## MINUTES LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 28, 2010

The Board of Directors meeting of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 3:07 p.m. P.T. by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Keith Duly, Tim Foley, John Iannuzzi, Gary Lashinsky, Ingun Littorin, Muffin Smith, Rennie Squier, and Delphi Toth were present.

## **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Foley offered a motion that the minutes of the February 14th LFA meeting be approved as presented, Ms. Littorin seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

## 1. Working Group Reports

## a. Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Iannuzzi opened the discussion with LANA's list of three requirements to be added to the Bylaws in order for LANA to continue its participation in unification. (The LFA Board had received LANA's email the day before on Saturday, February 27th. LANA's three requirements were (1) that the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust (LPT) selects one of its Trustees to Chair the LFA's Registration Committee, (2) that this Chair of the Registration Committee must have a voting seat on the LFA Board of Directors, and (3) that the LPT and this Chair will function as the LFA's Registrar.) Ms. Squier, responding for ALBA, thanked Mr. Iannuzzi for revealing LANA's requirements for unification, and stated that since LANA's requirements gave complete control of the registration process to the LPT, that ALBA could not agree to LANA's requirements. Ms. Littorin remarked that the issues LANA raised had been discussed and resolved in the past. Mr. Foley, on the USLR's behalf, pointed out that LANA's issues were settled in principle years before, that the Bylaws reflect the agreements already in place, and that to reopen these issues was regressive. He further stated that he would recommend to the USLR Board at its next meeting that the USLR remove itself from the unification process. Mr. Iannuzzi explained that the LPT was formed to prevent a person from unauthorized appropriation of pedigree papers and files. Ms. Squier and Ms. Littorin both stressed that with today's technology that pedigree records no longer remain in one person's hands but are stored electronically in multiple places so that such a misappropriation of data is no longer possible. Ms. Littorin remarked that to date inconsistencies between pedigree records maintained by the three organizations have been resolved without any intervention from the LPT. The lengthy discussion that followed served to document LANA's discomfort with the existing Bylaws and the differences between the organizations' views of the function of the LPT. Dr. Toth clarified that LANA did not want to move forward to approve the Rules and Regulations until the Bylaws were in place. Mr. Duly suggested an alternative approach that would reform the membership of the LPT at the same time or after unification had been accomplished and then the LFA Board would select the first Registrar from LPT members. Mr. Iannuzzi and Mr. Duly will work during the

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upcoming week to develop a plan that preserves ALBA's and the USLR's interests while addressing LANA concern about the safety of the pedigree data.

The remainder of the agenda was not addressed. The Board decided to meet on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. PT, 6 p.m. ET. Mr. Iannuzzi offered a motion to adjourn and Ms. Littorin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. P.T.

Respectfully submitted, Muffin Smith, Secretary



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