

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 18, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:11 p.m. PT by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Keith Duly, Tim Foley, Gary Lashinsky, Ingun Littorin, Muffin Smith, Rennie Squier, and Delphi Toth were present. John Iannuzzi was not present.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Ms. Squier offered a motion to approve the May 4th minutes, Dr. Toth seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

3. Working Group Reports

a. Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation

Ms. Smith remarked that the Arizona State Corporation Commission's website indicated that Ms. Stephanie Gliege, a lawyer in Arizona, had filed a change of Statutory Agent form that changed the LFA's Statutory Agent from John Gliege to herself.

b. Rules and Regulations

Ms. Squier reported that committee members Melody Hull and Jeff Kelly had been working to streamline the Rules and Regulations document and make it more readable and user friendly. Ms. Squier and Dr. Toth have been discussing a few remaining issues all of which Ms. Squier described as minor and remarked that there were no points of disagreement. In addition to the full set of Rules and Regulations, the committee is creating a condensed version of the Rules and Regulations for the website to serve as a "how to" guide for members wanting clear and concise guidance to register a horse and will include forms and the fee schedule. The committee expects to complete its work by June 20th. Ms. Littorin and Mr. Duly agreed to begin identifying milestones toward unification and developing a timeline with completion dates.

c. Finance

Dr. Toth remarked that LANA was about to begin their annual membership drive and wondered if LANA should wait for the Finance committee to review the fee structures of the three organizations. The Board discussed the need to set a date when the LFA is the single Lipizzan organization, all the current members of LANA, ALBA, and USLR, have become members of the LFA, and the three member organizations have been disbanded. Ms. Boardman remarked that as soon as the Articles of Incorporation are amended the LFA will need a Treasurer. The Board discussed some length possible candidates for the office of Treasurer and concluded that Mr. Foley should ask USLR Treasurer Lyn Schaeffer, a LFA Finance committee member, to serve as Treasurer.

d. Database

Ms. Squier remarked that the Database committee had nothing new to report. The FileMaker software used by ALBA and USLR will exchange data with the Alpha software used by LANA so, in the long term, any issues to be resolved are strictly data issues rather than software issues. Ms. Squier continued that Melody Hull and Jeff Kelly

will be reviewing any remaining discrepancies between the two databases. Dr. Toth reported that during the past year LANA's Alpha database has been upgraded to make it more flexible, user friendly, and that a user's manual will document its expanded facilities. The Board also discussed the form the registration the LFA registration certificates might take and considered whether a simpler font might make the pedigree data more readable. Ms. Squier offered to make a PDF of an ALBA pedigree from their studbook which uses a similar font to the pedigrees issued by Piber and circulate it to the Board as an example. Mr. Lashinsky offered a motion to make January 1st, 2011, the effective date for beginning of the issuance of LFA pedigrees and memberships. Mr. Duly seconded the motion. In the discussion of the motion that followed, the Board also discussed when the issuance of pedigrees and the transfer of memberships might be accomplished even earlier by October 1st, 2010. Mr. Lashinsky withdrew his motion and the Board agreed to discuss the unification timeline at the next meeting.

4. Annual Meeting Location

The Board discussed the location of the next annual meeting and decided that a neutral location rather than a religious retreat be selected. The Board decided that a site in the middle of the country would be easier for people to reach and that a hub such as Denver would be preferred. Ms. Littorin suggested that the Board identify members in the Denver area who could help plan the annual meeting.

The Board agreed to meet again in two weeks on June 1st at 4 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. ET. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. P.T.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary