

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

Roll Call of Board Members:

The sixth scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 5:13 p.m. P.T. by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Tim Foley, John Gliege, John Iannuzzi, Gary Lashinsky, Ingun Littorin, Lyn Schaeffer, and Muffin Smith were present. Rennie Squier joined the meeting partway through.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Schaeffer offered a correction to the May 7th draft minutes and the Board approved the corrected minutes.

Working Group Reports

a. Bylaws

The Bylaws committee circulated a draft Bylaws for discussion. Mr. Iannuzzi reported that the Bylaws committee has reviewed most of the articles in the draft and that the committee members are mostly on the same page. Both Ms. Boardman and Ms. Smith have returned comments to Mr. Iannuzzi on the articles concerning membership and the meetings of members, on directors and officers, and on the Breeding Committee. Although the issue of coordinating with the LPT is still to be resolved, many other issues are resolved, the remaining ones are mostly administrative, and a set of bylaws should be ready for the Board's review by the next meeting. During the quorum discussion, Mr. Lashinsky proposed an organizational structure composed of a Board of Directors at the national level along with a system of regional associations representing geographic divisions of the country. Constituents of each region or zone elect a regional representative to serve on the national Board of Directors along with the national Directors and Officers. Mr. Lashinsky proposed this structure because it would be an easily managed arrangement to start with for LFA. The regional constituents are represented by their regional representative along with the national Board. The Board overall concurred that such an organizational structure had advantages but that the additional layer of bureaucracy would require some method of dividing the nation into regions. The Board had also agreed in past LFA meetings that the individual members would elect the Board of Directors and that regional representatives would not fulfill that agreement. The Board discussed at great length the issue of quorums at annual meetings and for elections and concluded that the number of members who respond either by mail, email, or personal attendance at a meeting will constitute a quorum and a simple majority will decide the issue being voted on. The Board also concurred that lifetime members of any of the three organizations will be grandfathered into the LFA as lifetime members. This affects approximately five USLR members and approximately six LANA members. The Board also agreed that ex-Directors should not be granted Life Member status. The Board agreed that regular membership requires owning a Lipizzan. The Board discussed at length the advantages and disadvantages of different fiscal years and eventually

decided to vote between the most discussed options, a fiscal year matching the calendar year, and a fiscal year beginning October 1st and ending September 30th of the following year. The roll was called and the October 1st to September 30th fiscal year was selected by a vote of 6 to 3. The Board concluded the Bylaws discussion with a general agreement to look into democratizing the LPT and making its operations more transparent to LFA members. Mr. Iannuzzi and Mr. Gliege will look into how the LPT can be modified. Mr. Gliege will email the trust agreement to Mr. Iannuzzi. Still to be decided are the approaches to folding the LPT into the LFA and making the LPT more transparent. Discussion of both issues will be continued at the next meeting as will a discussion of the methodology for approving pedigrees.

b. Other working groups

The Board decided to reschedule these discussions to future meetings in order to more fully discuss and resolve issues raised in the Bylaws.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. P.T. The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 25th at 5:00 p.m. P.T.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Meeting Secretary