

NASS minutes - Meeting from 2/05/2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PST by NASS president Joan Clark
2. Roll call was taken – attendees were  
President : Joan Clark (JC)  
Vice-president: Adele Furby (AF)  
Secretary Treasurer: Beverly Thompson (BT)  
NASS Registrar: Elaine Kerrigan (EK)  
Regional Directors:  
East: Candace Phillips (CP)  
Midwest: Gabrielle Gordon (GG)  
Rocky Mountain: Adele Furby (AF)  
Northwest: Jamie Hughes (JH)  
Southwest: Joan Clark (JC)  
Directors at large:  
Kathy Richkind (KR)  
Elaine Kerrigan (EK)  
Hallie Goetz (HG)  
Newsletter editor: Melissa Rodewald (MR)  
  
Absent: Director at Large: Jamie Bratt (JB)
3. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved (votes - ayes 6, nays 1)
4. Officer reports – President - nothing to report; Vice President - nothing to report; Registrar– nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: BT submitted treasurer's report (current balance 5208.03) and membership report (117 members, 3 new lifetime members), Bev sent letters to 2019 members who have not renewed; she received two responses. If memberships are not renewed by end of March, she will contact regional directors (RDs) and ask them to contact people who have not renewed. The annual membership is due on 1/31 with a grace period extended to 3/31. The ISG dues for 2019 have not been paid as we have not heard from ISG how much is due. Montana corporation dues will be paid by 4/19.

Bev discussed the charges for website renewal on Go Daddy – they autodebited association for two years so NASS is paid up for the next two years (fee 359.76 plus 30.16 domain renewal). The next renewal date is 3/22/2022. The board will decide prior to that date if they want to renew again for two more years. Approved (votes - ayes 7, nays 0).

A second discussion was initiated about whether to switch to Venmo for members payments, instead of Paypal which is currently used. Paypal charged NASS 43.40 for 2019 payments received. Venmo does not charge a fee if the organization waits 2-3 days for transaction to clear. Hallie moved to stay with Paypal as changing would require a change to all our forms and on the website. Kathy seconded the motion. Approved – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

ISG liaison: AF reported there will be a delegate meeting on July 10 in Luzerne, Switzerland. The agenda is not yet set. AF will forward the letter from Bruno Furrer to the newsletter. There will be no show this year, but Friday will have a liberty demonstration by Circus Knie.

5. Regional director reports

Midwest region – GG reported that she contacts her members directly each month

Northwest region - JH -see endurance committee

Rocky mountain region - AF reported that there is one new lifetime member in her region.

Eastern region – CP–nothing to report

Southwest – JC – awards announcement has been sent out

Directors at large – nothing to report per KR, EK, HG

6. Committee reports

**Breeding committee-** AF has sent the updated breeding guidelines and performance requirements to the board and for posting on the website. She also sent a written report to the board:

*Following an inquiry from an unidentified party regarding possible exportation of a NASS-registered horse, Adele and Elaine researched the use of Universal Equine Life Number for horse registrations and passports. There had been some discussion about ISG instituting the use of UELN numbers at a recent ISG meeting which Adele attended, although no policy or procedure was formed. We checked with Bruno Furrer about this for any ISG updates but there apparently have been none. The system is available for use although in this country there is no centralized place for registering these numbers. However, it is possible for NASS to go ahead and issue numbers for each horse registered (there is already a location on the registration certificate for the UELN number), so Elaine is beginning to use this system on new registration certificates. The number is based on the following system, according to Bruno's example for a specific horse with registration number ShA-19-319:*

*Place 1 to 3 840 is the USA code*

*Place 3 animal species = 3 means equidae born before 2000*

*Place 4 animal species = 4 means equidae born after 2000*

*Place 5 to 6 30 is the NASS code*

*Place 7 to 15 0ShA19319 is the horse code*

*Studbook number (193) and year of birth (19)*

*You can find more information at several websites, and in particular, at: [www.ueln.net](http://www.ueln.net)*

*Inspection outreach. Hallie has been working on a draft Google form for people to use for feedback for scheduling 2020 inspections. You can take a look at: <https://forms.gle/uaSMYGmtZf9LcqGw8> Also, she has promised to update our 2019 forms by the time of the meeting. She has suggested that we do some brainstorming for ways to create more incentive for participation but I have not received any feedback from other BC members to date.*

HG asked how to increase participation in breeding inspections – proposed discounting the inspection fee, and including the DNA test and/or the annual membership in the inspection fee. She provided the BC with a model inspection questionnaire form from the Lipizzan society, which the Committee submitted to the BOD to review and send out to the membership.

**Endurance committee** - JH asked if NASS would participate in the 2020 AHA distance nationals competition, which will be held at La Boca, Oregon, at the end of September. She has contacted AHA for information on partnering and asked for paperwork. After repeated requests, she still has not received anything from AHA. She also has not received the marketing materials supplied for the 2019 championships, despite repeated requests to AHA. She also requested to get a list of endurance horses competing for NASS award and for any other Shagya bred horses that might qualify for the Radautzer award.

**Website committee:** HG reported that we have renewed our Go Daddy membership for two years. The USDF link is now highlighted on the performance page. CP volunteered to help HG with the website.

HG will send out a list of email addresses for all board members and committee members. A discussion ensued over who could be on committees – does it need to be restricted to only board members or can there be adjunct members who are not on the board? After a discussion of the bylaws, consensus was reached that the BOD appoints committee chairs, all committees should have at least one BOD member on them, and non-BOD members may serve on committees.

JC requested that she be kept informed of committee activity and meetings. A number of ways to achieve this were discussed- e.g. cc Joan on all committee emails, committee chairs keep Joan updated on all activity monthly, Joan contact all chairs every month. A motion was made to table this discussion until the next meeting; this was passed 5 ayes, 2 nays.

**Marketing committee:** Dressage at Devon – it was decided that a vote on NASS participation this year be held – because of shortage of time, vote will be emailed to board members by the end of April, with responses sent to JC. We are still awaiting a report from last year's show.

The next meeting will be held on 5/27 at 5PM PST/

JC suggested adjourning and bringing up the balance of the agenda at the next meeting. GG moved to adjourn the meeting, HG seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM PST.