

UNITED PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 9th, 2009
6:00 P.M. Lexington, KY

New UPHA President James Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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 - Larry Bacon
Immediate Past President - James Taylor
Young Trainers Chairman - Ray Krussell
ASHA President - Jimmy Robertson in attendance
Associate Membership President -
Equitation Committee Chairman - Dale Arnston
Chapter 1 -Jennifer Dixon...proxy
Chapter 2 - No representation
Chapter 3/4 - Lynda Freseth....proxy
Chapter 5 - Nikki Harrison
Chapter 6/7 - Barbe Smith
Chapter 8 - James Hale
Chapter 9 - Randy Harper
Chapter 10 - Rick Schotthofer
Chapter 11 - Mindy Preston
Chapter 12 - Paul Boone
Chapter 13 - Kathy Boggs
Chapter 14 - Kristen Cater
Chapter 15 - no representation
Chapter 16 - no representation
Chapter 17 - Amanda Ward
Chapter 18 - Smith Lilly....proxy
Chapter 19 - Tom Volz
Chapter 20 - David Earehart
There was a quorum present.

Minutes

Members read the minutes from the January 2009 meetings and there was a motion by Rick Schotthofer, seconded by Gary Garone, 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 Jim Taylor and seconded by Kathy Boggs.

Equitation Committee Report

Dale Arnston made a good report from the UPHA Equitation Clinic that was held at William Woods University in March. Great attendance, added 65 new members to the UPHA, good reports and lots of great clinicians. The committee wants to thank all who volunteered their time and talents to the clinic. There would be a video available soon for a charge of \$50 and all the proceeds from the sale of the video will go to the UPHA Marie Knight Scholarship Fund.

ASHA Update

Jimmy Robertson was in attendance for Judy Werner, President of ASHA. He reported that the Futurity Committee asked for the addition of a Three Gaited Park class at the National Futurity and that they are still trying to make sure that World Cup is part of the World Equestrian Games being held in 2010.

Pink Ribbon Class Committee

Kristen Cater said the committee's goal was to raise \$100,000 in 2009 for various Breast Cancer Charities throughout the country this year. While \$100,000 was raised for local and national breast cancer organizations in 2008, a check for \$72,900 will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer organization for the money raised in 2008 for the national organization. The remaining funds were distributed to various local organizations throughout the country last year.

Safety Committee

The newly formed UPHA Safety Committee submitted their UPHA Safety Recommendations list to the board for approval. Upon review, there was a motion by Rick Schotthofer, seconded by Barbe Smith, to approve the list for posting on the UPHA website, as well as to be sent to horse show managers for their reference and use. They also read a letter from Fran Crumpler of the USEF Saddlebred Committee to remind all trainers and grooms to refrain from excessive yelling at and load coaching of riders from the rail during performances. The committee asked that everyone make an effort to police this at horse shows because if we don't police ourselves, USEF will surely end up making a rule to govern it.

The committee also wanted to re-emphasize to Chapter Chairmen the importance of a quick, pre-show meeting at all horse shows to remind people of the various things, such as this and of safety, that need to be kept in check.

After this discussion, there was a motion that a copy of the letter from USEF and the list of Safety Recommendations be sent to all Chapter Chairmen. This motion was seconded and passed.

UPHAOnline.com Update

Jackie Hale was present to let everyone know about the progress of the new UPHA Website. She is in the process of trading links with various organizations and publications within the industry so that more people will visit the new site. She is working with someone to add UPHA Hall of Fame profiles/biographies to the site, as well as trying to sell some banner ads to generate some income for upkeep of the site.

UPHA American Royal National Championship

Jim Taylor reported that the judges have been hired for the 2009 show and the list will be posted on the UPHA Website. The footing will be the same in Hale arena and the new Bass Arena as it is in Kemper Arena. There will also be a dress code enforced for anyone who enters the show ring - no blue jeans or shorts, and you must wear a collared shirt. If baseball caps are worn, the bill must be facing forward at all times.

UPHA Classics Incentive Sale

Bret Day is chairing the committee with John T. Jones, Brad Bacon and others for the 2009 Sale. They are exploring the possibility of some new options for the 2009 sale and will give a progress report at the July 2009 Board Meeting.

UPHA Classics Championships

Bret Day is also working on raising funds for the prize money at the UPHA Classics Championships at the UPHA American Royal in November by trying to organize a "corporate alliance" for sponsorship of the Classics this year. There was a motion by

Gary Garone, seconded by Randy Harper, that Bret Day be allowed to pursue this idea and that any business that pays into this corporate alliance be allowed to post a sign and use in advertising, that they are an "Official Sponsor of the UPHA Classics". The motion carried.

Young Trainers Committee

Ray Krussell is the new Chairman of the Young Trainers Committee. He reported that they are going to divide the country into regions and have regional meetings of the young trainers. They are also working to improve and grow the annual basketball and the Young Horse Preview.

Convention Report

The 2009 Convention in Hilton Head, SC, was a great success for those who chose to attend. The UPHA took a rather large loss on this convention due to the lack of attendance by the membership.

The 2010 Convention will be in New Orleans, LA, at the Sheraton on Bourbon Street, and UPHA Chapter 6/7 is excited about hosting everyone this January.

Kristen Cater, Chairman of UPHA Chapter 14, presented a request from her Chapter to host the 2011 Convention in Boston, MA. Larry Bacon, Convention Committee Chairman, read a letter from AHHS President Judy Lowry, requesting the 2011 Convention be held in Indianapolis, IN.

After a presentation from Kristen and discussion by the group, there was a motion made by Rick Schotthofer, seconded by David Earehart, that the 2011 UPHA Convention be held in Boston, MA. After a vote, there were 14 in favor of this motion and 3 opposed. The motion passed.

Old Business

Brent Jacobs, past President of the UPHA, and current member of the Bylaws committee, stated that the committee had gotten started on the revisions to the UPHA Bylaws and that those revisions would be typed and presented to the board for their input in July 2009.

Executive Secretary Karen Richardson asked the board for input on whether or not to produce a new membership directory for 2009, since the membership database was now up on our new website. The printed directory is a very expensive product and the membership does not support it with advertising.

The board directed that different options be researched on ways to print the directory and for a report on expense and style be given at the July meeting.

New Business

Randy Harper asked that he be allowed to research the possibility of the UPHA starting a Hall of Fame for Horses and ponies. He had a variety of ideas on how to develop this program and asked that he and Jimmy Robertson investigate this program and report back to the board in July. The board gave him approval for researching this idea.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen G. Richardson
Executive Secretary

