

Lipizzan Federation of America Meeting Held October 11, 2003 in Las Vegas, Nevada

Special thanks go to Caryn Wunderlich-Gott who opened her lovely home to the LFA delegates. A renowned harpist, Caryn has performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Nevada Symphony Ballet and Opera and has worked with over 100 stars such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis, Jr., tenor Luciano Pavorotti, and for political figures such as Margaret Thatcher and Vice President Al Gore. A shareholder in Southern Nevada Music Company, Caryn has also recorded several CDs which were made available to the LFA delegates.

The Lipizzan Association of North America ("LANA"), United States Lipizzan Registry ("USLR") and American Lipizzan Breeders Association ("ALBA") met in Las Vegas on October 11, 2003 to formalize the umbrella Lipizzan Federation of America ("LFA"). The meeting of the two remaining North American Lipizzan registries (LANA was formed in 1992 by merging the oldest North American Lipizzan registry, the Lipizzan Association of America and the then newest registry, the Lipizzan Society of North America.) and the more recently formed breeders association is the first time that all three organizations have met face to face in twenty years.

The LFA was formed for the sole purpose of representing the United States in the Lipizzan International Federation ("LIF"). Unlike the LANA, USLR or ALBA, the umbrella organization will have no individual members. The umbrella organization will consist of representatives from LANA, USLR and ALBA. The purpose of the initial meeting was to select a governing board and develop operational procedures.

Representing LANA were John G. Gliege, Esq., Sandy Heaberlin, Melody Hull, Tom Hull, John N. Iannuzzi, Esq. and Susan Castle. Representing the USLR were Tim Foley, Lori Green, Genna Panzarella, Al Saiz, Esq., Muffin (Margaret J.) Smith, and Laura Wie-

ner-Smolka. Representing ALBA were June Boardman, Leonard Boardman, Barbara Gjer-set, Ingun and Rennie Squier.

John Gliege and Al Saiz formed the Lipizzan Federation of America ("LFA") on behalf of LANA and USLR because several previous attempts to get everyone's signatures and notary verifications on the Articles of Incorporations in a timely fashion failed. The LFA Articles filed on March 12, 2003 were identical to earlier versions which had been circulated for signature among LANA, USLR and ALBA with one exception in that the filed Articles required only two signatures. LANA, USLR and ALBA representatives agreed to for each organization to pay one-third of the cost of publishing the articles or \$282.55.

The LANA, USLR and ALBA representatives were authorized to make binding decisions on behalf of their respective organizations. It was agreed that each organization would have one vote with the representatives of each group getting together prior to submission of that vote. After discussion, the representatives agreed that each organization had one vote. Decisions made by the LFA will not be made by majority voting, but rather by the building of consensus. If a unanimous decision is not reached on a matter, the three groups will keep working on a solution agreeable to all.

Lori Green advised that Nancy Stockdale of NELA, a management group, has agreed to handle LFA communications and distribution of information, at no charge. Nancy Stockdale will be the official contact for USLR, Ingun Littorin for ALBA, and Sandy Heaberlin for LANA. Each contact person will be responsible for forwarding LFA information to their respective organizations with circulation to the other entities through NELA.

Since the LFA will be operating by consensus, no formal bylaws are needed but operational "protocols" would be developed. Tim Foley, John Gliege and June Boardman were appointed to work as a committee to develop the

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protocols. Interim LFA meeting formats could be held by email or in chat rooms. Ingun Littorin was appointed chair of the LFA.

It was determined that LFA costs will be split equally among all three organizations and that, at present, the only costs the LFA would incur would be mailings and other minor costs. The LFA will not have a logo at the present time. Likewise, the purpose of the meeting was not to get embroiled in any discussion of merger or similarities or differences between the two registries but rather to see if the groups could work together and do the first thing together right and form the LFA.

The next item on the agenda was mission purpose. Since at the present time, the purpose of the LFA is to communicate to LIF and other organizations as a unified voice for the Lipizzan owners in the United States and to provide a forum to discuss issues that affect all the horses and owners, the following mission purpose was established:

The purpose of the Lipizzan Federation of America, Inc. is to protect and promote the Lipizzan horse within North America and to represent the interests of the Lipizzan horse owners in North America in both the national and international communities.

One of the first items discussed was an item was the topic of whether North American organizations can belong to more than one international organization. The question arose when John Gliege, the attorney of record for the LIF, received a letter from the LIF secretary, Hildegard Gekiere, stating that "We consider that this is a 'unfriendly' behavior that that you should clean up the situation within your organization." After some research, it was discovered that the claim of unfriendly behavior was directed at Leonard Boardman, an ALBA director, who had attended numerous LIF meetings. Apparently, Leonard Boardman was recently elected an officer of the newly formed international organization, the International Lipizzan Union ("ILU").

A Vice President of the ILU, Leonard Boardman indicated that he was rather surprised to have been a point of discussion at the LIF without prior notification by that organization. He stated that the purpose of the ILU was to preserve the traditional classical, baroque horse from the changes occurring in many parts of the world today. The new organization is supported by Dr. Jaromir Oulehla, individuals from Europe and the United States.

There was discussion about the LIF, with its center being in Belgium, had attempted earlier to represent the Lipizzan "cradle of the race." It was discussed that economics might be driving the request of the LIF that the LFA do something about the ILU and Leonard Boardman. As the former sole representative of the Lipizzan breed in

Europe, the LIF presently receives EU dollars for Lipizzan horses. If another organization was formed, the EU dollars might have to be split among various factions. The United States does not have access to EU funds designated for European Lipizzan breeders.

The LIF has representatives from countries having both official state studfarms and private breeding studfarms. LANA, USLR and ALBA bowed to an earlier LIF mandate that it form an umbrella organization for a single vote at the LIF. As such, the umbrella organization unanimously decided that in the United States, no organization has the right to dictate to a person what organizations he/she can belong to and, therefore, no "sanctions" are required. In other words, the Boardmans joined the ILU as private breeders. Other individuals at the table indicated that were also members of ILU. As such, it was the consensus of the group that while LANA, USLR and ALBA were represented by the LFA at the LIF meetings, their individual members could belong to more than one international organization. John Gliege and Ingun Littorin will respond to Hildegard Gekiere advising the LIF of the position of the LFA with copies of the letter being simultaneously forwarded to the LIF board and member countries.

Discussion then centered about what the LFA could work on to benefit the Lipizzan breed in the United States. Both registries have uniform naming and DNA criteria. Both organizations accept each others DNA reports. Both organizations agreed to work together to try to eliminate duplication of names. Likewise, DNA testing, particularly of horses imported from eastern European countries and the sire and dam of the imported horse, is a concern. LANA and USLR will discuss uniform rules regarding DNA of imported horses. Both registries accept reduced fees for duplicate registrations.

It was discussed that the USDF may no longer recognize multiple breed organizations for year end awards. It was suggested that the LFA sponsor the All Breed Awards program with details to be worked out later this year. The joint awards will not affect the requirement that All Breed Awards participants must be a member of one of the organizations and the horses must be registered.

The final matter on the agenda was the location of the next meeting. Various locations were discussed. and after lengthy discussion and consensus, it was decided that the next annual LFA meeting will be held on September 25-26, 2004 in Baltimore, Maryland. An appropriate meeting site will be announced at a later date.

Both international organizations have expressed interest in having meetings in the United States. This could be done under the sponsorship of the LFA, perhaps in conjunction with other annual meetings. Provided that all goes well with the 2004 meeting, it was proposed that the 2005 meeting be held in Chicago, with inviting the delegates of the international organizations to attend for their respective annual meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.





MINUTES—Lipizzan Association of North America Board of Directors Meeting—Excalibur Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

Present: John Gliege, Sandy Heaberlin, Melody Hull, Tom Hull, John Iannuzzi and later Susan Castle

The Board addressed numerous complaints from people who have purchased unregistered, purebred Lipizzans. By unanimous vote of the Board, it was agreed to amend the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the organization to include a category named "Sanctions" to read as follows:

Any member not adhering to the rules and regulations of the organization shall be subject to sanctions by the Board of Directors. Sanctions shall include all or any of the following: suspension of membership privileges, removal of farm information from the website, publication of suspension in the Haute Ecole newsletter, which is also published on the website, and notification of suspension to any and all other Lipizzan organizations.

The Board agreed to forward a final letter advising those breeders that all purebred horses are to be registered and DNA'd as a condition to registration in an attempt to protect unsuspecting purchasers of horses.

Melody Hull presented the treasurer report. From July 1, 2002 through October 5, 2003, Total Income was \$12,939.57 and Expenses were \$5,664.43. The net total is \$7,175.14.

Sandy Heaberlin presented a report on the current newsletter. Incoming advertising for the issue currently at the printer was \$238.95. The cost of printing the current issue was unknown at the time of the meeting.

Sandy Heaberlin showed the new LANA brochure to the Board. If it is not cost prohibitive, the updated brochure will be printed in color.

The Board unanimously agreed to offer a year's subscription of the Haute Ecole to those individuals not owning Lipizzans but desiring to have a subscription to the newsletter. The category will be called *Friend of the Lipizzan* and the cost of the newsletter will be \$10. The subscription will be for a calendar year, July through June of each year.

Tom Hull showed the Board the new pedigree format which is now published in-house. The revised membership form was updated on the LANA website. In addition, the website has been modified so that people can obtain merchandise easier. There are a few more modifications to be made so that all the merchandise is in the correct category and Tom will make the changes as requested.

The Board approved the publication of a set of Rules and Regulations which will also include the registration form, transfer form, DNA form 1, DNA form 2, Stallion Report and membership form.

Susan Castle discussed obtaining sweatshirts, tote bags, and t-shirts for the upcoming Equine Affair booth. Melody Hull suggested getting no small items asked that Susan submit a proposal for cost of the items. Delphi Toth has the artwork for the sweatshirts and t-shirts. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

"First Annual" Lipizzan Festival in Northern California

By Lori Green

By all accounts the "First Annual" Lipizzan Festival in Northern California was a HUGE success. Though we had a very cold and windy day the forecasted rain held off for the entire event. I was the last to leave that evening and the first rain drops began to hit my windshield as I pulled out of the fairgrounds gate.

The estimate of attendance (made by the fairgrounds personnel) was over 400 people. Quite amazing

considering that it was a rather nasty day to be outside!

We ended up with 28 horses from 19 exhibitors.

Our 29th horse Pluto Ambrosia (Jester) could not make it over the Sierra Nevada Mountains due to snow. However, Jester's trainer Shelly Edwards did come. She was scheduled to do a solo musical freestyle, so musical freestyle she did.....on a borrowed horses..... that she

had never ridden.....and that she did not have a chance to warm up on! The horse was Conversano II Rena (Tristian) owned by Dick Etlinger from Grass Valley. At one time Tristian traveled with Gary Lashinski's Royal Lipizzaner Stallion Show.

Our youngest participant was 12 year old Jessica Banaszak from Lotis, CA with her 5 year old mare Liberta (Libby). Jessica and Libby set the standard of the

day for impeccable grooming as well as impeccable manners. Although Jessica is a seasoned competitor having qualified for CDS Jr. Dressage Championships her young mare Libby was participating in her first ever show. I have no doubt that we will be seeing Jessica and Libby as one of our Horse of the Year winners before too long!

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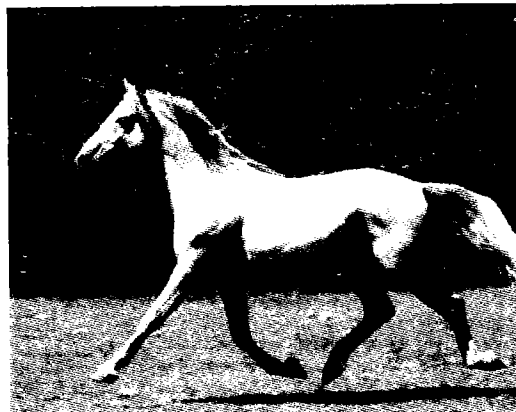


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Nan Meek with her fabulous gelding Maestoso II Athena (Andy) was a big hit in her musical freestyle performance as was Joe Kazas with his Hungarian driving team. Valerie Jennett's Siglavý Politika (Prince) did an outstanding job demonstrating the versatility of the Lipizzan. With his trainer Tamara Cook, Prince began the day as a Western Trail Horse and finished the day with an outstanding demonstration of his jumping abilities.

Our judge Jennifer Roth did an outstanding job all day long. Jennifer provides a unique perspective as she is an FEI level rider, USA Eq "R" judge as well as a Lipizzan breeder. Her discussion was educational as well as entertaining. She was ably assisted by our new USLR President Tim Foley.

I owe a huge THANK YOU to all of the Lipizzan breeders across the county that purchased advertising in our program. It was your sponsorship that allowed us to pay for this event and open it to the public for FREE. We actually have a profit of \$350 after paying for the facility, insurance, printing costs as well as the conference room for Friday's USLR meetings. I will be sending everyone that advertised a copy of the program within the next week.

Considering that most of the participants want to know what our next "event" will be, I would say that this was a highly successful Festival all the way around!

And by the way...the next event is going to be an "All Lipizzan" Dressage show in late spring, so start practicing those dressage tests!



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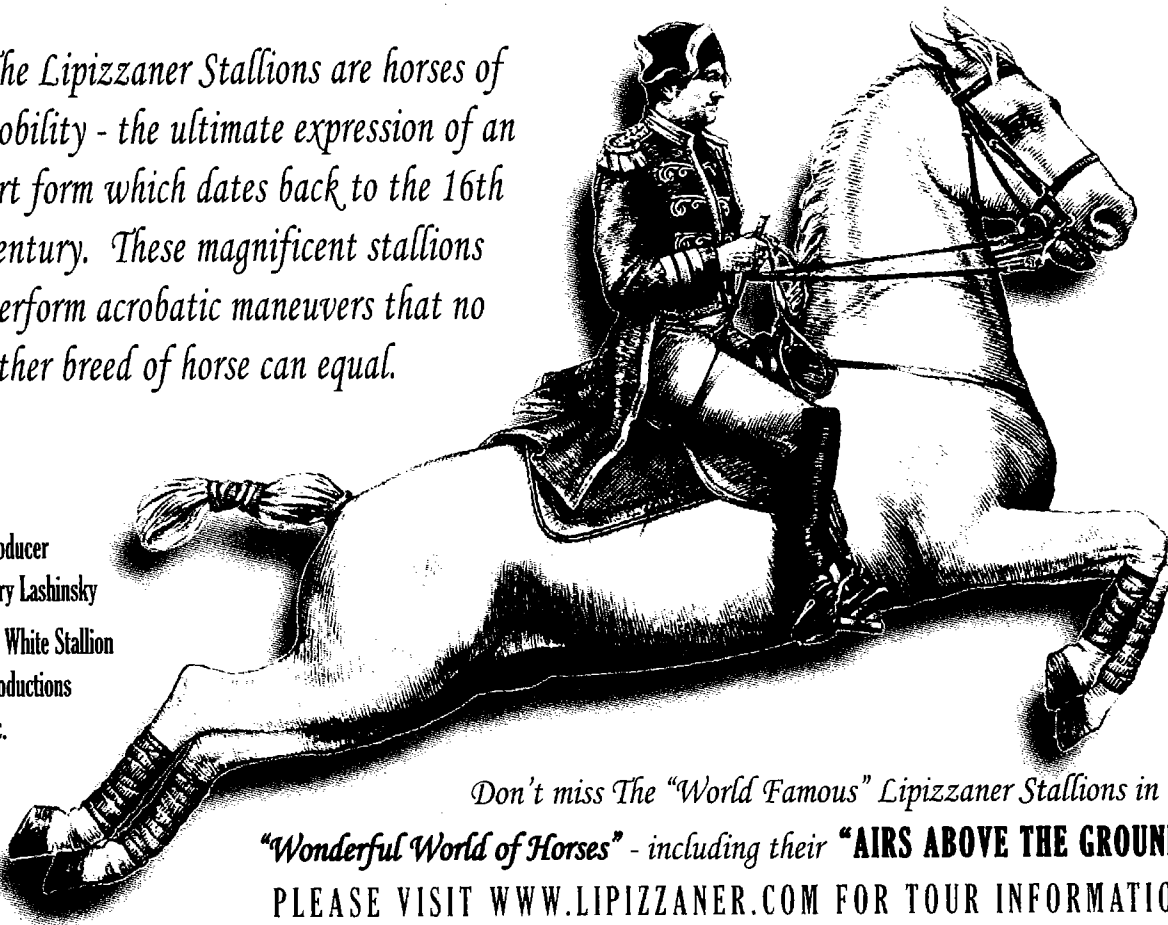


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NE Equine Affaire By Susan Castle

The NE Equine Affaire was a great event -- 85,000 attendees over a four-day period.

Barb Snyder, Judy Casper (a local Lipizzan enthusiast) and I set up and ran the Lipizzan booth for LANA. Everyone loved the Lipizzan booth -- wanted to know where Lipizzans were located, etc. We were right at the entrance of the Stroh Building, where the breeds were exhibited. People in this area are generally very

knowledgeable, with a surprising number of people either having owned, ridden, trained or visited Lipizzans. We posted a "Mailing List" and received many names, which I will forward as soon as I transcribe the handwriting.

We were pleased there was a performance Conversano stallion (*Bana Conversano* ridden by Sabine Schut-Kery) exhibited at *Fantasia* each night -- a spectacular show so the Lipizzan com-

munity was well-represented!. When people asked, we were able to say there was a performing Lipizzan each night! And the event hosts (Debbie Putnam especially) were fabulous -- very helpful, all in all a very well-run and fun event.

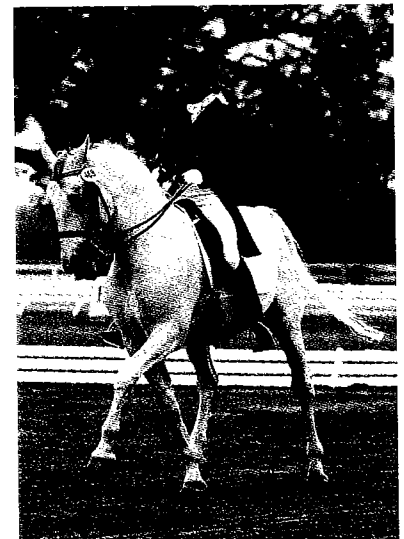
(Editors Note: Plans are underway for LANA directors and volunteers to run a booth at the Ohio Equine Affaire to be held March 25-28, 2004)



Lipizzan Captures Region 2 Championship in Intermediare 2

Linda Leffingwell and 13 year old, Conversano II Bellanna recently captured the Region 2 Championships in I2 on September 6 in Lexington, Kentucky. Linda first won her I2 class on Friday. On Saturday, Linda beat out 4 other competitors in the I2 Championship class in front of international judges Linda Zang and Axel Steiner. I think everyone was very surprised to see a Lipizzan take the Champi-

onship. This year Linda and Bellanna have already competed successfully at the Grand Prix level. The goal for next year is to compete in the Championship classes for Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle. We are very proud of how these two have represented the Lipizzan breed and the Tempel Lipizzans.





International News

Romanian Lipizzans .

Excerpt from November 6, 2003 letter from Hildegard Gekiere, Secretary of the Lipizzan International Federation:

Since we met our correspondent of Vucijak, Mr. Demeuldre in Brussels a few weeks ago, we try to establish a contact between him and the Djakovo studfarm. The LIF intervention to save the Vucijak herd is successful until now and we are sure that the horses will survive the winter season.

Nevertheless the future is still uncertain and we think that the only financial basis for a medium term solution will be the selling of products of the Vucijak stud.

We therefore recommend you to get in contact with us about the price for horses and the export conditions. As you know the Vucijak stud is near to Zagreb, so a visit is very well possible.

My other item of this letter concerns the Homorod stables in Romania where apparently a similar situation as in Vucijak appears. Please find hereby an appeal for help on which you can get back to us for more information.

May I ask you to distribute this message to all of your members as we think there is an urgent situation on which it is our intention to help as much as we can.

Homorod Stables

Homorod Lipizzaner Stables, in central Romania, were sold under value by the previous Government. It appears that the current owner is now seeking discreetly to sell the stables for about Euro 250,000. The stock has now been advertised for sale individually, but the owner would prefer to sell the unit as a whole and no horses will be sold if there is a serious expression of interest soon.

They are a beautiful set of buildings, the main courtyard being surrounded by 3 long vaulted stables built in about 1790. Homorod pre-dates the better-known Sambata Lipizzaner stables. There is also a fourth long stable building, a covered manege built in 1984, barns, and 300 hectares of land which was with the stables, and is now for lease from the Government separately.

There are 76 pedigree Lipizzaners, including:

- 11 stallions
- 27 mares
- fillies 8 x 2-year-old, 9 x 1-year-old, 8 under 6 months
- colts 4 x 2-year-old, 8 x 1-year-old and 1 under 6 months.

Mihai Buse, the Director, tells me that the breeding lines are known, 100% pure, and include all 7 lines (I am not sure of the spelling) –

Conversano	Siglavi-Capriolo
Favori	Tulipan
Neapolitano	Pluto.
Maestoso	

I called on Mihai Buse (tel 0040 723 632265) in late July. At that stage Buse, whom I know, said that he had a month or two to try to find a way to keep the stable together. He is knowledgeable and passionate about his horses – although the stables have suffered from underinvestment in the last 10 years, the condition of the horses themselves is excellent.

(Editor's Note: The message on the Homorod Stables has not been edited—the Incitato line was not mentioned) nor were spelling or word use issues corrected)

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Horses for Sale

Two year old filly by Maestoso II Ambrosia (Maestoso II Primavera x Ambrosia) out of Galanta (Favory II Bonasera III X Gaetana). A very nice filly with good movement and an exceptional front end. Big boned and should mature over 15 hh. Well socialized and easy to handle. \$7500.

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Horses for sale. Arizona. 928-380-0159.

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Milagra, 4 year old mare (M. II Favoressa III out of Maya). 15.3 h. Very sweet and interactive. Lightly started. **Montana**, yearling (S. Angelica (multi USDF HOY Champion) out of Belasaria). Gorgeous, awesome mover. **Echo**, Lip/T.B. yearling. Lovely and very athletic. **M. Tribecca**, 5 year old stallion. Fabulous everything! For photos and more detail please visit our website: <http://fp.redshift.com/jroth> or contact Jennifer @ Across The Diagonal Farm (831) 624-2848.



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