

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 28, 2009

Roll Call of Board Members:

The eighth scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 12:10 p.m. P.T. by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Tim Foley, John Gliege, Gary Lashinsky, Ingun Littorin, Lyn Schaeffer, Rennie Squier, and Muffin Smith were present. John Iannuzzi joined the meeting a few minutes later.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the May 28th and June 30th meetings. Ms. Smith will distribute the approved versions to the Board.

Working Group Reports

a. Bylaws

The Board discussed several issues remaining from previous meetings.

Modifying the Rules and Regulations: The Board agreed to add language to the Bylaws to reserve the control of the Rules and Regulations to the Board itself so that members would not modify or ratify changes to the Rules and Regulations.

Voting Privileges for Lifetime Members: The Board resumed its discussion of whether Lifetime members who did not own a Lipizzan horse would still be entitled to the same voting privileges as regular (i.e. Lipizzan owning) members. LANA currently permits its Lifetime members to vote regardless of Lipizzan ownership; the USLR requires Lipizzan ownership. The Board discussed at some length whether Lipizzan horse ownership or Lipizzan breed knowledge was the key to voting privileges. Ms. Littorin offered a motion that all voting privileges required Lipizzan horse ownership; Ms. Squier seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of seven to two; Mr. Gliege and Mr. Iannuzzi were the dissenting voices. Ms. Schaeffer noted that the Bylaws needed a small grammatical modification to keep Lifetime Members from being included in the Regular Member category.

Breeders Committee:

Ms. Boardman read the responsibilities of the Breeders Committee for the Board to discuss. The Breeders Committee shall be responsible for:

- ! Overseeing and maintaining the established LFA Lipizzan Breed Standard through evaluations and inspections,
- ! Training and Continuing Education of Judges and Breeders,
- ! Compiling performances and show results, as well as evaluations and inspections,
- ! Maintaining and updating all necessary records for the USDF and USEF awards programs, and
- ! Forwarding performance and show results, evaluations, and inspections to the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust for inclusion in the Database or to the LFA Registrar or to both.

The Board concurred that the Board of Directors would appoint the members of the Breeders Committee in the same manner as all committees are assigned in the Bylaws. Ms. Littorin remarked that members of the Breeders Committee required a greater depth of knowledge and experience with the Lipizzan than other committees consisting of members and the Board agreed that the Rules and Regulations would describe more completely the necessary qualifications for the Breeders Committee. The Board recognized that the questions of what breed standard was acceptable and to whom pedigree information was forwarded remained unanswered. After discussion, the Board agreed that the Lipizzan International Federation's Breed Standard issued in 2001 would be used as the LFA's official Breed Standard. The Board also concurred that the adjudication function that pedigree questions that could not be resolved by the Registrar would be assigned to the Breeders Committee and would be further described in the Rules and Regulations as procedural issues. The Board affirmed that the LPT would be the archive of all approved data, the official final repository of all approved pedigree information, and that only after the LFA Registrar has resolved all questions, would the LFA Registrar issue a pedigree and at the same time turn over the record to the LPT. The Board suggested that any continuing questions, beyond the Breeders Committee, would be resolved by the LFA Board of Directors to whom the LFA Registrar is ultimately responsible.

Quorum at Member Meetings

After some discussion, the Board decided that a quorum at a meeting of the members would be thirty percent of the LFA membership represented either in person at the meeting or by ballot.

Final Approval of Bylaws

Mr. Gliedge made a motion to accept Mr. Iannuzzi's draft bylaws subject to the changes made at this meeting and other Board member comments received, that the LPT be the final official repository of pedigree records, that the LIF Breed Standard of 2001 is the LFA's Breed Standard, that a Breeders Committee be appointed and made custodian of the Breed Standard and adjudicate pedigree questions, that the Rules and Regulations not be subject to member changes, that thirty percent of the LFA membership either present or submitting a ballot constitutes a quorum, and that all members owning Lipizzan horses are entitled to vote. Mr. Lashinsky seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Other working groups

No other working groups were discussed.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. P.T

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary