Call to Order
The President called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. ET

Motion to approve minutes of 1/5/2022 – Minor change in time, minutes approved.

Janice: Breeder’s guide will start going out this Friday, the editorial committee has started working on the Editorial Committee – in hand date end of April.

Young breeder’s, Dory wants to go forward … has a couple of people as committee members going forward but we don’t have specifics.

Mare & Stallion committee will come back with recommendations re: WFFS status – Rick need feedback from Maren Re Rhineland auto approval

Proposed modification – allow associate members serving on committees. Rick makes a motion to change the bylaws – Barb seconds. Motion passed. It will go to the membership for their vote.

Bylaw amendment:
Judy Hedreen – IRS change status. It’s not a complicated nor expensive process. Need magic sauce … in articles of incorporation. It would mean that we would have to rewrite some of the stuff on here to include two or three magic sentences that the attorney would have to do. They want the beneficiaries to be not just the members, it would have to appeal to a larger audience. Discussed seminars where members don’t pay but non-members pay. If we can hand out scholarships … talked about the podcasts which are open to everybody. Have to file a new application ($600), attorney would charge us $500 to do all this for us … total expenditure would be about $1300-$1500. Edgar Schutte will sign the commitment letter (engagement letter from attorney).

Motion: Judy would like to pursue changing the designation from a 501 (c) 5 to a 501 (c) 3 – Judy Hedreen moves, Natalie DeBerardinis seconds – Rick Toering states that this must go before the members to go forward, allowing members to know that this is a positive change. Barb Schmidt discussion point … any pitfalls? Any downsides that we should be aware of in Judy’s conversation with the attorney. Organizations that are under a million dollars, there are payroll guides … we are within those guidelines currently.

New committee will be started: Fundraising Committee – Ashlie proposes that the SSA and silent auction be moved into the fundraising committee, Barb Schmidt seconds.

Committee will include following members and will choose their chairperson: Jessica Stallings, Jennifer DesRuche, Bethanne Bort, Candice Klingbeil, Ashlie Racette

Nancy Connolly – employee/staff updates and evaluation. Natalie DiBerardinis and Rick Toering have worked hard with the office … Janice Thompson and Christy Markowski were very clear on the amount of support they’ve gotten from Natalie and Rick. Overwhelmingly extended their acknowledgement of the support received. With Natalie and Rick being
so involved, we know more about what is going on in the office. Emma Pennell was newly hired so focused on Christy and Janice’s performance. Starting the 23rd of August and September 7th was an incredibly busy time to step into the job at this time. Both have a “can do” attitude. This staff embraces the challenges and new projects … this positive attitude has shown through to the members. We’ll talk about Christy. Nancy Connolly makes a motion to go into Executive Session: Natalie DiBerardinis seconds the motion,

Executive session starts 7:56pm

Regular board meeting session: 8:31pm

Natalie DiBerardinis: If we can table the Passports to the next meeting, will have samples from Ken by then.

Nancy Connolly: what are the actual meeting hours for February meeting – Edgar will send the BOD a schedule … perhaps 3 hours on Saturday and perhaps on 3 hours of Sunday? Two sessions … should do it.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm