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The 2006 joint annual meetings of the three national Lipizzan organizations were held this year at Wilsonville, just south of Portland in the scenic wine country of Oregon, October 6th, 7th and 8th. Not only did these meetings continue the direction and cooperation set last year at the convention in Columbus, Ohio, but also they sent members on a journey toward the long awaited goal of having one united national Lipizzan organization. The schedule of events for this year’s Symposium was roughly the same as that of 2005, and, again, members from the American Lipizzan Breeders Association (ALBA), the United States Lipizzan Registry (USLR), and the Lipizzan Association of North America (LANA) could attend each group’s annual meeting. This helped continue the feeling of camaraderie and the discussions on the organizations’ commonalities.

Friday morning started with ALBA’s summation of events in which they highlighted their studbook of evaluated US breeding stock. Conditions at European stud farms and privatization, which is allowing for a more open exchange of bloodlines, were also topics of discussion. Phil Smith’s “Introduction to Natural Balance Trimming and Shoeing” preceded the lunch break.

The afternoon brought the USLR’s updates and the results from an election of officers. Lyn Schaefer is the group’s new treasurer; Jennifer Roth is its new vice-president. Other positions retained incumbents. The financial report focused on a stallion auction. This and other money-makers will hopefully ease the registry’s financial situation. Dr. Donna Starita’s “Holistic Health-Homeopathy” finished the day’s scheduled meetings. By Friday evening, attendees from across the country were joining in dinner groups to exchange Lipizzan stories.

Saturday morning started with LANA’s reporting and the news that four new members have recently been added to its board of directors: Carolyn Proeber, Gary Lashinsky, Jaromir Oulehla, and Hans Riegler. During the registrar’s summary, Tom Hull explained to the surprise of some that he and Melinda Suydam, registrar for USLR, had been in the past year amicably exchanging pedigree and DNA data and co-researching pedigree problems. This cooperation between registrars was one of the steps formulated at last year’s Lipizzan Convention to smooth the way toward combining efforts and unification talks.

The new LANA website was showcased, and the 2005/06 financial, advertising and international reports were presented. During a question and answer session, topics ranged from questions about the 2008 Spanish Riding School tour to a motion to merge two of the three organizations. The latter was a hint of the changes to come. Members from all three groups were “chomping at the bit” to discuss some type of unification; however, cooler, more reasonable minds cautioned to wait for the appropriate place and time—which was the scheduled 9 AM meeting of the Lipizzan Federation of America (LFA) the next morning. So serious was there a ground swell to formulate concrete unification plans, that to assure enough time for discussion and debate, the LFA’s meeting time was moved to 7 AM. With this first positive “baby step” toward the long-awaited and needed goal of one registry, attendees felt they could follow the rest of Saturday’s schedule of events with alacrity. The morning’s sessions continued, then, with Melody Hull and Sandy Heaberlin’s “History of the Lipizzan in the US.”

Saturday afternoon’s Lipizzan Symposium Showcase proved to be what was needed to remind members of why they devote time and energy to this specific equine breed. The regional Pacific Northwest Lipizzan Association (PNLA) had brought together over thirty representatives of the Lipizzan breed for an exhibition at the DevonWood Equestrian Center in nearby Sherwood. Musical freestyles at various levels, long-line, jumping, and driving demonstrations, a parade of stallions, brief histories of stallion lines complete with living examples, and several quadrilles had ALBA, USLR, and LANA members enjoying their box lunches and the mild weather. The PNLA participants deserve hearty congratulations for giving a smoothly run, fun-filled performance of beautiful Lipizzans from the northwest part of our country. Saturday evening’s banquet was followed by the traditional auction held to benefit all three groups. Almost as much money was raised as at last year’s, and this fact speaks to the over-all up-beat atmosphere at the Symposium.

Sunday morning dawned very early for the members attending the rescheduled LFA meeting at 7 AM. However, true to promise, the room filled to capacity, and luckily strong coffee was available. After a few bumpy moments and hesitant starts, a very fortunate thing occurred. Gail Mackie agreed to be the moderator/facilitator for the meeting. Her calm, objective guidance made the discussions positive and extremely productive. While introductions of ALBA, USLR, and LANA representatives to the LFA had been made, a brief review of each organization’s history and differing priorities helped those in attendance see the positive attributes each group could offer to a unified registry. ALBA has always focused on evaluations of the breed, training judges, and developing breeding guidelines; ALBA is not a registry. The USLR emphasized the democratic principle in electing officer and directors and determining projects and priorities. They also felt that professional office management was necessary for daily business and better communication. LANA’s purpose is the protection of pedigree data, accurate recording of breed information, and dissemination of it to interested parties.

To further inform attendees as to the different structures of the two registries, LANA reps explained the legal division between its Lipizzan Pedigree Trust (LPT) and board of directors. “Negotiations” began speeding along especially when those trustees present revealed that according to their by-laws there would be no problem with having ALBA and USLR members included as trustees for the pedigree records. With that, the door was flung open for further progress, and most in the room sensed an easing of tension. The possibility for one cohesive organization was a reality, now that there was understanding. The USLR continued with the momentum by gathering its quorum of members during a break to discuss and approve several issues. ALBA reps, seated as a “buffer” between those of the two registries, began smiling. In fact, there were several instances when everyone in the room cheered for agreement on important ideas.

(While the minutes of the LFA meeting, taken by Sandy Heaberlin, will appear elsewhere, it should be noted that at the end of the meeting a map for the journey ahead had been outlined and the mood at the end of the LFA meeting was very upbeat, the road to unification is not going to be easy. There are still issues to be worked out and problems to be discussed. However, to paraphrase what someone once observed, nothing of value was ever obtained too cheaply, and directors look forward to meeting difficulties head on and, with equanimity, resolving problems. It is now the responsibility of individual members to be looking, sometime next spring, for emails and hard copy reports from the LFA committees, to analyze the information, to add constructive suggestions, and eventually to vote. The journey has, indeed, begun.)
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Lipizzan Association of North America, Condensed 10/7/06 Board Minutes, Portland, Oregon

Directors present: Susan Castle, John Gliege, Sandy Heaberlin, Tom Hull, Melody Hull, Carolyn Proeber; Directors by phone: John Iannuzzi and Dr. Delphi Toth; Absent: Gary Lashinsky

John Gliege acted as moderator for the meeting and welcomed the members in attendance. The first item on the agenda was Tom Hull’s registrar’s report. Tom Hull reported that during the past 12 months (10/1/05 – 10/4/06), 48 new horses were registered and 26 horses were transferred. The data base contains 856 horses registered, 1,811 additional horses, proven 5 generations, born or imported into North America; and 651 European horses in the historical database. The database contains 2,462 horses proven to 5 generations both here and around the world and 1,797 other historical horses that we can’t prove 5 generations or have a hole somewhere but are used in research and the very old, old pedigrees.

Tom indicated that he had been asked exactly where the horses are located now in the USA. He indicated there are two ways of looking up the information, first by where the horses were born and second where the owners of the horses live. Drawing a line down through the country (west side of the country: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas), there were 571 born in the west and 947 were on the east. Computing the same thing for members in the LANA database, Tom determined that current and/or past members, 176 were from the west and 274 from the east.

Tom Hull presented an updated registration policy on registering domestically bred Lipizzan horses. Effective in August 2006, the Indiana office must receive all information to register any domestically bred Lipizzan within 30 days of receipt of the application. Thirty days is sufficient to receive the DNA information from the University of Kentucky in order to register any domestically bred horse. Tom Hull advised the membership that an updated version of the Studbook CD is available. The CD contains close to 3000 Lipizzan pedigrees, and a list of Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, Historical horses, DNA, basically everything you need or want is on the CD and is available for $39.95 and $49.95 for non-members.

Sandy Heaberlin reported on the newsletter and cop-op ad program. In addition to Horse of King cop-op ads, LANA expanded into additional magazines, including The Whip, a driving magazine, and Equine Journal. Carolyn Proeber will be taking over the cop-op ad program in 2006/07. In 2005/06, the LANA newsletter evolved into a 16-24 page 4-color publication. The delay in raising the advertising rates resulted in a loss of $900 loss in printing the newsletter. Revenues generated for Vol. 14, issues 1-4 were $2,982.35 vs. printing costs of $3,814.00. Rates were raised for the third issue to cover the higher printing costs.

Melody Hull gave the Treasurer’s Report. The organization currently has $5,000 in the bank. Two unexpected expenses incurred in 2005/06, the higher cost of producing the newsletter ($900) and the cancelled evaluation ($3,050). The evaluation judges were reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses because of the last minute cancellation after USLR withdrew its backing. While LANA has paid the judges, ALBA and USLR have not paid their share of the evaluation expenses. LANA continues to accept donations to Katrina victims, Lana and Louis Mayer, long time LANA directors who lost everything in the hurricane. Registrations and memberships remain steady and merchandising, studbook CDs and book sales generate income.

Sandy Heaberlin gave the merchandise report written by Dr. Delphi Toth, Merchandise Director. Obtaining merchandise from Vienna has become too expensive because of the high EURO-USD exchange rate and orders had slowed to a trickle. Domestic merchandise has been added for now and the ability to order merchandise has been streamlined and simplified with the new website and merchandise store. The Lipizzan store now has many more items: t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, tote bags, all in all more than 279 different items, in multiple colors and in sizes from infant to 4X adult. Additionally the store features a shopping cart system where VISA, MC, Discover and PayPal are accepted. Since the credit card option has been added several years ago, 75% of the sales are by credit card, eliminating the few bad checks we have had in the past. We have also eliminated the need to carry a tremendous amount of inventory while we have expanded the number of items carried and shortened the shipping time. A new crown and baroque “L” insignia was created for merchandise and is being embroidered on large dressage saddle pads which have already sold out of the first two runs. More items will be added to the LANA store in 2006/07.

John Gliege reported that LANA has applied to the United States Equestrian Federation to become an affiliate association. The application has gone in, we are waiting to hear back from USEF and hopefully we will be able to get the benefits of belonging to that organization as well.

Tom Hull presented the new LANA website (www.lipizzan.org) to the membership. The website was re-designed by a professional, Cygnet Graphics, Ltd. The website has the following sections: Home page, Lipizzan Origins, Store, Buying a Lipizzan, Breeders, Horses for Sale, Membership, LANA Magazine, Events & News, Rules, Forms, Photo Gallery, Touring Shows, Contacts, Young Riders, and Links. The “Store” features nine different images, available on 50+ items, including saddle pads which fit the Lipizzan body perfectly, and includes new books and DVDs. “Horses for Sale” is a new page where members may place ads for their horses. Ads will run for 3 months and include a description, photograph, copy of the pedigree and 2-3 minute video; cost will be $30 for members ($90 non-members). “Breeders Showcase” is a way for LANA members to showcase their farms and services in the newsletter and on the website for a yearly fee of $75. “Forms” have been streamlined and membership dues can be paid by credit card through PayPay. The full set of “Rules and Regulations” for both purebreds and partbreds are now on the website, as is a section for “Young Riders. There are “Links” to other organizations and sites around the world, and “Contacts” for the members to address their needs. The new website has been further designed to increase our exposure on the web and to direct more merchandise sales to the Store. The website has been up and running for about a week and we are doing well, with a sharp increase in sales and hits.

John Gliege gave the international report. In the summer of 2006, the two major international organizations met separately a week apart. The International Lipizzan Union met in the Czech Republic at an old castle. While not a majority of the ILU board, the three Americans on the board make up a huge minority. The three LANA members on the ILU board are: June Boardman of ALBA; Rebecca Dabbs, president of SWLA; and John Gliege. The ILU is very much concerned with the preservation of the baroque Lipizzan as has traditionally been raised in Europe. The Lipizzan International Federation met in Djakovo, Croatia the following weekend. The LIF is concerned with their programs in connection with protection of the breed. One thing that came out of the meetings in Europe is that the Europeans have realized that there are more Lipizzan horses in the United States than anywhere else in the world and are looking to the United States to assume a rather substantial leadership role in breed development, protection, promotion and so on.

John Gliege spoke about the LANA crown L logo which is both copyrighted and trademarked. The Board clarified its use with the LFA. Until such time as there is one Lipizzan organization in the United States, the logo will be licensed for specific use to the LFA, not assigned. At the present time the LFA is authorized to use the crown L logo for the USDF high-point award, the Devon cooler and on ribbons to be used at Lipizzan classes held around the country. The crown L logos will not be available for merchandising outside the LANA organization at the present time.

Regarding working toward unification, in Columbus there had been discussion of combining the USLR and LANA newsletters. LANA was turned down in April when we asked if the USLR was interested in combining newsletters, but the effort was made. Tom Hull gave an update on the sharing of data between the organizations. He reported that there continues to be an amicable exchange of registration data and DNA information between USLR and LANA registrars.
Cimmeron

Cimmeron is an amazing 3 year old Arab/Lipizzan gelding by Neapolitano Karla I. He has already been to two county fairs (won three firsts) and the state fair for the 4-H training (levels 1-3). He has been ridden since June and has gone on an all day trail ride in a State Park, where he cantered for the first time! He is past level one ground material for natural horsemanship and is beginning the riding criteria. He clips, bathes, catches and trailers well. He is sound, has no special nutritional needs, and has strong feet. He has potential for any type of riding, learns quickly, has awesome gaits and an awesome personality! $15,500 o.b.o. Contact: (218)828-4444; E-mail: ncsaley@scicable.com

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Different meeting sites for 2007, 2008 and 2010 were discussed. For 2007, Orlando, and Dallas/Ft. Worth and Chicago were suggested. The International Andalusian Lusitano Association national show will be held in October in Dallas/Ft. Worth and Tempel Farms will be celebrating its 50th year in 2008. In November of 2008, the Spanish Riding School of Vienna tours the western part of the United States. The LANA directors propose that the 2008 annual meeting be held in Phoenix at the beginning of the Spanish Riding School tour. Additionally the World Equestrian Games will be held at the Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky in 2010. Plans would have to begin now for any 2010 program.

Carolyn Proeber and Gary Lashinsky joined the Board during the summer of 2006. Also joining the Board are two international Lipizzan enthusiasts, Dr. Jaromir Oulehla of Bad Ischl, Austria and Spanish Riding School Chief Rider Hans Riegler. Dr. Oulehla is a former director of the Spanish Riding School and the Bundesgut Piber and is also major director of the International Lipizzan Union. Neither Dr. Oulehla nor Hans Riegler will handle the day to day operations of the organization. Dr. Oulehla will assist in overall policy of breed evaluations and the training of potential judges and help LANA evolve into a stronger organization. Chief Rider Hans Riegler will open up another aspect for the organization in providing advice regarding the performance Lipizzan and riding.

The floor was opened to questions or concerns from the floor by members. There were several general questions regarding the 2008 Spanish Riding School. Another question concerned whether there we had a lot of participation from Canada. Tom Hull indicated that LANA registers horses in both Mexico and Canada but there were too few Lipizzans in Canada or Mexico to create a separate division within the organization.

Kris York of Linden Lane Lipizzans of Medford, Oregon asked if there was a quorum of the LANA Board. The Board answered affirmatively. Kris York made a motion that the LANA organization be “subsumed” by the USLR, that the LANA Board of Directors become directors of USLR and LANA cease to exist. The motion was seconded by Margaret “Muffin” Smith of Moneta, Virginia. The Board reviewed its membership list through October 4, 2006, its past two membership years and double checked the PayPal account to ascertain whether Kris York was a past or current member of LANA. It was determined that Kris York was not a past member of LANA and Kris York advised that Board that she had just sent in her LANA membership which had not been received at the Indiana office prior to the directors leaving for Oregon. The Board agreed to treat Kris York’s membership as fait accompli. The discussion ensued and ended with John Gliege suggesting that the matter be taken up at the LFA meeting on Sunday morning where discussions of the forming or merging of organizations would be best suited. Kris York agreed to postpone the discussion until the Sunday LFA meeting and withdrew her motion.

Courtney Trip asked Tom Hull if the data on the number and location of the horses might not be accurate because more than 800 horses born had been born at Tempel Farms in Chicago. Tom advised that he had taken into account the data on every horse he had in his database which did not include all the horses born at Tempel Farms. A quick search of the database revealed that LANA had 368 Tempel Farm horses in its database, so the figures presented by Tom Hull are not unduly weighted by Tempel Farm.

A question came from the floor about the crown L logo. John Gliege reiterated that the crown L logo may be used as an LFA symbol but the mark belongs to LANA. The crown L will be licensed to the LFA for specific use rather than directly assigned until such time as there is one organization. Sandy Heaberlin indicated that the LFA was authorized to use the logo on the USDF awards, the ribbons given out throughout the year at Lipizzan classes held at shows around the country, and Kerry Scott had been given permission to use the logo on the Devon cooler that was awarded for the horse with the highest points. John Gliege indicated that the crown L logo had been the LANA logo since 1992 and is still on the LANA merchandise. LANA will retain the exclusive right to use the logo on general merchandise.

A question came from the floor as to how many members belong to LANA. Sandy Heaberlin indicated that at the end of June 30, 2006 LANA mailed out 284 newsletters. Nancy Stockdale indicated that LANA had around 260 members. When asked how many overlapped, neither Nancy nor Sandy knew. Sandy indicated that she thought there might be a 60-70% overlap.

When asked about the progress regarding the LFA, John Gliege indicated that there were no joint meetings between or among the organizations since the Columbus meeting last year and progress regarding unification slowed to a crawl with the rejection of a joint newsletter and cancellation of the national evaluation. LANA is receptive to putting everyone together but will need ore input from all of its members, not just the enthusiastic attendees in Portland. The Board hopes progress can be made during the Sunday session.

The question was asked “how do you become a member of the LFA?” John Gliege indicated that the LFA is an organization of three organizations. The LFA does not have individual members and its organizational documents have no provision for individual members. The LFA was formed originally for the sole purpose of providing a single United States voice to the Lipizzan International Federation. When asked if the LFA could rewrite its organizational documents, John responded that yes, the LFA could rewrite its documents, that there were provisions for amending the articles of incorporation as with any other corporation.

Discussion ensued on the benefits of having one organization. John indicated that LANA had no argument with one establishing one organization, it was very much in favor of everybody coming together, however there were concerns as to how the money generated was spent as well as the organization structure of the single entity and more importantly the protection of the records.

Tom Hull asked if the representatives from the USLR would have the power to make a decision at the LFA meeting tomorrow. Tim Foley, president of the USLR, said “No.” John indicated that if the USLR could make no decisions at the LFA meeting, then the meeting would have to be held as an open forum so that ideas can be presented by everyone attending but since USLR was unable to make decisions at the meeting, decisions would come later which would require more meetings at a later date.

Some from the floor asked if there were sufficient USLR members present at the LFA meeting to make a quorum to make decisions if a decision needs to be made. If so, the USLR could go back to their group, make the decision and reconvene to the LFA meeting. Rennie Squier indicated that the USLR bylaws indicate that 5% of the voting membership constitutes a quorum for a USLR membership meeting and there should be 5% attending the Sunday LFA meeting.

Courtney Tripp asked if there was a published agenda for the LFA meeting. John indicated that the LFA is not a governmental agency so there is not a published agenda; however, there is an agenda for the meeting as he has seen it.

June Boardman indicated that if the LFA meeting had to be broken up to allow the USLR to have side voting, perhaps it would be a good idea to start earlier than 9:00 a.m. Nancy Stockdale confirmed that the hotel indicated that the room could be made available earlier. Different times were discussed with the ultimate decision made to start the meeting at 7:00 a.m.

Someone from the floor indicated that the USLR was not able to deal with many of the questions raised during this discussion because the President of the USLR was not at the USLR meeting yesterday and thanked John Gliege for “taking on the world this morning.”
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The meeting opened with introduction of representatives. Gail Mackie was chosen from the floor to act as meeting facilitator following a split decision between the organizational representatives. Sandy Heaberlin advised that the 2005 LFA Minutes had been circulated, approved and published in each organization newsletter. John Gliege indicated that there was no report from the Bylaw Committee. Because the United States government has not yet established national guidelines regarding a microchip identification system, Lipizzans will not be required to be microchipped as a prerequisite for registration. Tim Foley proposed suspending the remainder of the agenda so that the topic of unification could be discussed. The representatives consented and the meeting was opened to the floor. Ingun Littorin indicated that a request had been sent out to each of the organizations to state what they expected out of a unified organization.

Tim Foley summarized USLR’s guidelines, which had not been circulated to the USLR general membership or to the other LFA representatives prior to the LFA meeting. Tim Foley said that the USLR would require that the new united registry would be democratic in nature, with membership voting on privileges and other activities, with an elected board of directors to govern the organization. USLR would require finite terms of office for officers and directors. There would be no related officers and directors. USLR would require that the new registry database would be owned by the membership, not by a specific entity. The registry and organization would be managed professionally. Genetic DNA verification for all horses from the University of California would be required.

A short break was taken so that ALBA and LANA could look over the USLR discussion points.

John Gliege summarized LANA’s guidelines. LANA is in favor of a unified single Lipizzan organization. LANA would require financial stability, as well as continuity in the governing of the organization. LANA is not opposed to an elected Board of Directors, but insists that there be stability and continuity among the Directors. Otherwise, procedural history is lost, and time and effort will be wasted, again and again, repeating errors from the past and developing strategies that were already established. LANA is adamant that removal of the pedigrees from the protection of the Trust is too great a risk. The Lipizzan Pedigree Trust was formed to prevent the reoccurrence of a situation which arose when a USLR officer had to be sued in order to recover the pedigree records because that USLR officer refused to give up the pedigree records. The Lipizzan Pedigree Trust is an irrevocable trust; Trustees may be added or replaced. The Trust’s sole purpose is to maintain the pedigree records according to recognized international breed standards. Questions of registration and pedigree are not the purview of the general membership. LANA proposes a three-pronged organization consisting of the trust, membership activities and a breeding commission. The pedigrees are sacred and protected, and should be kept separate from membership activities in the Trust. Membership activities would include meetings, regional clubs, social activities, newsletters, advertising and awards. The breeding commission would work with issues relating to breeding, breed type and judging. Tom Hull pointed out that in the past two years the registrars of the organizations have been sharing information. Tom clarified that he is not saying that because you have a horse registered with one organization, that the horse is automatically registered with the other organization.

Ingun Littorin said that ALBA was formed because the feeling was that the individual registries were not paying enough attention to the breeders and to guiding the breeders. For the past 10 years, ALBA has held evaluations. ALBA was part of what was originally the “2020 Committee” (to bring all the organizations together by the year 2020) that has evolved into the LFA umbrella organization. Ingun Littorin reported that a lot has been accomplished. One of the biggest sticking points is how to combine the registries, but there has been a tremendous amount of cooperation between the registries. Combining the organizations would be most efficient. ALBA sees a combined organization that is divided into three main groups: the Breeder’s Committee (similar to European breed organization’s pattern), the Registry, and a general membership section that takes care of sponsoring horse shows, public relations, tracking data for horse shows, and in general serves the membership’s needs. She said, “Today will be a tremendous opportunity to lay some ground work toward a unified organization. Dates and more meetings will need to be set today Regarding a unified organization.” Ingun indicated that ALBA had nothing that it would classify as non-negotiable, ALBA would hope that any new united registry’s breeding commission would be based on the current ALBA model.

John Gliege explained that the Pedigree Trust is a legal entity, separate from LANA, and established for the benefit of LANA and its members. The Trustees act according to their fiduciary responsibility to preserve and protect the records. The records are accessible and up to date. There is continuity through long-serving Trustees. The Trustees meet rarely. Originally there were overlapping Trustees and LANA Directors; now some are Trustees, some are LANA Board members, some are both Trustees and Directors.

Asked about guidelines, funding and organization, John Gliege indicated that the Trust follows LIF guidelines. The Trust cannot declare any horse to be a Lipizzan without verifiable documentation. The Trust has no independent funding; LANA pays for storage of the records and all work is voluntary. John Gliege explained that a benefit of a Trust is that it is a legal entity that can be sued or sue in the event that there are problems. If the membership, as a block, owns the records, then each and every individual member would be liable and could be personally sued over pedigree problems or issues. To illustrate this, Susan Castle pointed out that if the records were owned by the membership rather than a Trust, a disgruntled owner or buyer could sue each individual member to recover losses if it were discovered that a horse had been incorrectly identified as purebred, only to discover, several generations and many of thousands of dollars later, that the horse was not a purebred, and therefore none of its offspring were either. The structure of the Trust prevents this.

LANA agreed to add Rennie Squier, Melinda Suydam and Jeff Kelley to the Lipizzan Pedigree Trust. Suggestions from the floors regarding organization and structure of the unified organization included the following which were written on a display board: One Group; Breeders, Membership, Registry; Mission Statement: Preserve, Protect, Promote; Things Important; Trust; Registry; Shows; Elected Board with staggered terms; Nationwide participation – regions represented; Honorary advisorships; Fiscal responsibility; Emeritus Status; Standing and ad hoc Committees; Education Committee; Professional management; Advertising; Young riders; Promotions; International directors; Director and officer liability insurance. Proposed Types of Corporate Organization for the Board: (1) Members elect the Board who Elect the Offices; (2) Members elect Directors and Officers who elect a Board; (3) Members elect the Board, the Board nominates Officers, the members vote on the nominated Officers.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding “a professional management company.” The USLR pays Nancy Stockdale $1,475 a month to run the office; approximately $9.00 per hour. Sandy Heaberlin pointed out that this salary alone eats up the payments of 380 full members’ annual dues of $45 each. While some present indicated that they had no problem with doubling the dues and fee structure to support “a professional management company,” other members were very concerned and not willing to commit so much money to just an office expense. The USLR representatives felt that it was
PLUTO

The original line produced a noble animal of Spanish descent and the most successful. Pluto arrived in Lipizza in 1772, the first of the establishing sires of the Lipizzan breed. Born in 1765, Pluto was raised in the Danish Royal Stud of Fredericksborg and was of pure Spanish descent. Fredericksborg Castle was built by the Danish King Christian IV. It is situated to the North of Copenhagen on the Isle of Sjaellund in the city of Hillerod and constructed between 1600 and 1620. The Castle was the summer residence of the Danish Royal Family and up until 1840 it was where the Kings of Denmark were crowned. A great turning point in the life of the Danish people occurred when Christian IV took the throne. A devoted architect, Christian IV greatly increased Copenhagen in size and prominence with the construction of many new buildings. It was this Danish King who established Fredericksborg in the 1500’s. Surrounded by a large beautiful park, Fredericksborg Castle was laid out in French style with totally straight paths leading directly to the stables. Here big sturdy work horses were bred with the best used for the Royal Stud. It was here that Pluto was born and lived until he was five years old, presumably son of the Royal stallion Pluton. This young stallion was sent to Lipizza in May 1772 along with five mares from the Danish Stud, to establish the Pluto Lipizzan dynasty.

The Pluto line, like the Maestoso line, died out in Lipizza. During the second half of the 19th century, the Pluto line was continued in Lipizza by with the addition of Pluto Fantasca from the baroque stud of Hungarian nobleman Count Jankovic of Terezovac (Croatia/Slovenia).

Pluto
1765, Gray
Fredericksborg Stud, Denmark

Pluto III
1775, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Basilica
1791, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Perla
1817, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Plutona III
1828, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Deflorata
1838, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Alea
1853, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Calcedona
1864, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Monteaura
1881, Gray, Lipizza

Pluto Bassoizizza V
1892, Lipizza

The Pluto line branches out from Pluto Deflorata where several offspring stood at Lipizza and other studfarms. The description of the Pluto line comes from the Lipizzan International Federation. The lineage and line drawing is from Der Lipizzaner by Hinz Nurnberg, 1993. LFA Minutes, Condensed (continued from Page 11)

a definite requirement. LANA representatives felt that support of a full-time office employee should only be considered if it was fiscally prudent. LANA members also pointed out that “a professional management company” could not handle the work and judgment required to research and register horses. ALBA leaned toward professional management, only if it was affordable.

Barbara Gjerset asked about combining the newsletters. Gail Mackie indicated that the financials would have to be reviewed before a decision could be made. USLR was not in favor of combining the newsletters at this time as it was conducting business as usual until such time as there is one organization.

Three Committees were established: Trust, Finance and the Articles and Bylaws Committee. The Finance Committee consists of the treasurers of ALBA, LANA and USLR who are to get back to the organizations by January 31, 2007 to ascertain whether a combined membership would make “a professional management company” fiscally prudent. The Trust Committee consists of the registrars of each organization (Melinda Suymansion, USLR; Tom Hull, LANA; Rennie Squier, ALBA and Jeff Kelley) to look into the differences in registering horses and problem horses.

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