

ATAA Newsletter

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2015 ATAA Annual Conference, September 18th, 19th and 20th in Indiana.

Cathy Leddy

The 2015 Annual Membership Meeting took place over the weekend of September 18th, 19th and 20th in Whitestown and Lebanon, Indiana. It was hosted by Eron Owens of Greystone Equestrian Center.

We had a small turnout (everyone had better come to next year's Rare Breed Show and Conference!) but we really did accomplish quite a lot and had a lovely time.

Several of the Board arrived on Thursday and were able to get some great conversations in

on Friday during the day. Friday evening was our Meet and Greet and the wine and conversation flowed. We had our Board meeting that evening and I realized that wine and note taking doesn't go together very well.

Saturday was our General Membership Meeting and we had some excellent ideas and I think we came up with some very good projects for the upcoming year. We talked about incorporating what was said in the Online Survey in our planning. We talked *continued on page 3*

Meet Your Members Amber and Sydney Morrison

Q: Where do you live?
A: Medina, Ohio

Q: How did you hear about Akhal-Teke horses?
A: Amazingly, Teddy was a trail horse/school horse at the barn my daughter takes lessons at.

Q: What is your experience with horses?
A: Sydney has been riding and taking lessons since she was 6 years old. She is now 12. She started with Hunter/Jumper, but has recently changed to Eventing. Sydney is at the barn 7 days a week. The school bus drops her off

right in front of the barn after school every day! My husband and I do not have a history with horses, so this is entirely Sydney's passion. We have leased horses in the past, but once she rode Teddy, we all knew that they were a perfect match.

Q: How did you hear about the ATAA?
A: While researching Akhal-Teke's before we purchased Teddy, we found the ATAA.

Q: Do you own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke

Newsflash!!

**Rare Breeds
Show June 14,
15, 16th 2016 in
Lexington, VA.**

**Survey coming
out soon please
watch for it!**

**Check the
ATAA website
for details on
classes,
sponsorships,
fundraising,
volunteers, etc.**

cross? If so, what do you do with him/her?
A: We have owned Teddy (Silk Road Marauder) since May 15, 2015. Just over 3 months! Sydney and Teddy have already completed and placed in 2 Mini Trial Events, and one Dressage Show.

Q: What do you like the most about them?
A: We love the breed because of their beautiful athleticism, endurance, work ethic, and sweet, expressive faces!

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HorseFlicks Update

We have DVDs available if you'd like to order more. Contact Cathy to order them at: c.leddy@frontier.com

Akhal-Tekes in Endurance News!

Member Tim Floyd had an excellent suggestion a month or so ago: As more and more Tekes and Teke crosses hit the endurance trail, we should send in articles about them to the AERC (American Endurance Rides Conference) magazine to promote the breed. So, between Tim and Cathy, we did an article that appeared in the August issue of 'Endurance News', the AERC Magazine. It didn't include the entire article as written, but it was a good start! If you'd like to see the entire article, it is on the ATAA website at: <http://www.akhal-teke.org/ataa-news> You just need to scroll down to find it.

Notice of Registration Fee Adjustments:

As the ATAA needs more income and we make no money on registration fees at \$40, **new prices will be in effect on August 1st, 2015.** New prices will be: \$40 for foals in the year they are born. \$40 for VNIK registered horses. \$60 for all others. Non-members add \$10 to each unless they join at the time of registration. This isn't a very large increase and we felt that most of the backlog of horses has been registered.

Silent Auction at Conference:

Our Silent Auction is over and done with and we made \$965! Thanks have been sent to all the donors (and another huge thank you here!) and the winning bidders have all received their items.

ATAA News

From your registrars

Amrita and Cathy: We have printed over 50 certificates this year for registration. Some are transfer of ownership, some are foals and some late to register. We also have a whole list of new pending registrations, missing items will be on the ATAA website. New this year is a prettier paper to print the part bred horse's certificates.



As long as the owner sends in all the paper work the only hold up out of our hands is how fast we get the DNA results back from Texas A&M.

Conference Costs- Income \$895 (attendees) + \$965 (Silent Auction) = \$1860
Expenses: 361.83 (food), (106.52 donation for Meet and Greet), \$250 hotel, \$1271.76 (speaker) = 1883.59 = (23.59)

Board of Directors

Nominations: We had three nominations for our 2 open positions! Thank you to everyone that was nominated, Amrita Ibold, Tish Saare and Joanne Hodeen! We can't do this without you!

New Members: since July:

Melanie Olmstead, Utah, Friends Member, Deb Bowker, CA, Individual, Julie Manuele, WA Individual, Jennifer Newman, TN, Individual

Board Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2015

Hampton Inn, Whitestown, Indiana

Call to order at 9:03 by President, Catrina Quantrell

Roll call – Betsy Wandler, Catrina Quantrell, Jas Shearer McMahon, Cathy Leddy, Eron Owens, Tish Saare via Skype, Amrita Ibold via conference call

Reading of last year's minutes and approval – Cathy reads last year's meeting minutes.

Motion: Catrina motions to approve, Pat seconds. Approved

Old business:

How to retain members – Pat, Jas and Cathy talked about this issue earlier and came up with some ideas: We need to inspire people that we are for the breed, sense of community. Tish suggests a PowerPoint of what we have done. Eron suggests yearly report being a one click item on website. Promotions, end of year report. Suggestion of having page on website why breed is so special, its heritage. Look at ALBC's model. Do we want to ask

membership about changing bylaws? Go to Electronic ballots? Vote by email? 1st time members only get a packet, not renewing members. Update online PayPal. Talk more tomorrow.

HorseFlicks report – it's done. DVDs for sale.

Repeat raffle for new foal registrations? – no, people should register their foals, lower price is incentive enough.

Raffle for early renewals/membership? Continue, it is working.

Logowear for sale: 11 or 12 sweatshirts left, put in ATAA webstore.

New Business:

Agenda for General Membership Meeting -oked

Grading/Rare Breeds show – Could a warmblood judge look at an AT and give a decent grading? Should we continue with Russian standards? Do we want them grading our horses? Slideshow from Tish mentioned. Think of what is best for the horses. Idea of using American experts such as Molly Nicodemus and Jillian? Vote for judges?

Awards – should we do outside awards? What sorts? – should be related to our breed, ideas: Show headstall, halters, saddle pads, stall guards with logo. Stall hanging.

Annual Conference from front page

about ways to change the emphasis on what we give the members as an organization to what the membership can give to the breed as a whole. We refined the idea of our Incentive Awards a bit more and decided to revisit how they worked after the 1st of next year (2016).

We are going to work on a 10 year retrospective of what we have accomplished and also on a strategic plan as to where we want to go in the future. We are having an outside party look at our website and give us ideas on how to improve and update it.

We talked about ways to increase traffic on the ATAA website, ideas to help us continue to fulfill our Association goals and purposes and I think we came up with some good ideas. We will have to see how everything works out. We talked about mentioning and using the survey results, so members know we are listening to them.

We then went over to Greystone Equestrian Center and watched the Biomechanics presentation by Karen Osokis. It was extremely interesting and informative. She used Kye, a Teke gelding, as her 'subject' and by the end of her talk confessed that she was very impressed with him. There were some Greystone boarders that came to the



presentation also. After this, we had our Awards Banquet back at the hotel. Eron provided some great bar-b-q. Catrina and Betsy handed out awards, which were lovely as always. The complete listing will be on page 6. We had quite a few people nominated for awards, which is wonderful!

Sunday was demonstrations at Greystone; First, Eron rode Gidasp in a musical kur to "Uptown Funk".



They both appeared to be having a great time. Kevin Wallin rode the young stallion Goshen and did a bridle less demonstration with him. Then, Eron and Madeline Lucroy did a jumping Pas de deux with the full brothers, Kye and Gahar.



So, lots of good food, lovely horses and great discussions.



All in all, a very productive (and fun!) weekend!

For Sale: MAZALY aka MAIZIE



\$12,500.00 all serious offers will be considered '07 15.00hh Akhal-Teke/ Hanoverian mare.

Great temperament, sweet personality, easy to handle on the ground, been ridden barefoot. Classy jumper, clean with her knees and her hooves over fences. Has competed clean up to 3'6" and has schooled up to 3'9". Maizie is the GridPro master! She keeps her head and her cool through grids and combinations, she knows how to get the job done! Maizie would make a wonderful Pony Club horse or an Amateur Show Jumper. Maizie was backed right after her 4th birthday and we have been under a professional trainer for the three and half years that I have been riding Maizie. Maizie does leg yields, shoulder in and haunches in, we are currently working on collection and lengthening in both the trot and the canter. Maizie has been introduced to water, ditches, up banks and down banks, but would recommend additional schooling if looking to event. Maizie's strength like so many of her siblings is in the show jumping arena! For more information, pictures, videos or to schedule a time to come meet Maizie please email me, Catrina at godscavalry@gmail.com! Maizie is currently being boarded at a training facility in Hood River, Oregon.

Meet the Members from front page

Q: What are your goals for the future with your Teke or Teke cross?

A: Sydney and her fantastic trainer, are looking forward to getting Teddy back to his roots with dressage and Eventing. Since he was originally trained by Sweet Water Farm as an Eventing prospect, we are optimistic that he can tap into his past and come out an amazing competitor!



Sydney and Teddy

Keira Wickliffe

Q: Where do you live?

A: Just moved to Lexington, Kentucky originally from the Baltimore, Maryland area

Q: How did you first hear about Akhal-Teke horses?

A: Through a riding friend of mine, Erica Lengermann. She was researching rare horse breeds and if there were any farms near by us (when I lived in Maryland) that would allow us to come and meet the horses and even get to ride them. We were so lucky that Phil Case's farm was within a 3 hour drive and was happy to have us come. Sabine was wonderful in letting us ride a couple of their horses.

Q: What is your experience with horses?

A: I have been riding since I was 8 years old and moved to Maryland from overseas (Military Brat). I started at Fort Meade equestrian stables riding hunter/jumpers but with a dressage foundation. When my trainer retired and moved, she suggested that I switch to Eventing. I quickly fell in love with Eventing and dressage and have been at it ever since. I took about a 2 year break after ankle surgery right before college, and the last 2 years was able to help with the foundation of our university's equestrian team and coach our dressage team. I had to take a number of years off when I went back to nursing school and then my masters, but have been back riding ever since.

Q: How long have you been interested in Tekes or Teke crosses?

A: For about 3 plus years now.

Q: How did you hear about the ATAA?

A: Researching the breed after I met and rode some and fell in love.

Q: Do you own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross? If so, what do you do with him/her?

A: Currently, no :(

Q: If you don't own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross, do you plan to have one someday?

A: YES!!!!

Q: What do you like the most about them?

A: When I was younger, I had a bad fall going cross country and have had a little bit of trust issues in the field since then. As soon as I was on one of Phil's more green mares, I had the most odd feeling. I completely trusted her, right away. Every time I have had the chance to go back to Shenandoah Farms and ride with Sabine and see Phil, I have been amazed the instant feeling of "this is a horse I belong on". I never second guessed jumping anything in my way, galloping off, or anything else. It was an amazing feeling that I would love to have again.

Q: What are your goals for the future with your Teke or Teke cross?

A: Once I am riding one... to continue to event (most likely just lower level, not sure I have the guts for the upper levels) and even more so continue to move up the levels in dressage.



Keira and her family

Julie Manuele

Q: Where do you live?

A: Sequim, WA

Q: How did you hear about Akhal-Teke horses?

A: A friend gave me a copy of a magazine in 1996 (Bit & Spur?) with article about Tekes in it. The breeder Cathy Leddy was mentioned in that article, I subsequently googled her name and called her. The rest is ongoing history.

Q: What is your experience with horses?

A: I love them. I own them. I received my first at 9 yrs of age. I have lost a phenomenal amount of money my entire life pursuing my love of them.

Q: How long have you been interested in Tekes or Teke crosses?

A: Since 1996

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Q: How did you hear about the ATAA?

A: Cathy Leddy

Q: Do you own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross? If so, what do you do with him/her?

A: Yes, Currently breeder, raising a foal.

Q: What do you like the most about them?

A: Their minds and that they are so relationship oriented.

Q: What are your goals for the future with your Teke or Teke cross?

A: Not certain at this point.



Julie's filly Tess- Salam x Alyeshka

Possible Volunteer positions:

ATAA Website:

- Person to update color page (it is the #1 page people look at!!!) If you're a color geek, this might be you!

THANK YOU to Betsy Wandler!!

- Person to help writing news stories or articles

- Person to help update sport news pages with results

- Contact people and interview them for AT stories.

- Person to roam websites and list the ATAA on equine now, DreamHorse....or whatever site they can think of?

- Person to make an ATAA app?

-Youth page?

Newsletter:

- Person to interview members and write it up for the Newsletter

-Find informational articles on Teke or related items (Turkmenistan, textiles, costumes, etc.)

-Translator – I have several older Russian magazines that probably have great articles, but are in Russian!

DVD's

Person to contact libraries to have a DVD on the shelf?

Fundraiser – if there is someone who is a great fundraiser, please let us know! We could do some great things...if only we had the money.

Several people did mention that they would like to see more members involved in the ATAA...here is your chance!

Meet the Members!

We did a series a year or so back where members, new and old introduced themselves. We'd like to do that again, especially if you are a new member or new to Tekes person. Here is a list of possible topics to discuss, but please consider these a jumping off point –you certainly do not have to follow these! Photos are great too. Thank you to Connie and Jim Rawski and Caroline Dudkowski – we'd love to meet MORE members!

We also thought it would be another great thing to have on the ATAA website!

I will include a list of questions, but please feel free to add whatever you think might be of interest to the rest of us. You may send the replies to me, Cathy, your newsletter editor, along with a photo of you and your horse/dog/cat whatever.

1. Where do you live?
2. How did you hear about Akhal-Teke horses?
3. What is your experience with horses?
4. How long have you been interested in Tekes or Teke crosses?
5. How did you hear about the ATAA?
6. Do you own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross? If so, what do you do with him/her?
7. If you don't own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross, do you plan to have one someday?
8. How did you find out about Tekes?
9. What do you like the most about them?
10. What are your goals for the future with your Teke or Teke cross?

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you, here and at the Rare Breeds Show next June!

Cathy Leddy

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**Check out the ATAA Website at:
www.akhal-teke.org**

ATAA Awards – Presented at the Awards Banquet, September 19th, 2015 by Betsy Wandler

Guidelines and Rules:

The awards outlined below are for ATAA members only.

Exception: see Junior Achievement

The President or Vice-President may be asked to step in for a tie-breaker (or another committee member not personally involved in that particular award if it involves president or vice-president)

All awards will be chosen based on nominations from registry members (a paragraph or two explaining why the individual person and/or horse should be chosen for that award).

Plaques will be given out to the discipline award recipients (A maximum of 3 recipients per discipline), certificates given to all nominees.

An individualized award will be given out to achievement award recipients (1 recipient per category)

Achievement Awards:

Junior Achievement Award: A youth (<18) who participates in promoting the breed and/or the registry. The youth must be a member OR horse owner must be a member AND horse must be registered.

Sydney Morrison (Silk Road Marauder)

Publicity Achievement Award: Any registered horse or member who brings the breed and/or registry into the public eye (example: magazine article, newspaper, television, etc.).

Cathy Leddy - winner

Nominees: Tish Saare, Sabine Desper, Scott Sears, Timothy Floyd, Connie Rawski, Terri Fender, Kopet-Dag Akhal Teke LLC

Volunteer Achievement Award: A member that donates their time by helping out in any way to promote the breed and/or the registry.

Cathy Leddy - winner

Nominees: Tish Saare, Scott Sears, Sabine Desper, Nadia Alexandrova, Betsy Wandler, Eron Owen, Amrita Ibold, Catrina Quantrell, Kopet-Dag Akhal Teke, LLC

Golden Achievement Award: A member >60 years old that has actively promoted, volunteered, or somehow contributed to furthering the breed or registry.

Rod Hunt - winner

Nominee: Jas Shearer-McMahon

Leadership Achievement Award: A member in the registry that shows great skills in leadership, ambition, promotion, and teamwork amongst fellow members.

Cathy Leddy -winner

Nominees: Patricia Johnston, Tiffany Deitchler

Discipline Awards:

Long-Distance Discipline Award: A member that actively competes in AERC or CTR rides on a registered horse.

Amanda Humphreys on Resilience - winner

Jas Shearer-McMahon on MV Patrickhan - winner

Timothy Floyd on Akula - winner

Nominees: Jim and Connie Rawski on JBK Andyn/JC Zymone/JC Hasil, Rebecca Supinger on Kharyzma, Resilience AAKSO178 (Akhal-Teke/Arab), Cathy Leddy on Galen

Dressage Discipline Award: A member that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USDF recognized shows on a registered horse.

Catrina Quantrell on Mazaly - winner

Laura Spear on Diesel - winner

Eron Owens on Gidasp - winner

Eventing Discipline Award: A member that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEA recognized events on a registered horse.

Susan Presson on Sensational Scooby- winner

Stephanie Caston on Hendrix- winner

Eron Owens on Arslana- winner

Jumping Discipline Award: A member that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEF recognized shows on a registered horse.

Sydney Morrison on Silk Road Marauder- winner

Catrina Quantrell on Mazaly-winner

Open Show (Discipline) Award: A member that actively competes in open shows (any discipline) on a registered horse.

No nominations

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Annual Conference – should we go to every other year? Possibly having our conference overseas at, for example, the European Championships. Regional conferences? So few people compete at national level – ideas such as donating jumps at major venues.

Amrita volunteers Pat to talk to ALBC about expos and how to map where our horses are.

Should we offer PDF memberships to cut down on postage and printing costs? How to do this on website?

Strategic Plan – Pat- need a framework, Imagine from 10 years from now.

Need a vision – break it down, 10 year retrospective. Pat will help process of strategic plan, work on it tomorrow. Amrita suggests a Conference call to discuss.

Grading/breed standard discussion –during Rare Breeds Show discussion.

Motion: Cathy motions to adjourn 10:36, Jas Seconds. Approved.

2015 ATAA General Membership Meeting Minutes

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Akhal-Teke Association of America, held at Hampton Inn, Whitestown, Indiana

Starting Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 9 am

Called to order at 9:14

Roll Call: Present: Pat Johnston, Cathy Leddy, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Betsy Wandler, Catrina Quantrell, Eron Owens, Madeline Lucroy, Caroline Dudkowski, and Tish via Skype.

Reading of unapproved minutes of the previous General Membership Meeting and taking any necessary actions, Secretary, Cathy Leddy

Motion: Betsy motions to approve 2014 meeting minutes. Jas seconds. Approved.

Presentation of Officer and Committee Reports:

President's Report – Catrina Quantrell- We are a small group, but it was a good BOD year, lots of good conversations. We had our first Conference call and it was a success.

Treasurer's Report- Amrita Ibold (read by Cathy Leddy and Catrina Quantrell) – We should start on next year's budget in November. Have budgets for standalone events, such as the Rare Breeds Show. Report: Beginning balance in checking of 568.63 Income as of 9/14/2015 5283.88, Expenses 3170.11 = 2113.77. Savings on 1/1/2015 4611.47 + 800 transferred = total in savings 5512.59 balance 9/14/2015, CD of over 10,000 still in bank. Total assets as of 9/14/2015 = 17,000?

Secretary's Report – Cathy Leddy – all filings have been done on time, including insurance, annual report, IRS, etc.

Registrar's Report – Amrita Ibold (read by Cathy) 52 finished certificates as of 9/14/2015, including registrations and transfers. We have about 20 new pendings (from 2014 and 2015) that need more information to complete. At this point, if all information is sent in correctly, we issue certificate as soon as we get DNA results back.

Website Report – Amrita Ibold- Cathy read Amrita's report 'Biggest change is Betsy Wandler taking over the color page. She did a great job updating it. The news page I have neglected. It would be great to have a volunteer take over the news page. On Facebook, Cathy is doing a fabulous job having daily news. I know not everyone is on Facebook, so having the News page updated as well is important to keep the website fresh.' We then discussed: have website archives to research links, such as other websites, old links such as The Turanian horse website. We'd need to cache these sites so links don't go bad. Caroline offers to research old Teke links. Eron asks for a PDF of all addresses in the registry. Cathy thinks she can do that, not sure. Cathy bought the domain name akhaltekebreeders.com as it's on the brochures we send out. Pat suggests we buy akhaltekebreeders.org also. We talked about articles on site and in newsletter about sporthorses. Pat mentioned Molly's article in ALBC news, will send to Cathy (almost exactly what we published in the October 2014 issue of the ATAA newsletter). Will put on the website. Pat asks if we are ready to have a marketing person look at our website and give us ideas. We say yes, Pat will ask her contact to do a quick pro bono look and give us feedback. Idea of a map where locations of Tekes (ATAA registered or not) can be put up so people can find horses near them.

We then talked about membership – some members feel that sporthorses are treated as second class citizens – discussion on how to talk about them – Jas will try to contact Jon Hockensmith, photographer for Rare Breeds show (?). Suggestion of grading for sporthorses alongside purebreds.

Newsletter Report- Cathy Leddy – published 3 issues so far this year, would like more input from membership.

Awards Committee- Catrina Quantrell/ Betsy Wandler- We talked about Incentive Awards – maybe do another email blast, could put ad in USEA magazine about awards. USDF still very difficult to go through – expensive and complicated. Catrina getting and sending out clarification emails to people. We should revisit 'sanctioned' vs 'non sanctioned' shows. Tish suggests 2 categories: sanctioned and non-sanctioned. Pat suggests including all competitions.

Motion: Cathy motions to revisit Incentive Program Directives after the 1st of the year. Send an email to the membership about this. Catrina seconds. Approved.

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Member awards – Catrina had to be the tie-breaker on several categories. Betsy asks that people say WHY they nominated people. Have another awards blurb in newsletter with criteria (which we have published almost every newsletter)

Promotions Report – Tish Saare – The DVD is out, we spearheaded a KHP breeds day in May, only 2 participants. Should we put the DVD on Ebay? Tish has had no luck getting hold of KHP gift shop. Cathy will try to contact Cindy S on Facebook to see if she can talk to them. Need to get our website shop up and running with PayPal buttons. Send DVDs to libraries.

Catrina suggests \$150 box of promotional materials with DVDs, brochures, CD w/PDFs – discussion of having a \$75 box and a \$150 box. Can put this on Store Page with PayPal button. People can get a box for their \$150 promotion money OR buy the box and we will put the \$150 or \$75 back into Promotions. Cathy and Tish will figure it out and bring to BOD for approval. Pat suggests the 2 sizes, \$75 and \$150 including shipping – use Flat Rate box? Only applicable in continental US, will need to go on a case by case basis in other countries.

Nomination and Elections Report – Jas Shearer-McMahon/Pat Johnston – 3 nominees for 2 positions, Amrita Ibold, Tish Saare and Joanne Hodeen.

Passing of Ballots, voting and announcement of New BOD members, Jas Shearer-McMahon/Pat Johnston: Jas counted votes, new BOD is Catrina, Jas, Cathy, Betsy, Pat, Amrita and Tish. Thank you to all candidates for being willing to serve!

Farm Reports during ballot counting

Silent Auction-Cathy Leddy – we made \$965 on Silent Auction. Jas suggests we use money from Silent Auction to defray cost of Conference.

Old Business

Logowear for sale: Put each on website with PayPal button.

What else to do to retain members/get new ones? Discussion of retaining members and getting new ones. We need to shift emphasis to being about the horse, not what we give members. Have had several not renew this year as they weren't 'getting enough for their money'. Need to be more about promotion of the breed, what members can do for the breed. For next year's General Membership Meeting, Jas suggests we change the names of the membership levels to: Member (now called Friends), Owner Member (now called Individual) and Ranch Member (Ranch and Family now). No junior membership anymore. Think about letting international members onto committees. These will be bylaw changes so will need to be done at meeting next summer per our bylaws.

Ask Gus if DNA can match offspring to grandparents?

New Business

Survey and Results – Cathy read Survey and results, will put on website also. Pat suggests that Survey guides our discussions on BOD – preface results with actual things we have refocused because of member replies in survey. Refocus some of our attention.

Pat asks when last time website has changed – possible to update image on front page? Been the same since 2012? Logo needs to be there. Survey is a good tool for future projects – use sparingly but listen.

Talk of how to make Conferences better attended – have with major events, such as Rare Breeds show, Expos and/or? Also talked about possibly going overseas for Conference in conjunction with something like the European Championships – airfare would be about the same as middle America.

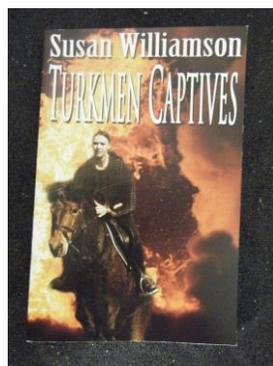
Eron suggests Flickr account for large amounts of photos. Discussion of just using Facebook for this.

Awards and what people want: member ideas? Next year awards? When? As Rare Breeds show is in the middle of the competition season, how to do ATAA awards? Award Committee to work up proposal.

2016 Rare Breeds Show: decided to do Meet and Greet with all show participants, AMG meeting will be Tuesday 6-10 pm.

Motion: Eron motions that we take Victoria up on the offer of Conference rooms at the Virginia Horse Park for our meeting next year. Tish seconds. Approved.

Turkmen Captives **By Susan Williamson**



Madelaine Jones is still reeling from her husband's death in Afghanistan when her home explodes and a mysterious letter indicates her husband might not have been a war casualty.

Mystery author Rita Mae Brown says, "There are old scores to settle in Turkmen Captives. Premonitions. Akhal-Teke horses. Determination to keep our heroine alive. But what awaits?"

*Available from Amazon.com or
www.secondwindpublishing.com
www.susanwilliamsonauthor.com*

Also, Susan has donated a signed copy to our Silent Auction!! Thank you Susan!

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PayPal button on website

Fund Raising: Idea of having t-shirt for sale, proceeds to go to Rare Breeds show. Should also have something for volunteers at the show. Ask some artists if they could do something up? Have ATAA logo prominently displayed?

Judge?

Class sponsorships; might require a price per class to cover ribbon cost (all ribbons should be similar) and then donor provides 1st and 2nd places in their class with the award of their choice.

Talked about having a trail/obstacle class – ridden and in-hand, classes to be figured out by Show committee over the next few months.

Rare Breeds Show Committee: Eron Owens, Cathy Leddy, Tish Saare, Madeline Lucroy, Amrita Ibold and Caroline Dudkowski.

2016 Annual Conference- should it go to every other year- Pat suggests every other year and plan ahead. Could do video conferencing. Should have a personal invitation from the host, early payment discounts. Pat suggests a 'Best Practices' from other Conferences and hosts to help upcoming hosts. Suggestion of opening speakers to local people. Structures, checklist and going on local list serves to publicize.

Strategic Plan- Pat suggests we look backwards and do a 10 year accomplishment retrospective to let people know what we've done. Cathy and pat will start with an outline and fill in contents. Celebrate what has worked. Pat suggests that BOD be actively involved. Pat will facilitate. Tish thanks Pat. Need something short for a website retrospective – PowerPoint? Look into website form and function.

Should we offer PDF Membership Directories and Bylaws to cut down printing and postage costs? Discussion: Send snail mail only to new members, not renewing members? Idea: for 2016 regular mailings but let people opt out of receiving snail mail via email. Or, regular mailings and let them know in packet they can opt out. Talked about window clings, suggested by Jennifer Newman, talked pricing, BOD will look into and decide for 2016.

For 2016 – send out last packet saying we're going electronic? Opt out via email, savings will help us promote breed, go green.

Breed Standard and Grading; Pat will gather and send to committee to start procedure.

We need to copy old Conference tapes onto DVDs – find them first!

Motion: Betsy motions to adjourn at 2:10. Jas seconds. Approved.

Action Items:

1. **Caroline Dudkowski offers to research old Teke links to include on the ATAA Website.**
2. **Pat agreed to meet with a marketing (branding) expert to assess the webpage. She will seek a pro-bono contribution for an initial assessment of our current webpage.**
3. **Cathy and Tish will figure out promotion boxes and bring to BOD for approval - \$75 and \$150**
4. **By next year's Conference, have vote to change names of membership levels.**
5. **Amrita ask Gus if DNA can match offspring to grandparents**
6. **Awards committee will work up proposal for next year's ATAA awards.**
7. **2016 Conference will be at the Rare Breeds Show**
8. **Pat agreed to start a process of developing a 10 year report. This is similar to an annual report, but capture 10 years of accomplishments. The first step will be a framework to seek input from other board members to capture accomplishments. Everyone should be thinking about what the ATAA has accomplished over the last ten years.**
9. **Cathy suggests something short for the website – PowerPoint on the 10 years report?**
10. **Pat agreed to start a strategic planning process. Part of strategic planning is "looking back" to inform moving forward. The 10 year report will help as a foundation to build the strategic plan and thinking forward.**
11. **For 2016 regular mailings but let people opt out of receiving snail mail via email. Or, regular mailings and let them know in packet they can opt out. Must follow bylaws.**

2015 New Board Meeting Minutes, Saturday September 19, 8:50 pm Hampton Inn, Whitestown, Indiana

Present: Pat Johnston, Cathy Leddy, Catrina Quantrell, Betsy Wandler and Jas Shearer-McMahon. Not present, Tish Saare and Amrita Ibold. Officers the same as last year: Catrina, president, Jas vice-president, Cathy secretary, Amrita treasurer, Betsy, Pat and Tish Directors at large

Motion: Cathy motions that we link to Milena's database as a public database on our ATAA website. Also, talk to Milena about ongoing upkeep to database. Pat seconds. Approved.

Motion: Jas motions that we give Milena a 2016 Ranch Membership for her service. Betsy seconds. Approved.

Motion: Jas motions that we move forward with a strategic plan. Pat seconds. Approved.

Motion: Cathy motions that we use proceeds of Silent Auction to defray Conference costs. Catrina seconds. Approved.

Motion: Pat motions to adjourn at 8:58. Jas seconds. Approved.

Akhal-Teke Gait Study Update:

Hi everyone,

I asked Molly Nicodemus for an update on the ATAA Gait Study that her university is doing. Here is what she says: "We are still looking for more video to analyze so if you can just reiterate at the meeting our original request for video of the horses performing their various gaits and at various speeds that would be helpful. We need to increase the numbers we have for publication so our findings are on hold at this time"

They would like at least 6 more videos of Akhal-Tekes and/or Akhal-Teke sporthorses to finish their gait study. Please send videos to her directly, info below! This will get lots of attention when it's done, so it's an excellent promotion for the breed!

Cathy Leddy

Details:

"With research we can always use more test subjects so if you have horse owners that can video their horse's gaits, especially varying speeds of the trot, that would be helpful. Would help to have the video done in arena so I can use the railing as a reference point. With what video they send it is helpful to have horse info on age and height along with video of the horse standing or a picture for evaluation of conformation. Video may be too large to send via email so they can also just send it to my school address. Any format will work.

A minute at each gait and at each speed is plenty. Also make sure the whole body and especially the hooves can easily be seen in the video. Since my other video is under saddle, ridden, I would prefer the same for all video.

So:

- Horses under saddle with rider
- Railings as a reference point
- 1 minute at each gait and speed

- Whole body and hooves easily seen
- Send age and height of horse along with video or photo of horse standing to evaluate conformation
- Any format of video

Send to the address here: Molly Nicodemus,

1805 Hwy 393 Louisville, MS
39339

Email: MNicodemus@ads.msstate.edu

Incentive Awards Program (Pilot Year 2015)

* For this Pilot Year of 2015 the incentive program will only be available for people competing in recognized events (we will reevaluate this after the first year, and look forward to comments from our members in regard to schooling and or open shows)

To participate:

- 1) Must be a member in good standing with the ATAA
- 2) Horse competing must be registered with the ATAA either as a pure or part bred.
- 3) Send in 2 or more pictures from the event (must be 375kb or bigger) (if you placed please send a picture with your ribbon and/or prize)
- 4) Sign a release that the ATAA may post photos and results to our website and use photos in promotions for the ATAA
- 5) Email the link to the results page for the event

At the end of the year the ATAA will send you a check, so the more you compete the larger your share of the "jackpot" will be. The amount you receive will be divided out of the set amount in the awards fund and therefore will depend on how many people participate in the incentive program. The incentive program does not depend on you placing or earning points, it is completely about competing in recognized events in all disciplines and sending in the above listed information to the association.

Contact Catrina Quantrell for more information and send your results to her at: godscavalry@gmail.com

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AWARDS

Make sure you and your horses are eligible for awards this year! Check out the ATAA website under awards <http://www.akhal-teke.org/awards-programs.html> to be presented at the Yearly Conference in September and USEA and AERC Incentive awards to be presented at their yearly conferences.

Horses For Sale

For Sale: Magaryf (Maruk X Fergan) 2008 Purebred Buckskin Stallion. Has been started under saddle. Galadrielle (Miril X JBK Gulkusi), 2012 Purebred Buckskin Filly; Miss Nike, 2011 Bay AT X Arab cross filly; Ra'isa, 2012 Bay AT X Arab filly. All Ak Sakal line. Details on DreamHorse or Equispot.com. Website: www.oasisakhal-tekes.com. Email: jacquemunn@aol.com.

Classified Ads

Each ATAA member will receive a free ad in the ATAA Newsletter Classifieds each issue.

Individual membership: 30 free words per issue. Family membership: 60 free words per issue. Farm membership: ¼ page ad

If that amount just isn't enough, you can buy more ad space.

Full Page: \$75 per issue

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1/6 Page: \$10 per issue

Business card: \$8 per issue

You can pay via check or on the ATAA website with the PayPal button on the membership page. Just make sure you add a note with your payment so we will know what it is for.

Send Ad copy to ATAA newsletter, 21314 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 or c.ledddy@frontier.com

Ads due by the end of the month before publishing.

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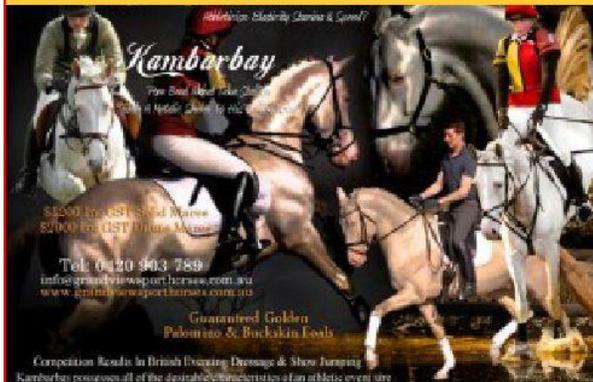
Salam- 2000 Elite AT stallion, AI only



Sabyr – Salam x Aishet, 2013 gelding for sale
Ahmiyetli – Salam x Aishet, 2013 filly, sold!

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Gallo (photo right) is a metallic bay stallion from the Skak line.

Arin (photo below) is a shiny cremello stallion from the Gelishikli line.



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Please see our website for more photos and information.

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