

ApHC Regional Club/International Committee Meeting – February 22, 2017

Attendance

Board Members: Lesli Glen, David Johnson, Wiebe Lise, Leslie Foxvog, Mary Ann Page, Tom Hodges, Dena Raggio
Staff: Steve Taylor, Lauren McCleary, Sandra Rumney

Steve Taylor opened the meeting with an overview of the USLGE program (United States Livestock Genetics Export). The ApHC is a member by paying dues annually. Through the program we send representatives to shows and other equine events; primarily to get a sense of the market for selling horses and genetic materials.

It was asked if there could be a toolkit put on our website to assist with international sales. And, also if there could be a list of Stallions that have been approved for export.

Steve Taylor said yes, a Stallion list could be put together. The other information can be found on the website but could be reworked to be more clear and user friendly. The USDA site also has extensive information.

Wiebe Lise discussed the following agenda item:

- Presentation by Committee Vice Chair Wiebe Lise on International Affiliates:
 - Review statistics
 - Volunteer participation challenges on the Affiliates BOD
 - How to encourage participation, ideas, incentives
 - Passport issues for horses
 - A registration paper alone is not enough.
 - All horses have a chip in the neck.
 - Chip numbers are written on the passports.
 - 5 panel test and HYPP results are also written down in the passports.
 - How to make registration papers, stallion reports, applications available on line.
 - Concerns
 - Legal issues
 - Tracking

To help with International volunteer challenges, members of the committee suggested forming larger Boards in order to not have people overworked and burnt out. They also suggested involving club members in as many things as possible so that they feel connected and empowered to step up when needed.

Regarding the paperwork/passport challenge for horses Internationally, Wiebe suggested “Cloud” storage that could be easily accessed. Steve Taylor will talk to IT and report back.

Next, Dena Raggio addressed the issue of Registrations in Mexico. This was a project started 2 years ago, and based on recent meetings with the Mexico club President, Dena proposed that the ApHC be the book keepers for their registrations, and they would have a specific registration certificate. Those horses could not show or breed in the US.

The Committee moved on to the Regional Club agenda:

Lesli Glen and Dena Raggio will review the Regional Club toolkit to see if there are any updates/reworking to be made.

The Committee was given a document for a proposed change to the Exemplary Club program. It needs to be worked on and sent out before the whole Board. The goal is to encourage more clubs to apply each year. The ad hoc committee will continue on this project.

Lesli Glen encouraged dialogue on the closed group Regional Club Advisory facebook page as a way to work together and solve problems between meetings.

Meeting was adjourned.