.

**Membership Report: - Arlene Michaud**

Arlene reported we now have 102 members and a few renewals. Membership renewals are slow coming. Arlene stated that NASS is off to a good start this year. NASS had a lot of expense last year and now that this is all behind us NASS should have a really good year. Jamie stated that she has asked all the RD’s to send out membership renewal reminders for their regions and to let them know about the Equine Journal affiliation and benefits for renewing.

*There were no questions or comments from membership.*

**Registrar & Assistant Registrar Report: Carol Neubauer, Terry Hey**

Carol stated she put together a summary of last year’s registrations and the owners list that Adele and Jamie each have a copy of. They can provide you with a copy or tell Carol who to send a copy to. Carol will keep a list of those who have copies of the Owners List. During 2008 NASS had 9 Purebred registrations, 3 Part-Shagya-Arabians, 2 Part-Shagyas registrations. We recorded 10 transfers and replaced 2 certificates. Total population of horses as of December 31, 2008 – 262 Purebred Shagyas, 134 Part-Shagya-Arabians, 98 Part-Shagyas of which living horses 247 Purebred Shagyas, 122 Part-Shagya-Arabians, 93 Part-Shagyas = total 462. 42 Stallions, 103 Purebred Shagya mares, 27 Part-Shagya-Arabians, (adjusted for the number that are living) 9 registered Arabian mares who were approved for breeding by ISG in 1986. There are also 1 Part-Shagya-Arabian Stallion approved for Part-Shagya breeding but Carol has not seen anything from him. 2 registered American Arabian Stallions approved for breeding, and 4 European Shagya Stallions approved for transported semen breeding of which NASS has 1 filly registered from one of these stallions.

*There were no questions or comments from membership.*

Terry reported on the NASS Studbook and that she cannot find anyone willing to print less than a few hundred copies of the book. Printer’s suggestions were to take the book to a place like Kinko’s and get it done there.

Need to figure how many we need and what it would cost to get it printed and bound. Funds at this point are allocated to ISG Dues. Terry will continue to get price quotes and ways to bind the book. Carol suggested not to use perfect binding due to the book falling apart once opened several times; a book so large needs to almost have a spine sewn or a good spiral binding. Elaine asked how many pages. Carol stated over 250 sheets double sided (500 pages). Elaine stated she has had some experience with Kinko's and Staples and if they are sent the book on a disk instead of paper it is much easier. Carol stated the info is on several disks. Adele stated that Bruno preferred it on the disks and we need to see who can do the work from these disks. Adele and Carol both have camera ready artwork for the studbook. Terry and Adele both have copies of the studbook which are printed copies on paper which the photos will have to be added. Adele stated we need to find out what printing method we wish to use, then what it will cost per copy, take subscriptions and see what it would cost to do CD's. Terry said she will shop around her area to see what it would cost. Terry suggested anyone else who would like to research costs to get the studbook done would be good. The data is currently on IBM 1.44 3-1/2 inch disks. Adele will check with the printers who did the NASS website before and see if they can quote a price. Jamie asked if Adele could check to see if the printer could transfer the disk info onto a CD. Adele has photos from all the previous Inspections and she would like to contact the owners to see if they would like to send an updated photo rather than use the older photos.

*Kathy Richkind joined the conference.*

#### **ISG Liaison Report: - Adele Furby**

ISG Delegates Conference – June 12 – 14, 2009 in Northern Germany and some people are making arrangements to attend. Info is on the NASS website.

#### **Regional Directors - Reports:**

- **Northwest Region** – Patty Betts

Patty plans when she sends out the membership renewal reminders to her region and International members she will introduce herself see if they have any questions. Patty is looking forward to the opportunity to communicate with her region members and to see what their thoughts are and seeing what they would like to receive from the organization. These are her plans to contribute to NASS as well as being a regular Shagya owner and rider.

- **Midwest Region** – Terry Hey

Terry reported all quiet on the Mid-Western front. Terry stated they are not going to make the Madison Horse Fair but will try to make the Iowa Fair the first weekend in April – depending on the weather.

- **Eastern Region** – Kathleen Warren

Kathleen has taken office tonight for Eastern region. There is not report at this time.

- **Southwest Region** – Elaine Kerrigan

Elaine reported that everything has been quiet in her region. She will be getting out her region emails regarding membership renewals.

- **Rocky Mountain Region** - Kathy Richkind

Kathy stated she had sent out the membership renewals for her region. Kathy is planning to attend the Scottsdale show and hopes to see some members there if they plan to attend.

*There were no questions from membership regarding Region reports.*

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Breeding Committee: Adele Furby (Chair)**

September 2009 Inspection Tour. The judge the BC contacted promised to get back to them before Christmas and he has not. There will be a BC Meeting on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and if we have not heard from him by then the committee will need to invite another judge. The same tally for inspections is the same at this point as was reported at the last BOD meeting. We are looking at a good group and number of sites we are looking at and will finalize as we move closer to inspection date. The BC has some new forms and are working on updating other forms. The BC is also working on new protocol where registration applicants will send the hair sample and fee to Carol Neubauer and she will submit the information onto U of K. In the past there have been some problems with numbers and names being incorrect when submitted by the applicants, thus causing delays in receiving DNA reports. The new protocol will help with correct these issues with information checked by the NASS Registrar for any mistakes before being submitted to U of K. This process is still in the works and should

be in place within the next month. The BC is still working on a promotion on the NASS website for horses with a Part-Shagya parent to encourage people to realize the value of crossing the Shagya-Arabian with other breeds. Elaine Kerrigan has been appointed as the NASS Swiss Database Liaison to enter the data from the NASS Registry into the Swiss Database to keep up to date all the NASS registered horses that can be viewed over the internet. The BC is also working on the Stallion Performance Testing Requirements and the NASS Breeding Guidelines are being aligned with the recent ISG Regulations changes in May 2007 (RZBO).

Next BC Conference Call Meeting scheduled for **February 4<sup>th</sup>**. This information will be on the website.

Monique asked Adele if Arabian mares can be presented at the inspections. Adele commented that after the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and once the BC has had a chance to provide feedback on how that is going to be finalized she would get back to Monique and the BOD with an answer so people that would like to bring Purebred Arabians mares can plan to attend the Inspections.

#### **Performance Awards Committee: Elaine Kerrigan (Chair)**

NASS Performance Awards Guidelines – Elaine reported she has been working on the point system and how they relate to the other disciplines; primarily it was the Distance Riding that was a little over weighted. There was a form that was sent out to the BOD for feedback. Elaine received a couple suggested changes. Kathy Richkind wanted to review the Performance Guidelines and provide feedback prior to submitting to the BOD for approval. Elaine changed the wording a bit on the Halter Division to In-Hand. There was some point adjustment made for the Distance Riding which will also be applied for the Eventing Division.

2008 Performance Award Winners listed on website – Congratulations! Elaine will be checking on the status for the trophies and rosettes with Becky McCarty.

#### **Learner Judge/Education Committee: Kathy Richkind (Chair)**

Kathy stated there has not been much activity lately but with our Inspection Tour in September she is hoping we could incorporate some education activities along with the Breeding Inspections. Kathy is also a member of the ATA and stated there was an excellent article on judging horses at breeding inspections in their last newsletter and she would like to write the editor to see if NASS could get permission to publish that article on our website.

#### **Website Committee: Jamie Buck (Chair)**

Jamie reported many updates to the NASS website; stallion's page, sales page, awards page, several forms. She will be updating the awards with older awards from 1999 to 2001. Adele has pictures for these award dates that she will be sending to Jamie.

#### **Internet Forums/Blog Internet: Kathleen Warren (Chair)**

New Shagya\_Arabian Yahoo Group Forum [HYPERLINK http://www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com)  
[www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com) "Shagya\_Arabian" is up if everyone will sign up. You need a yahoo email which is free. The forum has 4 members to date. This forum is not limited to NASS members. Moderators are Kathleen and Jamie; the moderators keep spammers off the site who tend to place ads all over the site. Kathleen is also looking for files and photos to upload. The NASS forum is not up and running yet since we have had Kathleen busy with the Shagya forum.

#### **Newsletter Committee: Jamie Buck, Joan Clark, Carol Neubauer**

- Editor position open – Contact NASS BOD. Would like someone with Publisher and Newsletter experience. Joan Clark and Carol Neubauer have agreed to be proof readers as well as the BOD.
- Newsletter went **Green** last issue
- Newsletter Ad fees will remain same
- Newsletter due to come out – By January 26. Jamie reminded RD's who need to send hard copies of the newsletter to members who request a printed copy to do so.
- Newsletter Deadline was **April 15<sup>th</sup>** / Publishing Date **June 15<sup>th</sup>** - Next issue dedicated to \*Shandor. A dedication to \*Aminah will be done in a separate edition.
- Heads up for Members! Up-Coming articles – solicitation for pictures and news. Members can submit materials, stories, photos to the NASS Newsletter Editor email off the NASS website.

*There were no questions or comments from membership.*

- **Fundraising/Marketing/Promotions/Events/Publicity Committee: Terry Hey (Chair)**

Terry reported that the Equine Journal will deliver the *Equine Journal* to NASS Members monthly (valued at \$48). Members will receive their first issue in March and Terry's article will be published in this edition. In addition NASS members will receive a free Sale Barn ad (a photo classified valued at \$50.00) and a free Classified ad (valued at \$20.00). This totals over \$110 in benefits per person, plus a 10% discount on any display advertising placed throughout the year. Terry hopes this will help in two areas; promote the breed and encourage people to join. Terry hopes this will give NASS a kick start for the New Year. Jamie stated that Terry is donating the \$700 to kick this project off for NASS! Jamie thanked Terry for such a generous donation to NASS. Jamie stated that she sent an email to the NASS BOD suggesting appointing Gwyn Davis as the Info Officer and Adele Furby as an unofficial Historian to the Equine Journal Committee. Jamie commented that she will help where ever she can. The Equine Journal subscription is not available to members who live outside the USA. Jamie suggested contacting Karen Edwards to see if she would help our foreign members by allowing two ads instead of one to offset the magazine subscription; Karen Edwards could send NASS extra brochures with the additional coupons in them. Adele suggested seeing what it would cost to send them over on the slow-boat so at least they could see the magazine. Elaine suggested sending just the Shagya page to them. Jamie asked Carol if she would be willing to look into the costs to mail the two magazines to each of the 16 members. Terry agreed to chair this committee and approves the appointment of Gwyn and Adele to the committee. Jamie asked the committee to put together a 12 month calendar and areas they plan to target for articles in the many disciplines. Kathy stated we need a link on our website where people can submit an article. Jamie will create an EJ committee email address for submissions. Jamie will email the EJ committee and put the group on a group email. Jamie will have Karen Edwards send Carol the EJ.

Jamie stated the three photos that were submitted to EJ for the March issue along with Terry's article are Janos ridden by Stephany Fine, Shagya's Sprite ridden by Gretchen Aycocock and \*Shandor ridden by Brooke Voldbaek.

Jamie noted to the BOD that the website statistics showed a huge increase in volume when the USEF and USDF articles came out in Jan-Feb and September last year. So the ads were worth the expense.

*There were no questions or comments from membership.*

**Information Officer: Gwyn Davis (Chair)**

Gwyn stated she does not receive too many requests for information since the NASS website is so informative. Gwyn did state she received a 2008 Annual Convention Awards Banquet printout of all the horses that have won awards at the banquet for USDF with Kathy Richkind's name on the list. In addition they have sent Gwyn the renewal notice for the 2009 Business Membership from USDF. Gwyn was not sure why she was receiving this information. Jamie stated Gwyn is on the application as the contact for NASS. Arlene commented that it was sent to Gwyn last year too. Kathy told Gwyn just to send to her all the USDF items. Jamie asked Gwyn that when she receives the billing for the Membership Dues for USDF to please forward Arlene a copy since Arlene does not receive a copy from USDF to be paid. Kathy will see if they can get that info change to Kathy.

**Organization Liaison Reports/Updates:**

- **USDF & USEF – Kathy Richkind** - Not much organizational items to report. Kathy did win a USDF award and wanted to thank everyone. Hope Phelon went to the USDF banquet and accepted the award for Kathy, who could not attend. Kathy received two nice medallions and certificates. Hope had reported that-she had no time to present her Shagya spiel so on the way back to the table she yelled – GO SHAGYAS! Congratulations to Kathy on the award! Kathy said she will send out a reminder again to owners of the other nominated horses about the number of shows and scores required for these awards.
- **AHA – Elaine Kerrigan** – nothing to report at this time. Elaine noted that she remembered at one time NASS was trying hard to get the Shagyas into the AHA programs and was not sure where that ended. Kathy mentioned that she had written a letter to Myron Krause, President of AHA and he never responded. Kathy felt that NASS should keep knocking at AHA's door.
- **USEA** – Kathy mentioned that Gretchen Aycocock may be willing to take this on.

- **AERC** – Patty Betts is willing to work as the Liaison for AERC. She has been associated with plenty of people that have sponsored awards with the regional organizations; Patty has competed for awards with either NASS or ASAV. Patty would like to talk to anyone in this group that has ideas to build awareness and interest or recognition of the Shagya people that do endurance. Elaine stated she is on the other Shagya chat room and the chat room stated that ASAV has an ad in Ride Camp. That may be one way to get a chat going about Shagyas. Monique stated that ASAV has been running ads in the Endurance News and it has had fairly a good response that has generated a lot of interest in Shagyas.

Patty suggested that she and Monique could communicate by email initially and come up with some ideas that they can prioritize with regards to time and cost with the likelihood of success and put it on the next meeting agenda. Kathy suggested that maybe the endurance riders would want to contribute by donating for an ad like some NASS members did for the USDF and USEF to get the word out about Shagyas. Adele expressed that other NASS members may also be interested in contributing to an endurance ad if they knew or had more information. Some members do not receive the endurance news but would be willing to market their horses to that group. An email sent to membership would be good way to market this info with links to the NASS website for more information. Patty mentioned that the regional organizations are more than happy to publish articles if they are well written. They like to focus on a particular ride or a particular rider as they report on the ride. NASS is also affiliated with SEDRA in the Southeast.

**New Business:** - No new business at this time.

**Upcoming Events:** - No upcoming events to be reported at this time.

**Questions from NASS Membership:** - No questions or comments from members at this time.

**NEXT BOD Meetings Scheduled** – April 22, 2009 6:30 PM Pacific Time - Conference call meeting information: will be listed on the Events & Calendar page of the NASS website.

Jamie motions to adjourn the NASS BOD Meeting at 7:53 PM Pacific Time. Kathy seconded the motion. Adele Furby, Gwyn Davis, Elaine Kerrigan, Terry Hey, Arlene Michaud, Kathy Richkind, Patty Betts, Kathleen Warren, Monique Vincent all voted yes to adjourn the meeting.