

UNITED PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 11th, 2008
6:00 P.M. Lexington, KY

President Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Secretary Renee Lavery called the roll and the following were in attendance:

President - Jim Taylor
1st Vice President - James Nichols
2nd Vice President - Bret C. Day
Secretary - Renee Lavery
Treasurer - Larry Bacon
Immediate Past President - Randy Harper
Young Trainers Chairman - Billy Jarrell
ASHA President - Fred Sarver
Associate Membership President - Lynn Snowden (Assoc. VP)
Equitation Committee Chairman - Dale Arnston
Chapter 1 - David Blevins
Chapter 2 - no representation
Chapter 3/4 - Marlene LaFleur
Chapter 5 - Nikki Harrison
Chapter 6/7 - no representation
Chapter 8 - Proxy
Chapter 9 - Martin Teater
Chapter 10 - Rick Schotthofer
Chapter 11 - Mindy Preston
Chapter 12 - proxy
Chapter 13 - Bob Phillips
Chapter 14 - Gary Garone
Chapter 15 - no representation
Chapter 16 - no representation
Chapter 17 - proxy
Chapter 18 - proxy
Chapter 19 - Martin Cockriel
Chapter 20 - David Earehart
There was a quorum present.

MINUTES

Members read the minutes from the January 2008 meetings and there was a motion by Rick Schotthofer, seconded by Martin Teater, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The board members received a financial report which was reviewed by Treasurer Larry Bacon. After a few questions, the financial report was approved after a motion by Randy Harper, seconded by Rick Schotthofer.

ASHA REPORT

ASHA Past President Fred Sarver was attending for current President Mary Anne Cronan. He reported that a committee has seen the new North Wing at the KY State Fairgrounds and seen how the stalls will be laid out. Currently the ASHA and the UPHA are working together to get the ASHA Charter Clubs in touch with their local UPHA Chapters so that the two groups could start working with each other to promote the Saddlebred industry in their areas.

UPHA ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lynn Snowden, Vice President of the UPHA Associate membership group, informed the board that a letter was sent out with all 2008 Associate membership renewals welcoming the member into the Associate membership group and introducing Dr. Owen Weaver as President and Lynn Snowden as VP. They supplied their contact information to each one of the members so that they could be in contact with any questions or suggestions that a member might have.

Also, they were going to meet with a potential sponsor for the UPHA Classics Championships in early May 2008.

EQUITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Helen Robertson presented the board with the new "Ribbons Of Service" program for Equitation riders. Each rider who signs up will get sponsors for their show season and collected the sponsorship money to be awarded to the charity of the riders' choice at year end. The Ribbons of Service committee requested \$10,000 from the UPHA Foundation to use for printing of the brochures, mailing costs and gifts for the riders who collect the most funds. The "high point" riders would be recognized at the UPHA Convention each year. There was a motion by Rick Schotthofer, seconded by Gary Garone for the UPHA Foundation to review this proposal and approve the budget for this new program. IN a meeting later this same day, the UPHA Foundation Board approved the funding up to \$10,000.

Dale Arnston, chairman of the committee, informed the Board that there will be a Riding Instructors Clinic at William Woods College in March of 2009. This will be a clinic for instructors to learn from each other so that they can attract more riders to their programs and grow the industry.

UPHA AMERICAN ROYAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The judges for the Royal have been hired already. Kent Moeller asked the committee to hire some extra help for the days of the actual horse show. The committee agreed and there will be 2 extra people hired to help Kent with the "hands on" work during the start up and days of the horse show. These people will be staffed so that someone is available for problems/concerns that arise 24 hours per day. Some minor changes to the class schedule will be made to be sure that Saturday evening is an exciting event to attract a high number of community visitors.

YOUNG TRAINERS' COMMITTEE

Billy Jarrell, chairman of this committee, reported that the Young Horse Preview, which was presented in January 2008, raised \$23,000. The committee also hoped that each Chapter would appoint a young trainer in their chapter to hold small meetings around the country during the year and then encourage them all to attend the UPHA Convention in January. These Chapter representatives would report back to Mr. Jarrell as to activities and interests in their areas so all of the young trainers would feel they had input into decisions that the group would make.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Judy Lowry, President of the American Hackney Horse Society, gave a presentation to the UPHA Board about a funding raising idea she had developed in conjunction with the "Dancing With the Stars" format from the TV show. After she presented the idea, the UPHA Board members present enthusiastically supported the idea and asked that she put together a committee whose job it was to do nothing else for the Convention but put this fundraiser together. This was made into a motion by Randy Harper, seconded by Martin Teater and passed unanimously.

It was also agreed that the Round Table discussion groups at the 2009 Convention be limited to just 5 tables.

HACKNEY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Randy Harper, who is a current AHHS Board member, reported that the AHHS is totally behind a joint convention with the UPHA in 2009 and will work with the UPHA for a successful and enjoyable convention for all who attend. He reported that the AHHS board suggested Indianapolis or Lexington for future, or permanent, sites for the annual conventions.

Randy also reminded the board that the UPHA Hackney Classic Championships at the American Royal National Championship are in trouble. There is a group within the AHHS who are working to raise the needed sponsor money for the Hackney Championships. There will be an update on their progress at the July 2008 meeting.

UPHA CLASSICS INCENTIVE YEARLING SALE

There was a motion to keep the 2008 Yearling Sale in Kansas City, MO, as a yearling sale for one more year. This motion received no second, so it died.

There was a motion by Randy Harper, seconded by David Earehart, to change the format of the sale to a yearling and two-year-old in training sale if the committee can work out the details. This motion passed.

President Jim Taylor appointed John T. Jones, Brad Bacon, Bret Day, and Billy Jarrell to the committee to work on the needed changes to the sale.

NEW BUSINESS

President Taylor reminded the Chapter Chairmen that they need to hold at least 3 meetings per year and run a proper election of officers each year. Current mailing labels are available at any time from the UPHA office to use to send Chapter members meeting notices.

There was an opportunity for members to suggest locations for the 2010 Convention. Both Indianapolis and New Orleans were suggested as locations. There was a motion by Rick Schotthofer, seconded by Bob Phillips that New Orleans be researched for the 2010 convention location, if a good room rate could be negotiated. (Since this meeting, a successful contract was signed with the New Orleans Sheraton for the January 2010 convention.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen G. Richardson, Executive Secretary