

MINUTES
LIPIZZAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 14, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) began at 4:05 p.m. PT by teleconference with a roll call of the Directors. June Boardman, Keith Duly, Tim Foley, Gary Lashinsky, Muffin Smith, Rennie Squier, and Delphi Toth were present. John Iannuzzi joined the meeting in progress a little while later and Ingun Littorin was not present.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Mr. Foley made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 31st meeting as presented, Mr. Lashinsky seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

3. Timeline Reports

a. Articles of Incorporation

This topic was moved to the end of the agenda pending Mr. Iannuzzi's arrival.

d. Rules and Regulations

Ms. Smith remarked that she had forwarded the language taken from the November 2009 draft of the Rules and Regulations stating the LFA's refusal to become involved in any issues of legal determination of ownership to Mr. Iannuzzi for his review but had not yet heard back from him.

d. Finance

Ms. Squier reported that Lyn Schaeffer was assembling an estimate of the opening balance as of December 31st, based on the financial reports prepared by the Finance committee. The 2008 auction funds held in a Tempel Farms account amount to approximately \$3,300 and 2011 memberships, if fully paid by year end, would add \$9,000 to the treasury.

e. Database

Ms. Squier reported that she had not yet been able to schedule a phone meeting for the Database committee but that she was assembling cost figures for the two databases currently in use. She remarked that both databases were equally adept at storing records and producing pedigrees with a logo and that a cost comparison was needed. The Board discussed at some length the lack of a report with recommendations for a database software package for the LFA to use. The Board also acknowledged that the committee appeared to be at an impasse and that committee members were loyally supporting the database software with which they were most familiar. Ms. Squier offered to assemble a list of key questions for the Database committee to answer for each of the databases for the Board's review, including the respective estimated costs of upgrades, maintenance, and special programming or technical support into the future. Ms. Smith suggested that the committee might also begin to develop a process document for the registration processing and exchange of pedigree information with the LPT. The Board will review the committee's progress at the next meeting.

f. Newsletter Startup

Mr. Foley reported that he had contacted Sandy Heaberlin, LANA editor, and had asked her to suggest times when she might be available for a teleconference but had not yet heard back from her. Mr. Foley intends to gather background for both LANA and the USLR to help with planning an opening issue of an LFA newsletter and expected to have a teleconference call with both editors by the next Board meeting.

g. Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Iannuzzi remarked that he will contact Stephanie Gliege with regard to the paperwork to establish Mella Smith as Statutory Agent and to amend the Articles of Incorporation and report at the next meeting. Ms. Smith will email Mr. Iannuzzi the text being considered for inclusion into the Rules and Regulations regarding the legal determination of ownership of horses.

4. Annual Meeting Location

Mr. Duly opened the discussion by stressing the importance of having as many Board members attend as possible. The Board discussed whether an annual meeting would be more effective if it had more information and accomplishments to present to the membership and wondered if the meeting should be delayed until early 2011. The USLR representatives remarked that the USLR Bylaws required an annual member meeting before year end and that they would have to meet earlier although the meeting did not have to be an LFA meeting per se. Other Board members expressed the opinion that to delay would be discouraging to the membership, that the Board would appear ineffective, and that the Board needed to communicate with its members to bring them up to date with the progress that's been made this year. The Board resolved to leave the meeting scheduled for November 20th and 21st to be held in Las Vegas at the Hampton Tropicana, the site of the 2009 meeting. Mr. Iannuzzi and Mr. Lashinsky both promised to review their respective schedules to try to attend.

5. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

6. Next Meeting

The Board will meet on Tuesday, September 28th at 4 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. ET.

9. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Muffin Smith, Secretary