

UNITED PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 2nd, 2008
2:00 P.M. Roanoke, VA

President Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary Renee Lavery called the roll and the following were in attendance:

President - Jim Taylor
1st Vice President - no representation
2nd Vice President - James Nichols
Secretary - Renee Lavery
Treasurer - Larry Bacon
Immediate Past President - Randy Harper
Young Trainers Chairman - John Field
ASHA President - Fred Sarver
Morgan Representative - Sandy Sessink
Associate Membership President - Nancy Trent
Equitation Committee Chairman - Lisa Waller
Chapter 1 - Jim Cherry
Chapter 2 - Dana Paparo
Chapter 3/4 - Marlene LaFleur
Chapter 5 - no representation
Chapter 6/7 - Barbe Smith
Chapter 8 - James Hale
Chapter 9 - Martin Teater
Chapter 10 - Rick Schotthofer
Chapter 11 - Mindy Preston
Chapter 12 - John Whalen
Chapter 13 - Bb Phillips
Chapter 14 - Gary Garone
Chapter 15 - Tara Wentz
Chapter 16 - no representation
Chapter 17 - Amanda Ward
Chapter 18 - Nancy Troutman
Chapter 19 - Martin Cockriel
Chapter 20 - David Earehart
There was a quorum present.

Minutes

Members read the minutes from the October 2007 meeting and there was a motion by Martin Teater, seconded by Randy Harper, 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 James Nichols, seconded by John Whalen.

Nomination Committee

The UPHA Nominating Committee will present the following officers to the membership for voting: Jim Taylor, President; James L. Nichols, First Vice President; Bret C. Day, Second Vice President. The board approved the Nominating Committee report.

UPHA Pink Ribbon Class

Kayce Bell was present to report on the success of the inaugural UPHA Pink Ribbon Class held at the UPHA American Royal National Championship in November. The class raised \$16,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund. After outlining the details of a program for this class to be held at various horse shows throughout the country all year, Ms. Bell asked for the Board's endorsement of this program. A motion was made by Bob Phillips for the UPHA to officially endorse and franchise this program and put together a committee to develop it through the UPHA Foundation for the 2008 season. This motion was seconded by Nancy Troutman and passed unanimously.

ASHA Report

Fred Sarver, President of the ASHA, was in attendance to report on the activities of the ASHA. Some of the things they are working on include: to encourage the ASHA Charter Clubs and the UPHA Chapters to work together in their regions; improve Academy programs across the country; improve the ASHA Regional Championship programs and promote them more; adding a class for 2 Year Olds wearing a snaffle bit and martingale; adding half Saddlebred Roadster classes to horse shows.

After some discussion with the UPHA Board members present, it was recommended to the ASHA that the current "split" of the 2 YO Three Gaited class at Louisville be turned into a regular class instead of a section. It was also suggested that the prize money for the class be \$3,000 and that the class specs state the class is for horses with unset tails.

Stephens College Update

Ellen Beard reported on what the UPHA's past donations to the college's saddle seat program have done at the school. Enrollment in the saddle seat program is way up from a few years ago. They have also started a driving program for the saddle seat students. She asked for a continued annual donation from the UPHA to keep the growth of the program going. There was a motion by Jim Cherry that the UPHA continue their annual donation of \$12,000 per year, to be reviewed annually, for the next three years. This motion was seconded by Martin Teater and passed. This motion would be revisited at the next board meeting to be approved by the 2008 Board of Directors.

Also, on behalf of the Saddle Seat World Cup team, she asked that the annual donation to that program be made prior to June of 2008. The Board, upon a motion made by Nancy Troutman and seconded by John Whalen, agreed to be sure the donation was made prior to June 1st of 2008.

Associate Membership Report

Nancy Trent, President of the Associate membership, reported the group is still working on a program to get Saddlebred rescue horses into riding lesson programs and develop a mentoring program for new riding programs across the country. The Board thanked Nancy for her hard work as the Associate Membership President over the past few years.

Young Trainer's committee

John Field, chairman of this committee, reported that they have a date set for the second annual Young Horse Preview, and that will be January 18th, 2008. They were working towards 40 entries for this preview and at this point, they have sold 27 box seats and ticket sales were far above last year's event.

New Business

There was a motion by Randy Harper that the UPHA Foundation Board be requested to consider a donation of \$5,000 each to the Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding program and to the Callaway Hills Animal Shelter in memory of Mrs. Betty Weldon. This motion was seconded by Larry Bacon and passed. (This donation was later approved by the UPHA Foundation Board of Directors.)

There seems to be some problem in the process of getting the UPHA Horse/Pony of the Year Award nomination forms into the UPHA Office for balloting. Jim Taylor suggested that a committee be formed of one Saddlebred person; one Hackney person, one Morgan person and one Roadster person to review the nominations that are received and then potentially add to those nominations if not enough are received. There will be at least 3-4 nominations for each division from now on. All of the current rules for the UPHA Horse/Pony of the Year Awards will stay the same, but the nominations will be reviewed to be sure that there are at least 3-4 nominees for each division after the nominations from the membership are received. Trainers and/or owners will still be responsible for nominating their horses to the program and all that are nominated under the current rules will be on the ballot. The review committee will only be added to those divisions which do not get enough nominations from the membership. This plan was put into the form of a motion by Gary Garone and was seconded by Bob Phillips and passed.

The current President will appoint the committee for this project each year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen G. Richardson, Executive Secretary

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Old Business

The UPHA Web site needs to be redone and Jackie Hale was present to make suggestions on how the web site could be more user friendly and useful, as well as being a source of income for the UPHA thru advertising. She would like to see monthly news updates, the ability to do mass emailing, forms, newsletter, show schedules, membership dues and Eligibility Fees could be paid online, balloting/nominations for Horse of the Year awards, horse show results, etc. Jackie Hale presented a proposal for her to take over and improve the UPHA web site and the Board agreed to that proposal.

There was a motion at the first board meeting for the three year continuation of the annual \$12,000 donation to Stephens College. There was an amendment to this motion by Larry Bacon, seconded by Bret Day, that this donation is reviewed annually before the next payment is made. This motion was passed. There will be a \$12,000 to Stephens College this year and the Board will review the progress of the program before deciding on any additional funding.

Equitation Committee Report

Dale Arnston, the new committee Chairman, was present to report on the UPHA Equitation Committee meetings held over the weekend.

The committee wishes to start a program where riders ride for a particular charity and a new committee was formed to develop this program, with Helen Robertson as chairman. The committee asked for the UPHA Board's endorsement of this idea and asked for permission to proceed with developing the rules. There was a motion by Gary Garone to approve them to start developing the program pending a report back to the Board on how the money these riders would be collecting would be handled. The motion was seconded by Rick Schotthofer and passed.

The UPHA Five Gaited Horsemanship class should get underway this year and the committee approved the gift for the riders in the finals would be a photo album. There would be a more detailed report on this program at the April Board Meeting.

The committee has already compiled the list of approved judges for the various Challenge Cup Finals and will get a copy to the office soon.

There was a request from the committee for \$3,500 from the UPHA to continue the random scholarships that would be given to 2 riders in the Junior Challenge Cup Finals and 5 riders in the 10 & Under Challenge Cup Finals at Kansas City. The motion to allocate the funds was made by Randy Harper and seconded by James Nichols.

The committee requested permission from the Board to have the managers of the shows which host UPHA Challenge Cup Championships to have the judges of those championships send in their workout patterns to the horse show office at least 3 weeks prior to the championship for review by the steward. After some discussion and clarification, this was approved on a motion made by John Whalen and seconded by Barbe Smith.

Young Trainers Committee

Billy Jarrell attended this meeting as the new chairman of this committee. President Jim Taylor reminded everyone present that the Young Trainers committee was a committee of the UPHA, therefore did not have a voting seat on the board but the chairman was able to attend each board meeting. The chairman of any committee is appointed by the UPHA President and is not a "voted on" position. Billy Jarrell said he looked forward to working with the UPHA Board in 2008.

New Business

There was a request that there be additions to the UPHA Horse of The Year Awards for Morgan Western and Morgan Hunter divisions.

There was a motion put forward by Gary Garone, seconded by Tara Wentz, that the annual Chapter Reports again be required each year at the convention for each Chapter to report on their activities in some format. This motion was passed unanimously.

President Jim Taylor then appointed the following committees:

The Bylaw Committee – Randy Harper, Chairman; Jimmy Robertson and Bret Day.
Horse of The Year Committee – James Nichols, Chairman and head of the Roadster division; Martin Teater, head of the Saddlebred division; Randy Harper, head of the Hackney pony divisions; Kurt Hufferd, head of the Morgan divisions.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen G. Richardson, Executive Secretary