



Meeting Minutes 06-01-2009

Meeting began at 6:00 P. M. Central time. Board members present were: Lee McGartland, Kasey Kesselring, Jeffrey Howard, Bob Ramsbottom, Brenda Carlon, Mike Inman, and Kathy Zeis.

Two items were requested to be added to the agenda: addition to officers of a vice president and the need for Directors and Officers liability insurance. The motion to ratify the agenda with additions was made by Brenda Carlon and seconded by Jeffrey Howard. ***Action taken: Board voted unanimously to ratify the agenda.***

Mike Inman addressed the newly formed board about the objectives and reasons for forming a new foundation.

Kasey Kesselring reported on the domain names that he had secured for use in creating a web site and web address. He had obtained .org, .net and .com so that any inquiries would be forwarded to the correct web site.

Kathy Zeis listed off all the documentation that she was working on to make the Foundation a legal entity. The Board agreed that as funds allowed Directors and Officers Liability insurance should be purchased.

Nominations for President were requested by Kathy Zeis. Jeffrey Howard made motion that Mike Inman be placed in nomination for President seconded by Kathy Zeis. Bob Ramsbottom made motion nominations be closed, seconded by Kasey Kesselring. ***Action taken: Board voted unanimously to elect Mike Inman as President of the Foundation for the Advancement and Support of the Tennessee Walking Show Horse.***

Nominations for Vice President were requested by Kathy Zeis. Mike Inman nominated Kasey Kesselring seconded by Bob Ramsbottom. ***Action taken: Board voted unanimously to elect Kasey Kesselring as Vice President of the Foundation for the Advancement and Support of the Tennessee Walking Show Horse.***

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer were requested by Mike Inman. Kasey Kesselring nominated Kathy Zeis, seconded by Bob Ramsbottom. ***Action taken: Board voted unanimously to elect Kathy Zeis as Secretary/Treasurer of FAST***

Kathy Zeis asked if everyone had reviewed the FAST By-Laws which she had e-mailed to all board members. She asked if there were any additions or amendments. Hearing none, she made a motion that the FAST By-Laws be adopted by the Board of Directors. Brenda Carlon seconded the motion. ***Action taken: The Board voted unanimously to adopt The Fast By-Laws as submitted.***

Mike Inman, President, led a discussion on possible Board Members to be added to the board and what types of background were needed to have a well rounded board. The Board discussed inviting a local community leader, an equine veterinarian and a Walking Horse trainer onto the board. Various committees were discussed and the need for active chair people and expertise in many areas.

A discussion ensued on the importance of prioritizing fund raising and industry needs. The Board felt that they needed more information and that adding additional areas of expertise and continued research was of utmost importance. The AAEP's appeal to the industry was mentioned as perhaps being one of the first initiatives. Not all board members had read the AAEP's report from the May 15, 2008, issued on June 24, 3008. Discussion will continue at meeting later in the week.

Kathy Zeis asked for a motion to be made to allow her to open a checking account and that she be one signatory, Kasey Kesselring and Bruce Vaughn, the other two for flexibility. Jeffrey Howard made the motion and Lee McGartland seconded the motion. ***Action taken: The Board voted unanimously that Kathy Zeis, in her position of Treasurer, open a checking account and that Kasey Kesselring and Bruce Vaughn be co-signatories.***

A time and place for a meeting during the Trainers Show was discussed and the Board decided to meet at Mike Inman's house at 12:00 P. M. on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Everyone was asked to bring potential names for possible board positions or committees with names of leaders.