

ATAA Newsletter

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21st Annual ATAA General Membership Meeting At Dressage at Devon

By Cathy Leddy

September 27 – 28, Devon and Malvern, PA (Dressage at Devon show)

I arrived in Pennsylvania on Monday evening, so I could start work on Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning, I arrived at the DAD showgrounds in Malvern, PA. I was surprised at how small it was, vs how big the show is. The showgrounds are very old and are nestled in among car dealerships, grocery stores and various other businesses. The barns (for the most part, anyway) are very old fashioned, with smallish stalls with openings between boards

between stalls. I checked out where our Tekes were supposed to be and found they were scattered in several different barns, even though the competitors had asked to be together. After some reflection, we decided that was ok, as we had 5 stallions coming and in the interest of peace and quiet, having them with their known associates seemed to be a good idea. Sabine Desper had gotten an extra stall for the ATAA as a hospitality stall. We ended up setting up mostly in the aisle way though, as the barns weren't very full (horses came and went depending on when they showed). Trisha Urban came with the stall drapes that were donated last year by Golden Years Retirement

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Global plan to save endangered horse and livestock breeds

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Rare livestock breeds are becoming extinct at a rate of one per month, prompting 108 countries to agree on a global plan of action to save the animals, including horses.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization called the extinction rate "alarming".

"Wise management of the world's animal genetic resources is of ever greater importance," said FAO Assistant Director-General Alexander Muller, addressing participants at the first International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic

Resources for Food and Agriculture in Interlaken, Switzerland, earlier this month.

"The options that these resources offer for maintaining and improving animal production will be of enormous significance in the coming decades," he said. "Climate change and the emergence of new and virulent livestock diseases highlight the importance of retaining the capacity to adapt our agricultural production systems."

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ATAA Awards Survey- what does the membership want?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T8HWTC>

Welcome to our new ATAA BOD members, Gretta Teets and Cindy Sither!

Online Holiday Silent Auction going on now! Donate and bid!

<https://www.32auctions.com/ATAAholidayauction2017>

Renew your membership by Dec 31st and get entered in the raffle!

No January Newsletter, we'll issue the Annual Report instead. Next newsletter in April, 2018

[Akhal-Teke Association of America - ATAA](http://www.akhal-teke.com)

Naked Foal Syndrome Testing Fund

While Naked Foal Syndrome does not appear to be a large problem in our N. America Teke population, as we only know of one affected foal born approximately 20 years ago, the ATAA BOD has decided to be proactive about this genetic fault.

The ATAA BOD has voted to establish a fund to help owners and breeders test their horses. Working in conjunction with UC Davis, we will offer to pay half of all tests via a coupon code to help owners and breeders to see if their horses are affected and if so, how NOT to pass this defect along.

It has been suggested that all active breeding stallions and brood mares as of 2015 be tested and then if any of these horses show a mutation, test their offspring. We can possibly test other horses, but this has been suggested to start.

We want to be able to publish results in the ATAA Newsletter and on the [ATAA website](#), as a resource. Having your results published will be necessary if you want the coupon. You may, of course, privately test your horses at full price, but we do ask that we be allowed to publish those results also. We feel that the more information we have, the better breeding decisions can be made.

If you would like to add to the Fund, so we can expand this important research, contact a BOD member.

If you need help deciding which horses in your herd to test, please contact Amrita or Cathy.

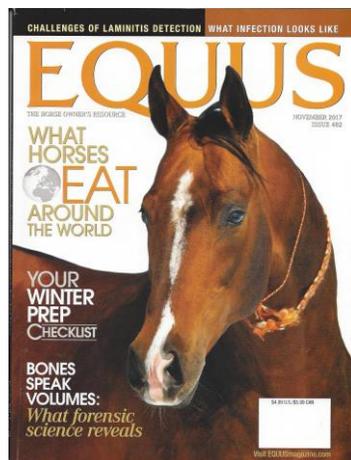
Let's stamp out Naked Foal Syndrome!



As always, a huge shout out to the Board of Directors. The BOD is working hard to come up with new promotions, answer questions and basically help the ATAA become the best it can be. Please contact a BOD member with any questions you may have.

ATAA News

Akhal-Teke on Equus Magazine cover!



November's issue has an Akhal-Teke on the cover. Photo by Katya Druz/Amos Bronkhorst

ATAA Awards- Thank you to everyone that nominated for these and thank you to Chair Betsy Wandler, who always finds the best awards!

ATAA Horse of the Year:
Diesel, ATAA Sporthorse, bred by Heatherstone Farms and owned and ridden by Laura Spear.



Diesel received a hand-made presentation halter made by Shannon Mayfield.

ATAA Volunteer of the Year:
Caroline Dudkowski



Caroline received a gift certificate from The Painting Pony



For the last two decades a dramatic decline in the American horse market has put a stop to horse breeding on many farms. Nowhere is this hitting harder than those working with endangered horses. Horses such as the ancient Akhal-Teke or the Caspian that have existed for thousands of years are gravely endangered. Even the iconic Morgan and Hackney horses are now at risk. Fewer than 100 traditional Morgans were registered in 2016. In our lifetime we may bear witness to their extinction.

Heritage breed horses are an irreplaceable reservoir of genetic diversity and each loss is significant for the future of the horse industry. These animals offer the horse community traits such as stamina, unique gaits, disease resistance, sound feet and skeletal structure, and mothering ability. One day these characteristics may be important resources for other breeds. Renowned conservationist Cary Fowler put it best by saying *"We need that collection of traits, because we don't have a crystal ball. We don't know what's coming in the future, and we don't know which of those traits will be useful or important in that future."*

The time to jump into action is now. Through collaboration with Texas A&M University and Virginia Tech, The Livestock Conservancy plans to bring together approximately 50 endangered horse breed associations to participate in a National Endangered Equine Summit. Together with leaders of the scientific, rare breed, and horse communities, this targeted working group will be tasked to identify the leading causes of breed population declines, decide what actions may be taken to stabilize the loss of breeds, and develop a list of achievable and fundable action points. A priority for the summit is the development of long lasting partnerships between all of the **continued on page 3**

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organizations in attendance. By working together, we will strengthen and revitalize conservation and promotion efforts long diluted by many small groups working independently.

The Akhal-Teke Association of America (ATAA) will be represented at The Livestock Conservancy's National Endangered Equine Summit by ATAA Board Member, Patricia (Pat) Johnston. Thanks to a grant from the USA Equestrian Trust, the summit will be held at Texas A&M University in College Station on February 9-11, 2018.

ATAA Logowear at [The Painting Pony](#); Items available, we have already received our second check.



September 14, 2017 Conference Call BOD Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 6:09 pm

Attending: Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Amrita Ibold, Pat Johnston, Tish Saare.

Absent: Catrina Quantrell

1. Trademark/Wordmark: BOD issue, tabled, Cathy will detail this to the BOD, Pat suggests putting it in 2018's budget. Cathy will try to get details to BOD before September 28th, General Membership Meeting.
2. Online Silent Auction: Gretta Teets has volunteered to run this, she already has an online service in mind. Before Christmas, perhaps starting in November? Donations asked for on Facebook, via email. Thank you, Gretta!
3. 2018 Teke shows: Tish looked into going with the Western States Horse Expo, problem is that it is either February or June – February has hairy horses, June is very hot. Tish did contact them and they are excited about it, could do it either 1 day or 3 days. Possible for 2019. Concentrate on WEG 2018.
4. Grant writer- Amrita put a note out looking for a grant writer, Grant Writer has contacted Cathy and she wrote:

"I am still looking for grants for you. Most grants in the equine world are given to organizations that rescue horses, to provide equestrian therapy, for disaster relief, or to provide feed/housing/etc in the event that owners can't support their horses. Under those circumstances, I'm having a hard time finding a grant to fit your organization. Do you provide any of these services?"

The best fit thus far is the USA Equestrian Trust, but their deadline is in May. So you've missed this year and are looking at a six month wait before you can apply for next year (most funders release application information a few months out). "

1. Breeder's Incentive Fund- Suggested by Connie Rawski. Contact Connie and see if she can do up a proposal, which can then go on to the BOD.
2. Tish talked to FlipCause, but it costs money. There is a free trial period, could try that and use it to modernize our website. Amrita thinks we are too small to benefit, Tish suggests that if it proves it can make at least \$100 a month, it will be worth it. Cathy, Pat, Tish would like to see a demo after the Conference, which is 1 hour.
3. Pat suggest that we need to do more focusing on breed preservation, sent out an article on saving endangered breeds, will get permission to reprint.
4. Powerpoint presentation on breed conformation and grading, done by Tish, would like to get it on the website. Sent to BOD for review.
5. USEF affiliation- to continue next year? If a member wants to pay for it, sure. ATAA not seeing a huge return on it.
6. Amrita and Cathy to work on a registration form for more than one owner of a horse. Betsy suggests that the Arabians have a way to deal with this. She will look into it.

General Membership Meeting Agenda

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Akhal-Teke Association of America, held at Homewood Suites, Malvern, PA

Starting Thursday September 28 around 7 pm in the Mallard Room, Homewood Suites, Malvern PA

Order of Business as follows:

Roll Call, Vice President, Jas Shearer-McMahon

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

Presentation of Officer and Committee Reports:

President's Report – Catrina Quantrell, read by ?

Treasurer's Report- Amrita Ibold

Secretary's Report – Cathy Leddy

Registrar's Report – Amrita Ibold

Website Report – Amrita Ibold

Newsletter Report- Cathy Leddy

Awards Committee- Catrina Quantrell/ Betsy Wandler

Promotions Report – Tish Saare

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ATAA Conference, DAD from front page

Home (her place of employ at the time) and I had brought the ATAA banner and shipped some items to Sabine Desper to bring with her horses. Trisha, her significant other (nice guy, but I've totally forgotten his name!) and I put up the stall drapes and banners and set up a display in the aisleway outside of Shenandoah Farms stalls. We had an extra stall, thinking it would be for visitors, but the barn was empty enough that we were able to use it for



View of ATAA stalls at Devon

storage. The stalls were in a good area also, not far from the vendor village and entrance to the showgrounds. We put up the multicolored Akhal-Teke banner outside the barn to help guide traffic in.



Sabine Desper and her significant other showed up later on Tuesday with The Akhal-Teke Stud stallions Anikit and Kurizma, as they had classes on Wednesday morning. Katrina and Giles Ardiel showed up Tuesday also with two of their stallions, Gerald and Hendrick. Trisha Urban brought her two-year-old colt early on Thursday morning, as he was only in the AT breed class.

We got everyone settled Tuesday night and then I headed back to the hotel. Wednesday morning, we met at the barn bright and early and I helped Sabine get Anikit ready for his in-hand class, as she was still on Kurizma in his under saddle class not long before Anikit's. I got to shave off his mane and groom him up a bit, what a lovely guy he is! Both Hendrick and Anikit showed in the 4 year and older stallion class (in hand) and placed 4th and 5th

with scores of 68.8 for Hendrick and 67.8 for Anikit under judge Carter Bass. Kurizma showed in the 4 year and older stallions and geldings under saddle, which was a very large class and showed himself quite nicely, although he wasn't in the ribbons.

Hendrick showed in the 4 yo stallions and geldings Materiale, coming in 9th out of 10 with a respectable score of 68.00.



Pat Johnston awarding Sabine Desper and Kurizma the first-place wool throw (donated by Saxon Horse Industries, Ltd) along with one of the lovely leather halters all entrants received. Thank you to Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes and an anonymous donor for making the halters possible!

Katrina had a very busy day Thursday, riding Gerald in 4th Level Test of Choice and Hendrick in USEF YH Test for 4 year olds along with showing in the AT class in the morning.

We did our General Membership Meeting during the day on Thursday, as Katrina wouldn't be available later on. As we only had 9 people show up (not all ATAA members) it worked out fine. We took a table in the beer garden and had a very good meeting and discussion. Our banquet back at the hotel was pretty dismal though. We had wonderful food, a nice room and only 5 people showed up. Live and learn, next year will be a run to the grocery store the day of. The 5 of us that were there had a good time, but it certainly did not make back what it cost us. We had so much food left over that new Teke friend Katherine Levandusky (who took time off from work to come and volunteer and see the Tekes) suggested we donate the rest for the volunteers at DAD. Our donation was very appreciated!

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On Friday, Katrina rode Hendrick in another USEF YH Test for 4-year-olds. In one of these (or maybe both? I don't remember), the judge gave comments after the ride to help the riders with their young horse's training. That was both interesting and informative.

We were able to watch quite a bit of the Friday afternoon and evening classes before heading back to the hotel.

Saturday, Katrina showed Gerald in 4th Level test 2 and Pat, Amrita and I got to watch. She tied for 9th place with a 63.889. Sunday, they did 4th Level test 2 again and got 4th place with a score of 61.25.



Katrina and Gerald at DAD

Our association name was up on the big reader board many times during the show, but every time I'd try to take a photo, it would be too late. It was pretty neat though, to see our 'name in lights'. We did hand out quite a few brochures and DVDs and several people said they had come to DAD specifically to see the Tekes.

I did enjoy the vendor village (and spent quite a bit of money there!) I spent quite a bit of time shopping. I bought 4 nice browbands for the ATAA Holiday Silent Auction (going on through December 17th at: <https://www.32auctions.com/ATAAholidayauction2017>)

It really was a wonderful week and I have to say, Pennsylvania is quite lovely (at least around Devon!). I hope I can get back next year and that we will have more horses showing there. It is excellent exposure for our breed. Thank you again to everyone that brought and showed horses, and everyone that made this possible!

A collage of images and text for Spring Hollow Farm. It includes two photos of horses' heads (one light-colored, one dark brown), two photos of riders on horses in an arena, and a central logo of a running horse. The text provides contact information for Cindy Sither, including a phone number, website, and Facebook handle.

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Akhali- Tekes
Wilmore, KY

Cindy Sither
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@SpringHollowFarmTekes

Global Plan, continued from front page

Livestock breeding is crucial in this respect, FAO believes.

Many breeds at risk of extinction have unique characteristics that may be useful in confronting these and other challenges in the years to come, FAO says. Traits such as resistance to disease or adaptation to climatic extremes could prove fundamental to the food security of future generations.

Moreover, widely used breeds need to be managed more wisely. Among many of these breeds, within-breed genetic diversity is being undermined by the use of a few highly popular sires for breeding.

According to FAO's State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources report, at least one livestock breed a month has become extinct over the past seven years, which means its genetic characteristics have been lost forever.

Around 20 percent of the world's breeds of cattle, goats, pigs, horses and poultry are currently at risk of extinction, according to the report, the first global assessment of livestock biodiversity and of the capacity of countries to manage their animal genetic resources.

"In this situation, the world cannot simply take a business-as-usual, wait-and-see attitude," said Muller. "Climate change means that we are entering a period of unprecedented uncertainty and crisis, which will affect every country."

Muller highlighted climate change as a significant factor to be added to many other threats to livestock breeds. These include rapid, poorly regulated economic and social changes; increasing reliance on a small number of high-output breeds; animal diseases; and poverty, socio-economic instability and armed conflict in some of the areas richest in animal genetic resources.

He said that urgent action was required to improve opportunities, through appropriate policies and technologies, for the better utilization of animal genetic diversity. Sustainable use and genetic improvement are therefore key components of the global plan of action as they largely determine the opportunities for genetic resources conservation. Breed characterization is equally important, Muller said, and gaps and weaknesses in developing countries' abilities to inventory, characterize, conserve and use their livestock breeds must be addressed.

"Although animal genetic resources are important for everyone, they are particularly important for many

livelihoods in developing countries, often of the very poorest," said Muller. He stressed the need for governments to assist poor livestock keepers, who are the custodians of a large proportion of animal genetic diversity.

Representatives of over 120 countries are meeting in Interlaken to negotiate and adopt a Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources. The plan will comprise strategic priority areas as well as provisions for implementation and financing.

"The Interlaken Conference represents a historic opportunity for the international community to make strategic choices regarding the future management of animal genetic resources and to reach a consensus on priority measures for their sustainable use, development and conservation," said Swiss Federal Councilor for Economic Affairs Doris Leuthard at the opening of the meeting.

She highlighted Swiss efforts to protect the country's rich animal diversity, which includes around 90 breeds of cattle, horses, pigs, sheep and goats, but acknowledged that not all countries have the resources necessary to support such conservation efforts.

The Swiss Government will continue to support FAO's efforts and cooperate within appropriate international fora, she said.

"Interlaken is an important step," Ms. Leuthard said, "but it is only a step. The road is long and much remains to be done."



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will be stepping down from the board but am planning on continuing to run the Incentive Program and working with my young Teke cross and hoping that we will be out competing for the 2018 show season”

Treasurer's Report- Amrita Ibold: Beginning of 2017, \$2827 in checking. As of 9/28/2017, \$2830 in checking. Savings has \$11,126.66 as of 9/28/2017 Complete accounting handed out to attending members.

MOTION: Amrita motions that we add \$1000 to the Incentive Fund for 2018 for a total of \$3000 to be handed out. Sabine seconds. Approved.

Secretary's Report – Cathy Leddy- As of 9/28/2017 we have 79 members, with 13 being new members or members that did not renew in 2016. Last year we ended with 78 members. We have 21 Ranch or Family members now, 20 individuals and 15 friends, along with Lifetime, 3 10-year and International members.

Tai asks what members get for their membership money: Incentive Fund, newsletters, listing on website and ads in newsletter, all mailings, discounts on registration and transfers of ownership. Amrita suggests that we give something to members for their membership. Discussion of prices and postage. Trisha suggest a \$5 or \$10 gift certificate to The Painting Pony, as we get a % off each of those. Will ask Jessica Drake how that would work.

Registrar's Report – Amrita Ibold, in 2017, 6 foal registrations, 20 horse registrations. In 2016, 22 foal registrations plus 11 horse registrations. Pat suggests that we make registering foals easier. Amrita talks about people not registered horses and not finishing registration after payment. Katrina would like a 1 step process, discussion on how other registries do this. Trisha said she will send us links that we can look at and get ideas for streamlining our registration.

MOTION: Amrita motions that Foal registrations are valid for 1 year after date of payment. After that one year is up, if registration is not completed, owner will need to also pay older horse registration fee in addition to fee already paid to finish registration. Katrina seconds. Approved.

Discussion of older horse's registrations that haven't been finished. Deadline for those too? Tabled for now.

Website Report – Amrita Ibold- Once again, color is the #1 search with 1800 clicks a week. Our news page has gone up to the #2 spot with 1288 clicks a week since we have been also posting on Facebook when we add something to the website. Breeders is #3 with 800, Horses for Sale #4, Gallery #5, Foals #6. We need to continue to use key words to get on search engines. Amrita asks if we want yearly statistics on the site? Tai suggests we run ads to generate cash and use affiliate marketing. We ask Tai to research what we would need to do and get back to us. Katrina says they got a cost of about \$2500-\$3000 to update their farm website when we talked about hiring a website developer. Amrita suggests an ad for our website search button in the front-page scroll. Amrita and Cathy have done some updating on the website, it could still use more. Questions: Would developers understand what we are trying to do? Would it be easy to use and update without having to go through third party. Weebly (current website) is easy to use and update and reasonably priced.

Newsletter Report- Cathy Leddy- 2 newsletters out so far this year, October's to come. Discussion of possibly switching January's newsletter (which usually is pretty skinny) to just having the Annual Report, instead of both. Pat suggests that we have links in newsletter to outside articles. Discussion of how not all members get electronic newsletters.

Awards Committee- Catrina Quantrell/ Betsy Wandler -Incentive Awards will be after end of year. ATAA Awards this year, Horse of the Year and Volunteer of the Year only. Suggestion of doing online survey to see what members really want for awards. Do we

want more ATAA awards to recognize horses and riders that aren't doing recognized events/shows? More like previous years? Or like 2017? Online surveys are easy. Katrina suggests that it is nice to recognize people that are promoting our breed.

Promotions Report – Tish Saare: “we advertised in the ALBC Breeder's Directory and the AERC Endurance News (with thanks to Tim Floyd for that) I don't believe that we received any requests to use our promotions fund for expos and the like, although often folks do expos on their own. We do have some funds available to help out our members, along with banners. Our big event is the one you are at now (Dressage at Devon). Last year it was the Rare Breeds Show and next year it will be the World Equestrian Games, with a west coast show planned for 2019. Please let folks know that we are always open to ideas and can help facilitate good promotions ideas that they may have. We have pamphlets that can be printed and DVDs for sale”

Nominations and Election Report – Cathy Leddy- we had 4 people nominated for 2 open positions this year, including Dean Miller, Laura Spear, Gretta Teets and Cindy Sither! Thanks very much to our outgoing BOD members, Catrina Quantrell and Betsy Wandler. Both Catrina and Betsy are going to continue doing the Incentive and ATAA Awards, thank you! We collected ballots at meeting, but did not finish the count until the evening, as the mailed in ballots were back at the hotel. New BOD members were announced at evening banquet: Gretta Teets and Cindy Sither. There will be open positions next year too.

Old Business:

Jumps at venues: Tabled until meeting, need sponsors- too expensive at this time. Tabled.

ATAA Awards- Incentive Awards doing well, trying new ATAA Awards this year, more volunteer awards? Betsy is happy to continue doing ATAA Awards, but wouldn't mind help. Discuss different volunteer awards. Online survey to see what members want.

Breed standard and grading – PowerPoint on YouTube? Trisha talks about brandings, gradings. Several members have asked about a brand for ATs. Trisha says that brands are marketable. Cathy thinks we need someone to push grading. Trisha thinks we need a committee and volunteers.

Trademark: Our ATAA logo and wordmark is up for renewal this year. Discussion of why we trademarked it to begin with. Members were unanimously in favor of the decision to renew our trademark and wordmark. OK using the AT from our logo as our 'official' brand. No one will be required to brand their horse, but may if they want.

New Business;

VNIK registration – less N. American horses are being VNIK registered. Need to send measurement forms to Russia – how to do so? Amrita suggests we keep repeating blurb in Newsletter, put on scrolling pix on website. Pat thinks we are getting further from preserving, need suggestions. Motivation to register in our closed studbook – showing, economics, how to facilitate? Danger of horses not being recognized by Russia in the future if we don't register. Amrita would like to have dual registration at one time. Register both with ATAA and VNIK at the same time. Will get more information and forward to BOD. We need to get horse measurements for the upcoming 11th studbook. Discuss via email later.

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WEG 2018 – in Tryon, NC, September 10-23, 2018. ATAA booth? VOLUNTEERS needed. Cathy will find 2010 WEG stuff, approximate costs, etc. Committee to work on it?

MOTION: Amrita motions that the ATAA have a booth at the World Equestrian Games in 2018. Trisha seconds. Approved.

We will need a committee, budget, etc. Discussion of having some sort of Teke demo at the Games. Possibility of asking the Turkmen trick riders (djigits) that travel come and demo. They were invited in 2010, but couldn't get stuff done in time. Or, have some of our riders there doing demos. Sabine and Katrina were both ok with this.

Semen Bank: Pat talks about the possibility of a semen bank and possibly an embryo bank for future generations, fulfilling part of our association's purpose of preserving and perpetuating the Akhal-Teke breed, per our Bylaws, Article II, Purpose. She has contacts with the USDA, Smithsonian's new facility in Ft. Collins, CO, and Swiss Valley Farms (heritage breeds, mostly cattle) Pat discusses partnering with these organizations to spread storage facilities. We could collect semen, get DNA and measurements and photos done, all at same time. Stallion owners would get semen straws for themselves at a fraction of the usual cost and there would be semen preserved in case of catastrophe in the future.

MOTION: Cathy motions that Pat looks into this and gets back to us with a proposal. Trisha seconds. Approved.

Motion: Cathy motions to adjourn at 1:08. Giles seconds. Approved.

Addendum: Cathy, Amrita and Pat talked after the meeting and came up with some possible goals for the ATAA based on member input at the GMM. These are:

1. Goal: ATAA to hold its 2018 annual conference in conjunction with the FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Tryon, North Carolina September 11-23, 2018 <https://tryon2018.com>

- a. Amrita will be checking on inviting and securing the Turkmenistan Circus to demonstrate at these games
- b. Cathy Leddy agreed to chair the committee to put together a booth for the event. Cathy is looking for a co-chair.
- c. Cathy will prepare an initial budget for the event, then this budget needs to be approved by the ATAA Board
- d. Proposal - build into to the budget the Cathy's travel costs, as well as the travel costs of the co-chair. In return the Chair and the Co-Chair will split the time that they will be responsible for the booth. So that one of them will set up and run the booth Sept. 10-17 and the other will run the booth Sept 18-23 and tear down the booth. As Co-Chairs they will also be responsible for organizing the volunteers to help run the booth during the event.
- e. Cathy will look for the task list that she developed the last time the ATAA participated in the WEG to help build the budget, tasks and organization for the WEG

2. Goal: Develop a plan/ proposal to develop a germplasm preservation program, including a sperm bank for stallions and exploring cryopreserved material for breed reconstruction (long-term 100 years+)

Pat Johnston agreed to explore and develop this proposal and report on progress during the year

a. [National Animal Germplasm Preservation \(NAGP\) - USDA](#)

- b. Private long-term preservation (Swiss Valley Farm Foundation/Smithsonian partnership) [SVF Foundation](#)
- c. Sperm bank for immediate use by ATAA members

3. Goal: Initiate and develop a plan to move forward with Akhal Teke grading

Cathy agreed to review Grading notes from 2016 ATAA Conference and the discussion with Molly Nicodemus.

a. Cathy approach Molly about developing a road map (including a time line) and plan on how to move forward with a robust grading of the Akhal Teke horses in North America. The idea being that we would like a committee that is or guided by an outside advisory council headed up by possibly Molly. We need to think about our approach to Molly, so that this is not an overwhelming task and has a long enough implementation time frame to work with her schedule. Cathy agreed to talk to Molly and also explore what it might cost to have her do this kind of work for the ATAA. We would then have a budget for this project that would need to be approved by the ATAA Board.

4. Goal: ATAA- VIINK; follow up with VIINK about "combining" our efforts to register AT horses in North America.

- a. Idea being that it would be one stop shopping for registering AT horses. registering with both ATAA and VIINK at the same time, through the ATAA.
- b. Amrita to follow up on current proposal from VIINK. The Russian registry would like \$100 per registration per horse. We currently charge \$40 to register with the ATAA, which includes DNA testing. Total registration would be \$140. Why don't we separate the DNA testing cost from the registration cost, so that the members see that total foal registration is \$100 and DNA testing is \$40? Need to think about how to organize that so that it makes sense and flows well. Amrita could you think about this and possible prepare a proposal for the Board to approve?

5. Goal: Register Brand

- a. Discussed the idea that Gretta and Trisha are both interested in a brand to be used on ATAA graded horses.
- b. Branding would NOT be a requirement
- c. Brand to be used, is part of the ATAA current trademark which will continue. This will continue to reinforce the trademark and be consistent with our years of investment in our imagery. See below



- d. Ask Gretta (possible work with Trisha) to find out how to register a brand in the US to protect its use for the ATAA.

Other things discussed that weren't necessarily formed into goals:

1. Pat to explore the data base that Milena had originally worked with developing. The idea being that Pat would

seek out the owner of this database/website to see if they would donate it to the ATAA, as well as the ability for out to edit it. We would like full control of this web site, and then we would update it if it made sense for us to do so.

2. Pat agreed to mentor Laura Spear on her idea of developing a data base that would be searchable for AT horses and their athletic accomplishments. These MUST be recognized events with links to results. These are not schooling shows.

3. Think about how to expand participation in Horse of the Year award for 2018

New Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2017 (5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Pacific Time)

Called to order 5:41

Roll call: Pat Johnston, Gretta Teets, Cathy Leddy, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Amrita Ibold, Tish Saare, Cindy Sither joined at 6:40

1. Officers for the BOD-

New Officers: President: Tish Saare, VP: Jas Shearer-McMahon, Treasurer: Amrita Ibold, Secretary: Cathy Leddy, Directors at Large: Pat Johnston, Gretta Teets, Cindy Sither

2. Budget- table until WEG budget and other items decided. Get done by end of January, latest.

3. BOD meeting frequency – Decision to try quarterly conference calls, Jan, April, July, October. Others if needed. We need to commit to target dates for items.

4. Deadline for horse registrations that haven't been finished?- voted at membership meeting:

Board discussion: Will this be for every horse? Will need to let people know.

5. ATAA Trademark/Brand:

a. Trademark: Our ATAA logo and wordmark is up for renewal this year. Discussion of why we trademarked it to begin with. Members were unanimously in favor of the decision to renew our trademark and wordmark. OK using the AT from our logo as our 'official' brand. No one will be required to brand their horse, but may if they want.

b. Vote from BOD, per conference call in September.

BOD discussion: Gretta asks of possibility of updating logo in future. Cathy to get info to BOD, cost, time etc. Decision to defuzz logo, ask Jessica Drake about cleaning it up – Cathy thinks there is a clean version, will find it. Vote: BOD votes to renew trademark/wordmark. Cathy will look into what needs to be done for an ATAA brand, trademark issue, tabled until further info.

6. VIINK registration

a. Current proposal - \$140/horse to cover ATAA and VIINK registration;

b. How do we handle horses currently registered with ATAA, but not VIINK?

BOD discussion: Jas suggests we get serious about working with mother studbook, we need to get N. American horses in it. Gretta suggests we table this issue for email discussion, Gretta to make spreadsheet of other registries costs, Amrita will check on ATAA/VNIK costs. Amrita wonders if this will keep people from

registering their horses. Tish suggests getting some sponsorships to help register current ATAA horses that aren't registered with VIINK. Amrita said that we aren't there yet, so we decided to work out how to handle these horses after we have worked out the agreement with VIINK. Amrita will ask Nadezda if we can register older horses with VNIK, will let us know what she says. Gretta would like a timeframe for results, we will address this later.

MOTION: Jas motions to accept VNIK's offer of paying \$100 per horse to register them with VNIK. Amrita seconds. Passed.

7. Grading

a. New committee?

b. Status of contact with Molly?

c. Other ideas/options?

d. BOD discussion: Cathy will send Grading Roundtable notes to BOD members. Gretta talked to GOV (Hanoverians?), talked to Sebastian Rhonde, who is willing to talk to us about setting up grading. Pat asks for timeline. Gretta suggests contacting Knapstrupper registry, as they accept ATs in their horses. Tabled until further information.

8. WEG 2018

a. Status of Turkmenistan Circus participation

b. Need Co-chair. Cathy will ask Caroline if she can co-chair

c. Budget

BOD discussion: ATAA booth will be dependent on price and fundraising. First item: Budget. Amrita has contacted Turkmen Djigits to see if they can come. No answer yet.

9. Semen Bank

a. Proposal- Pat spoke about how to preserve genetics for long-term. She has been in contact with Swiss Valley Farms, have a multi-layered bank, with semen and potentially embryos. Smithsonian bank in Ft. Collins, CO. Both private and USDA public/gov. Will do up proposal which will include adding to database of each horse. Pat is the ATAA representative going to the February ALBC seminar at U of Texas.

b. Stallions in remote areas, could have a travelling collector? Benefit for private owners. How to pay for it? Very expensive. Pat talked about the peer reviewed paper that shows the AT is very important genetically. Pat will send paper to BOD for review.

Motion: Cathy motions that Pat heads this effort and we will discuss further w/BOD approval. Amrita seconds. Passed.

10. Stallion Catalog Proposal

a. Revised Proposal to be circulated prior to meeting- Gretta will be chair of this. ATAA stallion reference book, different from one done by Shirley Schulz. Cindy thinks this is a good idea, discussion of allowing crossbreds (sporthorses) into reference book. Cindy suggests putting them in a separate category,

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- b. Gretta agrees. We need to think about being professional for WEG. Age limit on photos (no 10-year-old photos?) Tish suggests leeway this year for photos. We will discuss sporthorses if it comes up. Discussion of how to list stallions: region, type of semen available? Decided on region.
11. AT Database
Pat will send link of paper citing ATs to BOD. Pat will see about possibility of using Milena's database for our online searchable registry information. If not, we will see what we can do with what we have.
12. Horse of the Year Award 2018
Cathy will ask Caroline Dudkowski if she would be willing to do up a survey to see what ATAA members really want in awards.
MOTION: Cathy motions to adjourn at 7:29. Cindy seconds. Approved.

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- 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
- 6) Just sending photos in for the newsletter and/or website is NOT enough (but we appreciate it)

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:
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Farm and competition reports

Hendrix and Mary Curran

Hendrix won the USEA Area IV Training Championship at Heritage Park Horse Trials in Olathe KS on October 8, 2017. He qualified for the championships by placing third in only his second outing at training level at Otter Creek Horse Trials on September 17, 2017.

Hendrix is 10 years old, out of Kyra by Halhelooya, bred by Holly Flowers. AATA# AAKTR06. Show name is Flying Colors!

Thank you to ATAA member Stephanie Caston Auck who sold Hendrix to me in 2015 and my coach Meaghan Marinovich of Cumming, Iowa for helping make this happen!



At Heritage Park Horse Trials



At Otter Creek Horse Trials

Hendrix and I were second in the Training Rider division at Windermere Horse Trials in Grandview MO on October 22, 2017



Let me know if you need more info or have any Qs! So excited about my Akhal-Teke boy!
Mary

Amber Erickson and Ophelia Kkan

Ophelia Kkan (2007 - Durkkhal X Arab mare) did seven limited distance rides this year for a total of 185 Limited Distance miles under Amber Erickson and Lindsay Jackson Nichols (<https://aerc.org/rpts/HHistory.aspx>).



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Farm and Competition Reports

Shenandoah Farm, Staunton VA

It has been a fun summer season. Our most challenging goal was to make it to the American Eventing Championships at the Equestrian Horse Center in Tryon, NC. Adamek was qualified at Training Level. We discovered a beautiful, very horse friendly, facility. After the dressage test we met a very demanding cross-country course. The lesson learned here was not let the optimum time fool you into abandoning all your basic riding skills, and you won't have "run outs" at the obstacles. LOL. We finished our stadium jumping and went home with a show completed. Better luck (and riding) next time. In September (9/7 to 9/9) Adamek, Kurizma, Thaya, Merdana and Magda went to the Virginia Horse Center to bring some Akhal-Teke flair to the Rockbridge County Fair, organized by Victoria Tollman of the Equus Survival Trust. We were able to ride a demo each day, and met a lot of wonderful new people at the breed both.



Rockbridge County Fair

On September 27 it was time for Kurizma and Anikit to pack up and head to Devon, PA for the infamous "Dressage at Devon" show. It was great to catch up with some of the association's members and meet new ones. Kurizma rode in the "4 years and older geldings and stallions" class, where he did not place, but I was very proud of how he behaved (21 horses in the class) and I received a lot of good comments from spectators, so another good "demo ride" for the



Breed. The Akhal-Teke class on Thursday morning went well, with beautiful weather that had all the competitors shining their best. Kurizma showed well and walked away with the blue ribbon. Anikit placed 5th. Everybody received beautiful halters, sponsored by the Akhal-Teke Association. Thank you!

To wrap things up, on October 8th, Adamek and Kurizma went to The Maryland Horse Trial at Loch Moy, MD. Both the boys gave me smooth dressage rides and were confident cross country, adding no jump or time faults to their dressage scores. Kurizma finished in 3rd, and Adamek in 1st place.



Sabine and Adamek

Cindy Sither and Garpun have been busy!



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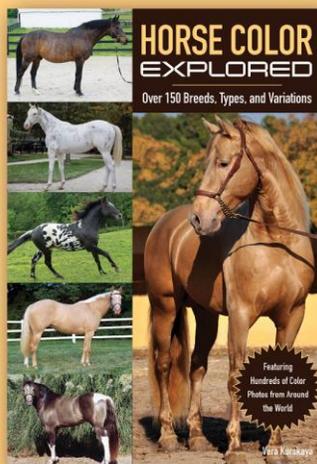
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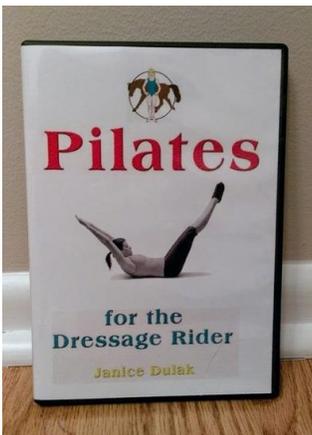
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It's that time of year again! Our annual Holiday auction for 2017 is finally here! Help us raise funds to continue promoting the Akhal-Teke breed. We have big plans for 2018, so help us accomplish them by bidding on our wonderful donated items!

Donate, Bid and Share Online at:

<https://www.32auctions.com/ATAAholidayauction2017>

Some of the Items (so far!)



This DVD helps dressage riders develop the core strength, good posture and muscle flexibility integral to success in the saddle using Pilates exercises. It is great for those who do not have equestrian Pilates instruction close by to have an idea of what they can do at home to help their riding. Donated by Caroline Dudkowski



A beautiful Akhal-Teke sporthorse printed on canvas will be the feature of any wall. This is an 8 x 10 canvas print. Donated by Moriah Krafft



2016 White Rare breeds show Akhal Teke Association t-shirt. Several sizes. The logo was designed specifically for the show by Jessica Drake. The t-shirts are heavy 100% cotton made by Gilden. They tend to run a bit small. Donated by the ATAA



Akhal- Teke coffee cup with stirrer donated by Anne-Marie Rasch



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And Many More Items! Ends December 17th.

ATAA Holiday Silent Auction



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- Dressage at Devon- AT in-hand class at a prestigious horse show.
- ATAA Awards – for more member recognition.
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- NFS fund- helps members with half off Naked Foal Syndrome tests.

And MORE!!! Check out the ATAA website for complete details.



ATAA Logowear at The Painting Pony

Over the years, the ATAA has tried a few different versions of Teke Logowear. We did up a bunch of sweatshirts (and there were supposed to be ball caps too) which sold ok, but not great. Also, our poor ‘Logowear Chair’ Tish Saare ended up with boxes of items she had to ship out.

So, we hemmed and hawed and tried to figure out a way to offer ATAA Logowear to members without us having to:

- a) Do the design work
- b) Find the best prices
- c) Keep items in stock
- d) Ship them out and take care of any returns.

After a lot of looking at different websites, online stores and talking to people, we came up with a simple solution: Let someone who ALREADY has an online store do the work!

The ATAA now has a line of Logowear at the online store “The Painting Pony”! run by one of our own Teke people, Jessica Drake.

The Painting Pony offers all sorts of equestrian (and other) themed items, from clothing to household items and a line of ATAA Logowear designed just for us!

Another great benefit of this store is that the ATAA receives a percentage of every sale made where the customer enters the ATAA coupon code, ‘ATAA’ at checkout! We have already received the first check for our portion.

So, when you are thinking about doing a little bit of shopping or when you just have to have some ATAA logo stuff, please check it out!

One of the ATAA Logowear items for sale at [‘The Painting Pony’](#)



2017 ATAA Awards

We are trying something new this year, as our Incentive Awards are doing well, we don't want to duplicate efforts. This year there will be only 2 ATAA Awards:

Horse of the Year – Diesel, AT sporthorse, bred by Heatherstone Farms, owned by Laura Spear

Volunteer of the Year (not a BOD member!) – an ATAA member that is going above and beyond to promote/protect/preserve our breed. Caroline Dudkowski

We have a survey up online now to see what you, the membership, wants in 2018's ATAA Awards. We'd like to thank Caroline Dudkowski for her usual excellent job making the survey! Please participate and let us know what YOU want!

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