



**NORTH AMERICAN SHAGYA-ARABIAN SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
APRIL 29, 2021, AT 5:00 PM, PST, 8:00 PM EST
RESCHEDULED TO MAY 6, 2021, SAME TIME**

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MINUTES

Call to order: Roll call of Officers and Board Members.
Bronwyn, Candace, Joan, Adele, Gabrielle, Jamie, Kathy, Elaine, Bev
Guests: Barbara Ott, Potato Richardson
Do we have a quorum?
Yes No

Approval of FEBRUARY 3, 2020, Elaine moves, Kathy seconds, approved unanimously

Approval of OCTOBER 28, 2020 meeting minutes: Potato moves, Elaine seconds approved with Gabrielle voting no

Officers Reports:

Joan Clark, President

Adele Furby, Vice President-no report

Beverly Thompson, Treasurer report attached as of April 29th. Bev questioned one membership application and check for a prospective new member who had trouble understanding the website instruction. Elaine followed up that she is aware of this application and will follow up to help resolve the situation. She reported on new members and new contact information. The state report and federal income taxes are updated. We discussed that fact that we are looking for someone to replace Bev since she would like to retire. She offered to write up a list of her duties and offered also to keep doing the job until someone is found.

Elaine Kerrigan, Registrar, report attached. She has been quite busy on registrar work as well as working on updating the database

Adele Furby, ISG Liaison – 100 Year Anniversary Show of the founding of Topolcianky State Stud Farm in Slovakia.

Reported that it is still on hold because at the moment the virus is a big problem in Slovakia.

Adele also reported that regarding Hallie's report requesting an update on the Breeding Guidelines Adele said that she and Elaine will work on getting the approved genetic regulations added and Elaine will supply the wording for the requirement to add a bill of sale.

Regional Board of Director Reports:

Midwest Regional Director: Gabrielle Gordon reports that she continues to send the entire Midwest Region updates every month urging members to submit stories to the newsletter, consider presenting a horse for inspection, posting photos on Facebook, and keeping the registrar updated with births, deaths and transfers. If any emails bounce, she reports to the Secretary for the membership list.

Southwest Regional Director: Joan Clark reported a call from a member asking questions about the Championship Ride.

Rocky Mountain Regional Director: Adele Furby no report

Eastern Regional Director: Candace Phillips no report

Northwest Regional Director: Jamie Hughes excited to have a couple of new members and she is optimistic that the ride will be able to be held in August.

Board of Directors at Large: Kathy Richkind, no report Elaine Kerrigan, no report Hallie Goetz, absent, Bronwyn Rutland no report

Committee Chairpersons' Reports:

Fundraising/Marketing Committee: NASS 35th Anniversary – Promotional Coffee Mug

Shelley Child, report on Calendars not present so Joan will give Shelley a call for an update

Website Committee: Hallie Goetz came in to the meeting at 5:38 and reported on the updates she has made and she is trying to work on the format based upon the feedback she gets regarding finding information.

- NASS Breeding Guidelines: Document needs to be updated and approved, then final copy pdf provided for publishing on Website.
- Transfer of ownership requirement to provide registry with copy of Bill of Sale in order to complete transfer.
- Genetic disease testing requirements.
- If it's not there, please add to the website the Fundraising Committee with Shelley Child as the Chair. Couldn't find it.
- If it's not there, please add to the website Promotions Committee with Candace Phillips as Chair. Couldn't find it.
- The website says our quarterly meetings start at 8:00 p.m. EST and 6:00 p.m. PST and should say **5:00 p.m. PST.**

Breeding Committee: Adele Furby

- 2008 Policy Regarding Lists of NASS-Approved Stallions– This policy needs to be reviewed and updated and then the website will need to be updated to align with the updated policy.
- Apparently many members did not see the document which was attached to the agenda, so now everybody knows that they have a copy and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Promotions Committee: Candace Phillips

BRAVO AWARD:

- **Second** Honoree, Minnetta King –Candace said that Adele had written up an article about Minnetta King and she suggested that NASS give her the Bravo award. Kathy moves, Elaine seconds motion passed unanimously.
- Adele nominated Carol Neubauer for the next nominee and it was approved at the February 2021 meeting. She will be honored next time after an article is generated. Meanwhile Minnetta’s article is nearly finished so she can be featured in the upcoming newsletter. Joan and Adele both sent condolence cards to Carol’s daughter and there will be a Celebration of Carol’s life this Saturday May 8th.

Performance Awards Committee: Joan Clark – Update on 2020 Awards. Joan reported that the plaques for the performance awards are being made now and they are paid in full.

Radautzer Award Committee: Patti Betts – Barbara Ott, winner for 2020, talked about her experiences this year

2021 National Championship Distance Ride: Jamie Hughes. At the moment the ride is on, all depending upon the virus situation. She sent a draft of the registration forms to the BOD members for review, solicited feedback. Hallie moves and Elaine seconds to accept the form and move the project forward, unanimous approval. Potato moved that we approve a 1/4 page ad, seconded by Hallie, and also that Jamie will contact AERC and see if they will give a discount on a 1/2 page newsletter ad, and we will vote via e-mail depending upon what the price is.

Bronwyn suggested getting one of the farms or members to sponsor an award or awards.

– Award Options: After discussion, Elaine moves that there will be 12 ribbons with dates and distance and 4 plaques for approximately \$200. Plaques will have flexibility to be used in other years with separate plates. Candace seconds. passed with Gabrielle abstaining.

USDF Report: Kathy Richkind reported that it has been a confusing year and she doesn’t have current information but she should have more information at the next meeting.

Newsletter: Melissa Rodewald – Next deadline is 6/1/21, to submit articles, etc.

- **Reconfirm Adoption of Newsletter Policy of 2014**
- After some discussion it was agreed that the 2014 policy is OK but that we need some change of the wording currently being used in the newsletter relevant to the phrase that news is limited to NASS-registered horses. It was agreed that the newsletter committee needs to work with Melissa to come up with a solution.

Correspondence/Announcements/Reminders:

Old Business:

- Jamie suggests NASS use a document sharing system. Feedback on Facebook page as option for our files/notes storage for the BODs. Joan took a look at another option which Adele had heard could work but could not determine how it would work. Jamie moves to use Facebook for document sharing, Hallie seconds, Kathy abstains, Elaine abstain, Adele no, Candace abstain, Gabrielle yes, so motion did not carry. Kathy suggested that we revisit the issue at the next meeting and if nobody has any other suggestions we can revisit the Facebook option.
- **CENSUS:** Gabrielle Proposal for Census regarding live horses in the registry. It is the general opinion of the BODs that finding the deceased horse information would be impossible to do in many cases as people move and leave no forwarding information, horses are sold and NASS loses contact, etc. This is a common situation in any registry. We always know how many horses are registered as any registry would know.
- This issue was not discussed, prior to the meeting Gabrielle e-mailed that she had changed her mind because it appeared that doing a census was not a popular idea.

New Business:

Requests from Jamie, Adele and Gabrielle to change the time frame for distribution and voting to approve meeting minutes. Adele moves that the secretary will submit a draft of the minutes to all BOD members within 2 weeks of the meeting date, and the BOD, upon receipt of the minutes will vote on the minutes within one week of receipt of the minutes for approval.

Passed unanimously

- **Elections/Nominations:**
- Board of Director Positions Up for Election: Northwest Region; Midwest Region and Southwest Region.
- Need someone to run election. Hallie volunteered to handle preparing the forms and will work with Jamie B on preparing the electronic voting method.
- President to send out invitation to all members for nominations.
- Choose a time frame to send invitations out and deadline for nominations. July 19 will be the deadline for voting. Other dates to be determined
- Choose voting method, time frame for beginning and ending voting—as above
- Bev will receive the ballots
- We have a list of voting members, which was recently generated and will be updated by Adele, Elaine and Bev.

Closing Remarks and Questions:

- There being none, Elaine moves to end the meeting, Hallie seconds. Approved
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Next Meeting: Thursday, July 29, 2021, 5:00 PM PST, 8:00 PM EST

Adjournment: 7:20 pm

Respectively submitted,

Adele Furby, assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer

