

## 7/9/15 Meeting Minutes

Present: Noelle Duspiva, Peter Arrigenna, Robert Brooks, Wanda Polisseni, Erin Shantel, Jean Brown, Dave Kane (via call in), Dan Henry, Larry Sautter, Anna Zweig

Time: 3:30pm.

After the completion of the executive session the regular board meeting was called to order by President Noelle Duspiva. The following items were discussed.

- A) Bob Brooks suggested that Zweig Shirts should be ordered for the upcoming event on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Vernon.
  - a. Two dozen
  - b. Polo shirts with pockets
- B) A follow up discussion from May meeting was done regarding having an emergency plan in case Betty is unable to work on a long term basis.
  - a. Board members would have to pitch in until a permanent solution found in the event of an emergency.
  - b. There is a procedure protocol journal available per Betty outline the HHB office responsibilities.
  - c. It was suggested that a flow chart be made outline each office person's duties.
- C) There will be two cocktail parties for Night of Champions and Consolations
  - a. Connie is ordering bags
  - b. Budget for both \$8,000
  - c. HHB and Yonkers will pay for shirts.
  - d. The HHB will seek sponsorships again to help defray costs.
- D) Monticello Raceway is doing the county Fair BBQ. HHB sponsoring.
- E) Betty reminded us that we should be thinking about possible nominees for this year's Bruce Hamilton award
- F) Bob Brooks made a motion to modify Article III & IV of the by-laws.
  - a. 3 Commercial breeders
  - b. Morrisville will get a permanent seat for as long as they stand a Standardbred Stallion. Bob Brooks indicated Jean should suggest some wording to change Article III. They have been added to the end of these minutes as an addendum.
  - c. Plus 8 additional regional directors as outlined in the by laws.
  - d. Accept changes to Article IV as previously presented by Betty. (See below in addendum.)

Wanda seconded the motion and these changes shall be voted on by the general membership at the open meeting in September.

G) Wanda motioned to adjourn. Erin seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

#### ADDENDUM

#### Suggested changes to By-Laws for the following section/paragraphs

##### ARTICLE III

Section 2. Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of **eleven (11)** members of this corporation elected as provided in article IV hereof and one (1) non-elected member as stipulated below. All directors shall be legal residents of the State of New York. Corporations, associations, partnerships, syndicates or other organizations shall be limited to a single representative on the board of Directors. The **eleven (11)** members of the Board of directors shall consist of three (3) representatives from commercial breeders, and two (2) representatives from (i.e. who resides in) each of four geographical regions, as hereinafter defined. Additionally **one (1) representative shall be included on the board from the Morrisville Equine Program for as long as SUNY Morrisville stands an advertised Standardbred stallion at stud for each year of said representative's tenure. The Morrisville Equine Program representative shall be a non –elected but fully vested member of the board.** For purposes of these By-Laws a commercial breeder shall be defined as a breeder who either breeds fifty (50) or more mares in a single season to stallions standing in New York State or who stands one (1) or more stallions in New York State to whom fifty (50) or more mares are bred in a single season. The four geographical regions shall be defined as follows:

##### ARTICLE IV

(b) Each member of this Corporation shall be entitled to one vote for each director to be elected as provided in Section 1 of this Article. The 3 Commercial breeders **with a** representative who receive the most votes among all commercial breeder representative candidates shall be declared elected. **If any commercial breeder does not qualify as such in any given year that board seat will automatically go onto the ballot for the next election year.** The 2 candidates from each region who receive the most votes among all candidates from their region shall be declared elected. Election shall be by paper ballot mailed to the membership 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.