

International Committee Meeting

November 6, 2011

Fort Worth, Texas

Attendees: John Corbin, chair; Viggo Mortensen, vice-chair; Monika Hagen, Scot Jackson, François Lejour, Manuel Mora Rojas, Karl-Heinz Schmidt, Lex Smurthwaite, Irene Stamatelakys, Carl Thurow, Pat Trebesch, and Jorge Zodrilla.

Guests: Craig Dengate, Sabrina Freiberg, Luis Gomez, Steven Imhof, Jukka Kivela, Karen Lonski, Mary Parrott, and Patricia Sands.

I. Mandatory DNA Testing for Breeding Mares

Alberto Rodeghiero (Italy) asked the committee, “Do you feel it should be mandatory for all breeding mares? Should they have a DNA genotype on file for parentage verification?” Jorge Zodrilla (Mexico) believes it is necessary and should be done. The Paint Horse Association of Australia passed a rule requiring DNA parentage verification of all horses before they breed beginning January 1, 2012. DNA parentage verification is also required in Finland. APHA does not currently require DNA parentage verification for registration unless the horse is a product of transported cooled or frozen semen or embryo transfer. Consensus is to pass this suggestion on the Registration Committee and consider a rule change proposal.

II. Mandatory DNA Testing for OLWS

Alberto Rodeghiero would like to see mandatory DNA testing for OLWS and results printed on registration certificates. The group discussed the cost of testing and differing opinions on the issue. In Sweden, you cannot breed a Paint mare until she has been tested and you cannot breed two carriers together. They have to have documentation prior to breeding. What about HYPP, PSSM and the rest? Lethal white is only one issue. It’s in the buyer’s interest to get a horse tested, but if you put it on papers it might create problems. Education is one answer to this. Animal rights activists in Europe react strongly to lethal white foals. In the U.S., most members believe the way to deal with this issue is through education, not regulation. If we could make information and testing available to everyone, it might be the best way to go.

III. Show Leases for Amateurs

Alberto Rodeghiero wants to go on record that he supports this idea. The idea of allowing Amateurs to show leased horses is very popular in Europe. The Amateur Committee sees some benefits to the idea, but they didn’t like the way the rule change proposal was worded. Pat Trebesch reported that the Amateur Committee did not see a real need as the current practice of transferring horses is working. However, outside of the U.S., members are not very keen on transferring high-value horses for showing purposes. Craig Dengate suggested putting in a time period, limiting the lease period to a minimum of six months. Strong consensus is we ought to have a lease rule and the Amateur Committee should put together a rule change proposal.

IV. Protection of Affiliate Associations

The Paint Horse Club Italia (PHCI) provides a service to owners to register their horses. They screen the registration applications and make sure everything is in order for a fee. They want to make it mandatory for everyone to go through an international affiliate to get their paperwork

processed. However, there are Italians who don't want to go through PHCI. There is no rule in the APHA Rule Book that you have to go through PHCI. With online registrations it is not possible to implement this. The consensus is that this not be made mandatory.

It is not currently possible to register International Appendix horses online. Karen Lonski requested that online registrations be made available for International Appendix horses.

V. Protection of Show Dates

The Dutch Paint Horse Club would like to have the right to approve/deny a show approval application made by an individual or group not affiliated with the club. At Convention, it was decided that an APHA-approved club or affiliate would be informed of a show approval application submitted by an individual or group in their area. The committee suggests that we continue the discussion and bring it up again with the Show and Contest Committee.

VI. USLGE Funding

Lex Smurthwaite explained the USLGE program which provides the APHA with funds from the U.S. government to help offset the expense of marketing the breed internationally. When we send judges to Mexico, Germany or Australia, it comes from this program. We submitted a marketing plan for 2012 in March 2011. We will be notified of the allocation in December 2011. If we don't hear from you, we are going to submit the same plan as the previous year. You need to let us know well in advance if you want to change your activity. Funds are decreasing every year. Requests for 2013 are due by December of this year.

VII. 2012 European Judges Seminar

The APHA will be organizing a European Judges Seminar with AQHA near Frankfurt, Germany, from March 27 to April 1, 2012.

VIII. 2012 Youth World Games

The APHA will be organizing the Youth World Games in Fort Worth, Texas on June 22-29. The classes will be showmanship, horsemanship, trail and hunt seat equitation. Information will be available online.

IX. APHA on the Road

We can do registrations, transfers and memberships. We've gone to Equitana and Americana this year. We would like to go to Mexico next year. It's hugely successful internationally. It's one of our goals to increase that activity. If there is an event you think it would be beneficial for, we could consider it. We want to know far enough in advance so we can advertise in publications and spread the word.

X. Advertising on International Website

We'd like to let everyone know that Horses For Sale and Stallion Alley ads are now available online on APHA International.

XI. PHJ Special Offer

Buy a one-year subscription to the *Journal* and get a second year at 1/2 off—a 25% discount. The price is \$67.50 for a two-year Canadian subscription and \$112.50 for a two-year

international subscription.

XII. Gelding Plus

The Gelding Plus program will end on December 31, 2011. That money will be made available to our regional and international clubs, particularly geared to helping smaller shows. There is about \$30,000 available. More information will be coming out. There is an application/screening process. We're looking at about \$1,000 per club.

XIII. International Affiliate Recognition

We recognized two international affiliates at the European Paint Horse Championship show in September. We recognized the Paint Horse Club Denmark for their 15th anniversary and the UK Paint Horse Association for their 10th anniversary with plaques.

XIV. DSA Recognition

Hardy Oelke of Germany was the APHA 2011 Distinguished Service Award winner—the highest honor of the Association. He was honored at the European Paint Horse Championship show and at the APHA Convention.

XV. Longe Line and In-Hand Trail Class

In Europe, we can show yearlings and two-year-olds in longe line and in-hand trail. Right now, they are being shown in a combined class. We need a yearling class and a two-year-old class because two-year-olds always win combined classes. Consensus is to work on a rule clarification and develop class codes for separate and combined classes.

XVI. European Paint Horse Championship

The group discussed the 2011 and 2012 European Paint Horse Championship (EPHC). The consensus is to form a Zone 12 Coordinating Committee for this show. Lex Smurthwaite will ask one representative of each club to send in their suggestions on the show schedule. The France Paint Horse Association plans to submit a bid to host the 2015 EPHC in Mooslargue, France.