

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 18, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:10 p.m. PT by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Keith Duly, Tim Foley, Gary Lashinsky, Muffin Smith, Rennie Squier, and Delphi Toth were present. John Iannuzzi and Ingun Littorin were not present.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Ms. Boardman made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 13th and the July 27th meetings as presented. Ms. Squier seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

3. Timeline Reports

a. Policy for Presentations of Committee Reports to the Board

Ms. Smith presented a draft policy that provides committees with a general outline of information to be presented to the Board, including some cost analysis of all options and a requirement that committee members individually sign off on the report and indicate either their consensus or dissent with the report. Mr. Foley remarked that some question had arisen over whether the document presented by the Rules and Regulations committee represented consensus of the entire committee and suggested that a policy was needed to give committees clearer direction from the Board and so that the Board could be assured of the validity of the item being passed on to the Board. Ms. Smith will re-email the draft policy to the Board for additional review. Ms. Boardman made a motion that the Board vote to approve the policy by email so that it can be given out to the committees before the next Board meeting. Mr. Foley seconded the motion and the motion was approved without further discussion.

b. Articles of Incorporation

Without Mr. Iannuzzi, there was no report on the status of the Articles of Incorporation

d. Rules and Regulations

Ms. Squier commented the Board had taken the draft Rules and Regulations document from the committee and had not yet acted to either modify it or to send it back to the committee with suggestions. The Board agreed to review the document and develop comments to be discussed at the next Board meeting with the intent of reaching consensus on the Rules and Regulations. The Board will hold a special Board meeting reserved exclusively to work on the document on Tuesday, August 24th.

d. Finance

Ms. Smith reported that Lyn Schaeffer, Treasurer, had received the final details from Melody Hull, LANA Treasurer, and was assembling a report to circulate among the Finance committee members before presenting it to the Board within the next few days.

e. Database

Ms. Squier reported that she had been unable to schedule a phone meeting for the Database committee yet but was working to find a time and date when all the committee

members were available. Mr. Lashinsky stressed the importance of assuring people who register their horses with the LFA that the pedigree data they give the registry is handled in the most appropriate way possible and that any pedigree issued will display its data properly and accurately. Dr. Toth remarked that the original purpose of the Database committee was to coordinate the data between USLR and LANA, rather than selecting the software. The Board discussed whether the Registration committee should handle the pedigree alignment aspect. Ms. Squire suggested there were approximately 100 pedigrees of historical horses with minor occasions of incorrect or missing data such as birth farm or birth date, that correcting these records is not an issue that should delay the startup of the LFA, and that database software and the form the data will take are really the only remaining issues.

f. Newsletter Startup

Mr. Foley remarked that communication with the membership would be most effective with a unified newsletter combining the talents of the current newsletter staffs. Both USLR and LANA plan one last newsletter each, probably coming out in September or October. The Board discussed assembling a newsletter committee and decided to send a letter from the LFA Board asking if the current newsletter editors would be willing to continue to work on a newsletter. Mr. Foley offered to contact the current LANA and USLR newsletter editors on behalf of the LFA Board to ask for their help in setting up an LFA publication and will report at the next meeting.

4. Annual Meeting Location

Mr. Lashinsky announced that he was withdrawing from the Symposium committee. The Board discussed balancing the cost of the Symposium itself with the cost and time to travel to the meeting location. The Board also discussed the importance of interesting meeting content or activities to encourage members to attend. The Board considered delaying the meeting into early 2011 in order to be better organized but decided that issues left unresolved by committees would be resolved by the Board as necessary, recognizing the importance of holding an annual meeting in a timely manner and as annual meetings have usually been held in past years.

5. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

6. Next Meeting

The Board will meet to finalize the Rule and Regulations on Tuesday, August 24th at 4 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. ET.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m. PT.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary