

The American Hanoverian Society
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Conference Call
July 3, 2019

Present: Edgar Schutte (president), Doug Langer, Barb Schmidt, Volker Ehlers, Nancy Connolly, Kate Palmquist, Cathy Tucker-Slaterbeck, Meg Williams

Rachel Erhlich, Rick Toering, and Anne Sparks joined late and in this order.

The President called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Motion to pass the May 1, 2019, meeting minutes was passed with one correction: Change wording of inspection tour. Minutes were amended and approved

President's Report

- It is important that committee chairs complete the committee charter forms that were emailed to them a month ago from the office. If you are a chair and have not done so, please make the time before the August meeting.
- The inspection tour is set to start in a couple of days. A test run of linear scoring will be done as the HV has offered to add AHS tour data for July into the system so that Anna Jungheit can use the app.
- The office is working on getting the basic data into VIT. One comment was that membership should be informed if we are not going to be implementing the linear scoring for this year. Because it was announced at the AGM in January that linear scoring would happen this year, it's important to let them know that it's not quite in place and they will receive only the traditional scoring, but the linear scores will be available at a later date. An email announcement put together by the ED, and FB posting will go out to the membership prior to the tour to inform membership.
- Pricing needs to be adjusted to include an early bird special rather than a late fee. Several other prices will be looked at by the Finance Committee and presented at the August meeting.
- Board members need to book their rooms for the August meeting.
- The ED is working on moving monies out of the John Hancock annuity fund because it is currently in the name of the former ED and could be withdrawn by him. A corporate resolution was unanimously approved as follows:
Resolved: WHEREAS the Executive Director of the American Hanoverian Society, Joanne Hodges, has full signing authority for the John Hancock account FX37002285.
The JH funds will be deposited into the AHS checking account until the board decides future plans for the funds.

Executive Director's Report

- The AHS magazine has been completed and goes to press tomorrow. It should be completed and mailed to members within the next couple of weeks

- A private stallion licensing is being set up for Janet Rae of Raehaven Farm in New Jersey. It will take place on November 1, the free day between the two North American Stallion Sport Tests.
- AHS is having trouble uploading data to VIT. The VIT IT person says that the AHS VPN system is not strong enough. USEF computer staff is helping to resolve this issue
- The facilitator for the strategic planning portion of the August meeting—Lee Ellen Martin—will be sending a Survey Monkey to the board—please be sure to fill it out.
- Martha Drum has been hired on a part time basis to do social media for the society. So far our FB page views are up 160%, with 12 new page likes. Martha is happy to get any information that is post worthy. Feel free to send suggestions to the office along with picture ideas. Martha will check to make sure we are allowed to use any photos given. Martha is planning to attend the Hilton Farm inspection for pictures and to get a feel for an inspection. Terri Ralenkotter is still doing the inspection updates and scores on FB for the season. A request was made to continue to let the board know about the FB page numbers.
- Once the newsletter and template has been created and approved by the Marketing Committee, Martha Drum will help to write copy for it. The template has been created by the office and will be sent to the chair of the Marketing Committee along with a proposed tag line. A newsletter title is still to be decided.
- Last inspection season, the judges each had credit cards that were discontinued when the former ED left office. This season, because there is one judge that is constant for two thirds of the tour, only one card has been issued.

Markings Proposal

The current AHS marking system, which is very extensive and detailed, is based on the Jockey Club markings and used for horse identification. Owners add markings to the registration papers and can send pictures. The office, however, has no way to attach those pictures to the database and VIT does not have attachment capability, either. Today, however, we identify horses through DNA and microchipping, so a proposal has been put forth to use a standard, less involved set of markings going forward. At AHS, markings are only used to identify horses when duplicate papers are called for. The German passports use a standardized set of markings, but the markings on the FEI passports may have to be more extensive.

Motion: To create a task force to explore the markings issue. Passed. The committee will be Doug Langer, Cathy Tucker-Slaterbeck, Joanne Hodges, and Volker Ehlers. They will report to the board at the August meeting.

Minute Recordings Destruction

Best practice for Board of Directors' meetings recordings is to erase them after the minutes are approved. A discussion was held about the various pros and cons. The secretary committed to completing the minutes within two weeks of the meeting.

Motion: Delete BOD recordings after the minutes have been passed. Passed with one abstention (Rachel Erlich)

CP Wording Change

Proposed changes to the current CP wording in the breeding rules:

6.2.1. Foals Eligible for Certificate of Pedigree – In the event that a foal is not otherwise eligible for AHS registration, a Certificate of Pedigree may be issued to the foal that is either (i) sired by an Approved Hanoverian Stallion or a Licensed Hanoverian Stallion or (ii) out of an Approved a Main Studbook Hanoverian Mare.

Motion: To approve the proposed changes to 6.2.1 as stated above, Passed unanimously

A discussion ensued about adding wording to the CP that said these are not papers, they cannot be used for breeding purposes. Consider a watermark across the entire sheet diagonally: NOT REGISTRATION PAPERS. The current CP says “This horse, not being eligible for registration in the official record book of the American Hanoverian Society, has been issued this certificate for the purpose of documenting its ancestry as far as known.” ED will provide a mockup of the CP with the Watermark and present back to the Board.

Changes to Eventing Competition Rules

The following changes to our Breeding Rules are required to accommodate the reorganized/renamed standards of competition for USEA/USEF:

4.7.2. (Stallion) Performance Requirements

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3) In eventing, a stallion must place in the top five (5), three (3) times at CCI3*, Long or Short, or above, at FEI licensed competitions, or

The following changes to our Breeding Rules may be desirable based on the reorganized/renamed standards of competition for USEA/USEF:

5.4.2. (Mare) Performance in Sport

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c) In eventing, a mare must either: i) place in the top five (5) at least five times at Modified Level, or above; or ii) complete at least five (5) horse trials at Preliminary Level, or above, without jump penalties (not to include time penalties),

5.6. Competition Mare Designation

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c) In eventing, a mare must: i) finish in the top five (5), at least once at FEI licensed competitions at CCI3*, Long or Short or higher; and ii) complete, without cross country jumping penalties, two or more other competitions at the same level or higher, or otherwise at USEF licensed intermediate horse trials,

A motion was proposed to change the rules as stated. Motion not passed.

Consequently, the motion was carried to split 4.7.2 and 5.6 into separate rule changes. The amended motion was resubmitted.

Motion to vote on 4.7.2. Passed unanimously.

Motion to vote on 5.6 passed unanimously.

Motion: Performance in sport, modify 5.4.2 mare performance in sport from training level to modified level. Motion passed with Kte Palmquist opposed opposed.

Request made that when rule changes are proposed to be given those changes earlier, so more time may be made to consider impact of changes.

The president mentioned that he may call a conference call meeting before the August Board meeting to discuss housekeeping items and financial information on the agenda.

New Business

The same CP issue applies to the ARS and needs to be addressed

Motion: Apply the same changes to the ARS CP as done for the AHS, as well as changes to the FEI eventing requirements. Passed.

The president adjourned the meeting at 5:43.