

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

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:05 p.m. PT 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.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Mr. Iannuzzi offered a motion to approve the June 29th minutes as presented, Mr. Lashinsky seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

3. Timeline Reports

The Board discussed the problem of communicating with its committees and remarked that although the Board had issued several directives for information and reports to be delivered to the Board that the directives had either not been communicated to the committees or the committees had failed to reach consensus on their deliverables and had not delivered anything.

a. Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Iannuzzi reported that he had spoken with Stephanie Gliege and had learned that she was in the process of leaving Arizona. The Board decided to select another Arizona resident to serve as statutory agent, at least in the interim. Ms. Smith suggested Mella Smith, the USLR's statutory agent and a previous USLR Board member, could serve. Mr. Iannuzzi volunteered to check with Mella Smith if she would be willing to serve as the LFA's statutory agent.

b. Rules and Regulations

Ms. Smith reported that she had spoken with Melody Hull and that Ms. Hull had expected to deliver a final draft for the Board to review within a week to 10 days. Dr. Toth reported that as of today, Ms. Hull had circulated the final draft of the first section of the Rules and Regulations that the committee had agreed on among the committee. Dr. Toth emailed that first section to the Board for their review. The Rules and Regulations committee will circulate that complete final draft by next Tuesday for the Board to review before the next meeting. Mr. Duly suggested that liaisons for each committee be selected to ensure that communications from the Board to committees. Dr. Toth will act as liaison to the Rules and Regulations committee and Ms. Smith will act as liaison to the Finance committee until Ms. Squier is free to resume her work with that committee. Ms. Smith offered to circulate an action list after each Board meeting so that Board members would be reminded of any duties they had volunteered for.

c. Finance

Ms. Smith reported that she had spoken with Ms. Hull to let her know that the Finance committee needed LANA's financial reports and membership data.

d. Database

Ms. Smith offered to serve as liaison to the Database committee in Ms. Squier's stead. Dr. Toth remarked that the Database committee had prepared a PowerPoint presentation on Alpha5, the database software LANA uses to store pedigree data. Jeff Kelly, Database committee member, had prepared a general overview of the issues the Database committee was facing. Mr. Iannuzzi suggested the Database committee needed to cooperate to develop a list of issues the committee sees in developing LFA's database.

e. Miscellaneous

Ms. Squier suggested some questions may still remain at the committee level about whether the LFA will be a going enterprise and that perhaps committee members are preoccupied with their organization's priorities instead of focused on larger LFA issues. The Board discussed at some length the need for communications in committees to include all committee members. The Board wanted the committees to be aware that the Board is in complete agreement that the LFA is going forward and that the committees must support the Board with the same level of commitment. Ms. Littorin and Ms. Smith will draft a letter to all committee members stressing the need for more open communications and timely compliance with Board directives. The Board suggested that the phone conference system could be used for short committee meetings or that Skype could be used for committee members to work in real time.

4. Annual Meeting Location

Mr. Iannuzzi reported that he and Mr. Lashinsky had brainstormed meeting locations and were suggesting New Orleans as a site for the 2010 Lipizzan Symposium, due to its inexpensive costs, its central location between the coasts, and its good travel connections. Specifically, they were looking at a Marriott hotel on the bay next to the convention center. The Board agreed to hold the Symposium during the first weekend in November. Mr. Lashinsky will contact the Marriott to determine availability for that weekend.

5. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

6. Next Meeting

The Board agreed to meet again in two weeks on July 27th at 4 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. ET.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. PT.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary