**Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America**

**Board of Directors Meeting-December 7, 2024**

The Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America meeting was called to order at 8:04 am by Walter Schaefer Jr. at the Green Mill Village in Arcola, IL. The following were present: DeWayne Beechy, Lewis Biddle, Michelle Keaffaber, Herman Miller, Chad Mrozinski, Corbly Orndorff, Larry Piergallini, Walter Schaefer Jr., Dean Woodbury, and Ray N. Yoder.

**Elections:**

Walter Schaefer Jr. turned the floor over to Michelle Keaffaber to preside over the election of officers.

Lewis Biddle moved to nominate Walter Schaefer Jr. as president, Larry Piergallini as vice president and Michelle Keaffaber as Secretary and Treasurer.

Larry Piergallini seconded the motion.

Walter Schaefer Jr. was unanimously voted as president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Larry Piergallini was unanimously voted as vice president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

Michelle Keaffaber was unanimously voted as Secretary and Treasurer of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation.

**Nominating Committee:**

The following individuals will be up for election in 2025: Lewis Biddle, Walter Schaefer Jr., and Ray Yoder.

Dewayne Beechy nominated Chad Mrozinski as chair of the nominating committee

Dean Woodbury seconded the motion.

Abstained: Lewis Biddle, Walter Schaefer Jr and Ray Yoder.

Yes: Dewayne Beechy, Herman Miller, Chad Mrozinski, Corbly Orndorff, Larry Piergallini, Dean Woodbury

Larry Piergallini moved to appoint Sarah Drew and Aaron Freitag to the nominating committee.

Dean Woodbury seconded the motion.

Abstained: Lewis Biddle, Walter Schaefer Jr and Ray Yoder.

Yes: Dewayne Beechy, Herman Miller, Chad Mrozinski, Corbly Orndorff, Larry Piergallini, Dean Woodbury

**Alliance Updates:**

**Expo:**

After further discussion with the Expo committee- the committee and Larry will work on forming a non-profit corporation instead of an LLC that was originally agreed upon. The committee will work with Larry on language and documentation to create the non-profit corporation.

**New Business:**

Michelle Keaffaber provided the board with an update on the progress of DNA/JEB testing for a stallion with offspring pending registration.

The board discussed the process of registering embryo foals.

The board discussed the possibility of DNA testing stud colts and gelding with the goal that all pedigrees are correct. The board agreed to table the conversation for the Spring meeting as they seek input from the membership.

Corbly Orndorff moved to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Signed:

Michelle Keaffaber

Secretary, Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America