

TASHA Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Simpson. In attendance were Katy Park, Chris Tresten, Jean Huffstickler, Steve Chadick, Susan Johnson and Barbara Simpson. Bill Marple was in attendance by telephone. The agenda was handed around by Barbara Simpson. Jean passed around the December Profit/Loss and cautioned that not all bills were in yet. Katy was asked to take the minutes.

1. The first order of business was to **elect officers for the board**. Officers elected were:

President – Barbara Simpson

Vice President – Chris Tresten

Treasurer – Jean Huffstickler

Secretary – Nancy Moreno

Trainer Representative – Steve Chadick

2. **High Points** - There was discussion regarding the clarification of the Tasha Hi-point Rules. All agreed that there will continue to be award recipients for one horse classes. All also agreed that to win a TASHA high point award, you must show in at least one TASHA show. For Academy Performance classes, the points will follow the rider regardless of how many horses the rider rode in a division. The rider will be judged on overall horsemanship. A separate point total will be kept for Academy Performance Horses so that an overall High Point Academy Horse will receive an award. These changes are effective for the 2009-2010 award year. Barbara will send a separate e-mail with revised wording to the board for further revisions and then for a vote by the board.
3. **Hall of Fame**: there has been discussion with NTASHA and to a limited degree SASHA about changing the TASHA Hall of Fame to a Texas Hall of Fame and having the award presented at the Texas Awards Banquet. All board members agreed to the change. Barbara will follow up discussion with the other two Associations. There will need to be some revision to the rules. As SASHA has asked to be part of the Texas High Point banquets, the banquets will rotate to Dallas – this year, San Antonio – 2012, and back to Houston – 2013. The idea is to have the Hall of Fame presentation/trophy travel to the different locations starting in 2012. It could not be this year because revisions to how

recipients are awarded will be changed and all Texas Associations and boards must be in agreement.

4. **Mandatory membership** dues and how it relates to the other Texas Associations:
Mandatory membership for exhibitors came about several years ago due to an insurance carrier requirement that TASHA was using at the time. Current carrier does not have this requirement; however TASHA has continued the requirement of membership to show. There was concern from NTASHA that TASHA's mandatory membership was taking away from NTASHA's membership funds. They tried mandatory membership one year but it was not successful due to co-showing with the Tennessee Walking Horse contingent which saw no need to become members of NTASHA. General Board consensus was that \$25 individual membership was not very much and mandatory membership should stay in place. Bill Marple and Jean Huffstickler indicated they has been required to join local associations in the Mid West in order to show at association shows. Jean reported that dues from membership are approximately equal to our profit for most fiscal years. Dues also provide members with a free luncheon at the Dec. show and eligibility for TASHA high point plus the social hour every other year and a very nice membership book put together by Pam Hester which many keep and use for reference. Jean suggested we also give membership a tasteful looking car decal. Chris said she would look into cost. However, there was a suggestion by Barbara to consider a non-member fee and someone suggested a reciprocal fee where there would be a discount for exhibitors from other Texas association members. Reciprocal membership would require some way of all associations keeping track on who is a member of which organization. Membership cards might be an answer but this would require extra expense and another volunteer which are in short supply. This subject will be approached again at a later time since our membership drive is in November and December and is presently completed.
5. Jean reported our check book balance was \$6669.90, and Money Market account approximately \$18,500. A December show profit and loss financial was handed to those members present, and discussed.
6. **January show progress** – Susan has ordered all trophies and received delivery. Jean ordered the high point awards and is awaiting delivery. Barbara has taken the Hall of Fame trophy to have Elton and Beulah Cates' name added. Chris and her team have completed arrangements for the Social Hour. Chris has everything in order for the TASHA Table. Ribbons have been ordered by Koren Mercer and received. Everything is set for the show to proceed as normal. Show officials are in place. Other volunteers will be supplied by the individual barns.

7. **Old Business** – A discussion was held again on promoting Saddlebreds in our area. A suggestion was made to put a packet/pictures together for individual barns to take to other breed shows where they might exhibit Saddlebreds.
8. **Open Discussion** – Jean and Barbara have had and are still looking to have discussions with other breeds that would be interested in showing with Saddlebreds. Andalusians and Friesian breeds would be compatible. Hackney pony breed promotion was suggested by Barbara for the show. There are Texas hackney pony owners in Texas that do not show here. Steve claimed that was never going to happen.
...Steve needs to get updates from other trainers to present to the board....Reposition classes so that the younger children are not near young horse classes or 5 gaited classes for safety in the warm-up ring. This has already been addressed by Janie Hamilton but will be revisited as the need arises...We need to acknowledge recipients of national awards such as the Perwiens and Patty Milligan. The SASHA people are putting together the presentation for Hall of Fame....Chris suggested we promote a new charity, perhaps SIRE. Perhaps this would bring in more sponsors or spectators. All agreed they would be open to a new charity but no decision on a particular charity was reached....Jean introduced the Roadster Pony Incentive Program and will check with other trainers to see if TASHA should join...The next board meeting will be held after the January show and will go over financials.

Thanks from all to Chris for allowing us to meet at her house and providing refreshments.