

Minutes for the March 19, 2023, USMMA Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order/Timekeeper: Called to order at 7:05 PM MDT. Discussed using a timekeeper to keep the meeting on track and, ideally, to less than two hours. Cathy Pierce will keep time. The timekeeper idea was discussed during the meeting, and it was decided that if the discussion being had is appropriate to the agenda item, there will be no time limit.

Attendance: Lynn Kelley, Cathy Pierce, Irene Howcroft, Randy Conilogue, Dana Jensen, Aline Greene, Alessandra Deerinck, and Carolina Peterson all present.

Minutes Approval: The minutes from the February meeting were approved as written. They will be published on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Changes to ABCCMM Registration (Lynn/Randy) Update us on the changes. Will UC Davis still be able to run the DNA for ABCCMM? Do we need to run it twice; once for USMMA and again for ABCCMM? Are ONLY ABCCMM Technicians allowed to collect DNA samples?

2) International USMMA Registration (Europe?) (Lynn)

3) Half Marchador Registrations (Lynn) Pros include making Marchador blood more available to the general population. It adds the ability to track halfbreds. Are there more “Pros”?

Cons include diluting the breed, more work for the Registrar. Also, there is ample evidence from Brazil where numerous outcrosses have been done that do not show any advantage to the Marchador for doing this. The Marcha is unique and crossing with non-gaited horses does not produce a gaited offspring and crossing with gaited horses produce offspring that don't know

how to use their bodies. Marchadors are unique and brilliant. I do not support a half Marchador registry.

- 4) **Nucleo funding letter (Lynn)** To be sent to current USMMA Breeders by March 25, 2023.
- 5) **Update on Ulla's Brazil Trip (Irene)**
- 6) **Booth at Jacksonville AERC Conv February 24-25, 2023 (Irene)**
- 7) **Training for North American trainers in Brazil (Lynn)**
- 8) **Brazil trips?**
- 9) **Regional and National Events**
 - A) ABCCMM Inspections in May and August 2023 (Lynn and Tia)
 - B) Cavalgada Ride at Vista da Serra, Montana, August 2023 (Tia)
 - C) Shows and/or Competitions?
- 10) **Fundraisers**
- 11) **What to do with USMMA monies in the unlikely event of a dissolution? (Lynn)** Donate the remaining funds to AAEP? Another equine associated group? Refund to the Lifetime Members? Other thoughts? Our recommendations will go to the Bylaw Committee.
- 12) **Newsletter (Lynn)** Next one? Topics needed?

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- 1) **Virtual Competitions for members (Dana)** Hoof Challenge? Next VC?
- 2) **Registrar's Report (Randy)**

More space in Dropbox or Google? A terabyte? Users?

3) Regional Directors Open Positions: Midwest, Mountain/NW, NE (Cathy)

4) USMMA Website and Marketing (Lynn)

- a. Proposal presented by Irene. (attached)
- b. Proposal presented by Tia. (attached)
- c. Dana's website on Shopify.
- d. Cathy's website proposal

5) Membership Survey (Lynn) Waiting on website decision?

6) USMMA Bylaws (Tia) Tresa Smith will head, two more members to be invited. New voting platform and other election issues? Funds distribution? Other issues we would like this committee to address?

ONGOING

Irene and Tia to learn ZOOM and CONSTANT CONTACT.

Lynn to contact GODADDY for Website migration.

OTHER

NEXT MEETING April 30, 2023, 6:00PM MDT

ADJOURN Lynn/Cathy 7:52 PM