

UNITED PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 6th, 2011
10:00 A.M. Boston, MA

President James Nichols called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Secretary Tammie Conatser called the roll and the following were in attendance:

President – James Nichols
1st Vice President – Bret Day
2nd Vice President – Gary Garone
Secretary – Tammie Conatser
Treasurer – Kris Knight
Immediate Past President – Jim Taylor
Young Trainers Chairman – Toni Knight Utoft
Morgan Breed Representative – Tim Roesink
AHHS Representative – Randy Harper
ASHA President – Judy Werner
Associate Membership President – Dr. Owen Weaver
Equitation Committee Chairman – Donna Pettry-Smith
Chapter 1 – Jennifer Dixon
Chapter 2 – Tim Arcuri
Chapter 3/4 – Lynda Freseth
Chapter 5 – Nikki Harrison
Chapter 6/7 – Barbe Smith
Chapter 8 – James Hale
Chapter 9 – John Conatser
Chapter 10 – Rick Schotthofer
Chapter 11 – Mindy Preston
Chapter 12 – Paul Boone
Chapter 13 – Jenny Taylor
Chapter 14 – Kristen Cater
Chapter 15 – no representation
Chapter 16 – Ronnie Graham
Chapter 17 – Amanda Ward
Chapter 18 – Smith Lilly
Chapter 19 – Tom Volz
Chapter 20 – David Earehart
There was a quorum present.

Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the October 2010 UPHA meeting and upon a motion presented by John Conatser, and seconded by Rick Schotthofer, the minutes were accepted.

Associate Members

Dr. Owen Weaver reported that the Associates were hosting a forum with Liz McMillan during the convention and that new officers would be elected for 2011. They would also begin work on fundraising for the Classics and American Royal National Championship Horse Show early this year.

Web Site Update

Jackie Hale reported that we had 87 online registrations for convention this year and it seemed to go very smoothly. The UPHA also sent out 4 E-Newsletters this year, as well as a variety of obituaries and news updates. The email database is becoming more correct and we have a 40% "Open" rate on our newsletter, which is really good. She would like a schedule for the E-Newsletter for 2011 so that she has deadlines and dates to plan for and she also reminded all new Chapter Chairmen to get their profiles updated for the New Year.

Pink Ribbon Program

Kristen Cater is the new Chairman of the Pink Ribbon Program Committee as Kayce is stepping down from that spot. Kristen reported that the Pink Ribbon Program had a good year in 2010 despite the poor economy. We distributed \$30,000 to a variety of local and national breast cancer organizations and there is a good start on

the fund raising for 2011 already, with the UPHA American Royal raising a large amount with its successful "Barn Challenge" program in 2010.

Ribbons of Service

Helen Robertson, Chairman of the committee, reported that there were 31 participants in the ROS program in 2010 and 16 actually finished their commitments to the program. There were 9 Saddlebred riders, 5 Morgan riders and 2 Arabian Breeds riders who worked to raise and contribute \$32,300 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and a few other small charities. The scholarships and awards will be presented to the winning riders at the luncheon on Saturday afternoon.

Equitation Committee

Donna Pettry-Smith, Chairman of the committee, reported that the main focus of the committee this year was to raise funds for the UPHA Marie Knight Scholarship Fund. They sold fleece vests and have raised just over \$3,000 to this point. In 2010, five children of professional trainers were awarded a portion of the \$11,000 in scholarship money given in total.

Young Professionals' Committee

Toni Knight-Utoft reported that her committee is working on a variety of ideas for 2010. There would not be a Young Horse Preview in January of 2011, but they are researching another event at another venue and time during 2011. The committee raised just under \$1,500 from the Bowling Challenge held in the fall and the saddle raffle fund raiser.

Classics Incentive Sale for 2010

The sale went well in 2010 and there were 28 horses entered and they averaged \$6,700 per head. The sale was shown on the web by Richfield Video and the committee for 2011 is Bret Day, John T. Jones, Jimmy Robertson, Kim Crumpler and Tom Lowry.

Financial Committee

The committee will meet this week to outline financial goals and budget for 2011. They also will investigate ways for the UPHA Classics program to become more self-sustaining. They would also like to increase the Morgan participation in the Classics program and will be working with the Classics Committee to come up with ideas on that.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee was Jim Taylor, Chuck Herbert and Jimmy Robertson. For the 2011 Officers they have nominated Bret Day for President, Gary Garone for 1st Vice President and Tammie Conatser for 2nd Vice President. There was a motion by Rick Schotthofer to accept the slate of officers that was presented. The motion was seconded by Kristen Cater and it passed unanimously.

2010 Convention

The committee for the 2012 Nashville, TN, Convention is Jackie Hale, Tammie & John Conatser, Bret and Susi Day, Gary Garone and Karen Richardson. This convention will be jointly hosted by UPHA Chapter 8 and UPHA Chapter 9.

New Business

The UPHA Executive Board felt that there was a need for a "veteran" voice at the Board Meetings and they decided to institute a non-voting position on the board: A Director At Large. This position will begin in 2011 and will be filled by Jim Taylor. The position will be on a trial basis for 2011 and then added to the Bylaws, if necessary, for the future.

Bret Day reported on Equestrian Life, a marketing and promotions company that has over 40,000 members and is based out of California. They are very interested in helping us market and promote our show horse breeds. They are planning a meeting with representatives of UPHA, AHHS and ASHA to see how they might be able to help us.

There was a motion, made by Owen Weaver, for the UPHA to pursue this opportunity and report back to the board at the spring meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Dixon and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen G. Richardson, Executive Secretary

UNITED PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 8th, 2011
2:30 P.M. Boston, MA

President Bret Day called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. He introduced the new Board Secretary, Bill Whitley, and Mr. Whitley called the roll. The following were in attendance:

President – Bret Day
1st Vice President – Gary Garone
2nd Vice President – Tammie Conatser
Secretary – Bill Whitley
Treasurer – Kris Knight
Immediate Past President – James L. Nichols
Director At Large – Jim Taylor
Young Trainers Chairman – Toni Knight Utoft
Morgan Breed Representative – Tim Roesink
AHHS Representative – Randy Harper
ASHA President – Judy Werner
Associate Membership President – Dr. Owen Weaver
Equitation Committee Chairman – Donna Pettry-Smith
Chapter 1 – Michael Craghead
Chapter 2 – Tim Arcuri
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Chapter 5 – Nikki Harrison
Chapter 6/7 – Barbe Smith
Chapter 8 – James Hale
Chapter 9 – John Conatser
Chapter 10 – Rick Schotthofer
Chapter 11 – Mindy Preston
Chapter 12 – Paul Boone
Chapter 13 – Jenny Taylor
Chapter 14 – Kristen Cater
Chapter 15 – Ann Scussell
Chapter 16 – Maria Gilman
Chapter 17 – Amanda Ward
Chapter 18 – Smith Lilly
Chapter 19 – Tom Volz
Chapter 20 – David Earehart
There was a quorum present.

World Cup

Ellen Beard and Cindy Boel reported on the 2010 World Cup event that was held during the World Equestrian Games in October 2010. This event was held at the KY Fall Classic horse Show which was moved to Shelbyville, KY, this year. There were 10 teams representing 5 countries in this year's competition.

Ellen assured the Board members that the UPHA's sponsorship was well advertised both before and during the 2010 event. The World Cup Committee would like a list of things that the UPHA would like in exchange for their continued support and sponsorship.

The rules for the World Cup Competition are now in the USEF Rulebook and USEF is on board to lend its support to the 2012 competition which will be held in South Africa.

The Board asked the World Cup to report back to them with the status of the USEF's involvement at the April 7, 2011, Board Meeting.

UPHA American Royal 2011 National Championship Horse Show

The Board suggested that Kent Moeller, along with Sarah Rowland and Ann Rowland, put together a small committee to work on the class list/schedule for the 2011 horse show and bring that schedule to the April 2011 Board meeting. After the class list is completed, it will be posted on the UPHA's web site and put out in an E-Newsletter.

Equitation Committee Report

Lynn McNamara suggested that the Work Out Booklet and the Judges' Guide to Saddle Seat Equitation be combined into one publication. They both need to be updated and the committee wants approval to get the project done. There was a suggestion that an actual cost estimate be presented to the Board at the April meeting. Barbe Smith made the motion that the committee start work on the project of updating and incorporating the two booklets into one and come back to the April 2011 meeting with an actual cost of the project. This motion was seconded by Rick Schotthofer and passed.

There was a request from the National Show Horse and Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup Championship host horse shows to change the qualification date for Challenge Cup riders for the Championships. There was a motion made by Maria Gilman, seconded by Nikki Harrison that the rule be changed from stating the qualifying season "ends 2 weeks prior to the start of the horse show at which the Championship is held" to stating the qualifying season "ends 1 week prior to the start of the horse show at which the Championship is held". This motion passed.

There was also a request that the UPHA Five Gaited Horsemanship Class Championship be changed to allow riders on National Show Horses to also compete. This was made into a motion by Barbe Smith, seconded by Maria Gilman, and passed.

There was also a recommendation from the Equitation Committee to move the 2 UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup Championships from the All American Horse Classic to St. Louis National Horse Show. The board voted that a sub-committee be formed to look into this possibility for 2012 and to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Young Professionals Committee

After their meeting, they requested the UPHA Board to allow them to move the Young Horse Preview to a new date and venue and make it a UPHA Classics Championship fund raiser. The motion to allow this was made by Kristen Cater, seconded by Kris Knight, and passed. They will report back to the next Board meeting.

Morgan Representative

Tim Roesink thanked the Board for allowing the changes in the UPHA Morgan Horse of The Year awards nomination process and he felt it really helped the numbers of horses able to be nominated for these prestigious awards. The number of Morgan horse Trainers and Owners that attended the convention is way up and they are encouraged by the attendance.

The Morgan group that met during the Convention felt that the Morgan Classic Championships would be better filled if they were moved to the Morgan Grand National Horse Show. A committee has been formed to look into this possibility, to contact the Morgan Grand National and see if this is a possibility for 2011.

Hackney Representative

Randy Harper reported that the AHHS has hired a marketing coordinator that will start in February of 2011 and that they are also looking into the possibility of putting together a Hackney sale using the same format as the current UPHA Classics Incentive Sale.

2012 UPHA Convention

The Convention Committee for the 2012 convention is Tammie & John Conatser, Jackie and James Hale, Owen Weaver, Kris Knight, Bret and Susi Day, and Helen Robertson. The committee has plans to meet in the next month or so to set the theme and work on some agenda ideas.

New Business

It was suggested that both the Treasurer and the Executive Secretary should be bonded and insured and that we should add the Officers' Indemnification statement to the Bylaws. This motion was made by Rick Schotthofer and seconded by Kristen Cater and then passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen G. Richardson, Executive Secretary