



ASHA Bulletin

Message from the President

Dear ASHA Members:

In reading over my last couple of communications in this newsletter, I noted that I have not formally welcomed the new members who continue to join us. Please let me extend my personal apology and extend the warmest greetings and welcome on behalf of ASHA. This is your organization and will only reach as high as we can achieve together. I would ask that you find a way to get active in the organization in whatever way your life or schedule allows. We need each and every one of us to put forth effort to continue to grow and improve ASHA.

When you receive this the show season should be winding down. As I write this its late summer and fall is in the air at least to those of us that experience two seasons. Up here in Michigan we say we have eleven months of winter and one of poor sledding. I hope you all have your hay up and your horses are beginning to fluff out in their winter coats.

Not only is the season changing but this is an election year. Because of the term limitations in place and the changing circumstances of life we will welcome a number of new board members on your board.

First, thank to all those who have thrown their hat in the ring. All the rest of the members owe you a great big Thank You for being willing to commit to the responsibility of being a board member. Your board has the responsibility of setting policy for the organization. As such, your choice of board members is very important and I know that you will exercise that responsibility wisely.

I say it of course again and again; volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization. Sometimes we are reluctant to commit to help because we can't do as much as we would like or feel would be requested of us. Please don't feel that way. We value whatever time and resources you can commit to our organization, as those are specifically what make this breed association run. Unlike most breed associations we do not have a full-time employee much less multiple employees. Whatever work or accomplishments do get done are done by volunteers who have to balance their personal lives against their commitment to ASHA. That means we continue to challenge each of you to step up and help your organization in whatever way you can. It could be as simple as helping a local event such as a fair or horse show, showing your Shires at a local show, etc. It is not just the big splashy things that matter but rather the accumulation of the many small efforts that each of us provide. Please know that we are all grateful for whatever you can provide and thank you very much.

It is not news that we are in challenging social and economic times. It seems to me however that difficult times provide a new set of opportunities for us to promote Shires. That may be in markets or venues where we have not done so in the past. We should be very open minded about how we can take advantage of the specific opportunities available in these times and be prepared to benefit our organization and the breed. I have often said that if you put together a good plan good things will happen but they won't always be exactly what you planned. Keep an open mind for opportunities

that occur especially if they seem not to have been ones you anticipated or sought. Often times those are the most valuable.

By now you have seen the results in the last month's bulletin of the member survey. As I had noted in the previous message, the information was very helpful but I would point out that it was also quite limited. It did give your board some general direction as to how we were doing and where we might improve. However what it did not provide was concrete suggestions and ideas of the how and what needs to be done to grow this organization. We would like to hear from you on specifics as well as generalities.

We all know that it takes time and money to be a success. We continue to make progress as is shown by our improving financial picture and the number of new members that we have attracted but we continue to need the help and commitment of all of us to reach our worthy goals.

Best wishes to all.

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Address change ?

In an effort to make sure your service is uninterrupted, please inform the ASHA office of any address change you may have.

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ASHA Rates

Effective June 1, 2007 - Adopted at the Annual Meeting, March 26, 2007 - supercedes previously published rates

	Member	Non-Member
Registration Fees		
Application Fees		
Fillies/Colts up to 6/1 year after birth ¹	\$100	\$200
Fillies/Colts AFTER 6/1 year after birth ¹	\$200	\$300
Gelding, any age ¹	\$100	\$200
Sport Horses*	\$125	\$225
Blood typing/DNA (no viable blood sample available for DNA conversion) ²	\$ 60	\$120
Conversion of blood type to DNA (may be needed for older or imported horses)	\$ 50	\$100
DNA filing fee for SHS or CSHA registered horses	\$ 25	\$ 50
Transfer of ownership	\$ 40	\$140
Bulk registration or transfers (6 head or more) ⁴	20% discount	20% discount
Registry Service Fees		
Replacement registration certificate - requires the original registration certificate or a notarized letter signed by all owners	\$ 30	\$ 60
Lease recording fee	\$ 25	\$ 50
Frozen semen certificate	\$ 10	\$ 20
Five-generation pedigree	\$ 20	\$ 40
Prefix reservation fee	\$ 25	Member only
Online Stud Book	\$ 30	Member only
Charge for returned checks	\$ 35	\$ 35

¹ DNA kit included in registration fee.

² If blood typing is required to complete the registration process, additional fees may apply.

³ If one party in the transfer is an ASHA member, member rates apply.

⁴ All applications must be submitted together from the same owner.

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ASHA accepts personal checks, MasterCard and VISA for memberships, registry fees, merchandise purchases and advertising fees. If you use this payment method, please add a sheet of paper giving your card number, its expiration date and your signature. All fees are payable in US funds only. You can also use our secure web site to pay for any of the above services.

American Shire Horse Association

Profit & Loss

July - August, 2008

American Shire Horse Association

Balance Sheet

All Dates

	Total
Income	
Interest Income	4.06
Magazine Advertising Income	3,980.00
Membership Dues	1,519.90
Merchandise Sales	259.30
On Line Stud Book Revenue	120.00
Registry Income	6,706.00
Shire Magazine Subscription	79.75
Total Income	<u>\$12,669.01</u>
Expenses	
Bank Charges	12.00
Credit Card Charges	132.95
Discounts given	115.00
Equine Affaire Costs	750.00
Genetic Marker Costs	1,539.00
Horse Show Costs	1,349.14
Internet Expense	80.00
Legal & Professional Fees	250.00
Magazine/Bulletin Mailing Costs	6,324.45
Miscellaneous Postage	82.05
Newsletter Honorarium	250.00
Office Expenses	-164.53
Payroll Tax Expense	382.50
Secretary Wages	2,000.00
Supplies	4.30
Telephone Expense	295.58
Travel	295.54
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,697.98</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ -1,028.97</u>
Other Income	
Interest Earned	12.04
Total Other Income	\$12.04
Net Other Income	<u>\$12.04</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$ -1,016.93</u></u>

Sunday, Sep 21, 2008 - Accrual Basis

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
ASHA BB&T	3,666.61
BB&T Life Member CD	1,858.11
First Reliance Business Money Market	7,975.12
First Reliant Life Member CD	7,907.84
Lawsuit Resolution Fund	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$21,407.68</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	2,577.06
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$2,577.06</u>
Other Current Assets	
Credit Card Receivables	20.00
Inventory	6,130.72
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$6,150.72</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$30,135.46</u>
Fixed Assets	
Furniture & Equipment	1,191.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$1,191.00</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$31,326.46</u></u>
Liabilities And Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Current Portion - Judgement	5,500.00
Legal Fees Payable	6,674.71
Owed to SHS	100.00
Payable to Shire Horse Association	680.00
Payroll Tax Payable	612.00
Sales tax payable	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$13,566.71</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$13,566.71</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
Judgement Payable - Waring	11,000.00
Less Current Portion	-5,500.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$19,066.71</u>
Equity	
Retained Earnings	25,854.71
Net Income	-13,594.96
Total Equity	<u>\$12,259.75</u>
Total Liabilities And Equity	<u><u>\$31,326.46</u></u>

Sunday, Sep 21, 2008 - Accrual Basis

2008 Election and vote counting procedures

- 1) Candidate contact information and their responses to a set of questions regarding board positions and ASHA are included in this bulletin.
- 2) The Secretary prepares the notice of the election and the ballot which contains the full text of any matter to be voted on and an alphabetical list of the names of all eligible candidates for the board of directors (by last name). The election notice contains instructions and the deadline for the return of ballots, which is not less than 30 days after the date of mailing of the notice and ballot.
- 3) The Secretary mails the election notice and ballot to each member eligible to vote on the matter(s) in the election (as defined in the by laws). Copies of the mailing list are sent to the election clerk (notary), who will be counting the votes to check against the ballots received and to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
 - a. The mailing also contains the return envelope addressed to the election clerk/notary for the completed ballots.
 - b. The back of the ballot return envelope must be signed by the voter(s), so that the signature crosses the sealed flap of the envelope in order for the enclosed ballot to be counted. If more than one voting member resides in a household, all ballots may be returned in one envelope, as long as all voter's signatures are on the back of the envelope. If the signature is hard to read, the name must be printed underneath the signature.
 - c. Anyone not wishing to have their legal signature on the back of the mailing envelope may seal their ballot in a smaller envelope, sign over the sealed flap as described above, mark the envelope as 'Ballot' and mail it in the return envelope provided by ASHA.
- 4) Completed ballots are mailed directly to the election clerk/notary via the addressed envelope included with the election notice and ballot.
- 5) One week after the election deadline stated in the notice, the election clerk/notary and 2 or 3 assistants, who are selected by the notary and have no connection with ASHA, will check the postmark dates and the signatures on the envelopes against the list provided by the secretary. Ballot envelopes with any of the following will not be counted, except as indicated:
 - a. Postmarked after the deadline date. Envelopes will be set aside unopened.
 - b. No signature on the envelope - clerk will open these envelopes to check for an enclosed envelope with signature or a signature on the ballot. If there is a valid signature on an enclosed envelope or on the ballot, it will be counted, if not it will not be counted.
 - c. Signature on the envelope/ballot does not cross check with the mailing list. These envelopes will be set aside unopened.
 - d. More ballots in the envelope than there are signatures on the outside. The clerk will check the ballots to see if all voting is the same. If it is, one ballot will be counted for each signature. If the voting is different on the ballots, none of the ballots can be counted since there

- is no way to know which ballot belongs to a signature.
- 6) The election clerk/notary and assistants then open all valid envelopes, separating the ballot(s) into one container and the empty envelopes into another container. The ballots are then counted and the count is verified. The notary writes up a statement of the election results, notarizes it and returns it to the office with all ballots and envelopes. (All envelopes and ballots are kept in the office for two years.)
 - 7) The Secretary shall immediately notify the Nominating Committee Chair and the President of the results. The Chair shall then notify the committee, the candidates and the board members of the results as soon as possible.
 - 8) The Results must not be released to anyone else until December 21st or until all of the above have been notified, which ever comes first.
 - 9) In the event of a tie, the Nominating Committee Chair will notify the candidates involved. If one wishes to withdraw, the other shall be the new board member. If both wish to continue, their names shall be placed in a container and a Notary Public shall draw the name of the winner.
 - 10) The new board members will be announced in the winter newsletter.



2008 ASHA Board of Directors Election Candidate Questions

- 1) Briefly state your ability (financially and time wise) and commitment to attend membership and board meetings and do committee work should you be elected. (25 words or less)
- 2) Write a brief statement of your past and present involvement with ASHA and with Shires (350 words max). Please include answers to the following questions:
 - Do you own Shire horses?
 - If so, what is your role as an owner? (breeder, exhibitor, etc.)
 - What are your accomplishments with Shires?
 - What are your future goals for your Shires?
 - What goals would you like to see for ASHA?
- 3) Write a brief statement outlining the strengths and contributions you think you can bring to the ASHA Board (225 words max). Please include answers to the following questions;
 - What benefits/services of ASHA do you utilize? (registering/transferring horses, ASHA sponsored shows, Shires4Sale.com, other)
 - How do you currently participate in ASHA? (committees, shows, meetings, other)

Meet the Candidates Running for the Board of Directors

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Energy and finances previously dedicated to showing my Shires will be shifted to an administrative capacity by committing these resources to ASHA BOD service.

Since 2002 I have purchased six ASHA registered stallions and geldings and have shown them at Regional and National Shire shows from 2003 through 2007. I have owned a total of seven Shires but currently have five. My gelding Bentley claimed National Reserve Champion gelding honors in 2005 and has since claimed considerable success as a hitch horse. The exhibition platform of ASHA-sanctioned shows is one that I heartily endorse as I believe it to be the most vigorous and influential for showcasing the Shire's unparalleled curb appeal, as is the venue of industry-esteemed draft horse shows in which I also participate. Since 2005, I have shown at every National Shire Show in support of my breed organization and plan to continue along this rewarding path.

Given that the pulse and vivacity of any breed association is riveted by its membership, I personally subscribe to the principle that optimism and confidence among the members equates to an organization with drive and vitality, as well as one with ample financial resources. That stated, my grave concern over the growing numbers of ASHA members falling away from our association to join the ranks of 'former members' is a compelling basis for carefully reviewing member benefits: what are they? Why are resounding numbers of members migrating toward an almost exclusive SHS registration and membership as if it is the only remaining and bona fide breed registry for Shires even on US soil? At the very least, our association should see higher numbers of dual-registered horses, and I believe it would if there were distinct and exclusive benefits to being a member and registering horses with ASHA. One of the current practices I am eager to amend is that of optional memberships. It is illogical and detrimental to the ASHA as well as particularly dispiriting to our paying members that non-members realize many of the same benefits that others are paying for. An example of this would include exhibiting horses in our ASHA Regional and National Shows.

In 2004 and 2005 I served for approximately eighteen months as ASHA Editor, and during and since that time I have regularly contributed articles and photos to the Shire Magazine as well as to other draft horse publications in support of the American Shire. Additionally, I travelled to Peterborough England in 2007 to visit the National Shire Show as well as to chronicle that event and present it to our ASHA membership. I have also invested time and photos to update the online studbook. In 2007 I helped set up the education day at Black Forest Shires by providing my geldings for the judging seminar. I have maintained active

membership since joining and purchasing my first Shires in 2002. I have attended Regional and National Shows since acquiring my Shires and try to attend at least two Regional Shows as well as the National Western Stock Show in Denver each year, so the bulk of my activity is heavily weighted in publicly showcasing my Shires in dual capacities: open class and ASHA sanctioned events. Additionally, I have participated in two national meetings/education days.

As the world around us continues to change, the ASHA must also adapt and employ positive rationale, resourcefulness, and versatility in order to survive. Member dedication and participation must be rejuvenated since they are part and parcel of generating sufficient revenue. I listen closely to members, so what I present here is a resonance of member concern. Our morale and our budget remain heavily mired by the aftershock of the lawsuit, something we must get behind us as soon as possible. Investigating ways to save money may par the significance of generating additional revenue. I believe that a paramount mission for us is to pay off the lawsuit so that we can more quickly revive and restore membership ambition.

ASHA membership must offer remuneration if we are to expect growth. A recurring theme of disgruntlement among paying members is that of allowing non-members to participate in ASHA events such as shows. Another issue is that of the exorbitant cost of travel to attend Regional Shire shows. As fuel costs continue to stifle us, the need to graft our point system onto existing shows such as Jordan, MN, the Calgary Stampede, and Denver's National Western Stock Show, among others, become more realistic and certainly offer to more steadily and equitably poise our current point system.

Thirdly, some of our ASHA by-laws and rules are very vague and are consequently open to varying degrees of interpretation. A more circumspect approach to pruning and updating our rules and by-laws is both wise and advantageous, as is the need to be sure that the membership understands the full scope of any given rule or set of rules. I am very hesitant to cite infractions against members when our rules allow for the very actions that some condemn. In this light I am inclined to follow the lead of other successful draft horse organizations in resolving these incongruities and maintaining a level, welcoming playing field.



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I've been a committed member for more than ten years and only missed meetings due to mares foaling during the same week as the meeting.

I have been breeding Shires for ~ten years. I have two foals due in 2009. I started showing Shires at the ASHA

regional and national shows seven years ago. I am now committed to showing in both halter and hitch. I'm in the process of putting a registered Shire hitch together.

I'm proud of the quality of foals that I have bred in the past and what I have coming for 2009. I will continue to promote Shires locally at various events and I will continue to support the ASHA shows.

My future goals include breeding, showing, and training the best hitch of ASHA registered Shires possible.

I'd like to see the Shire breed continue to grow in quality and to increase the number of quality horses we see at the ASHA shows. We need to give the breeders & owners more incentive to get their horses out to the shows.

I would like to see ASHA mend some of the bad feelings with those of our membership lost with the extra fees that were imposed due to the financial hardship placed on ASHA.

Those that have stuck with ASHA and continue to support this organization should be very proud as ASHA would not be in existence today without them. THANK YOU!

I have been an active member of ASHA for the last ten years. During most of this time I have been the webmaster for the ASHA shirehorse.org site. This work has included implementing our online studbook, online point system management, online show results and entry program, etc. I am a dedicated Shire lover. I will continue to own Shires for us long as I am physically capable of doing so. All of my horses are registered with ASHA. As far as strengths that I bring to ASHA, I believe that I am open minded and listen to everyone's opinions. I'm a good team player and I have worked well with the rest of the BOD's during the last four years that I have been on the BOD.

Promote the Shire. Thanks to the hard work of some of our members, Shires are getting maximum public exposure, such as those now working in Disneyland and those representing the breed at Breyerfest. Equine Affair is a huge event and introduces thousands of horse lovers to Shires. Even with the ASHA finances as tight as they are, we can't stop supporting these types of events.

Continue to build our membership. We lost a significant number of our membership directly due to the lawsuit we were forced to pay. Now we need to build on those that have stuck through the hard times with ASHA.

Build up ASHA finances so we will have the means to offer more incentive to get horses to the shows and other equine events that will get quality Shires in front of the public.

Personal Goals:

- Continue my work on a world wide on-line Shire studbook; today the online studbook is limited to just ASHA registered horses. We are close to adding the CSHA registered horses and still trying to get the SHS studbook
- Continue to support the ASHA point system; I believe the point system can be used to help build our membership and encourage owners to get their horses to the shows. Right now the point system is

limited to halter classes. Let's add performance points for members of ASHA and horses registered with ASHA for both hitch and riding classes. with ASHA for both hitch and riding classes.



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Retired professional experienced with education, audit and breed organizations, and have retired my hitch horses in order to dedicate my time to the ASHA.

I have been very active in the ASHA promoting Shires by competing with my registered six-up hitch in Regional Shire shows and open draft horse shows alike. I bought the National Grand Champion stallion in 2001 which I eventually stood to some very quality mares that I acquired over the next few years. I currently own four grade Shires. I served as administrative secretary for a brief stint just prior to the explosion of strife for this organization which at the time was one of the most potentially obliterating events I've ever witnessed. After careful consideration, the unabashed hostility of the 'players' in this war was the impetus for my resignation at that time. Now that the issue has run its course and certain players are removed from the BOD, I am very eager to aid the ASHA in modifying our by-laws so that we are never again caught in the debilitating effects of such ridiculous and sacrificial fighting. The most important undertaking we face and one that I believe we must satisfy with immediacy is that of the lawsuit. We can never hope to move forward with the aspiration, determination, and purpose that any successful organization requires unless we get this behind us forever and employ wise and guarded measures to be certain it never happens again.

The core of my ASHA participation is rooted in the exhibition and breeding of my Shires. At all times though, I have been very keen on association developments, especially in the aftermath of the lawsuit. Benefits and services that I have utilized were mainly in the form of registrations and transfers, but I certainly enjoyed the occasional quality articles in the Shire magazine as well.

There is no question that, paramount to the survival of the ASHA, the budget is on unstable ground and must be carefully and rigorously monitored. Also at the heart of ASHA challenges is that of membership and Shire horse numbers. I'd like to see ASHA membership mandated the way other successful breed organizations have done. It's sensible, it's fair, and it works. If you play, you pay. It's ludicrous and defeating that some non-member show participants line their horses up next to dedicated and paying ASHA members while they haven't contributed at least membership dues. Further augmenting this blunder is then seeing the benefit of their animals listed in the point system which is also funded by our membership. The practice of what many members including myself view as preferential

treatment of non-members must come to a halt. A third issue that remains consistently bothersome to me is the misinterpretation of certain rules. I do not believe that the vast majority of the membership understand what certain provisions within, say, the show rules actually represent, and after a show, members and BOD members alike are up in arms over resulting member actions. If the rules and by-laws remain 'grey,' they are open to challenge and at the very least, misinterpretation. A revamping is in order and would insure us against future problems.



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A few months ago I was at a cross-roads: should I delve into more Shire purchases, or, dedicate my energy and talents to serving ASHA?

Both of my Shire horses have won numerous national and regional titles. For most of my driving career, I have remained undefeated, winning back to back national ladies cart titles with my gelding, Willie. Over the next two years I will be adding to the 2 Shires I currently own, but for the time being I am dedicating most of my time to the ASHA on an administrative level. I would love to see the ASHA emerge stronger and more financially solvent than ever before, but we have our work cut out for us in order to accomplish that. One of the goals I personally would like to see is that of an American Stallion inspection process. With such critically low numbers of Shires in this country, I am quite disturbed that so many of these horses are of very poor quality, a detail that raises another red flag where breed survival is key. I also believe that it is in the best interest of the ASHA to align ourselves with the majority of the draft horse industry. In that light I feel strongly that our point system should include open draft horse shows since an isolated point accumulation is not nearly as valuable as one tallied amidst the larger and more widely respected shows. We promote and campaign the Shire more effectively and impressively by presenting this horse to the entire world, not just among ourselves.

I am a practicing veterinarian and have been an active member of several breed organizations including that of the ASHA. I believe that my affiliation with other breed associations coupled with my veterinary skills could certainly be applied to stallion inspection development, something that I have already spent time discussing with fellow SHS members in England. Regarding ASHA involvement, I have always participated in regional and national Shire shows and last year sponsored the national champion gelding award. I am a firm believer that merit is most appropriately bestowed on those who get their Shires into the public eye by venue of draft horse shows.

Having experience with other very successful breed organizations, I definitely see the need for requiring ASHA membership for anyone participating in Regional and National Shire shows. I would also like to see a benefit for

those individuals who dual register their Shires in both SHS and ASHA; doing so supports the recognized breed association on our home turf. The second issue is that of our budget woes. How do we generate growth and nourish our frail finances in the aftermath of the lawsuit? Can by-laws and rules be tidied up to secure this association's resilience to any future litigation? I believe there is much we can do to protect ourselves by tackling some rather ambiguous by-laws and rules. Thirdly, I'd like to see the ASHA mentored by perhaps an outside draft horse organization such as the Clydesdale Breeders of America. What practices do they employ that make them successful with such things as a world show, registrations, finances, etc?



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I have and will continue to attend annual meetings and otherwise fulfill my responsibilities as a Board member.

We currently own a Shire stallion, three mares and assorted offspring using the prefix Rice Creek Shires. I currently serve as President of your organization and I am a candidate for my second term on the Board.

I would like to see ASHA continue its strong support of regional and national shows. We have instituted a rotating national show that has provided a national show opportunity for the whole country. I would hope that as our marketing efforts continue we can develop more regional shows and ultimately more venues.

Another significant goal is to increase ASHA's commitment to equine related trade shows and fairs. Thousands upon thousands of people, who are already interested in horses, have made the effort and paid the entrance fee to view various breeds. Shires can be very successful in this competitive environment but we need to make this investment on a broader scale.

Rice Creek Shires supports ASHA in many different ways. For example, it is our practice that if we sell or transfer a horse we will purchase the buyer a one-year membership in ASHA if they are not already a member.

I have been privileged to serve as president of your organization. I am most proud of the accomplishments my fellow board members have made to conduct ASHA operations in a businesslike manner. Their willingness to listen to each other and try and find a common ground has resulted in significant progress in ASHA's business.

The three ASHA issues that I consider to be most important in the next four years are marketing, finance, and increasing the number of registered horses.

Marketing: As in most business, growth is a critical component of success. We have a unique product in this breed. Like any other business however we need to expand upon our efforts so that people become more familiar with Shires.

Finance: There is no benefit to rehashing our challenging recent past but it is very heartening to see our current financial picture showing substantial improvement. Marketing cannot be done without a sound financial base. Heinz Naef's agreement to spearhead a Shire horse foundation and his successes in raising the initial funds to begin that process will provide another opportunity for financial success of your organization. We want to attract and encourage members who will look for opportunities to financially support your organization and recognize that its viability makes their investment in Shires even more valuable.

Increasing Registration Numbers: Although certainly marketing a product for which demand exceeds supply is advantageous in the short run, in the long run we need to increase our registration numbers so that our breed can take advantage of the marketing opportunities available to us.

Of course not everyone can be or should breed Shires but if we continue to make financial progress that in turn supports our marketing opportunities we will need to increase the number of registered horses available for purchase. If we are able to do that the potential exists to substantially increase our breed popularity and of course the American Shire Horse Association.

In closing I would thank each and every one of our members for the opportunity to have served on your board and I will look forward to opportunities for service as the future may hold.



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I plan to continue supporting ASHA through committee work and upon election I plan to attend the necessary meetings to fulfill my board duties.

I've been breeding Shires for 14 years and joined ASHA six years ago. I joined for a number of reasons as being an overseas member of England's Shire Society wasn't fulfilling the personal involvement I wanted to actively take in promoting the breed.

I am the show coordinator for the MN Regional of which this will be my fifth year. I played an active role in starting the first show back in 2004. I also assisted in making ASHA's Selection of a Shire Horse – Conformation video by preparing and decorating the horses used for footage. I have attended ASHA's annual meeting. I also played a large part in implementing the Premier Points system and in creating the first Shire Futurity of which will roll out next year.

Our farm, known as Haugen-Hill, is where eight Shires make their home. My main goal is breeding, but we also show, train, and offer the occasional Shire for sale. I also take an active role in our county's 4-H where I judge and make our horses available for youth to exhibit in the horse-less horse project. I also promote Shires in our area by attending parades and expos.

Of my accomplishments, I feel the breeding program I've established has helped me excel in the show ring and also in marketing my horses. My goal is quality, not quantity. My husband and I have recently built a horse barn where we'd like to bring collection services in-house for outside draft stallions as it is hard to find facilities within our area that provide these services.

I hope to help ASHA in regaining its status and becoming a premier association among the draft breeds. Whether it is through changing our usual way of business or implementing new ideas to gain more membership and enthusiasm, I plan to help educate and promote others of ASHA. I am also an advocate for stallion inspection and would welcome a program that selects superior males for breeding use. I know it is cold in February in MN, but hope to host an annual meeting/Education Day in the future.

I feel I can bring several different qualities to the Board. Not only do I own and operate my own small breeding farm, but I also work a full-time job. I feel that I have excellent organizational skills as well as have the ability to stay focused. I feel these two qualities are very important in running meetings. I also feel that my training as a manager can help facilitate meetings as well as re-direct discussions that get off topic. I feel that through my college education I've got a good understanding and background of math and accounting to aid in financial decisions. In owning your own business these tools are put into effect on a daily basis. I've also gained valuable experience in understanding the time and commitment volunteer and fundraising work takes in helping with my county's 4-H program.

Of the services ASHA offers, I contribute via registering and transferring horses. I also participate in ASHA sponsored shows where I not only show, but also serve as a show coordinator. I also advertise on Shires4sale.com regularly.

Currently, I participate in ASHA via being on the Show Committee and Points Committee, showing at ASHA sponsored shows, and also distributing ASHA information out at local events. I have also sold ASHA merchandise and have attended the annual meeting.

For me, I welcome implementing a stallion inspection in which superior male breeding prospects are selected. I feel this would help facilitate breeding only quality animals in the US. It would also help the US in exporting their Shires to other countries. I would help promote this policy in getting my breeding stock inspected as well as breeding to other approved animals.

I also feel that membership needs to be stronger in regards to enthusiasm and also in total numbers. This will also help with revenue coming into the association. Each time I sell an animal I educate people about ASHA and tell them the benefits of belonging to the association. Usually the new buyer is delighted to join the association as it is a way for them to be a part of a group that is also interested in Shires.

In addition, I feel that communication among Board and members is very important. In the past I've felt as a member that boards have worked in secretive ways and that communi-

cation to us as members has been limited. I feel that each member should be comfortable calling on any of the board members with issues. Having a sense of trust as well as having an open line of communication are two qualities any board member should display. I plan to bring both of those qualities to the board if I am elected.

Thank you for your time and consideration as a candidate for this year's ASHA election.



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I am semi-retired and have the time and commitment to attend board meetings and participate in committees. I have sufficient financial resources for travel expenses.

Together with my wife, we have raised Shires for more than fifteen years at our farm called Sudden Creek Shires. We started with two grade fillies. Since that time we have developed and maintained a herd of approximately 35 registered horses. Currently our herd is comprised of fourteen senior mares, ten junior fillies, one stud and ten geldings. In 2008, we had seven foals; in 2009, we expect to have twelve.

In addition to breeding, we have shown our horses in both the regional and national Shire shows. (When possible we also participate in local fairs and expositions.) We have exhibited in both halter and hitch classes. Our largest hitch is four-horse.

In 2006, we were proud when our junior mare received National Reserve Grand Champion at the national show in Columbus. Additionally, our unicorn hitch placed first at the same show.

We work continuously to improve both the quality and quantity of our breeding stock. In the past three years, we have retained our best fillies in addition to making strategic purchases to elevate the quality our stock.

I feel that the ASHA must continue to encourage members to improve quality of the breed. This can be accomplished through show presence / sponsorship and breeder education.

I have used all of the services provided by the ASHA. As a result, I am aware and familiar with these services. Generally speaking, I find them reasonable and helpful. Specifically, I have attended a national board meeting and I have exhibited in both regional and national shows.

My contributions to the board will be enhanced by having first-hand experience with ASHA services. Combined with my 40+ years of business management and board of directors' experience, I am confident that I can bring ideas and procedures that may be of benefit to the ASHA Board.

An issue that I feel is important is the governance guidelines for the board of directors. In my professional career, I have been the chairman of three boards for organizations ranging in size from 50 to 500 employees. Thanks to my role, I have spent a considerable amount of

time studying governance issues and how a board should function. This experience is a value that I will bring to the ASHA Board of Directors.

A second issue is to work to improve the quality of the breed. I believe that this is beginning to happen as non-Shire breeders are beginning to notice the quality of the Shire stock. The ASHA should continue to do whatever possible to help breeders achieve financial success. In turn, this will motivate the breeders to improve.

The third issue is to work to improve the relationship between the ASHA members. Past years' events have resulted in a divide amongst the membership that I hope will be healed with time. I feel an education process is needed to emphasize the value of the association to all members.



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I am committed to attend yearly board meetings (or telephone-conference meetings) for the ASHA. I will dedicate the time necessary to accomplish the goals further.

My name is Kim Murchison and my family started in the Shire business with my father's purchase of a mare and a gelding in 1979. We have been breeding, raising and showing our Shires since then. I currently own 23 registered Shires. We have 12 mares, 3 stallions, 4 geldings and some "young-stock" and usually raise 5-6 foals a year, some are kept as replacement breeding stock and some are sold. My family has a 6-horse hitch of home-raised registered mares and geldings that we travel and show with as well as several halter horses. I have shown my Shires all over the United States and hold numerous Regional, State and National halter titles and hitch awards. I'm also a firm believer in taking my Shires out to "meet" the public and routinely take my horses to schools, nursing homes, hospitals and educational events to "promote" the Shire horse and its' many wonderful qualities.

I served on the ASHA board of directors (BOD) from 1999-2003 and was instrumental in developing and encouraging the promotion of the "Shire Sporthorse" and its subsequent registry. I've served on numerous committees for the ASHA and was one of the "writers" of the original "showmanship guidelines" and show rules. I've also served on the BOD for the American Dairy Goat Association, Colorado Draft Horse Association and Western Slope Driving Chapter. I am familiar with the operations of a Board of Directors and understand the duties that I will have to undertake if I am elected. I plan to continue to promote the Shire horse by breeding high quality horses and showing them to the best of my ability. I will also continue to take my horses "out" into the public arena and promote the wonderful, versatile Shire. I'm running for the board of directors of ASHA because I am very concerned with the current direction of the association. I presently utilize the

services of the ASHA to register my foals and transfer registrations to the new owners. We have registered over 80 Shires or Shire Sporthorses with the ASHA. I regularly attend ASHA sponsored shows all over the United States.

My strengths include being open-minded and willing to “work” with others to develop solutions to a problem. I’m very detail oriented and work hard to achieve established goals. I have a long history with the Shire breed and the association and will utilize that history to make changes for the future in the “best interests of the Shire horse.” My “other” job as an 8th grade science teacher has taught me to be flexible and maintain focus on my goals. Sometimes the “path” you take may be a bit different, but if you maintain your “vision” and accomplish your “goals” you are making a difference. I’m passionate about my Shire horses and truly believe that they are the “best” breed of horse to own.

If elected, I pledge that these are my priorities:

- Establish a long term plan for ASHA and a 1, 2 and 5 year budget that support that plan.
- Follow the approved budget and if any deviations become necessary due to unforeseen circumstances, make those deviations known to all board members and membership and obtain board approval prior to the expenditure.
- Create meaningful financial statements and report those on a timely basis to the finance committee and general membership.
- Ensure that the financial transactions and assets of the association are accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- Open avenues of communication between members and board members; communication in both directions, let the membership know in a timely manner of board activities. Produce a meaningful newsletter communication and distribute in a timely manner.
- Develop and support new venues to support and promote the Shire horse.
- Increase membership numbers and membership benefits.
- Support and reward members who are willing to perform functions on a volunteer basis for the association.
- Maintain a separation of duties and segregation of positions between the board as an oversight group and the employees of the association.
- Approve and enforce a formal procedure for the application for and selection of employees and members to perform paid functions.
- Follow the by-laws of the association with regard to all requirements for meeting notices and other procedures outlined within.

The foregoing priority points will be developed into a published list of short term and long term goals for the association, along with related timelines for tracking progress of those goals, and parties responsible for leading each project. Accordingly progress reports will be made on a semi annual basis to report to the general membership.



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I am able and willing to commit to perform the duties required of a Board member.

During my career, I developed an interest in animal traction as it applied to the historical development of the U.S., and is currently related to animals' widespread use in developing countries today. That ultimately led me to the Shire, based in part on the breed's fragile gene pool due to its relatively low population among draft breeds.

I've owned Shires since I bought my first pair as weanlings in 1998. Having not found a trained team, and due to my inexperience at the time, I decided to buy a young pair with which to learn together. Not being a complete novice, it worked great without injury, train wrecks or rodeos. Since then I bought two mares. I bred one by a.i. two years ago. It was a great experience, resulting in a fine filly, now a yearling.

Basically, I work alone which makes showing difficult, although I haven't slammed the door completely on that enterprise. I consider my Shire involvement as recreational/hobby-not business.

I use my horses in local parades and offer wagon rides at community events which always creates interest in my “Clydesdales” (as perceived by the public-including horse folks.) I'm training my horses under saddle as well. I hope to use one or more in local trail rides.

I've used ASHA to register and transfer horses and I monitor Shires4Sale.com. Of course, I'm interested in communication opportunities through the Member's Message Board, and view this as a very good communication tool that could be expanded.

I've participated as a member of the Nominating Committee and the Education Committee, and have attended two annual meetings in the last few years. I wrote a fairly comprehensive article several years ago on West Nile Virus that was used in the Newsletter.

My thirty-year career as a university extension educator involved work in 4-H, agriculture, natural resources and community development. I helped or led in the establishment of boards and non-profits and served on a number of boards and commissions, which I view as strengths I might bring to ASHA.

I support the over-all purposes of ASHA and would sign the Director's Pledge without reservation. Three issues of importance to ASHA are:

- Strengthening its financial position: Current financial challenges have been made worse by a lengthy legal issue that is now behind the Association. I'm optimistic that the Association will regain financial stability.
- Expanding membership base: A possibility might be to establish a category of membership called Associate Member that would be for members simply

interested in preservation and enhancement of the breed.

- Continued adoption of new technology such as DNA testing to enhance pedigree accuracy and animal identification at competitive events. I do admit to having reservations relative to the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and how it might ultimately apply to equines and ASHA members.

I generally support the notion of developing a system that would enhance ASHA's ability to register superior breeding stock.

A matter of personal importance is the condition of "scratches" which my geldings exhibit. While controlling the condition fairly well, I definitely support anything that might reduce its incidence in the population, which I believe has a genetic component.

I have a low tolerance for dishonest and unethical behavior, while recognizing that there can be honest differences of opinion on many issues. I'm a pretty transparent person and have no personal agenda. It is my impression that the currently seated Board is working in a cooperative and harmonious manner toward a common goal. If elected to the Board, I would make every attempt to maintain a collegial atmosphere while remaining independent in my thinking and action.



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I am committed to attend all required meetings. I hope to continue the work I have started regarding the stallion inspection and printed studbook.

I do not own shires and this may be looked at in a negative way by some people, but I am 100% dedicated to the Shires in my care. I also have 100 % commitment to the Shire as a breed, and as we move forward into another year it is imperative that all the ups and downs of the past 4 years get put away. If we don't unite now; the loss of this majestic animal will become a very real situation. I believe that as breeders we need to be responsible in the way we breed. The modern Shire is a far cry from its predecessor; with horses that seem to get taller and whiter. This, in conjunction with the smaller number of horses being bred, will spell disaster when the gene pool is so small that the true Shire will be lost forever.

In the 3 years that I have shown Shire horses I have appeared on the front page of at least five national horse driving magazines. I think this speaks volumes to the Shire's ability to be used outside of the hitch class or pulling a farm implement.

My future goals will be to get a working stallion inspection in place that will be acceptable to most of our membership so that we can finally have a reciprocal agreement with the SHS; which I believe will encourage a larger market for

our breeders that rely on selling horses for their livelihood. I would like to finally get an informational worldwide stud book online so that breeders can research horses to make the best decision in their breeding. Also, I would like to put on driving clinics for people who would like to do more pleasure driving in the English style.

A goal that I would like to see ASHA achieve is having a good, solid, reasonable amount of revenue coming in each year as well as exploring new ways that we can attract new members while keeping our established members.

I have worked in the horse industry (in all disciplines) for about 25 years and bring a wealth of experience and fresh ideas to the table. I rode in the English army and competed in dressage eventing and show jumping. Show jumping was part of many ceremonial parades in London. I have driven horses for two royal families and trained horses using natural methods for many years. Currently I show draft horses, and light horses in pleasure driving. I believe that these two very different worlds can co-exist and benefit from each other's methods.

I utilize all of the various services currently offered by the association. I think that in the future, registrations and transferring can be more efficient and "carbon friendly" if the various forms could be filled out on line. My participation in the ASHA in the last couple of years includes organizing this year's visit to the carriage museum in Florida, working on the stallion inspection exploration committee, and putting together the printed studbook. My latest efforts have been working with the ALBC to move the Shire to critical on the rare breed list.

The most important issue facing the ASHA is the breed itself. We need to work hard at increasing the amount of horses being bred and registered. If we can encourage a broader use of the Shire we would increase the need for more Shires to be bred. This is, however, a double-edge sword. We should not lose sight of what the Shire horse should look like while encouraging good breeding.

The second issue that needs to be looked at comes hand-in-hand with the first in that we need to have a stallion inspection to insure that breeding stallions conform to whatever guidelines that are set by the ASHA. However, this inspection must be set up in a way that personal or political motives cannot influence an outcome.

The third most important issue facing the ASHA at this time is to increase membership and try to bring back into the association valued members along with their knowledge. We also need to encourage new members and create an atmosphere of education and mentorship so they can learn "how" to be successful in the show ring as well as in breeding.

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DAYSPRING LADY LIBERTY - 24372-M

Mare; Gray. Wide blaze from upper forehead down just inside both eyes then narrowing to muzzle. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to three-quarter cannons behind and in front. Foaled July 4, 2004; Bred and owned by LARRY HARDIN, Greenbrier, TN; Sire METHERINGHAM UPTON ISAAC 22620-S; Dam DAYSPRING FIRST LADY 23930-M.

DFE THUNDERHOOF CATE - 24375-M

Mare; Bay. Narrow blaze starting just above level of eyes tapering down center of face veering off to right side of muzzle and just inside right nostril. Left foreleg white to knee. Right foreleg white from fetlock to knee. Left and right hind legs white from fetlocks to just below hocks. Foaled October 17, 2005; Bred and owned by PAT PACE, Marlboro, NJ; Sire IONOS GOLDEN BOY (C.482) 22948-S; Dam RED BRAE DONEGAL LADY (147086) 24374-M.

DUA HE CHI'S ECHO - 24382-M

Mare; Black. Wide even blaze from top of forehead straight down face between eyes, inside nostrils to muzzle. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to hocks behind and in front. White spot on left stifle. White spot mid-abdomen visible from both sides. Foaled April 23, 2007; Bred and owned by ARLIN and WAYNE WAREING, Blackfoot, ID; Sire HILLMOOR DOUBLE DIAMOND (C.420) 22801-S; Dam LONG ACRES LADY SHAMROCK 24097-M.

EDWARDS ROYAL BLUE OF VISTA RIDGE - 24387-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze from top of forehead extending out over both eyes mid-forehead then tapering between eyes, widening slightly over right nostril continuing down face to include both nostrils, muzzle and upper lip. Left foreleg white to mid-cannon. Right foreleg white to just below mid-cannon. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to above hocks in front. Foaled June 1, 2008; Bred and owned by THOMAS F. EDWARDS, Fairfield, ME; Sire SASSY SUPREME PRINCE WILLIAM 22702-S; Dam GRAHAM'S LADY LIN OF HARTFORD [1921M] 24159-M.

JENSON'S DIPLOMAT GRACIE - 24370-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze from upper forehead extending over right eye then tapering to inside both eyes straight down face to just inside both nostrils to muzzle. Left foreleg white to just below knee. Right foreleg no white markings. Left hind leg white to hock behind, to just above hock in front. Right hind leg white to just above hock behind, to just below stifle in front. Microchip # 140967293A. Foaled April 16, 2008; Bred by CLARK and JUNE JENSON, Blair, NE Owned by JENSON SHIRES, Blair, NE; Sire DEIGHTON ROYAL DIPLOMAT (46942) 22831-S; Dam WANDAMERE GARNET 23174-M.

JENSON'S MONTE DES - 24369-M

Mare; Black. Very wide blaze from top of forehead just inside both eyes down face to just inside both nostrils to muzzle. Left foreleg white to coronet band in front. Right foreleg white to pastern. Left hind leg white to just below hock behind to hock in front. Right hind leg white to just below hock behind and in front. Foaled May 17, 2008; Bred and owned by JENSON SHIRES, Blair, NE; Sire SHADLAC LORD MONTGOMERY (C.749) 22973-S; Dam JENSON'S DIPLOMAT JOY 23963-M.

LAUREL'S FERN EFF - 24389-M

Mare; Red roan. Blaze from just above level of both eyes down between eyes then widening out under eyes down face to include both nostrils to muzzle; flesh colored upper and lower lip and chin; black muzzle behind nostrils. Left foreleg black to just above hoof then white to mid forearm. Right foreleg white to mid-forearm. Left hind leg white to hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. Right hind leg white to hock behind to stifle in front. Body of horse is predominantly white with red roaning throughout; blue roan mane. Foaled May 19, 1994; Bred and owned by JOLLY HIBBITS, Bandon, OR; Sire ROCKCREEK BEN 22147-S; Dam FOLLY FARM CINNAMON SURPRISE 22224-M.

MIDNIGHT STAR'S DIANA - 24383-M

Mare; Black. Medium white blaze comes to rounded point high on forehead, extends slightly toward right eye, extends just past nasal ridge on both sides, drops between nostrils and ends in flat line across muzzle; black spot left of center between nostrils. Left foreleg white to below knee in front, mid-knee in back, with black point down into white medially. Right foreleg white to just at knee in front, tapering to mid-cannon in back. Left and right hind legs white to mid-hocks in front, tapering down to upper cannons in rear. Foaled June 7, 2008; Bred and owned by BRIT C. and SHARON McLIN, New Castle, CO; Sire WANDAMERE DEVON SIR GALLAGHER 23009-S; Dam GALLANT KATE 23005-M.

NEW ENGLAND FANTASIA - 24384-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze from just below forelock widening slightly over both eyes then tapering to inside eyes down face then widening to include both nostrils, upper and lower lip and chin; white spot over right eye. Left and right forelegs white to above knees with white speckling to chest and upper forearms. Left and right hind legs white to just above point of hocks behind, to stifles in front with heavy speckling. White speckles on lower abdomen not visible from either side. Foaled March 1, 1999; Bred and owned by NEW ENGLAND SHIRE CENTRE, Ocala, FL; Sire CLARACH GAY ARISTOCRAT (46494) 22795-S; Dam OWERSBY KATIE (145792) 24136-M.

PERIDOTS REBA - 24390-M

Mare; Black. Inverted tear drop from mid-forehead tapering to a point just above nostrils; snip between nostrils. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to hocks behind and in front. Foaled May 28, 2007; Bred and owned by RUSSELL and CURTIS BRAND, Zimmerman, MN; Sire SHIRE CREST BRIGADIER 22562-S; Dam SUDDEN CREEK UBBY 23913-M.

RED BRAE DONEGAL LADY (147086) - 24374-M

Mare; Blaze. Whorl above upper eye level left of midline. Star over whorl conjoined into straight stripe touching both nostrils; white lower lip; little ditch in stripe left side at eye level. Left fore leg white to above knee palmar, rest white to knee. Right foreleg white to knee. Left and right hind legs white to hocks. Whorls above stifles on both sides. Foaled February 21, 2000; Bred by J. S. BORLAND, Lichfield, Staffs. UK Registered by PAT PACE, Marlboro, NJ; Sire TRELAW COMMODORE (46680); Dam PARSONAGE ROSEMARY (142134).

SHIANNE'S FIRST SURPRISE - 24371-M

Mare; Black. Narrow blaze from mid-forehead down center of face then angling off to left side of muzzle just inside nostril. Left and right forelegs white to just below knees. Left and right hind legs white to mid-cannons behind and in front. Foaled June 18, 2007; Bred and owned by D & K CAMPBELL & JEAN ANN GRAVES, Rockville, IN; Sire HIDEAWAY POND WILLIAM 22712-S; Dam SHIANNE 23254-M.

SHIRE HALL'S ABIGAIL - 24377-M

Mare; Gray. Very wide blaze from upper forehead widening out over both eyes then tapering to just inside eyes down face ending between nostrils. Left and right forelegs white to just above knees. Left hind leg white to hock behind, slightly higher in front. Right hind leg white to hock behind to mid-gaskin in front. Foaled May 16, 2008; Bred and owned by HENRY HODGKINS, Calhoun, GA; Sire ILLUSION CRYSTAL CLEAR OF OX KILL 22681-S; Dam NONSUCH SUSAN'S LAURA (147027) 23675-M.

SON RISE LIBERTY BELLE - 24373-M

Mare; Gray. Large star from mid-forehead to just below level of eyes conjoined to a narrow stripe that goes straight down center of face to muzzle. Left foreleg white to pastern behind, in front and inside, to just below knee outside. Right foreleg white to just below knee. Left and right hind legs white to mid-cannons behind and in front. Foaled March 21, 2008; Bred by LARRY HARDIN, Greenbrier, TN Owned by RENA and RICK COMPTON, Greer, SC 29651; Sire DAYSPRING MAGNUS 23194-S; Dam DAYSPRING LADY LIBERTY 24372-M.

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STORYBOOK'S CHELSEA - 24380-M

Mare; Gray. Medium blaze from mid-forehead down face to include both nostrils, upper and lower lips and chin. Left foreleg white spot on coronet band outside. Right foreleg no white markings. Left and right hind legs white to mid-cannons behind, slightly higher in front. Foaled September 3, 2007; Bred and owned by SARAH A. WILLIAMS, Mexico, MO; Sire STORYBOOK'S GULLIVER 22841-S; Dam STORYBOOK'S POLLY POCKET 24210-M.

STORYBOOK'S CLEMENTINE - 24379-M

Mare; Bay. Bald face starting at upper forehead, tapering just between eyes, widening below level of eyes to include nostrils, upper and lower lips, chin and back to jaw line. Left foreleg white to knee. Right foreleg white to above knee. Left hind leg white to just below hock behind and in front. Right hind leg white to hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. Foaled May 16, 2007; Bred and owned by SARAH A. WILLIAMS, Mexico, MO; Sire STORYBOOK'S GULLIVER 22841-S; Dam CINDY JOE TIG 23050-M.

STORYBOOK'S FIONA - 24381-M

Mare; Bay. Medium blaze from mid-forehead straight down face to muzzle; white chin; whorl center of face half way between eyes and nostrils. Left foreleg white to mid-cannon outside and in front and slightly inside. Right foreleg white to knee outside. Left hind leg white spot at fetlock inside; white spot on hock in front. Right hind leg white to just below hock behind and in front. Foaled May 1, 2007; Bred and owned by SARAH A. WILLIAMS, Mexico, MO; Sire STORYBOOK'S GULLIVER 22841-S; Dam STEEGE'S ATHENA (7/8-SHIRE) B-23780-M.

STORYBOOK'S NALA - 24378-M

Mare; Bay. Wide blaze starting at a point just below forelock line widening out over both eyes, then tapering to just inside both eyes and straight down face to include both nostrils, upper and lower lips and chin; dark spot in white on left cheek; white spot lower right jaw; white spot over right eye just below ear; whorl between eyes. Left foreleg white to mid-knee. Right foreleg white to above knee. Left hind leg white to just above point of hock behind, to stifle in front. Right hind leg white to below hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. White spot by umbilicus. Foaled April 1, 2008; Bred and owned by SARAH A. WILLIAMS, Mexico, MO; Sire STORYBOOK'S GULLIVER 22841-S; Dam ANJES BUCKINGHAM PRINCESS 22856-M.

TALLY HO BK'S CASCADING KNIGHT - 24385-M

Mare; Black. Blaze from above eyes extending down face to between nostrils; black spot next to right nostril; white lower lip. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to above hocks in front. Foaled April 12, 2008; Bred and owned by KIMBERLY N. PARRINGTON-MURCHISON, Rifle, CO; Sire DEIGHTON BLACK KNIGHT 22703-S; Dam SHERWOODSHIRE CASCADE 23520-M.

TALLY HO BK'S LADY BIANCA - 24386-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze from mid-forehead tapering down face between nostrils to muzzle; white lower lip. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to above hocks in front. Foaled April 9, 2008; Bred and owned by KIMBERLY N. PARRINGTON-MURCHISON, Rifle, CO; Sire DEIGHTON BLACK KNIGHT 22703-S; Dam ENGLANDER'S MAE WEST 23268-M.

TALLY HO BK'S LADY JOHANNA - 24388-M

Mare; Black. Blaze from mid-forehead down between eyes and nostrils to muzzle; white lower lip. Left and right forelegs white knees. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to above hocks in front. Foaled April 18, 2008; Bred and owned by SHAD and KIM MURCHISON, Rifle, CO; Sire DEIGHTON BLACK KNIGHT 22703-S; Dam HEART MT. ROSIE'S RAFIA 23789-M.

TAYLORS AMELIA - 24376-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze from upper forehead down between eyes to include both nostrils; blaze in a distinct hour-glass shape; white upper and lower lip and chin on right side, half-white on left upper lip, lower lip and chin white. Left foreleg white to mid-knee in front and behind; white to mid-knee in a "V" formation outside and inside. Right foreleg white to mid-knee in front, inside and behind, to mid-knee in a "V" formation outside. Left hind leg white to below hock behind, to stifle in front. Right hind leg white three-quarter cannon behind, to mid-gaskin in front; white patch on point of stifle. Foaled March 31, 2008; Bred by JANET L. COHEN, Epsom, NH Owned by ROBERT TAYLOR II, Owego, NY; Sire ISLES FIELD DANNY BOY (46916) 23001-S; Dam NORTHEAST ARISTOCRAT'S ABBIGAIL 23938-M.

CEDAR HILL NOBLE LAD - 23215-S

Stallion; Black. Medium blaze from upper forehead straight down face, with a slight outward bow at right eye, between both nostrils to muzzle. Left and right forelegs white to just above knees, slightly higher behind. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to mid-gaskins in front. Small white belly spot not visible from either side. Foaled May 26, 2008; Bred and owned by ROB RICH, Baraboo, WI; Sire TREMOELGOCH COURAGE (46903); Dam LOXTERCAMP'S MAY BELLE 23570-M.

HAUGEN-HILL REGINALD TAROD - 23207-S

Stallion; Black. Blaze from mid-forehead extending evenly down center of face inside right nostril, including left nostril; left side of upper and lower lip white; whorl center forehead just above level of eyes. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to above hocks in front. Small white oblong spot just above front of right hock. Two small white spots on abdomen near navel. Foaled May 24, 2008; Bred and owned by DANIELLE KINNEY, Red Wing, MN; Sire RIVER FORKS REGINALD 22974-S; Dam JENSON'S EQUALIZER JACKIE 24002-M.

HEARTLAND ROYAL BENJAMIN - 23206-S

Stallion; Black. Wide even blaze from upper forehead straight down face between eyes then widening to include both nostrils, upper and lower lips and chin; black spot on muzzle between nostrils and touching both nostrils; black spot top of left nostril. Left foreleg white to above knee in front, slightly higher behind. Right foreleg white to below knee. Left hind leg white to just below hock behind, to stifle in front then extending to point of hip outside. Right hind leg white to just above hock behind, to mid-gaskin outside and to stifle in front. White patch on abdomen from lower chest to sheath visible from left side. Foaled June 24, 2007; Bred by CLARK and JUNE JENSON, Blair, NE Owned by LINDA TORGERSON, Belle Fourche, SD; Sire DEIGHTON ROYAL DIPLOMAT (46942) 22831-S; Dam WANDAMERE JODIE 23536-M.

JENSON'S DIPLOMAT SERGEANT - 23203-S

Stallion; Black. Large round star from mid-forehead to level just below bottom of eyes conjoined with a very narrow stripe straight down middle of face to level of top of nostrils. Left foreleg white to below knee in front to above knee behind. Right foreleg white to below knee. Left hind leg white to below hock behind, to just above hock behind. Right hind leg white to just above coronet band. Microchip # 137923395A. Foaled April 8, 2008; Bred by CLARK and JUNE JENSON, Blair, NE Owned by JENSON SHIRES, Blair, NE; Sire DEIGHTON ROYAL DIPLOMAT (46942) 22831-S; Dam JENSON MURPHY SAPPHIRE 23818-M.

KOHLER'S PRINCE ANDREW - 23211-S

Stallion; Black. Wide blaze from forelock line widening out over top of both eyes then narrowing to inside both eyes and straight down face to between nostrils to chin. Left foreleg white to just above coronet band in front, to mid-cannon inside and outside, to knee behind. Right foreleg white to just above coronet band in front, to mid-cannon inside, to knee behind; no white outside. Left and right hind legs white to just below hocks behind, to above hocks in front. Foaled June 25, 2007; Bred by JOE BIREN, Iona, MN Owned by STEVEN and DAYLA KOHLER, Walnut Cove, NC; Sire CAERBERLLAN MAGNUM (47018) 23105-S; Dam SUDDEN CREEK QUINCY 23724-M.

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MERSEYSIDE YORK-SHIRE - 23210-S

Stallion; Bay. Broad blaze from upper forehead down between eyes just touching left eye straight down face to include both nostrils; white stripe under chin; nostrils black. Left foreleg white to above knee. Right foreleg white to knee. Left hind leg white to just below point of hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. Right hind leg white to point of hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. White spot centered on right thigh just behind point of stifle. White spot on lower girth line just behind right elbow. White spot lower right abdomen just in front of stifle. Foaled April 28, 2008; Bred and owned by STEPHEN GRAVES, Norco, CA; Sire HUSKA MILLENNIUM SHIRES SWEET WILLIAM 22892-S; Dam JENSON PREMIER JANET 23544-M.

MIDNIGHT STAR'S DENYS - 23212-S

Stallion; Black. Elongated star widest between eyes, small line just left of center above eyes, tapers to point halfway down nasal ridge; white triangle on lower lip. Left foreleg no white markings. Right foreleg white to just below knee in front, to upper cannon in rear; extensive black ermine spot around rear of hoof. Left and right hind legs white to middle of hock joints in front, tapering down to upper cannons in rear. Foaled May 6, 2008; Bred and owned by BRIT C. and SHARON McLIN, New Castle, CO; Sire WANDAMERE DEVON SIR GALLAGHER 23009-S; Dam SASY FARMS GALLANT LIL 23747-M.

NEW ENGLAND CASSANOVA - 23209-S

Stallion; Black. Wide star from mid-forehead conjoined with a wide irregular stripe between eyes, widening out below both eyes, then tapering slightly and widening again to include both nostrils upper and lower lips and chin. Left and right forelegs white to mid-knees in front, to below knees outside and inside, to above knees behind. Left hind leg white to just below hock behind, to just above hock in front; "tornado" shaped white spot from just below stifle to just above hock in front. Right hind leg white to just below hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. Two narrow ventral, midline stripes one behind the other lower mid-abdomen, cannot be seen from either side. Foaled March 5, 2008; Bred and owned by NEW ENGLAND SHIRE CENTRE, Ocala, FL; Sire BROADHEATH BARON (46867); Dam OWERSBY KATIE (145792) 24136-M.

OLE PATTON FARM RUSKINGTON WINSTON - 23205-S

Stallion; Black. Very narrow blaze from top of forehead straight down middle of face to muzzle. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to hocks behind, to mid-gaskins in front. Small patch of white on lower mid-abdomen just visible from both sides. Foaled May 5, 2007; Bred and owned by MARCELLA MORRIS, Pawnee, IL; Sire SCOTLAN PREMIER 22642-S; Dam RUSKINGTON APRIL (146610) 24132-M.

TALLY HO BK'S TRIPLE PLATINUM - 23213-S

Stallion; Black. Blaze from above eyes down to nostrils; white lower lip. Left foreleg white to just below knee. Right foreleg white to pastern inside and outside, to knee behind and in front. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to above hock in front. White whorl left side of neck crest. Foaled April 20, 2008; Bred and owned by KIMBERLY N. PARRINGTON-MURCHISON, Rifle, CO; Sire DEIGHTON BLACK KNIGHT 22703-S; Dam WINDCHIME ABBEY (146718) 23514-M.

TALLY HO TUFF'S ZORRO - 23214-S

Stallion; Black. Star on forehead just below forelock; spot above left eye; blaze from middle of nose extending down between both nostrils; white spot on lower lip. Left foreleg white to below knee. Right foreleg white to knee. Left hind leg white to below hock behind, to above hock in front. Right hind leg white to below hock behind, to just at hock in front. Foaled April 27, 2008; Bred by V. K. HAUSER & K. N. MURCHISON, Pueblo, CO Owned by KIMBERLY N. PARRINGTON-MURCHISON, Rifle, CO; Sire ILLUSION FARMS TUFF HEDEMAN 23091-S; Dam TALLY HO MARION 23770-M.

TAYLORS MILTON - 23208-S

Stallion; Black. Star mid-forehead conjoined to a stripe down center of face ending at a point on muzzle at the level of bottom of nostrils; white spot just below left nostril; left lip and chin white, right lip and chin half white. Left foreleg white to upper forearm inside, to mid-forearm in front, behind and outside; white on outside runs up to girth line just behind elbow. Right foreleg white to just above knee in front and behind, to chestnut inside, to below knee outside in "V" pattern. Left hind leg white to point of hock behind, to just below stifle in front. Right hind leg white to just below hock behind, to just below stifle in front; white forms an "N" pattern just below hock outside. White on lower abdomen from girth line to mid-abdomen visible from both sides. White spot just in front of the point of left stifle. Foaled March 30, 2008; Bred and owned by ROBERT TAYLOR II, Owego, NY; Sire ISLES FIELD DANNY BOY (46916) 23001-S; Dam WEST FEN MAGIC (146622) 23831-M.

TIN ROOF FARMS SCALLOW WAY JASPER - 23204-S

Stallion; Gray. Wide blaze from mid-forehead to just touching right eye and inside left eye then tapering down face to inside both nostrils to muzzle; white spot above right eye. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left and right hind legs white to hocks behind, to three-quarter gaskins in front. Foaled April 17, 2008; Bred and owned by DORIS RITCHIE, Gladwin, MI; Sire METHERINGHAM UPTON ISAAC 22620-S; Dam FOX VALLEY QUINCY'S QUEEN (147398) 23848-M.

FOX VALLEY SUPER DUPER (C689) - 20229-G

Gelding; Black. Large star with conjoining narrow blaze that extends into both nostrils; flesh-colored muzzle. Left foreleg white to below knee in front, to top of knee behind; white hoof. Right foreleg white to pastern in front, rising to top of knee behind; white hoof. Left and right hind legs white to below hocks behind, to mid-hocks in front; white hooves. White patch in lower abdomen visible from both sides. Small white patch lower left side. Microchip 43374C2B53. Foaled April 12, 2002; Bred and owned by THOMAS J. SMRT, Marengo, IL; Sire FOX VALLEY SOLAR GLORY'S BLAZE (46698); Dam FOX VALLEY WENDY (145336).

FOX VALLEY SUPER LAD (C688) - 20230-G

Gelding; Black. Large elongated star with a point extending one-third down nasal ridge with separated snip on right side and white lower lip. Left foreleg no white markings. Right foreleg white to below knee in front, to top of knee behind; white hoof. Left and right hind legs white to three-quarter cannons behind, rising to full cannons in front. Microchip 43340E5855. Foaled May 15, 2002; Bred and owned by THOMAS J. SMRT, Marengo, IL; Sire FOX VALLEY SOLAR GLORY'S BLAZE (46698); Dam FOX VALLEY ALEXANDRIA (146650).

ILLUSION FARMS LANE FROST - 20231-G

Gelding; Black. Narrow blaze from mid-forehead straight down face between eyes and nostrils to chin. Left foreleg white to knee. Right foreleg white spot on carpus. Left hind leg white to hock behind, to just above hock in front. Right hind leg white to hock behind, to one-third gaskin in front. Foaled April 20, 2004; Bred and owned by DANIEL and KATHLEEN HATHAWAY, Fryeburg, ME; Sire COWERSLANE CONCORDE 22508-S; Dam GRANDVIEW LADY SHANNO 23645-M.

PERIDOTS SIMON - 20233-G

Gelding; Gray. Small star mid-forehead conjoined with a thin stripe that widens to a full blaze just below eye level then down face between nostrils to muzzle; small flesh colored area on lower lip. Left and right forelegs white to mid-cannons in front, to fetlocks behind. Left and right hind legs white to hocks behind and in front. Foaled June 2, 2006; Bred and owned by RUSSELL and CURTIS BRAND, Zimmerman, MN; Sire FOX VALLEY BRIGHT SON 22935-S; Dam PERIDOT'S KATIE 23833-M.

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PERIDOTS SPENCER - 20234-G

Gelding; Gray. Wide four-pointed star from mid-forehead to just below level of eyes conjoined with a thin stripe that goes straight down face to muzzle. Left foreleg no white markings. Right foreleg white to mid-cannon. Left hind leg no white markings. Right hind leg white to mid-cannon. Foaled June 11, 2007; Bred and owned by RUSSELL and CURTIS BRAND, Zimmerman, MN; Sire FOX VALLEY BRIGHT SON 22935-S; Dam PERIDOT'S KATIE 23833-M.

TALLY HO PRINCE ALBERT (3/4 SHIRE) - A-20232-G

Gelding; Black. Narrow blaze starting above eyes straight down middle of face then widening to include both nostrils; white lower lip. Left and right forelegs white to knees. Left hind leg white to hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. Right hind leg white to just above hock behind and in front; white mark from point of stifle to mid-gaskin in front. Whorl on right shoulder just below withers. Foaled April 5, 1990; Bred and owned by JOHN PARRINGTON, Rifle, CO; Sire COWERSLANE NOMINATION 22289-S; Dam TALLY HO VICKY GR-067.



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20213-G - The Gelding, MAGGIE'S MOUNTAINTOP DRAFTS TONKA from ALINA and DANIEL MUSERO, Caribou, ME transferred to VICKI SCHMIDT, Hebron, ME 5/20/2008

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20229-G - The Gelding, FOX VALLEY SUPER DUPER (C689) from THOMAS J. SMRT, Marengo, IL transferred to KEN KNUTH, Slayton, MN 8/20/2003

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transferred to JOE CAMPONESCKI, Burnet, TX 6/15/2008

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20230-G - The Gelding, FOX VALLEY SUPER LAD (C688) from THOMAS J. SMRT, Marengo, IL transferred to KEN KNUTH, Slayton, MN 8/20/2003

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transferred to JOE CAMPONESCKI, Burnet, TX 6/15/2008

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20231-G - The Gelding, ILLUSION FARMS LANE FROST from DANIEL and KATHLEEN HATHAWAY, Fryeburg, ME transferred to ROBERT PACHECO, Sterling, MA 6/5/2007

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A-20232-G - The Gelding, TALLY HO PRINCE ALBERT (3/4 SHIRE) from JOHN PARRINGTON, Rifle, CO transferred to MARC and MARY JAFFREY, Stanley, NY 6/1/2007

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22794-S - The Stallion, WOODRUFF STEINWAY from JOHN and SUSAN KNOX, Jeffersonton, VA transferred to WOODRUFF SHIRES & WARMBLOODS, LLC, Jeffersonton, VA 8/15/2008

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23013-S - The Stallion, TRAIL-LIGHT MAKE YOUR MARK from DANIEL TODD RIEDEL, Seville, OH transferred to LAURA CARNAHAN, Holly, MI 7/1/2008

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23050-S - The Stallion, BLACK FOREST IDEAL LUCK from SKYE JOHNSON, Palm Beach Gardens, FL transferred to SUSANNA THOMPSON, Clayton, CA 8/16/2007

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23180-S - The Stallion, JENSON'S DIPLOMAT COMMANDER from JENSON SHIRES, Blair, NE transferred to MELODIE ROMEO, Utica, MS 6/1/2008

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23188-S - The Stallion, JENSON'S POPPI KNIGHT from JENSON SHIRES, Blair, NE transferred to AL and KAREN MYERS, Ferrisburgh, VT 8/10/2008

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23206-S - The Stallion, HEARTLAND ROYAL BENJAMIN from LINDA TORGERSON, Belle Fourche, SD transferred to JACK and NATALIE JOHNSON, Nisland, SD 7/4/2007

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23210-S - The Stallion, MERSEYSIDE YORK-SHIRE from STEPHEN GRAVES, Norco, CA transferred to WALTER and JANALEE HOLDEN, Riverside, CA 4/28/2008

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23222-M - The Mare, BLACKBURN EDWARD'S DANIELLE from LAWRENCE SANICKY, Litchfield, OH transferred to HEIDI LANNERS, Shevlin, MN 6/23/2008

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23322-M - The Mare, WOODRUFF FUR ELISE from JOHN N. ANDERSEN, Westminster, SC transferred to WOODRUFF SHIRES & WARMBLOODS, LLC, Jeffersonton, VA 3/1/2008

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23489-M - The Mare, KUTENAI APRIL QUEEN [1794-M] from BARBARA KNUTSON, Norco, CA transferred to MARSHA CAREY, Norco, CA 6/22/2008

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23570-M - The Mare, LOXTERCAMP'S MAY BELLE from KAREN HEATH, Kimball, MN leased by ROB RICH, Baraboo, WI 4/1/2007

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23762-M - The Mare, PASSAGE CREEK MINUET from SUSAN F. KNOX, Jeffersonton, VA transferred to WOODRUFF SHIRES & WARMBLOODS, LLC, Jeffersonton, VA 8/15/2008

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23770-M - The Mare, TALLY HO MARION from V. K. HAUSER & K. N. MURCHISON, Pueblo, CO transferred to KIMBERLY N. PARRINGTON-MURCHISON, Rifle, CO 4/15/2008

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23782-M - The Mare, NOBLE'S ANTONIA from PAT PACE, Marlboro, NJ transferred to LUANA PESCO KOPLOWITZ, Plainville, NY 9/1/2004

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23844-M - The Mare, HILLCREST GYPSY [1877-M] from TROY and LINDA MORGAN, Pearland, TX transferred to ALETHA B. BOWIE, Manchester, MD 3/4/2008

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23872-M - The Mare, TROIKA KOKAJO from VICKI SCHMIDT, Hebron, ME transferred to GARY FERRY, Little Compton, RI 6/7/2008

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23950-M - The Mare, COUNTRY PRIDE'S LILLIE MAY from BILL TROYER, Millersburg, OH transferred to GERYL and MELISSA WADE, Goodview, VA 7/7/2008

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23952-M - The Mare, SUMMER RAIN & BK'S LIL CHARMER from SANDRA J. READ and MICHELLE SIMONO, Rifle, CO transferred to MICHELLE SIMONO, Rifle, CO 7/15/2008

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23965-M - The Mare, HUSKA MILLENNIUM'S BRISTOL'S BAILEY from HEINZ and URSINA NAEF, Rolling Hills Estates, CA transferred to DISNEYLAND RESORT, CIRCLE D CORRAL, Anaheim, CA 7/1/2008

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24071-M - The Mare, JENSON'S IRIS from NATHAN and GRETCHEN MILLWOOD, Conway, SC leased by JENSON SHIRES, Blair, NE 6/1/2008

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24184-M - The Mare, HUSKA MILLENNIUM SHIRES VENUS ENCORE from HEINZ and URSINA NAEF, Rolling Hills Estates, CA transferred to DISNEYLAND RESORT, CIRCLE D CORRAL, Anaheim, CA 7/1/2008

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B-24258-M - The Mare, 6C MONTANA DIAMOND LIL' (7/8 SHIRE) from CINDY KNUDSEN, Alberton, MT transferred to 6C RANCHES INC., Gold Creek, MT 7/9/2008

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24272-M - The Mare, WOODRUFF ENCORE
from JOHN and SUSAN KNOX, Jeffersonton, VA transferred to
WOODRUFF SHIRES & WARBLOODS, LLC, Jeffersonton, VA
8/15/2008

24275-M - The Mare, JENSONS POPPI RITA
from KIMBERLY N. PARRINGTON-MURCHISON, Rifle, CO transferred
to MARC and MARY JAFFREY, Stanley, NY 4/15/2008

B-24352-M - The Mare, CAERLEON HANTON'S GUINEVERE (7/8
SHIRE)
from ROBERT G. EVANKO, San Diego, CA transferred to MICHAEL
ROCHE, Valencia, CA 6/20/2008

24355-M - The Mare, SUMMER RAIN'S LADY VIOLET
from SANDRA J. READ and MICHELLE SIMONO, Rifle, CO
transferred to SANDRA J. READ, Bar Harbor, ME 7/14/2008

24372-M - The Mare, DAYSPRING LADY LIBERTY
from LARRY HARDIN, Greenbrier, TN transferred to RENA
and RICK COMPTON, Greer, SC 29651 10/10/2007

24375-M - The Mare, DFF THUNDERHOOF CATE
from PAT PACE, Marlboro, NJ transferred to LUANA PESCO
KOPLOWITZ, Plainville, NY 2/1/2006

24382-M - The Mare, DUA HE CHI'S ECHO
from ARLIN and WAYNE WAREING, Blackfoot, ID transferred to KATY
MILLER, Midlothian, TX 6/1/2008

Proposed By Laws Changes for Member Vote

1. Addition of a Youth Membership Category to the By Laws

The following was proposed by Melissa Restifo to expand
ASHA's promotion of and interest in youth involvement with
Shires and the Association.

The current Youth Achievement Program (YAP) has
recruited youth who are already involved with Shires, but has
not been successful getting new youth involved with the
Association or Shires. Addition of a youth membership
category in ASHA may help increase youth interest in Shires
and the Association.

The proposed youth membership category would have no
lower age limit and an upper limit of 18 years of age, which is
the current cut off for the YAP. Annual dues would be
\$15.00. Youth members would receive a welcome packet,
membership card, a copy of the youth guidelines and access
to the YAP, if desired. Depending on level of interest, other
benefits could include reduced fees for some services and
association activities, a youth members message board on the
website, year end high point awards for Shire related activities
and possibly a youth newsletter or page in the existing
member bulletin. This membership category will not have
voting privileges. However, individuals under 18 may still
choose to join as regular members for full privileges and
responsibilities in ASHA.

In order to set up a youth membership, the by laws must be
amended to include this category. The proposed modifica-
tions to include a youth membership category in the existing
by laws are as follows: (added text is in *italics*. Deleted text is
~~struck through~~ with a line.)

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

Section 1. Classes of Members. The Association shall have
~~two~~ *three* classes of members:

- (a) Regular: eligible individuals; ~~and~~
- (b) Corporate: eligible firms, including corporations,
partnerships, trusts, limited liability companies, and other
legal entities; *and*
- (c) *Youth: eligible individuals.*

Section 2. Eligibility For *Regular and Corporate* Membership.
Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons,
firms and/or corporations who have been, or are at the
present, or who likely will be, interested in the raising and
improvement of horses, particularly Shire horses. Only
natural persons shall be eligible for lifetime membership.
Representatives of corporations, businesses or other legal
entities shall not be eligible for lifetime memberships.

*Section 3. Eligibility for Youth Membership. Eligibility for youth
membership requires that the individual be under eighteen years of age
on the postmark date of the application for membership. No life
memberships are available for youth members in this category.*

Section 4. Application for Membership.
Any person, firm and/or corporation desiring to become a
member of the Association shall complete an application
for membership and submit it, together with the current
lifetime, ~~or~~ annual, *or youth* membership dues, to the
Secretary of the Association.

Section 5. Voting Rights.
Each Regular and Corporate member shall be entitled to one
vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.
Each corporate member shall designate, in writing, a
member, shareholder, or other agent who shall be authorized
to exercise such member's vote. Members shall not be
entitled to vote, serve as directors, or hold an office in the
Association during the first six months of membership. A
member who is not a lifetime member shall be considered a
member continuously from the date his or her membership
first began unless terminated in accordance with Section 6
of this Article. *Individuals holding Youth Membership are not
eligible to vote on Association business.*

Renumber existing sections #'s 5 through 9 to #'s 6 through 10.

2. By Laws change to prohibit board members from serving concurrently as association secretary. Submitted from member concerns.

The current by laws do not prohibit a member from serving as both a board member and secretary. There is historical precedent in the association of a member holding both positions, but at those times the secretary position was not paid or received only a nominal stipend. There is some member concern that since the secretary position is now salaried, the possibility of conflict of interest is present if one person is both a member of the board and the secretary. They feel this situation should be avoided.

Background research with on-line help websites for non-profits indicates this situation can be acceptable, depending on the size and resources of the organization and internal checks and balances. From a policy standpoint, one person holding both positions results in one less person to help with the work of running the association (9 board members, including the secretary or 9 board members plus a secretary).

The proposed modifications to the existing by laws to prohibit board members from serving concurrently as secretary are as follows: (added text is in *italics*. Deleted text is ~~struck through~~ with a line.)

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers. NO CHANGES

Section 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The number of directors shall be nine. The directors shall hold office until the beginning of the annual meeting of the board of directors following the election at which their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Directors need not be residents of the State of Washington, but must be Regular members of the Association. Directors shall be elected for terms of four years, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The election of directors shall be staggered so that four or five directors shall be elected during November of each even-numbered year, as appropriate, to take office at the beginning of the annual meeting of the board of directors in the following odd-numbered year. A member who has served two consecutive terms as a director shall be ineligible for re-election to the board of directors until the next even-numbered year following the end of the member's second term as director. *Starting in 2011, a director may not hold the position of secretary of the Association during their tenure as a director.*

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. NO CHANGES

Section 2. Election, Eligibility and Term of Office. The

president, vice president and treasurer shall be elected biennially by the board of directors at the regular annual meeting of the board of directors in odd-numbered years. The secretary shall be appointed annually by the board of directors at the regular annual meeting of the board of directors. Additional offices may be created and filled or terminated at any meeting of the board of directors. The officers shall be elected from among the board of directors, except that the secretary does *not have to be a member and, starting in 2011, shall not be a director*. Assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers shall not be required to be directors or members of the Association. Officers shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, unless their offices are sooner terminated by the board of directors.

Sections 3 through 10: NO CHANGES

Section 11: Compensation. Directors as such shall not receive any stated salaries for their services, but by resolution of the board of directors a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the board, or for conducting the business of the Association duly delegated to a director by the board; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the association in any other capacity, *except secretary*, and receiving compensation therefor.

Sections 12 through 14: NO CHANGES

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Due to continuing problems with USPS bulk mail delivery, the board voted at the teleconference on July 12th to begin routinely sending the quarterly members' bulletin by first class mail and to look into E-mail delivery of the bulletin (and possibly additional information in the future) for those who would prefer the electronic method. According to the Association by laws, in order to set up electronic delivery of information from the association to the members, members must request this method of communication.

If you would prefer to receive your quarterly bulletin electronically, send an E-mail to Karla Stoner at bloomforge@peoplepc.com requesting this option. Once we have names of those who would prefer the electronic method, an address list will be set up and mailings will be initiated. The main advantage of this method will be quicker delivery of the bulletin. Members requesting electronic delivery will have to maintain current E-mail addresses with the Association to insure continued delivery.

Members preferring to receive their bulletins through the regular mail will continue to do so.

NOTE: this is for the members' bulletin only, not the magazine.

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