

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 4, 2009

1. Roll Call of Board Members:

The tenth scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 1:47 p.m. P.T. by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Tim Foley, John Gliege, John Iannuzzi, Gary Lashinsky, Lyn Schaeffer, Rennie Squier, and Muffin Smith were present. Ingun Littorin was not present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Iannuzzi offered a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20th meeting and Mr. Foley seconded the motion. Mr. Gliege suggested that the discussion of the draft Bylaws should be more completely described and Ms. Smith offered to review the meeting tape, revise the minutes and redistribute them

3. Working Group Reports

a. Bylaws

The Board discussed the changes made to the latest version of the draft Bylaws distributed by the Bylaws committee since the last meeting. The most recent version includes the description of the Registration Committee and the Registrar's duties including the role the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust (LPT) as a final official repository of pedigrees.

The Board discussed at length issues regarding the process of pedigree approval and developed several agreements that will define the interface of the LFA with the LPT. The first of these was Mr. Gliege's suggestion that in the case of the LPT identifying problems with a pedigree approved by the LFA Registrar, that an independent arbitration procedure that relied on the decision of outside experts be used. The Board concurred that no registration should be issued for a horse until the LFA and the LPT agree on the correctness and completeness of its pedigree. But there were concerns about the LPT effectively having a "veto" over an LFA decision, that the LPT's review process would add a delay by reviewing all pedigrees presented for registration, and that the LPT was assuming a role larger than the previously agreed upon role as archival database. This discussion also returned to an unresolved issue from previous meetings that the LPT remains a closed organization which has not disclosed its internal procedures regarding the registration of horses and the selection of trustees. The Board resolved the issue of disputed registrations by adopting Ms. Boardman's suggestion that the LPT review horses either with parents unregistered with the USLR or LANA or with no DNA on file. The Board expected that some horses coming into the United States might fall into this category but that most U.S. horses already are registered and have been DNA tested. Disputes between the LPT and the LFA would then be resolved by Mr. Gliege's outside arbitration process. Ms. Smith will add wording to the Registration Committee section of the draft Bylaws to describe this process.

The Board then turned to reviewing Mr. Gliege's other comments on the draft Bylaws. The Board clarified in Section 2.1.A.i that in order to apply for Regular Membership, a

person must own a registered Lipizzan rather than one simply eligible for registration. In Section 2.1.A.ii.a, the Board agreed that Lifetime Membership would continue for the natural life of the person to whom it was awarded regardless of whether that person continued to own Lipizzans. Since the privilege of voting is limited to members owning Lipizzans, the Board discussed giving members a grace period after losing their Lipizzans to acquire another one before losing their right to vote; Mr. Lashinsky offered to check the Andalusian Society's bylaws for appropriate wording. In Section 2.11.A, the Board agreed that in the future some standards should be written for the Board to follow when suspending or expelling members so that their actions are not arbitrary or capricious. With regard to Section 4.3.C, the Board discussed whether electronic signatures were acceptable on nominating petitions but decided to require original signatures. In Section 6.3, the Board decided that the Registrar would serve a three-year term without limit to the number of terms that could be served and to require thirteen years of experience in the ownership and study of Lipizzans and their pedigrees to qualify as Registrar. Instances of typos and several other minor clarifications were also identified and a signature page for the directors to approve and adopt the Bylaws will be added to the end of the document.

Ms. Smith will revise the draft Bylaws and redistribute them to the Board.

b. Rules and Regulations

Due to the length of the Bylaws discussion, Rules and Regulations were not discussed.

c. Finance

Due to the length of the Bylaws discussion, Finance was not discussed.

d. Database

Due to the length of the Bylaws discussion, Database issues were not discussed.

4. Discussion of Webcasting the Annual Meeting

Mr. Gliege suggested and the Board agreed that the responsibility for webcasting the 2009 Lipizzan Symposium could lie with the members who had approached various members of the Boards of the organizations. The webcasting would be entirely arranged and paid for by the members with the stipulation that the LFA would receive a licensing fee for each person viewing the webcast equal to the cost of all meetings that person would not be attending in person.

5. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

6. Set Next Meeting Date

The Board agreed to meet again Sunday, October 11th at 1:30 p.m. PT.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m. P.T

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary