

International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association

Board of Directors

Conference Call – Executive Committee

Date	July 11, 2014	Time	5:00 pm PST
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Chair in Attendance? ☒ Julie Alonzo, President

Secretary in Attendance? ☒ Leesa Nero

Julie Alonzo, IALHA President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm PST.

Members in attendance at roll call

Members Absent

Last Name	First Name	Title	In Person or Telephone	Last Name	First Name	Title
Alonzo	Julie	President	Telephone			
Laake	Kay	Vice President	Telephone			
Mohr	Sherry	Treasurer	Telephone			
Sausman	Karen	Registrar	Telephone			

Current strength of body was 5. Minimum # for quorum was 3. Members in attendance were 5.

☒ Quorum Achieved

Members in attendance after roll call:

Last Name	First Name	Title	In Person or Telephone?
Nero	Leesa	Secretary	Telephone

2015 NATIONAL SHOW DATES

The main purpose of this meeting is to discuss and determine the dates of the 2015 National Show.

➤ Karen Sausman, Registrar, made a motion to:

MOTION

Schedule the 2015 National Show for October 20-25th.

Discussion points:

- *S. Mohr shared that she received a few more emails from people in the Northeast, all expressing that the late October date was too late and she, therefore would vote “no” to these dates. Jane who is involved in ERAHC said Equine Affaire is the first weekend of November so too close if the show is held in late October. The early October date would work better for them.*
- *K. Laake pointed out that although people from the North might experience worse weather, the actual location would likely not have weather issues.*
- *S. Mohr purposely emailed 10 people who supported the 2015 show in the N.E. to obtain their responses.*
- *K. Laake then read off the responses from some of these individuals.*

- *S. Mohr pointed out that the warm up arena is outdoors, not enclosed, and that cold weather really could impact the utility of the site. And at the end of October there could be 6" of snow. She confirmed the warm up arena has a roof and assumes the larger enclosed arena is the one that will be used for the show.*
- *J. Alonzo had never been to VA but has been to D.C. in late October and knows it can be wet, cold and miserable so is there any compelling reason why the show should not be held on the earlier dates?*
- *K. Sausman also shared concerns about late October in Virginia, in terms of potential bad weather.*
- *K. Laake said the earlier dates are a Thursday through a Monday and asked if that would be a problem as far as people availability for travel or get people to stay till the end. Definitely different from what we have done in the past. Would you have the Extravaganza or Monday or the Working Equitation.*
- *J. Alonzo indicate this year they are not having the Extravaganza; going back to what was done a few years ago with acts in between but not taking the show time.*
- *L. Nero expressed why the later dates were being suggested, instead of earlier in the month, but if selected there were fewer days and the show would be shorter.*
- *K. Sausman felt if the show was shorter the cost would be less as not renting the facility for as long.*
- *J. Alonzo, in looking up the show dates, said it looks like Devon will be from September 23rd thru to 28th.*
- *S. Mohr is only aware of two Baroque/Iberian horses that show at Devon.*
- *S. Mohr said the ERAHC show is usually held August 29th and 30th. A full month before the national show if held earlier in October.*
- *L. Nero if held in early October would have to pare down the classes and it might be a smaller show from that respect. Everybody gets use to a certain/set schedule for the show and this one would be different. How do you think people are going to feel about driving up on a Tuesday or Wednesday?*
- *S. Mohr felt maybe the show would get more people from the Midwestern states as they would have the two to three days to get there.*
- *L. Nero so you're saying it will take them about the same amount of time to get there but maybe take their time and it might be easier to get there?*
- *S. Mohr wondering if the shorter show would be better because she has heard you will be lucky to get 80 horses there vs. 150. Don't know if true or just someone shooting off their mouth.*
- *K. Laake need to make sure it is long enough to make it worth the trip.*
- *L. Nero check in date is the day before. Check in, and check out dates, are over and above the contract show dates.*
- *K. Sausman said then to have classes on Monday. Is there going to be a qualifying show before the show?*
- *L. Nero responded "no". Why would we when it hasn't been for quite some time now.*
- *L. Nero really only talking about one less day.*
- *K. Laake likes the days of the week. Most shows she attends its Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with these dates pretty rare which makes this a long week.*
- *J. Alonzo confirmed it would be Thursday through Monday.*
- *L. Nero would give people Tuesday & Wednesday to drive up and if don't stay could leave Monday or Tuesday but this messes up almost two weeks for people.*
- *K. Laake its only one weekend.*

- *L. Nero said instead of people using two weekends to get there and back they would be breaking up their work weeks.*
- *K. Laake we can second guess all we want.*
- *K. Sausman are we going to second guess the people or the weather?*
- *L. Nero said she had to rely on Kay and Sherry because she doesn't live up there and doesn't know what the weather is like at the end of October but does know that TX is a very nice respite from the heat and humidity and stated if they all felt very strongly that the weather is going to be so bad that we are going to have problems then she was open to moving it to earlier in the month.*
- *K. Laake indicated the first week of October is 'color week' and a good time for exhibitors to enjoy the changing of the leaves. October is like March in that the beginning can be different from the end. Weather has been strange and don't think we can count on the weather any more.*
- *S. Mohr said last year, during the show held a week earlier, it was so cold there her filly fell through a half inch of ice.*
- *K. Sausman googled and expressed the average low and high temperatures for VA during the end of October vs. the beginning of the month.*
- *L. Nero indicated in looking at the temperature chart that Sherry had sent it out the temperatures did not look bad and sounded wonderful. The real issue is those who we want to attend the show from locations like Canada, New York, and the far north eastern states, who may face harsher weather to drive in to get to the show.*
- *K. Sausman withdrew her initial motion and K. Laake, the second, agreed.*

➤ Karen Sausman, Registrar, made a motion to:

MOTION

To hold the 2015 National Show in Lexington, VA from October 1st - 5th.

- ✓ Voting strength of the body was 5. The motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ELECTIONS (*)

Kay Laake brought up a question regarding some committee members and chairs are expiring. She wants to time a motion to extend as the Chair of the Membership Committee, as she was told by Bruce Menke that her chair position will expire at the end of December along with the rest of the committee, but wants to know if she can be re-appointed as Membership Chair before she decides if she is going to run for an office on the BOD. She is thinking of not running for the BOD if she can be reappointed.

- *K. Sausman asked what the deadline to nominate final candidates is.*
- *J. Alonzo believes it is August 1st but the challenge right now is to confirm eligibility before candidate acceptance forms can be filled out.*
- *S. Mohr thought they had up until July 31st to become members.*
- *L. Nero said they have to be members before they can be nominated and nominations opened July 1st. Asked Kay what was the issue as she could be chair and on the BOD at the same time.*
- *K. Laake thinking of not running if she could be reinstated as chair. Was planning on requesting extending her chairmanship on August 2nd at next BOD meeting.*

- *L. Nero the deadline to be nominated as a candidate is August 1st and the next BOD meeting is scheduled for the next day August 2nd.*
- *K. Sausman does not know when the committee chairs are assigned.*
- *K. Laake asked Bruce and thinks he is the only one who keeps track of the committee lists. He told her all of her committee expired, except for Anna Young, in December.*
- *L. Nero asked when she became chair of the committee.*
- *K. Laake indicated three years ago and at some point it was extended but not aware of for how long.*
- *S. Mohr said a few years ago had to revote on all the committee members as the previous one was not valid due to not enough BOD members. Had to reappoint again in January.*
- *J. Alonzo indicated the BOD has, in the past, re-appointed people for the next term. Thinks it would be appropriate for Kay to request this at the August meeting. Could also request at the October meeting. Does not foresee a coo of the membership committee. She texted Bruce Menke (who apparently has been keeping and updating the "committee list") who indicated that Kay's chairmanship of the Membership Committee does not expire until February 17, 2015. She asked L. Nero if she had a copy of Bruce's excel file that he passed onto Terrye.*
- *L. Nero said he was given an old version but didn't think it have been updated by the previous secretary. Wanted to go back, after getting update committee reports, to compare old list to current members and those appointed in the minutes. Believes there is a gap.*
- *J. Alonzo believes Bruce has been trying to keep the list updated when he sees the BOD minutes and requested she reach out to Bruce and ask him to share his excel sheet of committee members.*
- *L. Nero asked if this was something he was voluntarily still doing as there were discussions between her and the past secretary as to who the current committee members are.*
- *K. Laake then went on to say she and Kiri are working on a new custom page, on the Membership side of the website, to upload meeting minutes and is currently re-naming all of the files to make it easier to find them. In the custom page they will be organized by title. Cynthia Spanhel has nothing to do with the "membership site" and is responsible for uploading all "public" information to the website only. When a question came up about the "classifieds" on the website Kay indicated there is something wrong with the classifieds. She to monitor it but doesn't anymore so she needs to get with Cynthia as she needs to assign someone to do this. The membership and the classifieds are both separate sites linked to the main website.*
- *S. Mohr said that the "regions" feature still doesn't work on the Membership Avectra site. Kay is aware of this and has submitted to get it fixed.*
- *K. Sausman said the office should be up and running and should be able to verify horse ownership by Monday.*
- *K. Laake is in the process of checking elections membership eligibility and should have it completed within the next half hour.*

PSL COMMISSION ()**

Sherry Mohr gave an update on the upcoming PSL Commission inspections. Working on flying Bruce Menke to KY as PSL Commission representative, Jill and Robert Malone to pick up the judge, and J.P. Giacomini will assist with the inspections. They will be held on August 31st and September 1st at the ERACH show and in KY. Judge is Nuno;

nobody knows him. J.P. speaks Portuguese in case the judge does not speak English. Robert will pick judge up in D.C., since he is working there, and driving to VA and then from VA to KY.

SPONSORS

Kay Laake indicated Anna Young is working on sponsors and is looking for a sample of an appreciation letter, with IALHA logo, to send to sponsors. Julie referred her to Adrian LaFar to contact for this.

2015 NATIONAL SHOW CONTRACT AND FACILITIES

Julie Alonzo indicated she will email Jill Malone the new show dates and work with her on the VA contract and required deposit. Expressed concern that as the contract is written it gives numerous options and would prefer the contract be more specific as to what exactly we will require before signing. Sherry Mohr mentioned we should select the Coliseum for or main arena.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm PST.

Prepared and submitted by,



IALHA 2014 Secretary

() Not having a computer available to verify dates at the time of the meeting, L. Nero did a subsequent check, and the correct election timelines are as follows based on a revised IALHA Election Process doc dated 5/27/14:*

June 1 –Deadline to meet horse ownership requirements and nominations window opens.

July 1 – End of nominations by peers; self-nominations continue.

July 10 – Self-nominations window closes. Committee prepares acceptance forms.

July 15 – Distribute acceptance forms and deadline for BOD to provide Election Committee with list of associations in conflict with the welfare of IALHA.

July 15 - August 7 – Candidates complete acceptance forms and candidate statements on line. Send out News Brief.

August 7 – Must be a member by this date to receive a ballot or run for office.

*(**) Subsequent to the meeting, and while reviewing the Executive Committee meeting draft minutes, S. Mohr informed the committee the KY location inspection had to be cancelled and that Bruce Menke will assist with the inspections and not J.P. Giacomini.*