

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 26, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:15 p.m. PT by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Keith Duly, Tim Foley, Gary Lashinsky, Muffin Smith, and Rennie Squier were present. John Iannuzzi, Ingun Littorin, and Delphi Toth were not present.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 28th meeting were approved without comments or changes.

3. Timeline Reports

a. Articles of Incorporation

In Mr. Iannuzzi's absence, Ms. Smith remarked that she had heard from Mr. Iannuzzi by email and that Mella Smith and Stephanie Gliege were in contact working out the details of the statutory agent reassignment.

b. Rules and Regulations

Ms. Smith remarked that in the September 28th meeting, the Rules and Regulations version dated October 1st had been approved by the Board and circulated to the Board by email. This item will be removed from future agendas.

d. Finance

Ms. Squier reported the Finance committee was quiet. Ms. Smith will research whether or not the LFA has a tax identification number.

e. Database

The Board discussed the issue of selecting database software at some length. In general the Board determined that safety and quality of the pedigree information was a primary concern. The Board also agreed that privacy and security of the pedigree information was important and that pedigrees should not be available through the internet. The Board also expressed concern that the LFA's database be physically separated, i.e. on a different machine, from the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust (LPT) database since it is backup the LFA's pedigree data. The Board also was wanted to know the maintenance costs of the Filemaker and the Alpha 5 database software. Ms. Boardman offered a motion that the LFA use the Filemaker Pro software currently in existence with USLR and ALBA information and encourage the LPT to maintain their Alpha 5 database as a repository of pedigree data. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, the Board determined that since not all the LANA representatives were in attendance that the motion should be tabled until the total Board can discuss and act on Ms. Boardman's motion. The motion was tabled until a meeting with all Board members present could be scheduled. Mr. Lashinsky offered to contact Ms. Littorin and Mr. Iannuzzi to coordinate a meeting solely for the purpose of discussing database software concerns. After further discussion, the Board developed a list of questions for the Database Committee to answer regarding the Filemaker and Alpha 5 software packages. For each of the software packages being considered, the Board wanted information on the initial purchase costs, assuming 3 users, the maintenance costs per year, the cost of technical support, a

discussion of whether a non-programmer person could make modifications to the structure of the data contained in the database or whether professional programming support would be required and at what cost. The Board also asked the LANA representatives to the Database committee to explain why the LPT chose Alpha 5. The Board noted the concern that the Filemaker software was truly cross platform and would run on many operating systems while the Alpha 5 software was only available for the Microsoft Windows environment.

f. Newsletter Startup

Mr. Foley reported that he had met via teleconference with Sandy Heaberlin, LANA editor, and Linda Duggan, USLR editor, and remarked that both editors were no longer interested in continuing actively producing a newsletter. He also reported that both editors were willing to help with the startup of an LFA newsletter and provide advice to the next newsletter staff. Ms. Smith will add the discussion of a LFA newsletter committee to the Symposium agenda so that members can consider volunteering.

4. Annual Meeting Location

Ms Smith reported that Linda Duggan, had solidified the arrangements for the 2010 Symposium, scheduled for November 20th and 21st at the Hampton Tropicana, in Las Vegas, the site of the 2009 meeting

5. Additions to the Agenda

The Board developed a “to do” list of tasks still remaining for unification. Those tasks were (1) amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, (2) acquiring a tax id for the LFA, (3) opening a checking account for the LFA, (4) getting a newsletter committee formed and an LFA newsletter planned, and (5) resolving the database issue. Ms. Smith will update the agenda to include these items.

6. Next Meeting

Mr. Lashinsky will contact Mr. Iannuzzi and Ms. Littorin to coordinate a date for the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m. PT.

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary