



ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING RECENT REFERENDUM VOTE

VOTE OUTCOME

With 80% of members voting in favor of the resolution to dissolve the AHHA in order to join forces with the global Holsteiner community under the flag of the Holsteiner Verband (HV), the AHHA will now begin to diminish its role during this period of transition, with the closure of the U.S. office expected before the end of the year. While the AHHA will soon no longer exist as a separate entity, Holsteiners in North America will continue to be registered and represented under a newly established breeding district of the German HV.

As proposed to the members in the letter of intent provided with the voting ballot, the German HV will now be issuing passports along with registration papers for foals born in North America beginning in 2018, and all horses that were heretofore in the AHHA studbooks are being incorporated into the German studbooks. For the time being, procedures for registration will remain unchanged; members will still use the AHHA forms and submit fees to the AHHA office, and everything concerning the inspection tour will continue as before.

MEMBERSHIP

Until September 1, 2018, the AHHA will pay a 75 Euro Activation Fee on behalf of each 2017 and 2018 member who wishes to join the HV, as well as any AHHA life members. In order to receive this benefit, each AHHA member who elects to join the HV will first have to pay a 100 Euro Annual Fee to the HV, which will be effective for one year from the date of payment. As part of membership, each member will also receive a subscription to Pferd+Sport Magazine. To initiate your HV membership, please respond to the forthcoming welcome email from the HV regarding this. If you do not receive an email, please direct your inquiry to one of the board members listed below so that we may ensure your email is lodged correctly with the Verband.

REGISTRATIONS, FEES, & OTHER BUSINESS

Please continue using the AHHA website forms available to register 2018 foals, submitting them either online or by regular mail to the AHHA office. The AHHA will, for the immediate future, forward these registrations to the HV until such time as we receive different instructions. Fees for registration and the approvals tour will not be the same as in recent years. The answers to questions such as the process of ownership transfers and other topics will be forthcoming from the HV.

AWARDS PROGRAM

The AHHA will continue to create standings for Holsteiners in sport for the year 2018 and provide awards, including USDF All Breeds. AHHA Breeder awards will no longer be awarded; instead, the Holsteiner Verband will issue the designations that in place in all other breeding districts. The Board of Directors will work with the HV to determine feasibility of future awards in sport beyond 2018.

APPROVALS

More information on the future approvals of breeding stock in the North American breeding district will be released by the HV and the breeding district representatives as plans are discussed. In the meantime, members should continue to enter horses for approvals in the usual fashion.

As much as is possible, the AHHA Board of Directors is here to help our members through the transition process, doing what we can to make things as smooth as possible.

Further questions can be directed to Anke Magnussen at 805-990-5790, Dr. Kim Favier at 916-952-0522, or to Dr. Meredith Weller at 614-565-7757. Members may also contact the HV directly via Dr. Stefanie Bergmann at bergmann@holsteiner-verband.de