

**MINUTES**  
**LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 31, 2010**

The Board of Directors meeting of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 1:33 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. Dr. Toth is acting for John Gliege in his absence.

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Lashinsky offered a motion that the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> LFA meeting be approved as presented, Mr. Iannuzzi seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

**Working Group Reports**

**a. Bylaws**

Mr. Iannuzzi suggested that a vote of the LFA Board was needed to approve the draft Bylaws. Ms. Littorin reminded the Board that the Bylaws had been announced to the members at the 2009 Annual Meeting as approved by all three organizations. Mr. Iannuzzi remarked that the Lipizzan Association of North America (LANA) Board had never voted to approve the draft Bylaws, that John Gliege didn't have the authority to agree to the LFA draft Bylaws for the LANA Board, and further offered a change to the Bylaws to give the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust (LPT) a seat on the LFA's Board. Dr. Toth continued that the LANA Board did not forgo the 30 day comment period after the annual meeting and therefore was offering changes. Ms. Littorin stressed that changes to the Bylaws could be developed during the year and voted on at the next annual meeting. Mr. Iannuzzi remarked that he would discuss this further with Dr. Toth and Mr. Lashinsky before the next LFA Board meeting.

**b. Rules and Regulations**

Ms. Squier reported that after circulating the proposed Rules and Regulations that to date she had only received two comments. Dr. Toth remarked that John Gliege had wanted to review the Rules and Regulations more closely and still had comments to supply to the committee. The LFA Board will review the proposed Rules and Regulations and prepare to discuss them at the next meeting.

**c. Finance**

Mr. Lashinsky remarked that he had contacted Melody Hull, LANA Treasurer, and was pleased to report that she was willing to continue to serve on the LFA's Finance committee. Ms. Smith will ask Lyn Schaeffer, USLR Treasurer, to forward the USLR's financial reports to Ms. Squier so the committee can begin consolidating financial information. Ms. Squier remarked that the Finance committee's recommendations, developed in 2007, needed updating but that communication between committee members had been excellent and she expected to have a report by the next meeting.

#### **d. Database**

Ms. Squier commented that the Rules and Regulations need to be in place in order to proceed with the reconciliation of pedigree databases. Mr. Lashinsky reported that the software LANA is currently using will interface with the database software that ALBA and the USLR are using for their combined database.

#### **Discussion of Additional Committees and their Responsibilities**

Ms. Littorin remarked that the LFA has been designed to be transparent in its decision making and to allow for member participation. Committees should be identified that reflect the organization's priorities so that members can begin to participate in the organization by volunteering for committee work. Each Board member will be responsible for directing at least one committee's efforts and will report its activities at Board meetings. Ms. Littorin suggested that all Board members submit a list of committees that will be needed to get the organization operational. Ms. Boardman remarked that the Breeding Committee needed to begin its work quickly so that evaluations could be planned for this year. The Board discussed the needed for evaluations and for educational seminars to make sure breeding programs support the breed standard. Ms. Lashinsky pointed out that a Membership committee needed to be organized to promptly address membership renewals.

#### **Officer Selection**

The Board postponed the selection of officers until the next meeting.

#### **Additions to the Agenda**

##### **- Timeline**

Mr. Duly offered to identify functions needed to be in place so the organization can begin operations by the USLR's proposed deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board concurred that biweekly meetings would help maintain forward momentum.

##### **- Letter from the USLR Board**

Mr. Foley reviewed the letter to the LFA Board from the USLR Board which suggests a timeline to unification, frequent communications with members, and the exchange of member address lists. The Board agreed that the approved meeting minutes could be published and Ms. Littorin offered to draft a cover letter for the first distribution of minutes. The Board also discussed emailing minutes to members. Ms. Littorin remarked that LANA should supply its email addresses so that a unified mailing list could be developed and Mr. Iannuzzi offered to have an answer for this request by the next Board meeting. Mr. Iannuzzi also offered to focus the LANA Board's attention on approving the draft Bylaws by the next meeting.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The Board decided to meet again Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. PT.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. P.T.

Respectfully submitted,  
Muffin Smith, Secretary