

## USMMA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 27th, 6:00 MST

On Zoom

### USMMA Board of Directors Present

Tia Nelson, President - ABCCMM, Breeder

Cathy Pierce, Vice President, ABCCMM, Breeder

Mary Rose Lombardi, Secretary

Lynn Kelley, Treasurer, ABCCMM, Breeder

Randy Conilogue, Registrar, ABCCMM Breeder (Karen Livesay)

Carolina Peterson - Technical Board, ABCCMM / USMMA Liaison, ABCCMM Social

Tammy Cruickshank, Regional Director, Canada

Claudia Bellandi, Regional Director, Southeast, ABCCMM, Breeder

Elizabeth Sims, Regional Director, Southwest

Jason Lambrose, Regional Director, Pacific - ABCCMM Breeder

Gayla Wortman, Regional Director, Mountain/Northwest

### Members absent

Jennyfer Homem, Regional Director, Northeast - ABCCMM Breeder (Sebastiao de Oliveira)

1) Meeting called to order by Dr. Tia Nelson and attendance taken. Minutes of March 9th meeting approved and meeting agenda approved with the following additions;

a) complaints

b) new event

c) financials

2) Update on MM registry; Lynn sent out a project proposal to the board that was well received and she explained that the registry goal is to find all of the MM in the US and record them. There is no charge for being recorded, but if you want the DNA recorded it is \$25 and if you want your horse registered in the USMMA it is \$50. The team then discussed how dues are paid to the USMMA and that people can register any time during the year.

3) Saddle Raffle Proposal; Cathy is working on the proposal to raffle the saddle donated by Cathy. The price of the tickets will be \$50 each and will be available online. You can buy as many tickets as you would like. The committee is working on how they are going to collect the ticket money and getting together photos and specifications about the saddle.

4) Trademark renewal; (Tia and Lynn) The paperwork has been turned in but there has been no response from the trademark office. They will contact the trademark organization by phone.

5) Board comments on bylaws; not every board member received the email so it will be sent again and discussed at the next board meeting.

6) Claudia Belladani is taking 8 horses to the World Equestrian Center in Ocala Florida to compete on May 9th to 11th. The board voted to register or record (Claudia's choice) all 8 horses for 25\$ each. Carolina is going to sponsor these horse's registrations. This is a big event and to have Marchadors in this event is wonderful for the Marchador breed. Someone from the board should attend to take photos, videos and talk to the media.

7) There will be an event in September that Sebastian is putting on, he is currently busy so should have information by the next board meeting.

8) Committee to form an international cross border committee and the horse expo at Red Deer Alberta; (Tammy) Currently there are a lot of concerns about crossing the border so it's not a good time for this to happen.

9) Outstanding business with George Vilar; The board voted to approve the following proposal;

A \$250 deposit will be paid by any member wishing to join an ABCCMM inspection visit. This money is to be paid to the USMMA. The number of people responding that will join the inspection will be billed for the \$250. The money will go toward purchase of the ticket(s) to fly the inspector to and from North America. Once the ticket is purchased, the deposit becomes non-refundable. If, for whatever reason, a participant cannot participate in the planned inspection, the deposit can be applied to a future inspection. When the ticket is purchased, the amount owed per person will be determined. If this actual cost is less than the deposit amount, then the surplus funds will be refunded. If the plane ticket is more than the deposit amount then the persons who signed up for the inspection will be billed for the difference

Extra note:

It should be noted all other inspection costs - inspector's daily fee, travel expense to your farm, room and board, are the responsibility of the breeder or owner whose MM is being inspected.

10) Department updates; none

11) Inspection and Cavalgada in York, Montana to be held August 5th to the 10th. Tia is working to have this as a ABCCMM sanctioned event. Lynn is planning to have an inspection in Colorado as well.

12) Upcoming events;

Cavalgada in York, Montana

Liz is planning a Marchador Halloween costume event in October. Possibly a full moon trail ride.

Claudia is planning an event in July as well.

Tammy would like to have something at the Calgary Stampede at some time in the future. There is a parade and they feature breed horses. This would be great exposure for the Marchador horse.

13)Complaints; Jason said that “the regional director should deal with the complaint.” Tammy said “we need a process to deal with complaints and have an established protocol and we need to look at other horse organizations to see how they process complaints.” The board will review. Tammy will be a part of this committee. Lynn will also be a part of this committee. Current complaints will be responded to and a letter will be written.

14)Next meeting will be held June 1st at 6:00 PM MST

15)Meeting adjourned 7:59 PM