

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 1, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:07 p.m. PT by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Tim Foley, John Iannuzzi, Gary Lashinsky, Ingun Littorin, Muffin Smith, and Rennie Squier were present. Keith Duly and Delphi Toth were not present.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Ms. Littorin offered a motion to approve the May 18th minutes, Mr. Iannuzzi seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

3. Working Group Reports

a. Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Iannuzzi reported that he had received paperwork from Ms. Stephanie Gliege but had not yet had a chance to talk with her. He will report on her work with the Articles of Incorporation at the next meeting.

b. Rules and Regulations

Ms. Squier reported that the committee was still working on the Rules and Regulations document. Ms. Squier then remarked that the issue of cloning had come to the attention of the committee because two Lipizzan clones were expected to be born by year end. The Rules and Regulations committee had not been able to come to a complete consensus on a recommendation to the Board but felt that the LFA needed to address whether we are going to register clones or not. Mr. Foley remarked that since clones were going to exist, the LFA needed at least a tracking mechanism. The Board discussed the problems of identifying clones and the offspring of clones as separate from their donors. Ms. Squier pointed out that the benefit of cloning for the Lipizzan breed was the potential to preserve DNA that might otherwise be completely lost. Ms. Littorin suggested a possible compromise that would carry the clone pedigrees in an auxiliary book to maintain records but that clones would not be acceptable for breeding until some future date when more is known about clones and we can determine whether clones can be incorporated in the regular breeding program. Ms. Littorin pointed out that the United States could not accept clones for full registration or breeding if Europe did not accept clones. The Board concurred that the LFA should at least track clones. The Board also recognized that more information was needed before this issue could be addressed with sufficient understanding. The Rules and Regulations committee will continue to research the issue. The Rules and Regulations committee still expects to complete its work by June 20th. Ms. Smith will circulate an article with websites with cloning information to the Board for their review.

c. Finance

Ms. Squier remarked that the Finance committee had nothing new to report. Ms. Smith reported that Lyn Schaeffer, USLR Treasurer, had agreed to serve as LFA Treasurer.

d. Database

Ms. Squier remarked that the Database committee had nothing new to report.

4. Annual Meeting Location

In Mr. Duly's absence, Ms. Smith reported on a meeting location in Monterey, California, that Mr. Duly had researched and received some favorable quotes on meals and meeting room costs. The Board discussed the location but decided that it wasn't convenient. The Board decided that a site in the middle of the country would be easier for travel.

The Board agreed to meet again in two weeks on June 15th at 4 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. ET. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. P.T.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary