

**H.O.A. Board of Directors meeting was held November 1, 2002.**

In attendance were Vickie Ives Speir; Tom Norush; Kyle Germany; Gretchen Patterson; Della Norush; Polly Aulton; and Sharon Jackson.

- Tom Norush brought up the need to expand the board of directors. Unsure as to go with strain reps or regional reps. Tom, Vickie, Gretchen, and Kyle will operate as the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Executive committee has veto power over expenditures of the registry.
- Bring up to the membership the need for volunteers/directors to help promote the HOA. Directors to be members will current dues paid and registered horses.
- Membership runs a calendar year. If paid in last quarter of year, carries to December of following year.
- Thanks to Kim Downing for substantial donations last two years to HOA. Will recognize her during general meeting.
- Need to determine standards of entrance criteria for horses. Also, no "blanket acceptance" of foals from registered horses that have unknown pedigrees. Unknown pedigreed horses to be inspected and also any foals from said horses to be inspected until such time as determined that the horse "throws" consistently type-y foals. Bring this up at general meeting for discussion and input from members.
- Kyle is concerned with lack of participation in HOA Awards Program. Will discuss at general meeting so that everyone knows about the program.
- Gretchen reported that she has issued 205 registration papers to date.
- "Foundation" horses to be determined as more horses are registered.
- Abaco Horses have been recognized by the Bahamas House of Commons; with recognition of HOA for support and information. HOA will have an active part in helping with preservation and conservation of the herd of 16 remaining Abaco horses.
- [Equestrian Land Conservation Resource](#) program discussed. Agreed that HOA will join as corporate partner for \$100 per year. Joint exposure/publicity for each

organization by each other.

Nominations for officers. Tom Norush for president; Vickie for 1st VP; Kyle for 2nd VP. Gretchen remains as registrar and Della as treasurer. Sharon Jackson appointed as secretary and Polly Aulton as publicity chair. Will put slate before members for voting. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

- T-shirt to Ashia Yother for on-line newsletter. Also one to Jeanne Vaughan for on-line sales pages.
- Gretchen to be Head Webmaster with Ashia Yother and Jeanne Vaughan as Assistant Webmasters. Will see how webpage changes work. If changes don't seem to be working, will go back to old format.
- Vickie wants to concentrate on the HOA Handbook. Importance of Handbook to pull together all info from various registries to relate to HOA registered horses. Also to work on computerized database for HOA horses. Can use pedigree info from HOA registered horse if the info includes other registry details.
- Saturday plans include conformation clinic with inspection of Jason Vinson's mare in front of members. This way, members will see first-hand what is looked at and judged for to accept a horse into the HOA. Then a gaiting clinic by Kyle Germany and John Aulton; followed by a short photography course by Vik on how to take good horse pictures. Riding in the afternoon. Dinner followed by general meeting; then open discussion on responsible breeding and Beverly Davis's timeline on the history of the horse.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sharon Jackson, H.O.A. secretary

### **HOA Annual Meeting - November 2, 2002 at Walnut Creek State Park in Prue, Oklahoma.**

Weather was cold, wet, and miserable. However, a good time was had by all!

Pre-meeting entertainment was provided by "Mud Dauber" Tom Martinez. Great picking and singing! Thanks much!

The meeting was called to order by Tom Norush. Introduction of boardmembers and officers. "Around the

campfire" introduction of everyone in attendance with bloodline/strain/wishlist info.

- Special acknowledgements to Ashia Yother for online newsletter; Jeanne Vaughan for online sales pages; Kim Downing for donating the proceeds from two trailrides to the HOA general fund; and to John Fusco for help and promotion of Spanish Colonial horses.
- Della Norush gave the treasurer's report. Began the year with \$1,200; ended year with \$900. Della noted that the HOA would not be where we are financially without the generous donations from Kim Downing.
- Gretchen Patterson gave registrar's report. 205 certificates have been issued. Herd rates will continue into 2003 with first two horses being registered for full price; any other horses from same ranch/owner will be at \$8.00 each. Old HOA registered horses will be issued new certificates at no charge.
- Kyle Germany discussed HOA Awards Program. Very simple with all information and forms available on the website. The program runs on a calendar year schedule. Trophies are available! Send in your info! Any questions, contact Kyle.
- Annual meetings were discussed as to when and where to have the next one. A committee was appointed to "scout" various states and locations for next year's meeting. Would like to find a place that has a shelter house/pavilion in the event of rain or worse. Any suggestions for locations would be appreciated!
- The members voted to join forces with the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource. Check out their website at [www.elcr.org](http://www.elcr.org) for more info!
- Tom and Vickie both stressed the need for input from the members. We need more active members for possible area/regional representatives. Contact one of the officers if you are interested!
- New officers were elected and appointed. Tom Norush as President; Vickie Ives Speir as 1st Vice President; and Kyle Germany as 2nd Vice President. Della Norush will continue as treasurer. Gretchen Patterson will continue as registrar. Sharon Jackson was appointed secretary. Polly Aulton was appointed as publicity chair.

Due to cold, rainy weather and frozen toes, fingers, and noses,  
the meeting was adjourned!

Submitted by Sharon Jackson, H.O.A. secretary