



**NORTH AMERICAN SHAGYA-ARABIAN SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2020 AT 5:00 PM, PST, 8:00 PM EST**

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**AGENDA**

Call to order: Roll call of Officers and Board Members. 5:05 begin

**Elaine, Gabrielle, Jamie B, Hallie, Jamie B, Jamie H, Joan, Kathy, Adele Candace. Beverly and guest Adrienne Morella joined later**

Meeting minutes from last meeting were approved, Gabrielle voted no and Jamie B and Hallie abstained.

**Officers Reports:**

Joan Clark, President, states that she has generated a protocol for the meeting. Gabrielle objected that she felt that the protocol should have been generated by the whole BOD and voted upon.

Adele Furby, Vice President, commented that she sent in her proposals about committees which will be later in the agenda. (attached to these minutes)

Beverly Thompson, Treasurer, absent. She joined the call later. Report attached.

Elaine Kerrigan, Registrar, mainly reported that she has prepared 2019 foal report for ISG and is updating the new Swiss database for the NASS horses.

Adele Furby, ISG Liaison, report attached

## **Regional Board of Director Reports:**

Midwest Regional Director: Gabrielle Gordon, reported that she e-mails every month, three members responded, and two are upset are about the FEI judgment concerning a couple of members, and she is curious about what other RD's do.

Southwest Regional Director: Joan Clark, e-mails her region

Rocky Mountain Regional Director: Adele Furby, also e-mails her region

Eastern Regional Director: Candace Phillips, questions what is the advantage of e-mailing people? Gabrielle commented that it is more like a cheerleader job and gave examples.

Northwest Regional Director: Jamie Hughes, commented that she contacts her members about monthly.

Board of Directors at Large:  
Kathy Richkind, nothing,

Elaine Kerrigan, nothing,

Hallie Goetz,nothing,

Jamie Bratt, has been in contact with a few of the Eastern region. Did get word of the passing of a horse from her region, which she will report to the Registrar.

## **Committee Chairpersons' Reports:**

**Website Committee:** Hallie Goetz – Hallie would like to get the Website Committee to help come up with simple policies and procedures (in writing) to help make sure the website is updated, including documents and forms in an accurate and timely manner. Also when an e-mail is sent out on behalf of the committee that the President and the Secretary/Treasurer will be cc'd.

Was President Joan Clark cc'd on all committees email lists on website?

Hallie asked about what the policy would be for copying the President. It was agreed that each committee chair should forward e-mails that come in to the website addresses from the public to the President and the Secretary/Treasurer. Also when an e-mail is sent out on behalf of the committee that the President and the Secretary/Treasurer will be cc'd.

**Breeding Committee:** Adele Furby – Report attached.

**Alternative Awards Committee:** Hallie Goetz. Hallie said that she wants to resign from the committee. Candace volunteered to chair the committee instead and Joan agreed to help. This would be based upon Adele's proposal for the committee to be named the "Bravo Awards Committee."

**Fundraising and Marketing Committee:** Jamie Bratt – AERC, Partnership/Sponsorship/Advertising, Vinyl Stickers – Jamie Bratt, Chairman has resigned from this committee.

### **Proposal to divide the Fundraising and Marketing Committee into TWO committees. – Proposal Attached**

After some discussion the proposal was approved with Gabrielle abstaining and Kathy not voting

### **Jaime Hughes 2020 AHA Distance Nationals**

"I finally was able to get in touch with Paige. AHA is not accepting new breed partners in 2020, but they are checking on the timeline for when they will start accepting for 2021. 2021's ride will be in Tennessee. There doesn't sound like too much to do on our side other than signing the MOU, that she still hasn't sent, but she mentioned it's intended to agree on the payment structure. Essentially NASS pays for the championship award, tells AHA how much they want to charge for the entry and the membership requirements, and AHA keeps all of the money entrants pay until the ride is complete, and then they send a net total check back to the registry once the ride is complete.

While this would be a nice thing to add on to, we might want to consider holding our own championship ride. Working with AHA is a bit of a chore, and the riders don't get anything more from the partnership than we could give them ourselves. Patty Betts would be willing to help, and I'm sure I could find a ride in the NW that would allow us to hold it there.

I propose we put this on the next BOD agenda."

There was a wide-ranging discussion about these possibilities, and then was agreed to put it on the next agenda.

**Adrienne Morella** – 2020 Dressage at Devon Show – Adrienne sent in a report to Hallie which is on the website for the 2019 show. 22-27th of September 2020 this year. There will be breed classes as well as under saddle. Adrienne said that it was pretty expensive for her unless there would be more competitors.

Candace mentioned that the USEA has "future event horse" in both the east and west coasts and she wondered if that might be an option.

Adrienne said that she would be willing to help Candace. It was agreed that Candace will bring more information at the next meeting. Adele and Hallie will send Candace and Adrienne some contact info for a couple of possible competitors at Dressage at Devon.

**Performance Awards Committee:** Joan Clark – would like to add Elaine Kerrigan to the Performance Awards Committee

- Awards have not gone out due to the business that prepared them is closed due to Covid-19.
- The reason I haven't provided a list of eligible horses and members for the Performance Awards is that unless there is a compelling reason for the list to be public I believe it is a breach of privacy for the participants.
- 2020 Awards Program will proceed business as usual. If I receive any entries, they will be recognized.

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There was a long discussion about Gabrielle's desire to have a list of performance awards participants. Jamie moved and Adele seconds that the current status quo be maintained, that Joan has a set of binders with all of the information and that all the prior participants are already on the website. Motion carried with Hallie abstaining and Gabrielle voted "no".

**Radautzer Award Committee:** Patti Betts - not present

**USDF Report:** Kathy Richkind. We received another \$25 gift certificate from Smartpak for 2020. If we don't have a USDF Nationals award winner, then the certificate will be given to the NASS Performance Awards Champion Dressage horse of that year as to not miss out on the certificate and let it expire

**Newsletter:** Melissa Rodewald – Deadline is June 1 and Oct. 1

**Correspondence/Announcements/Reminders:**

**Nominations Committee needed for Board of Directors Elections:**

Three at-large positions open: Kathy Richkind, Elaine Kerrigan, Jamie Bratt to be replaced or reinstated. Jamie B said that she would serve as the nomination committee as she did last time. Joan will assist to mail out hard copies and vote counting. Bev will count ballots since Elaine will be running again.

Jamie B. commented that she has stepped down from her committee duties due to lack of time and she was thanked for her efforts.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business:**

**NASS 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 2021:** Special promotions, articles, 2021 calendar, etc. It was agreed that the Marketing and Promotion Committees would be helpful to work on these.

Adrienne mentioned a magazine called "Sidelines" specialized in dressage, jumping and eventing which might be possible to have an article and she can send some sample copies to those interested.

It's been proposed by Gabrielle to have an Executive Session. The issue was tabled.

Gabrielle asked, "Do we have a Conflict of Interest Policy?" Yes, we do and it can be found in our Bylaws under "Conflict of Interest".

### **Closing Remarks and Questions:.**

**Next Meeting:        Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 5:00 PM PST, 8:00 PM EST**

**Adjournment at 7:39 PST**

### **Attachments:**

#### **Breeding Committee Report April 27, 2020**

##### 1) inspection Outreach Results

There was very little feedback regarding an inspection tour. This is probably due to a lack of eligible horses plus the virus situation. Realistically speaking, it looks like waiting until 2021 will be the most practical. There is one stallion and possibly one mare in the NW, Tri-Cities area for inspection, another part-Shagya mare in Seattle who sent in application and fee for evaluation, but no other mares in the NW whose owners have responded. There could be a few brandings in the NW. There is one mare owner in Southern California who responded who also has one, possibly 2 evaluations. There are a couple of eligible mares in the NE but no commitment and possibly there might be some brandings in that area as well. No feedback from the midwest or any other part of the country at this time.

### **ISG Liaison Report:**

##### 1) ISG Delegates Conference

The ISG postponed the planned Delegate Conference in Switzerland from early July until July 24/25 due to scheduling conflicts with the Circus Knie's performance tours. I am attaching a copy of the ISG Info which contains invitations, the agenda for the meeting, the minutes from the previous meeting which the BOD has been previously furnished, along with more photos of Circus Knie in action.

The main agenda item of interest is the presentation of Ahmed Al Samarraie's proposal for a "Modular Performance Test for Shagya-Arabians" which would serve as a model for all member countries. It is based upon the test of the German Society, the ZSAA.

Elizabeth Furrer and I have just completed a translation of the performance test from German to English. I attach it with this report. It also can be found on the ISG website, but in the INFO it is only in German.

I also attach a registration form for the ISG Delegate Conference and associated events. As usual, every society can send 2 delegates as official representatives of the society. If any NASS member is planning to attend the meeting please inform me. If the member also wishes to be an official delegate of NASS, please inform me as well. I will inform the BOD if there are any potential official NASS delegates so that the BOD can choose the NASS delegates.

### **Proposal by Adele:**

I would like to propose that NASS make the following changes to our Committee structure.

The “**Fundraising/Marketing Committee**” shall concentrate its activities on the development of:

Fundraising via any method approved by the NASS BOD

Creation of breed promotion materials for sale, such as shirts, hats etc

Creation of breed promotion materials which will be available to loan to members engaged in breed promotion events such as horse fairs, such as banners

Creation of breed promotion materials which can also be used as honoraria to be given to, for example, invited judges, and that also can be used as special awards given for any reason approved by the BOD

Chairman: Gabrielle Gordon

Members: Monique Vincent, Hallie Goetz

A new committee called the Breed Promotion Committee will be created:

The “**Breed Promotion Committee**” shall concentrate on the development and coordination of all outreach for performance and other programs which promote the breed, such as:

Dressage at Devon competition

Endurance Riding Championships

Horse Fair participation

Outreach to performance entities such as AERC, FEI, USEA

Development and placement of articles for magazines and other media

Chairman: Candace Phillips

Members: Jamie Hughes, Kathy Richkind

The Versatility Committee would be renamed the “**Bravo Awards Committee**”.

The Bravo Awards Committee shall concentrate on the development of recognition for any activity not recognized by the traditional NASS Performance Awards.

The award itself will be named “**The Bravo Award**”, and it’s subtitle will be “Shagya-Arabians-Born to Perform”

The award can be given to any person or Shagya-Arabian-bred horse for any activity designated by the Committee and approved by the NASS BOD. This could include, but not be limited to, performance in completion in any horse-connected discipline, any notable achievement in horsemanship utilizing Shagya-Arabian-bred horses, any humanitarian act utilizing Shagya-Arabian-bred horses, any breeding or horse management achievement involving Shagya-Arabian-bred horses, any accomplishment or recognition involving Shagya-Arabian breed promotion locally, regionally, or internationally.

Chairman: Hallie Goetz

Other members can be added to any committee. Any activity undertaken by a committee will be first approved by the majority of the NASS BOD.

