

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 27, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:06 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. Lashinsky asked for a revision, the Board discussed alternate wordings, and Ms. Smith will amend the minutes and circulate them for the Board's review.

3. Timeline Reports

a. Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Iannuzzi reported that there was nothing had changed since the last meeting. Ms. Smith will forward Mella Smith's address to Mr. Iannuzzi who will contact her to see if she would be willing to serve as the LFA's statutory agent.

b. Rules and Regulations

The Board discussed the emails received from individual committee members on the Rules and Regulations committee as evidence that the committee was still not working together to develop a consensus on the draft Rules and Regulations. Dr. Toth asserted that the document emailed to the Board represented consensus from the committee and suggested that minority views should put together a counterproposal for the Board's review. The Board discussed at some length whether the committee communication would be helped if they used the teleconference line to resolve remaining issues in real time, and suggested that the liaisons should coach the committee members on developing a consensus and possibly act as moderators if needed. Ms. Squier pointed out that some of the committee's confusion resulted from the overlap of the Rules and Regulations committee with the Database committee. Mr. Duly expressed doubt that the draft document represented true consensus of the committee and Dr. Toth offered to check with individual committee members for their concurrence on the draft document. Mr. Iannuzzi suggested that the Database should begin their work and that the Board would review and comment on the draft Rules and Regulations for the next Board meeting.

c. Finance

Ms. Squier reported that Lyn Schaeffer, Treasurer, had received financial reports from all three organizations and would have a report for the Board within 3 weeks.

d. Database

Ms. Squier remarked that the only big issue facing the Database committee is deciding which database software to use. Cost will be a big concern. Dr. Toth remarked that if the October 1st goal is to be met and if the Registrar will be inputting pedigree data, then the database selected should be the one the Registrar is more familiar with. Mr. Iannuzzi stressed that, after debating the merits at the committee level, the committee needs to develop a consensus on the better alternative and that dissenting opinions should prepare

a minority report. Ms. Squier suggested that reaching a consensus opinion would be easier if the committee could use the teleconference facility to discuss issues real time.

e. Newsletter

Mr. Foley reported that the last USLR newsletter would be the upcoming fall issue coming out in September. Dr. Toth reported that LANA will be producing one more newsletter but that publication date has not yet been set. Mr. Lashinsky suggested that each publication carry an article describing what members could expect as unification occurs. Both publications will carry the same article. Ms. Littorin and Mr. Foley will begin drafting this article.

4. Annual Meeting Location

Mr. Lashinsky presented cost information for two Marriotts in New Orleans. The Board discussed meeting requirements and Mr. Lashinsky will get back in touch with the Marriotts for catering costs and perhaps more favorable room rates. The Board discussed the two weekends of November 12th to 15th and November 19th to 22nd.

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 August 10th at 4 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. ET.

9. Adjourn

Ms. Littorin offered a motion to adjourn, Mr. Lashinsky seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. PT.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary