

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 13, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:08 p.m. P.T. by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. John Iannuzzi, Gary Lashinsky, Ingun Littorin, Muffin Smith, Rennie Squier, and Delphi Toth were present. June Boardman, Keith Duly, and Tim Foley were not present.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Ms. Littorin offered a motion to approve the April 6th minutes, Mr. Lashinsky seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

1. Working Group Reports

a. Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Iannuzzi summarized his email to the Board regarding the changes Ms. Smith and Ms. Boardman of the Bylaws committee had proposed to reflect the interface of the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust (LPT) with the LFA registration process and Registrar selection. The March 6th minutes reflect the compromise reached that the LFA would select a Registrar for the first three-year term from among the LPT Trustees after the LFA Interim Board had become LPT Trustees. The Board then discussed the possibility of no Trustee being available, ready, or willing to serve as Registrar and determined that in that case, the LFA Board would be free to seek candidates outside the LPT. Mr. Lashinsky suggested an alternative approach used by other breed associations, to request nominations for Registrar from the membership and then elect the Registrar by member vote from among the qualified candidates. The Board discussed this but concluded that the selection of Registrar should be reserved for the Board of Directors. The Board agreed that the steps to be taken in choosing the first Registrar would be that the Interim LFA Board members become Trustees of the LPT, then the Interim LFA Board would choose its first Registrar from among the LPT Trustees, and in the event that no Trustee was ready, willing and/or able to serve as Registrar, then the Board would consider and select from other suitable and qualified candidates. Ms. Littorin suggested that Interim Board members resigning their seats during the first three years of transition not stand for election for at least a year to allow for members without previous Board experience to serve on the Board of Directors and the Board discussed this as an option for future elections but decided not to include it in the Bylaws. Ms. Smith will revise the sections of the Bylaws dealing with the Registrar and the transition of Interim LFA Board to Elected LFA Board and circulate the Bylaws again for comments by Wednesday afternoon for the Board's review and comment. Ms. Littorin proposed meeting again in a week to approve a final version of the Bylaws that can be circulated to the members of all three organizations the following day. Ms. Squier will compose a posting to the list servers describing the progress being made with the Bylaws for the members' information.

b. Rules and Regulations

Ms. Squier noted that the Rules and Regulations should be reviewed for consistency with the Bylaws and, once the Bylaws are in place, should be discussed and approved. The Board members are to review the draft Rules and Regulations and provide comments to Ms. Squier and Dr. Toth.

c. Finance

Ms. Littorin remarked that the Board should begin to address the issues of combining the three organizations and develop protocols for all financial activities. Melody Hull will continue to represent LANA on the Finance committee.

The Board also briefly discussed the location of the next annual meeting, decided Lexington, Kentucky was not an option, voiced agreement that a convenient location be chosen, and considered asking for volunteers to help organize the meeting. The remainder of the agenda was not addressed. The Board decided to meet again on April 20th at 4 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. ET. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. P.T.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary