

**MINUTES**  
**LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**June 30, 2009**

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

The seventh scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 12:06 p.m. P.T. by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Tim Foley, Gary Lashinsky, Ingun Littorin, Lyn Schaeffer, and Muffin Smith were present. John Gliege joined the meeting a few minutes later. Rennie Squier and John Iannuzzi were not present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Smith suggested that since she and Mr. Lashinsky were still working on his proposal for regional representatives during the May meeting, that the minutes were not ready for approval. The Board continued discussing Mr. Lashinsky's proposed organizational structure based on regional representation. After some discussion of the pros and cons, the Board did not reach a consensus that this proposal was appropriate as a starting point for the new organization, although it could be reexamined once the organization was up and running. Ms. Littorin suggested that at this time implementing an organizational structure based on regions would delay unification by extending the time needed to research and fairly define the geographic regions and develop the procedures for nominating and electing regional representatives, thus requiring another rewrite of the Bylaws. The Board will keep the idea in mind for a future reorganization after the LFA has been in operation for some time. Ms. Smith will distribute the finished minutes for electronic approval by email.

**Working Group Reports**

**a. Bylaws**

Before the meeting, Mr. Iannuzzi had circulated a revised draft Bylaws for discussion. The Board then turned to the draft Bylaws. The Board agreed that Life Members would be grandfathered in by their respective organizations, rather than the LFA Board, but that future Life Members would be voted in by the LFA Board. The Board also discussed whether Life Members must currently own a Lipizzan or have owned a Lipizzan in the past for some number of years in order to vote. The Board suggested the formatting be standardized. The Board asked that the wording of the Term of Membership section, 2.1.D not conflict with 2.2 in which active members of 60 days or more be allowed to vote. The Board asked that all references to Executive Committee and Executive Secretary be removed throughout the document. The Board discussed the language in 3.6, Quorums, and reaffirmed that a quorum for member meetings and Board elections was the number of members returning signed ballots or present at annual meetings.

The Board also suggested wording for the following articles and sections:

1.1.A "protect" rather than "improve and standardize"

2.8 Renewal of Membership – renewal notices to be sent out August 1 rather than October 1.

- 2.10 Suspension/Expulsion from Membership – “immediate” rather than “emergent”  
3.1 Annual Meeting – omit the phrase “during October” so that the annual meeting is simply held before the end of November  
4.1 Directors – omit the phrase “, and Directors Emeriti or Directors-at-Large, if any,” since Directors Emeriti and Directors-at-Large are not defined.  
4.3.D “at least 60 days before the election” rather than “as of July 10”  
4.7 Change the number of Directors that constitute a quorum to 2/3 rather than a majority.

The Board discussed at length implementing the LFA as an organization with regional representatives at its startup but there was no consensus reached on either including an option to go to regional representation after several years of operation or mentioning a preference for such an organizational structure in the Bylaws.

Although the issue of coordinating with the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust (LPT) is still to be resolved, most other issues are resolved and a set of bylaws should be ready for the Board’s review by the next meeting.

**b. Other working groups**

No other working groups were discussed.

**Lipizzan Pedigree Trust**

Mr. Gliege offered to draft language for the Bylaws that would illustrate how the LPT could be incorporated in the LFA and what role it would play. Mr. Gliege reported that the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust cannot be amended.

**Breed Committee**

The Board returned to the topic of the Bylaws to discuss the description of the Breed Committee circulated by Ms. Boardman. The Board concurred that the Breeders Committee should be a standing committee defined in the Bylaws along with their duties. The discussion turned to the Breed Standard. The Board generally agreed that following exactly the Standard used by the Lipizzan International Federation was not desirable since the LIF changed their standard periodically and the Board agreed that the LFA should establish its own standard rather than be subject to a changing standard over which we have no control. Mr. Gliege will circulate the Breed Standard used by LANA before the next meeting.

**Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m. P.T. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at noon P.T.

Respectfully submitted,  
Muffin Smith, Secretary