

**ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
APPROVED MINUTES**

May 18, 2011

Lance Walters, President, called the Board of Directors conference call to order at 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

PRESENT:

Lance Walters Steve Freeman Eric Wolfe, Dale Harvill Peggy Weems Frank Gaddie, Sue Meyer Phyllis Ryan Gary Hooghkirk, Jan Decker Cecile Hetzel Dunn Terry Johnson , Myron Krause Pat Barton David Garrett, Nancy Harvey Ann Benson Russ Taylor, Jeff Reichman, Angela O'Neill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Benson, Region 10 Vice Chair, was present and voting for Laura Mickelson; Glenn Petty, Executive Vice President; Dudley Hoskins, AHC Director of Health & Regulatory Affairs; Dr. Angela Pelzel, USDA Equine Epidemiology; and Bill Hughes, USEF and California Food & Drug Representative.

ABSENT:

Terry Andreasen, Vice President At-Large; Dave Corning, Treasurer; Lollie Ames, Region 7 Director; Cynthia Richardson, Region 8 Director; Laura Mickelson, Region 10 Director; Cathy Gage, Region 13 Director; Walter Misco, Region 16 Director; Dan Cross, Region 18 Director; Hamp Johnston, Director At-Large; and Dick Reed, Director At-Large.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Jan Decker, That the Board of Directors agenda of May 18, 2011 be approved. Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #1-5/18/11-BOD**)

EHV-1 NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE

Glenn Petty, Executive Vice President, introduced Dudley Hoskins, American Horse Council (AHC) Director of Health & Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Hoskins spoke to the issue of EHV-1 to dispel any misinformation floating around. Currently there is a lot of hysteria and it is not an epidemic, but the potential does exist. Colorado now has a requirement that if you want to take a horse into Colorado you need a permit issued from Colorado as a precaution. It was noted that the AHC's perspective is that they want to be a facilitator to make sure that the correct information is being given to the horse people. Mr. Hoskins expressed his faith in Dr. Angela Pelzel, USDA Equine Epidemiology, and her role on this issue along with her ability to relay accurate information.

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Mr. Hoskins expressed his concern of accurate information being sent out to the equine world as to actual cases of EHV-1. To date unsubstantiated information has been released and is causing concern in the horse world.

Dr. Pelzel discussed the progress of identifying actual cases reported. It was noted that usually a state veterinarian takes care of cases in their state and reports will be forth coming. The Ogden, Utah show had approximately 400 horses at the event when this issue surfaced. There is only one limited exposure that they know of from a location in California. At this point there is no information of actual facts surrounding this issue. The NCHA has been very proactive and has sent the list of horses that attended the event in Ogden, UT so each state veterinarian can contact horse owners in their state. They have been asked to take temperatures twice a day and report any signs of fever. Movement has been restricted to those horses on those farms. Monitoring is going on now and we are still in the incubation period. At this time the Board of Directors were offered a question and answer session with Dr. Pelzel and Mr. Hoskins. Steve Freeman, Region 3 Director, questioned the timeliness of conflicting reports from California Agriculture sources and the USDA reports. There is action going on in the background and actual cases are being confirmed and will be reported. Peggy Weems, Region 4 Director, asked if we do not see any new cases in two weeks are we out of the woods. The exposed horses will be monitored for 21 days at a minimum after any clinical signs are present. Phyllis Ryan, Region 5 Director, asked where the first horse came from? They do not have the index horse identified at this time. Many cases manifest as just mild influenza and may go undiagnosed. Russ Taylor, Director At-Large, asked after a facility is infected how long can it be before it is safe again? If disinfected it is safe almost immediately.

Bill Hughes, USEF and California Food & Drug Representative, gave a brief overview and thanked Mr. Hoskins and Dr. Pelzel for sharing their knowledge and information with the AHA

Board of Directors on this issue. Mr. Hughes reported that California has a grip on this issue

along with the USDA and noted that it has been limited to the cutting horses that were in attendance at the Ogden, Utah event.

Mr. Hoskins stated that the more outreach we can achieve the more we can mitigate the fall out from this situation on Equine disease which puts a huge burden on the state veterinarians. It was also noted that there is a need for an industry led pro-active approach to this type of issue.

Lance Walters, President, thanked the guests who were excused at 8:00 p.m.

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MOTION by Peggy Weems, That in the case where a qualifying show is canceled by the threat of EHV-1, all horses entered in such show be considered qualified in the classes they had entered by the time of cancellation for their respective Regional Championship show classes for the 2011 year only.

Motion Postponed. (**Motion #2-5/18/11-BOD**)

It was determined that the above motion would be sent out to the Board of Directors via e-mail for a vote to take place within 36 hours.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Jan Decker, AHA Secretary

Approved: _____

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**ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S VOTE
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May 19, 2011

EHV-1 NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE

The Board of Directors were sent the following communication via e-mail:

“An AHA Board of Director Conference Call was called on short notice for last night to both get an update on the EHV-1 issue and to discuss the motion regarding waiving qualifications for respective Regional Championship show classes for shows cancelled because of threat of EHV-1. This vote is being taken under the AHA Handbook guidelines for voting by mail or electronic communication. The stated deadline for having votes in is **3:00 p.m. Mountain Time, Friday, May 20, 2011.**

After e-mail discussion by the Board members following the conference call, Peggy Weems, Region 4 Director, and David Garrett, Director At-Large, have agreed to the following amended motion to further clarify intent.

MOTION by Peggy Weems, That in the case where a qualifying show is canceled by the threat of EHV-1, all horses entered in such show shall be considered qualified for the section in their respective Regional Championship Show from the class(es) they had entered by the time of cancellation for the 2011 year only. Effective: Immediately.

Please vote Yes, No, or Abstain to accept the amended motion and then Yes, No, or Abstain on the amended motion. (Should the vote to accept the amended motion fail, then the vote on the amended motion would not count.). Each Board member should have received minutes from the call from Jan Decker, Secretary. If you have not received those minutes please contact the AHA office. Please submit your votes to

joleen.white@arabianhorses.org.

RESULT OF VOTE:

27 votes cast to approve the amendment and the amended motion and 1 vote cast to abstain (Myron Krause).

Motion Passed. (**Motion #1-5/19/11-BOD**) (**Extraordinary Motion**)

Jan Decker, AHA Secretary

Approved: _____

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