

**IaAHA Board of Directors**  
**Conference call meeting minutes**  
**May 13, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER: M.D. Isley**

**Roll Call of Officers and Directors**

**Officers Present:** M.D. Isley, Deb Brass, Patty Sutter, Jill Rittmer, Sue Bigler

**Directors Present:** Marcia Treinen, Jessica Maldonado, Lori Ross, Sharon Greif, Brooke Sutphin, Laura Poore (came in later)

Roll call was taken of the board members and it was established that a quorum was on line.

MD asked the following people to be on the Financial Audit Committee: Sue Bigler – Chair Person, Jill Rittmer, Patty Sutter, Marcia Treinen, and MD Isley.

MD stated that being the IaAHA financials has not been audited for a number of years; the club should follow the lead of LWBJ Financial (audit firm) on the date range of the audit. It was suggested the date range be two years back, but LWBJ Financial may recommend going back further. MD stated he would push for resolution of this audit as soon as possible. Once the audit committee has their first meeting with the auditors, they will report back to the IaAHA directors.

**Motion made** by Patty Sutter to approve the Financial Audit Committee: Sue Bigler – Chair Person, Jill Rittmer (Representing the Gold Star Committee), Patty Sutter, Marcia Treinen and MD Isley.

Seconded: by Jessica Maldonado. Motion Passed.

Sharon Greif was nominated by MD I. to fill the Vice Presidents position until the end of the term.

**Motion made** by Patty Sutter to accept Sharon Greif nomination for Vice President.

Seconded: by Sue Bigler. Motion Passed.

**Gold Star Committee:** Jill R. e-mailed a proposal to all Directors wanting to bring up conversation of the status of the Gold Star. Jill R. proposed the breaking off of the Gold Star from the IaAHA by method of the Director's vote and wanted to know what the association was going to do with this Futurity. It was discussed the association was morally responsible on putting on the GS show for the people who paid into this Futurity. Jill R. and Kim Matthias would be willing to work this GS Futurity if the association would sell this asset to them. Due to the Gold Star being a large asset of the IaAHA, a simple Director's vote would not be ethically or morally correct without going through

the membership for a 2/3 vote as stated in the Iowa Code. The time range on how soon information can be sent out to the general membership was not decided at this time.

Jill R. injected to the conversation, compelling reason to sell the GS as like Region 12, Futurities may no longer be considered a Non Profit entity.

MD stated a special task force maybe needed to be appointed to look at all aspect of the idea of separation, but the financial audit needs to be completed first so we have all financial information available. It was decided later not to have a task force but to ask the attorney what are the legal State Code options for the process of the GS separation.

MD stated if the financial records were made available last fall when asked for, this time crunch putting on the Gold Star could have been avoided.

Discussion of having a paid show manager run the Gold Star due to the high number of hours dedicated to putting on this show not unlike the Scottsdale Show. Jill R. asked if they (Jill R. & Kim Matthias) accept the responsibility of administrating the Gold Star Futurity that they would be looking for some amount of compensation.

MD asked to have Jill R. and Kim M. to Co-chair the Gold Star Futurity. Discussion followed with Lori Ross (representing the IaAHA board) asked to be on the committee. An additional member to be determined by the Gold Star Committee will be added.

**Motion made** by Sharon Greif to approve the Gold Star Committee of Jill Rittmer and Kim Matthias as Co-chairman, Lori Ross (representing the IaAHA board), and a selected member determined by the GS committee.

Seconded: by Patty Sutter. Motion Passed.

MD and Sue B. discussed the receiving by FedEx a cashier's check of around \$321,000 from the Gold Star account, which was a surprised to them. The cashier's check will be deposited in new interest earning accounts at the same credit union as the other association accounts. MD suggested the Corporate Treasurer and Corporate Secretary, and a board member be named on all IaAHA accounts including the Gold Star accounts. Patty Sutter was appointed as the board member to have her name on the accounts.

**Motion made** by Sharon Greif to require all IaAHA bank accounts including the Gold Star accounts have the Corporate Treasurer, Corporate Secretary and an additional board member to be appointed by the president listed on all accounts.

Seconded: by Marcia Treinen. Motion Passed

**Memorial Show Budget:** The Memorial show is budgeted for 101 horses compared to last years number horses between 81 – 90 head. Jessica M. voiced concerns about being financially tight with expenses. Concerns were stated about the breakeven point of this show due to some people might be boycotting the show in protest. MD suggested if any Directors had questions concerning this show, please e-mail him and he would forward the concerns or questions to Rick and Dawn Ackerson and report back.

**Motion made** by Patty Sutter to approve the Memorial Weekend Arabian Show Budget with a decrease in expenses.

Seconded: by Sue Bigler. Motion Passed

**Scholarship: Jessica Maldonado** will take over the 2010 scholarship program.

**General Budget: Sue Bigler, Patty S., Jill R., & MD I.** will propose a general budget and e-mail to all directors for approval.

**High Point: Patty Sutter** will be chairperson of this committee this year.

**Website: Laura Poore** stated she is building a new IaAHA website with a new URL domain name. Laura stated that it will take 20 – 30 days for the search servers to see the new IaAHA website. It was suggested to e-mail all members the new website. We need to ask Kelly R. to change her name on the domain name to Jessica M. and to also have the personal blog of Kelly's not to be linked to the Iowa Gold Star website. Laura stated that only website expenses will be submitted for re-imburements and will not accept any pay. MD suggested in the near future that a media communication administrator might need to be appointed to eliminate future problems of control of the websites and blogs. Laura asked to have more people than herself with the password to the website for security reasons.

MD asked for a motion to approve the initial expense of \$360 to purchase an annual membership to Arabhorse.com. In addition he requested approval of \$250 for an e-mail blast to 35,000 subscribers for a public relations letter from the IaAHA Directors.

**Motion made** by Patty Sutter to approve the \$610 expense with the understanding that the membership to the Arabhorse.com in the name of the Gold Star Furturity will be used for all IaAHA needs

Seconded: by Brooke Sutphin. Motion Passed

**2010 Fun Shows:** Jessica M. asked to have a budget presented by the fun show managers in the near future. Someone needs to contact Sean and Erin about summiting a budget to the board, which goes along with the need of being financially accountable.

**Director at Large:** In need of nominations to fill this position until the October general membership meeting.

**District Director:** The Northeast and Northwest district is in need of two Directors along with one Southeast district.

**Southeast District:** Marcia T. and Sharon G. are planning a September 11 trail ride in Monticello, IA. Detail will come later this year.

Jill R. stated she would create a Public Relations letter coming from the Gold Star.

Patty S. stated she attaining a 2<sup>nd</sup> storage unit to hold all the Gold Star "stuff"

**Motion made** by Patty Sutter to adjourn the meeting.  
Seconded: by Sue Bigler. Motion Pass

**Respectfully submitted:** Deb Brass

