

# ATAA Newsletter

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## Equitana 2021 Write Up

By Cathy Leddy

Equitana 2021 was a bright spot in an otherwise rather dreary year. The ATAA sponsored a booth and horse stall inside the Covered Arena at the KHP, where the event took place.

We had 7 horses and their attending riders and helpers come and participate. We also had HorseFlick's Jon Mays come and film 3 days for our next AT breed DVD! The ATAA and our wonderful sponsors paid for housing for all the volunteers (Vrbo), stalls and shavings for the attending horses and complimentary saddle pads and stall plates for all attending horses.

I arrived a day before pretty much everyone else, just to make sure the house was ok, (it was ok, if a bit, um rustic), but it was also paid for, so we made do. I drove to the Kentucky Horse Park, to check out everything before people arrived, found our stalls, found our booth, and did a quick tour of the Park.

The next day was set up for the booth. One problem with



*Our first item up in the Booth. writing this so long after the fact, is that dates are kind of Continued on page 9*

## Teke Camp 2022- Fun in the Sun

Once again our gracious host Dean Miller and Dark Prince Equestrian opened its doors and filled its stalls with Tekes and its grounds with Teke enthusiasts. As if the really warm sun was not enough the week was filled with some great activities, wonderful people, and new adventures. A big thank you to Christine Holmes for having us all at her beautiful art studio Piece By Piece. She taught us how to create our own mosaic glass work art of equine inspiration. There was successful shark tooth hunting, great dinners, hula hooping, and of course riding. We saw the versatility of the Teke at its best. From

dressage, to jumping, hacking, endurance, and the opportunity to show this versatility to non-Teke equestrians and give them their first taste of the magic of the Akhal Teke. Thank you to all who took the time to join us and a big thank you to Dean for hosting us. Can't wait to do it all over again next year!. Katrina Ardiel.

Teke Camp was from February 17 through the 27th and reports and photos showed that a great time was had by all. About 10 or so people came and went, continued on page 11

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Ohio Equine Affair April 7-10

Breyerfest – July 14-18

ATAA YEARLY GMM September 9, 10, 11 in Snohomish WA!

Dressage at Devon - September 27th

AHA/ATAA Distance Championships - Sept 29- Oct 3

**Thank you to all our volunteers! You make this happen.**

## Updates:

**UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Teke Riders) Scholarships-** Open NOW! Get your applications in for the 2022 season! More on page 6

**Ohio Equine Affaire – Columbus Ohio, April 7-10**

[North America's Premier Equestrian Exposition - Equine Affaire](#)

There will be Tekes at the Ohio Equine Affaire this year! Sabine Desper is chairing this event and has organized a wonderful roster of horses, riders, and demos. We have demos:

Thursday: April 7, Voinovich Center, 11:15 am

Friday: April 8 Voinovich Center, 1:00 pm

Saturday: April 9, Rod's Arena, 4:15

Saturday: April 9, Celeste Center Breed Segment – one horse, 5:45 pm

## Emergency Fund for Ukraine Akhal-Teke Horses - [Donate Here](#)

The Akhal-Teke Foundation (ATF) has partnered with the Akhal-Teke Association of America (ATAA) in launching this international fund for emergency disaster assistance, coordinating with specialist volunteers across Europe.

The ATAA has pledged to match the first \$5000 in donations, and as a registered 501(c)3 non-profit public charity for the Akhal-Teke horses, the ATF is managing the fund.

No one knows how long this situation will continue or when it will be safe for them to return, but we cannot stand by and allow the Akhal-Tekes of Ukraine to become war casualties!

If you are in a position to help financially, please donate right here.

If you can offer non-monetary help in Europe, please contact: Help Ukrainian Akhal Tekes, ua.akhaltekas@gmail.com

The Akhal-Teke Foundation is a 501(c)3 public charity for preservation of the rare, ancient, & amazing Akhal-Teke horse.

# ATAA News

**Toronto Winter Fair – possible, details are being sorted out.**

**HorseFlicks DVD update-** We are working on the next ATAA HorseFlicks DVD right now. Jon is waiting for any outside video and photos to come in and then he will send us the script for approval.

**ATAA is a USDF Business Member-** Thanks to Kathryn Thode for doing the work! ATAA members can now be entered into USDF All Breed Awards.

**Another Grant received for operating expenses-**

The ATAA received a grant from the WWW Foundation through the EST for Operating Costs. We plan to upgrade our financial software and bookkeeping, and we've already bought a new printer for our Registrar..

**Breyer Model 'Adamek' is now available to the public!**



<https://www.breyerhorses.com/collections/new/products/adamek>

A Breyer model of Adamek

This year saw the first Akhal-Teke Breyer model inspired by a real Teke, Adamek, owned by the Akhal-Teke Foundation.

I am so excited for this honor and Adamek and I are looking forward to be going to the BreyerFest event in Lexington, KY this year.

As a model horse, Adamek will have photo shoots and be signing autographs during the Fest.

He will be joined by several other Tekes for a ridden demonstration each day. If you get a chance, come visit us at BreyerFest, July 15 to 17, or any time in his hometown Staunton, VA. Sabine Desper

**AERC ATAA Awards**

This year the ATAA is giving out coolers to the top Endurance Horse both Purebred and Cross and the top LD horse, both Purebred and Cross. Endurance winners will get an embroidered cooler and LD winners will each get an embroidered hat.

Endurance Winners:

Purebred: JC Darius, owned and ridden by Jim Rawski

Cross: Elek, owned by Lauren Irwin, last year ridden by Angie McGhee

LD Winners:

Purebred: Thorhastrachan, owned and ridden by Lindsay Jackson Nichols

Cross: Elek, owned by Lauren Irwin, last year ridden by Angie McGhee.

## 19 Breed Association AERC awards for 2021

Akhal-Teke Association of America  
 Al Khamsa  
 (NEW!) American Connemara Pony Society  
 American Morgan Horse Association  
 American Mule Association  
 American Saddlebred Registry  
 Appaloosa Horse Club  
 Arabian Horse Association  
 Cleveland Bay Horse Society of North America  
 (NEW!) Icelandic Distance Riders of North America  
 The Jockey Club (Thoroughbred)  
 (NEW!) U.S. Mangalarga Marchador Association  
 Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Association  
 Mustang Heritage Foundation  
 North American Shagya Society  
 Paso Fino Horse Association  
 Rocky Mountain Horse Association  
 Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Assn  
 U.S. Trotting Association (Standardbred)

**1st Breed Education video** is done, thanks to Jon Mays of HorseFlicks and Katrina Ardiel! It will be up on our new website soon.

## ATAA 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 8:00 – 10:00 am PST

Called to order: 8:09 am

Present: Betsy Wandler, Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy, Jacque Munn, Kevin Matthews, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Katrina Ardiel, Dean Miller, Lauren Irwin (later).

### Agenda

1. **Introductions-** Tish welcomes everyone and gives a quick update of conference call etiquette. Progress with VNIK, Equitana, Instructional Videos, online dB going- been a productive year.
2. **2020 GMM minutes approval**

**Motion: Cathy Motions to approve the 2020 GMM meeting minutes. Jas Seconds. Approved.**

3. **President's report:** Tish Saare, Thank you to everyone for your support. The ATAA got stuff done in 2021, we had progress with VNIK, went to Equitana, have several instructional videos in progress, our online DB is up and running, new website is up. We've had a productive few years.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Jas Shearer-McMahon, Checking account has 12,944.34 and savings has 79,356.94
5. **Registrar's report:** Betsy Wandler, total of 26 registrations this past year, 22 purebred, 4 crosses. 7 of those were through the WWW grant. 13 foals, 12 purebred, 1 cross. 9 fillies, 4 colts. 15 transfer of ownerships, 30 passports received from VNIK. Still waiting for several more passports. We know of 6 purebred foals and 5 crosses that were not ATAA registered.
6. **Secretary's report:** Cathy Leddy, All reports filed for this year, we need to work on our spending, or we will need to start paying taxes (need more spending). Paying membership down this year from previous year, 51 paying memberships, total of 172 with gifts, Ranch 2nds and AERC Raffle entrants. Last year (2020) we had 85 paying members and a total of 96 with gifts.
7. **Website/Database report-** Betsy Wandler, DB is up and running, it is still a work in progress. Most horses are entered, if anyone looks at DB and finds missing or incorrect information, please let DB committee know. Tish thanks everyone for their help,
8. **Instructional Videos Committee report:** Katrina Ardiel. Our first video is almost done, waiting for credits. Next 2 storyboards are out, video clips are being added in and should be to Jon Mays soon. Thank you Katrina!
9. **Newsletter report:** Cathy Leddy, 2 ½ done so far this year, Spring/Summer was one issue. Many thanks to people that have helped, especially Nina Levenduski for her help, and to Pat Johnston and Kevin Matthews for sending in articles.

**Awards report:** Betsy Wandler, This year's deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>. The ATAA has 3 different awards for 2021:

#### Volunteer Award

1. A member that has activity participated in ATAA for the 2021 year, bringing the core values of the organization to the front.

#### Preservation Award

2. A breeder of Akhal-Tekes that is constantly working at producing quality offspring that embody the past, present, and future of the breed.

#### Highlight Horse Award

3. A registered Akhal-Teke that has brought a "spotlight" to the breed through competition, offspring, social media, or publications.

Please send your nominations in by November 15<sup>th</sup> to Betsy!

#### 10. **Promotions report**

- a. Equitana- Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler. Equitana was great, lots of people. Sabine did a great job with finding horses, doing choreography etc.
  - b. Distance Championships- Report from Dean – Elek, owned by Lauren Irwin and ridden by Angie McGhee, was 24<sup>th</sup> in the 55-mile Championships out of 38 horses. Course was well-run, great trails, good company, great weather. Elek was ATAA National Distance Champion. Betsy has certificate ready to mail.
11. **UCAT report-** Cathy -we still have around \$24000, left for upcoming sponsorships.
  12. **Nominations and Elections report-** Tish reports. 3 nominations, Sabine Desper, Yorke McGillivray, and Kevin Matthews. Jas Shearer-McMahon, Dean Miller and Pat Johnston going off BOD. Thank you to our outgoing BOD members for all their hard work! **New BOD:** Katrina Ardiel, Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Kevin Matthews, Sabine Desper, Yorke McGillivray.
  13. **Farm reports- Betsy Wandler, Cathy Leddy, Kevin Matthews, Lauren Irwin, Dean Miller, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Jacque Munn, Tish Saare**
  14. **Old Business**
    - a. VNIK Contract
      1. Electronic version received- ATAA will be handling US registration for VNIK, dual registrations ATAA/VNIK. Get any foal registrations in so Betsy can send them to Russia.
    - b. Grading – postponed until travel opens up
  15. **New Business**
    - a. Christmas Silent Auction – Thanks to Gretta Teets for setting up the auction site. Katrina Ardiel took over for 2021. Donate and Bid! Cathy will help Katrina.
    - b. 2022 Conference – Dean volunteers to host this or? Figure out by next newsletter. 2021 ATAA GMM Conference will be on the West Coast at Cascade Gold Akhal-
    - c.

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**Kathryn Thode and Kazimir – Here is Kathryn's article about her year as a UCAT recipient.**



*Kathryn and Kazimir 2021*

My season of showing Kazimir has been a bit of a calamity of errors and problems. Though not as successful as I had hoped, we ended on a very good note. We had a marked improvement in his training and in his test scores. I have certainly tried to make the most of the fabulous opportunity that the Wittier Foundation and the UCAT Grant has given to Kazimir and me. Besides the showing, I worked to promote the breed by attending many clinics with him. I love to show off the wonderful characteristics that these horses possess. Showing them out and about the countryside, allows people to see their kind dispositions and also their intelligent personalities. Kazimir always creates interest from people seeing him for the first time. He just doesn't appear to be a run of the mill Thoroughbred and he is certainly not a warmblood! I kept a designed stall card by his door to identify him and his breeding for most events. This was not my best season at the summer shows. I have competed a lot in my life but have never run into so many snafus. Some of my errors I am blaming on my amateur status, my advancing age! And plain just not having a crew of grooms and helpers to keep me in line. The very first dressage test of the season I was eliminated for not getting into the arena within the time limit after the bell to start. The ring steward was not doing her job but, I was ultimately at fault. What a way to Not start! I ended up being eliminated on another occasion at the last show of the season. This time it was the first test that we would do at the huge Region 8 Championships and the NEDA Fall Festival. It was a very humid morning and I had purposefully left my stock tie off while getting tacked up. I had my shirt opened up because there was no need to add to my overheating just yet. Well, as you can guess, I was ready to go, mounted up and traipsed off to the warmup arena. No one mentioned to me that I had forgotten my stock tie, until the judge called me over, as I was circling the arena, waiting for her bell. She was very sorry but 'rules were rules.' No stock tie required elimination. Luckily she still let me ride and judged the test for me, giving us the best score, I had gotten all season! It figures! Kazimir in fact did not end up qualifying

for the Championship class. The one earlier in the season test he did manage to do that would have been a qualifying score, I had failed to pay the qualifying fee. So, to get the two scores needed I was counting on the last available show at the end of August to achieve those elusive 61% scores at 2nd Level Test 3. Unfortunately, Kazimir had started losing shoes in the soggy summer weather that we were experiencing here in NYS. His front feet got to be in rough shape, and I resorted to hoof boots (which were not allowed in a recognized competition). Things just did not pan out to compete in that last show, so we were not eligible for the championship class. The likelihood of placing in that class was slim to nonexistent. There were 37 entries, and the top scores were far beyond what we could manage at this time. I was thrilled however to have gone to the open part of this very big show. This is typically the largest show in the country with 553 entries this year. Kazimir handled the excitement extremely well considering this was the first time he had been to such a busy event. At the end of the season, we are ranked with all the other Adult Amateur riders at 2nd level and ended up at 103rd. As a Vintage Cup rider, (for riders over 50) we are 22nd. Besides all the glitz of the horse shows, Kazimir proved his worth as a trail horse in the NY State forest of Otter Creek. He camped in the open shed stall, and we spent hours exploring the trails each day. Though he is used to arena riding the majority of the time, he always surprises me with how relaxed and enjoyable he is to trail ride. Recently, Kaz and I attended, as Demo riders, a symposium with 'S' Judge, Lisa El-Ramey. There, he was invited to show off the Akhal Teke breed in the Breed Parade. Lisa took aside each horse and gave her take on the horse's conformation and how it will help or hinder their use for dressage. Each owner/rider also gave a synopsis of the breed characteristics and history as well as explaining why they love this horse for dressage. This symposium was organized by our local USDF-GMO, Cayuga Dressage and CT, and was funded partially by The Dressage Foundation. Ms. El-Ramey was quite complimentary about how Kazimir was put together though, except for that long back! All in all, I feel like we made some inroads in exposing the Akhal Teke breed to the horse enthusiasts in the Northeast USA. It is always hard to not brag about Kazimir to anyone who will listen. I have allowed a few select riders to have a chance to ride him and they have all been amazed at how wonderfully smooth his gaits are and what a pleasure he is to ride. Fearful riders relax and feel confident on his back and trainers relish in his quick and sensitive reaction to the aids. Thank you again for the benefit of the UCAT grant! The praise and promotion of my Akhal Teke will continue as I am committed to seeing just exactly what he is capable of in the world of dressage as well as my enjoyment in owning him.



# ATAA AWARDS 2021

## Volunteer Award

1. A member that has activity participated in ATAA for the 2021 year, bringing the core values of the organization to the front.

**Award Recipient: Cathy Leddy**

"I'd like to nominate Cathy Leddy for the Volunteer Award for 2021, for continuing amazing efforts on fundraising, the newsletter, the great Equitana event, and more!"

## Preservation Award

2. A breeder of Akhal-Tekes that is constantly working at producing quality offspring that embody the past, present, and future of the breed.

**Award Recipient(s): Laurel Gimzo/Tracy Brock**

"I'd like to nominate Tracy Brock and Laurel Gimzo for the Preservation Award for 2021, for taking on four purebred maiden mares from Shenandoah Farm for the Akhal-Teke Foundation — three of them challenging older maidens — successfully getting at least two pregnant this year and investing in a strong baseline of veterinary care for further attempts next year."

Laurel and Tracy received the a la jas featured below.



## Highlight Horse Award

3. A registered Akhal-Teke that has brought a "spotlight" to the breed through competition, offspring, social media, or publications.

**Award Recipient: Adamek, 2010 stallion leased/ridden by Sabine Desper, owned by The Akhal-Teke Foundation**



"I'd like to nominate Adamek for the Highlight Horse Award for 2021, for moving up steadily through fourth level dressage, with multiple first place finishes along the way, plus appearing with other Tekes in the Equitana demos."

**Congratulations to the recipients and thank you to everyone that nominated and a HUGE thank you to Betsy Wandler for always getting great awards (and running it too!)**

### Volunteer Award Honorable Mentions

I nominate Nina Levenduski, who has helped with newsletter articles, social media posts and various other items, even though she doesn't even own a Teke (yet).

I nominate Sabine Desper, who did an excellent job finding horses for the Equitana demo, bringing her horse to Equitana and riding, making the demo work and a million other small things!

I nominate Yorke McGillivray for all her hard work on the new online DB and the new website, along with writing articles in each ATAA Newsletter on Teke artists. She also brought several very talented artist's works to the Equitana booth and will be putting them in the Silent Auction.

I nominate Jas Shearer-McMahon for taking on a job that no one wanted and making that work. Also, she is always a positive voice in the AT community.

I nominate Katrina Ardiel for becoming a volunteer extraordinaire, working on our Registration videos with Jon Mays (mostly by herself), taking on the Silent Auction this year, all the while moving her entire farm!

I nominate Dean Miller, for hosting Teke camp in 2020, which was a wonderful week, and then in 2022, and for taking on the AHA monthly meetings about the AHA/ATAA Distance Championships, even though he has very spotty internet 😊.

I nominate Tish Saare, for all her hard work with the ATAA BOD, the 2019 RBS (and possibly a 2022 RBS), working on the WWW grants and running awesome conference call meetings, all the while working full time, parenting two small children, and running a barn.

I nominate Betsy Wandler, who has taken on the role of Registrar, on several ATAA committees and is also on the BOD. She also came to Equitana and helped out a bunch there, all the while working full time, raising children, and running a barn.

Something all of these people share is a willingness to work as a team, ask questions, take suggestions and a general niceness. I'm sure I'm missing some but can't think of them now.

### Preservation Award Honorable Mentions

I nominate Betsy Wandler, who has leased underused stallions the past few years and produced some excellent offspring from them. Several of the horses she has bred have gone on to become excellent competitors and have helped bring in more stewards for our breed.

I nominate Emery Rhodes for importing horses from Russia and Europe to help diversify the N. American bloodlines.

I nominate Liz Morgan and Melissa Altman, who have consistently bred a few foals a year and now have taken in several Tekes from a different owner.

### Highlight Horse Award Honorable Mentions

I nominate Damascus, who although he did not compete this past year, brought a lot of attention to the breed through his near death from surgical complications and then almost a year to the day, competing again in Endurance. He has been a fan favorite on social media.

ATAA AWARDS 2021

***The ATAA and EST (Equus Survival Trust), along with the Whittier Foundation, Announce:***

### **UCAT ATAA/EST Sponsorships**

The focus of this sponsorship is on the **Purebred Akhal-Teke horse**, to expose and refine the talent and raise the visibility of the breed to the equine public and gain new breed stewards via competitions and high-profile exhibitions showing off the Akhal-Teke.

Sponsorship seed money has been donated by the Whittier Foundation through the Equus Survival Trust. Sponsorships for UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Tekes) will be awarded to competitors with purebred AT horses in sponsorship amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000. Total amount of the Sponsorship program as of 3/18/2022 = \$24,300

Applications will be accepted starting June 1st, 2021. Decisions will be made on ongoing basis, *first come first served*, through October 31st, 2022.

**For specific information or to send application in, email us at [ATAAUCAT@gmail.com](mailto:ATAAUCAT@gmail.com)**

## 2021 Case Memorial Competition Awards

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Kathryn Thode and Kazimir, AAKT389, Jack x Kizliar Shael



Kathryn and Kazimir not only participated in the UCAT Sponsorships, but also in the Case Memorial Competition Fund.  
8 days of events = \$755.84

Lindsay Nichols and Thorhastrachan, AAKT417, Thor x Hogs, did 4 events = \$373.92



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Lauren Irwin/Angie McGhee and Elek, AAKTS0182, Garzhan x Eskova, did 5 days of events = \$467.40



Melissa Harlinksi and Bavaria RDF, AAKTS0188, Bugatti Hilltop x Hobella, did one event = \$93.48



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Amber Erickson with Ophelia Kkan, AAKTS0163, Durkkhal x Otezs Windstar, and Ottalia Mystic, AAKTR07, Aur Mystic Heir x Ophelia Kkhan, did 5 days of events = \$467.40



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Make sure to get your results in for the 2022 Case Memorial Competition Fund! \$25 entry fee, per horse, which is rolled into the pot of \$2000. The more horses that enter, the bigger the pot. Must be an ATAA Member for at least 6 months, horse must be ATAA/VNIK registered, and events must be recognized by the national authority. If you are interested in donating to the Case Memorial Competition Awards Pot, contact a BOD member!  
For more details:

[Case Memorial Competition Awards – Akhal-Teke Association of America](#)

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- d. Tekes, Snohomish, WA. September 9,10,11
- e. Teke Camp- It will be February 19- 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Open doors, come on down!
- f. Possible RBS? Will be one on East Coast in 2024 – West Coast Expo is in June in CA, very high temperatures, Tish couldn't organize this time. We will look into it.
- g. Distance Championships in Idaho in 2022- September 29-October 3, 2022. Lauren suggests we have a breed banner, breed recognition is good. Dean will have one made up; Tish has 2 banners. Maybe flags? Need a spreadsheet of what we have and where it is. Work on this at a BOD meeting?
- h. Another grant from the WWW Foundation for operational items, bookkeeping, accounting software, get grant spreadsheets set up.
- i. Tish asks if there are any other possible projects? Dean says we have a lack of promotions, Cathy and Tish say we have a lack of volunteers and money. Cathy and Kathy Thode are working on a possible 501c3 fund for the ATAA – not simple. Dean suggests more money for advertising. Kevin mentions the UCAT Fund.

Tish asks if anything else.

MOTION: Dean motions to adjourn, Cathy/Katrina seconded, Approved.

Adjourned at 10:01 am.

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## October BOD Meeting Minutes

### October 2021 ATAA BOD Conference Call Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021, at 5:00 – 6:30 pm PST

Called to order: 5:10 pm Pacific Time

Present: Tish Saare, Pat Johnston, Cathy Leddy, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Betsy Wandler, Dean Miller, Katrina Ardiel.

#### 1. September meeting minutes approval

**MOTION: Cathy motions to approve September meeting minutes. Jas seconds. Approved.**

**2. Treasurer's report:** Jas reports Checking 12673.14, Savings 79356.94 as of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### 3. Old Business

- c. VNIK/ATAA Registration
  - 1. Outside registration issue – Pat mentions that these horses are not being included into the ATAA online DB, only in VNIK. Jas suggests we get VNIK's take on this – we know what our contract says. Tish will contact Nadja and see what is what.
  - 2. 2021 registration update- Betsy, 20-25 registrations, including foals of 2021. More Seminole horses, approximately 10 foals this year. Discussion of request from the Akhal-Teke Foundation for a reduced rate on registering multiple ATs with ATAA and transferring ownership with ATAA/VNIK. What does WWW

Grants say? Cathy to send actual grant information to Tish.

- d. Elections
  - 1. Election material sent out – due Oct 20, make sure everyone votes.
- e. General Membership Meeting
  - 1. Moved to October 24<sup>th</sup>-Zoom meeting if we can figure out who has a Zoom account, as free accounts only allow 45 minutes. Might need to purchase something short term.
  - 2. Time: 8 am to 10 am Pacific Time
  - 3. GMM agenda – BOD to look at it and have any changes sent to Tish by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Need comments asap to get this out to membership.
- f. Equitana report out – Cathy and Betsy report. It was wonderful, came in \$13 under our projected budget, have many marketing items available for members, including retractable banners, a TV stand (which didn't get to Equitana), stickers, postcards, and an e-brochure. The filming for our new HorseFlicks show went very well, Jon is hoping to have something out to the Film Team around Thanksgiving. Volunteers were all wonderful, we still need to send out thank yous.
- g. UCAT Committee report- Cathy updates, only 2 people have asked for and received UCAT awards so far, one person applied but then dropped out. Money available for 2022 competitions.
- h. Award Committee Report- we need to send emails out to membership again for nominations. Deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Betsy is still looking at awards, suggestions?
- i. Database and website committee report – it is a work in progress.
- j. Instruction video committee report -Katrina reports, has a new storyboard for a piece on taking registration photos with examples from Artur, both good and bad. Also, a storyboard for a piece on filling out forms, need to make sure NFS testing is in there. Need information at end on where to send forms and where to get them. Thank you Katrina for your hard work!
  - 1. Instructional language – Pat to draft, has not had a chance. Cathy will work on a blurb and send to BOD. Need complete organization names in end credits, including Katrina for all her hard work.
- k. DSLD research and study- Katrina has looked up lists and emails, can send a cover letter and instructions. Discussion on whether all owners of possibly affected horses know about this. Thanks again to Katrina.
- l. Registered Breeder program update – Registration committee to address – tabled for review by Registration Committee.
- m. WWW Foundation
  - 1. Fund allocation – Tish, Betsy, and Cathy to work on this. We need an easy-to-read accounting.
- n. Microchipping – tabled in September
  - 1. Registration committee to discuss
  - 2. Education in newsletter and website- tabled
- o. Distance Championships- Betsy to send certificate



## ***Equitana, continued from front page***

sketchy, so people's comings and goings might be slightly off.

I do remember that at least two of our volunteers had quite the journey getting to Kentucky, involving multiple delays, flights, and airports!

Anyway, we needed everything set up by Friday, the first day of Equitana, so everyone there helped out, in between getting horses settled, finding where everything was and catching up.



*Our ATAA Booth, almost ready!*

We had volunteers come from all over the US, Canada's border was still locked down, so our Canadian friends could not participate. Betsy Wandler came from Montana and helped set up and take down the booth. Yorke McGillivray came from Colorado and organized the artwork we displayed in the booth, by several different artists



Olwen Busch came with her mare, Gulkana, her trainer Christine Cramer and her friend, and helped with the booth, filming, and everything else in between, along with being a major donor.

Yorke's friend Phoenix also came from Colorado and was our general helper all weekend. I came in from Washington and was sort of the overall organizer. Then, we had the people who brought horses! So much more work than just getting yourself on the plane! Sabine Desper organized this part, and also figured out the demos. We had seven horses come, including: Adamek, Magda, Elek, Gyzyl Godiva, Mascot, Garpun and Gulkana.



***All Seven horses and riders during Equitana at one of the filming sessions.***

Once the booth was set up and all the horses settled in, we made plans for the filming that took place over the 3 days with Jon Mays of HorseFlicks, for our DVD. Jon has done 2 Akhal-Teke videos so far and is wonderful to work with. This time he had his camera on a golf cart we rented and also did some drone filming! It was awesome and while a lot of work it really was fun. All the riders and horses did great jobs, doing take after take. We wondered what they would do with the drone flying overhead, but it didn't seem to matter.

Sabine brought Adamek, who she leases from the Akhal-Teke Foundation and Magda, owned and ridden by? Cindy Sither brought Garpun and Mascot, along with her fearless rider Meredith Johnson. Olwen Busch brought Gulkana, ridden and trained by Christine Cramer and she also brought along another volunteer, who was lovely, but I can't remember her name! Lauren Irwin brought her Teke cross gelding, Elek. We had some other volunteers come too, Carrie Sullivan, Erin Fitzwater, and a few others, sorry!



Not only did we have Equitana going on, and we tried to have a horse in our demo stall next to the booth most of the day, 3 ridden demos that were announced and well attended, but we also had Jon Mays, of HorseFlicks films, come and video us for the entire 3 days, including some early morning rides, both in costume and out of costume, the use of a drone for some of the footage (he looked like he was having a LOT of fun with that!) and a golf cart to zoom him around. We should have a rough draft of the film sometime this spring.



*Jon filming Meredith along the wall.*

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*More photos of filming*

Eron Owens was there with not only Gyzyl Godiva for Equitana, but with her entire family and stable to compete! Jon was able to get some film of that too and also Eron's son Hayden did a stint as our 'jockey', along with Meredith (she did the action shots, Hayden did the close ups)



*Hayden on Gyzyl Godiva*

Equitana wasn't as well attended as (I'm pretty sure) the organizers and many of the vendors wanted, but we found it allowed us to really talk to people. I dare say that we made a few more Teke converts!

Our week sadly came to an end much too soon, but we gained some new Teke admirers, got to practice the ridden demo several times during the weekend (a big thank you to Sabine Desper for the choreography and all the work behind the scenes, besides riding Adamek many times during the weekend!)

As always, this wouldn't have been possible without the funding from the ATAA and our wonderful sponsors, who made it possible for us to rent 1 ½ Vrbos (we had about 14 people for 2 nights, so rented half a house for those days), and paid for shavings for the stalls and name plates and logo saddle pads for the participants. The generous donations allowed us to have Jon Mays come and film, this will be the third AT film he has done for us. A huge thank you to everyone that donated their money, time, expertise, horses, and enthusiasm. We really can't do it without you!



*Kentucky Sunrise at the KHP, by Betsy Wandler*



*More Equitana shots*

## **Thank you to our Equitana Sponsors and Donors!**

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**And a huge shout out to the ATAA, EST and the WWW Foundation!**



**Fun in the Sun, Teke camp continued from front page**

Host Dean Miller took time out from managing the fun to do he and Damascus' first LD ride, almost a year to the day, since Dami went through traumatic colic surgery and recovery: and they won!



Katrina Ardiel took her Teke gelding Hendrick to several jumper shows, and she and Giles did many trail rides on their horses



Katrina gave a lucky attendee a dressage lesson on Gerald.



Meredith Johnson came with Cindy and Dennis Sither and gave several sidesaddle lessons on the Teke gelding Mascot.



There was much fun to be had, besides horses. A day of making glass art was donated by Big shout out to Christine of Piece-By-Piece Art studio downtown Venice for donating her time to give all a fun experience.



Here is a report from one of the participants:

From Lauren Irwin, who came with her AT cross gelding Elek Via talk to text: Also, of note for the newsletter Dean and Damascus won the 25 miler in Florida the weekend before turkey (sic) camp. I'm not exactly sure what it was called in and Morgan from Ontario what did an 80-mile ride part of which was competition and part was not while she was in Florida and this weekend is up at the Sugarloaf endurance ride in South Carolina to do another 25 with her there they're really cool people. Morgan and Giles took a lot of pictures and videos so maybe you can get some of their prints for the letter.



*Morrigan and Halla, on the trail*

Dean got to jump Damascus, maybe there is show jumping in their future too!



## Meet the Board: by Nina Levenduski

### Betsy Wandler



(1st picture of me with Silverhill Sosna and my 2 kids in 2015...I am usually the one taking the pictures so I don't have very many with me!!



2nd picture of my daughter with Silver Hill Avienda in 2019)

1. Where do you live? Billings, Montana
2. How did you hear about Akhal-Teke horses? A neighbor in Ft. Collins, Colorado. She got me started in endurance, and at our 2nd endurance race she introduced me to Jas Shearer-McMahon who owns Magic Valley Akhal-Tekes (who lived about an hour from us). Jas kindly let me come ride, condition, and compete on her Tekes for endurance. That was in 1999-2001
3. What is your experience with horses? My parents got me my 1st horse when I was 9, and I have not been without a horse since. I got my AS degree in Equine Management in 1998 and did my internship with a trainer in Reichweiler, Germany. I then came back to the U.S. and got my BS degree in Equine Science. I have been breeding/raising Akhal-Tekes since 2010.
4. How long have you been interested in Tekes or Teke crosses? I got my first Akhal-Teke mare in 2003 from Jas Shearer-McMahon ("MV Kiyasa" by Astrachan out of Kyra). My first ride on an Akhal-Teke was in 1999 ("Mazan" by MV Moondancer).
5. How did you hear about the ATAA? From Jas Shearer-McMahon
6. Do you own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross? If so, what do you do with him/her? Currently I own 4 purebred mares: "Amerka" (Aliger x Krosna), "Silver Hill Avienda" (Salamdor x Amerka), "Silver Hill Aytasi" (MV

Mele-Chus x Amerka) and Soudje (Ak Sygym x Khiva); 1 part bred mare: "Kazakh-Yurek RHR" (Tipyalenah x Kys); and I lease 1 Akhal-Teke stallion: "Kevlin", (Arin x Kamiah) and I own the stallion prospect "Altair" (Anduma x Ahmiyetli). I breed and raise Tekes, one of these years when life settles down (running a small ranch, working full time off the ranch, raising 2 kids with numerous extracurricular activities) I hope to start actively riding and competing again.

7. If you don't own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross, do you plan to have one someday? N/A
8. How did you find out about Tekes? See #2
9. What do you like the most about them? Honestly, I love to watch them "glide" and frolic effortlessly across the pastures in their radiant, sun-catching coats. They remind me of fine-tuned athletes the way they can twirl and dance, it really takes your breath away every single time. And then it doesn't hurt that after all that exuberance, they come and stand quietly next to you for hugs and scratches. They really are extraordinary creatures.
10. What are your goals for the future with your Teke or Teke cross? To continue to produce quality, athletic horses that are "user-friendly"; horsed that can go out and attract more people to the breed.

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to Lauren Irwin for Elek, who competed for the ATAA at the Distance Championships with Angie McGhee.

#### 16. New Business

- j. Betsy asks that Cathy send email blast to membership for Breeder's Reports, Horse Movement reports (sales, deaths, etc. per farm.)

Pat mentions that she has enjoyed working with the BOD and all outgoing members were thanked.

Action Items:

- o Tish to contact Nadja about VNIK registration contracts
- o Tish to find some sort of platform for GMM meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- o Agenda for GMM by Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- o Cathy to send out membership email blast for ATAA Awards
- o Cathy to work on credits for registration videos.
- o Katrina to get DSLD list to BOD
- o Cathy, Betsy, and Tish get updated WWW information on grant allocations and spending.
- o Cathy to send out membership email about Breeder's Reports.

#### 17. Next meeting – November 10, 5 pm PST

**MOTION: Betsy motions to adjourn at 6:11. Jas seconds. Adjourned.**

### November BOD Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 5:04 pm Pacific time

Present: Kevin Matthews, Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy, Katrina Ardiel, Pat Johnston, Betsy Wandler, Dean Miller, Sabine Desper, Yorke McGillivray.

1. **Welcome to new BOD members** Tish welcome the new BOD members: Sabine Desper, Kevin Matthews, and Yorke McGillivray. Thank you to the new BOD and also to the outgoing BOD members, Dean Miller, Jas Shearer-McMahon, and Pat Johnston.
2. **October meeting minutes approval**

**MOTION: Cathy motions to approve Meeting Minutes from October. Katrina seconds. Approved.**

3. **Treasurer's report -**
4. **Old Business**
  - p. VNIK/ATAA Registration

1. ATF foundation request- Use some of Grant for ownership changes and transfer of ownership fees

**MOTION: Betsy motions to use WWW Grant money for transfer of ownership and ATAA registration. Cathy seconds. Kevin abstains. Approved.**

2. Outside registration issue – Amrita will send written signed contract with VNIK registrations

- q. UCAT Committee report- Cathy will do some marketing for 2022 applicants
  - r. Award Committee Report
    1. Nominations due Nov 15- done.
  - s. Database and website committee report – Yorke, we need to create a priority list – the Committee will meet Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, need input on how to post announcements, how it should appear on newsfeed – we need a good way to share announcements. Committee to make suggestions to the rest of the BOD. Thank you to Yorke on website. Kevin volunteers to help on DB, Thank you Kevin!
    1. Update key priorities
  - t. Instruction video committee report
    2. Instructional language- Cathy hasn't had time to work on this yet.
    3. Need to complete organization names in end credits (including Katrina)
  - u. DSLD research and study – Katrina has talked to one owner, owner is willing, just need to push this forward. Do first 3 horses for study – need to change receipts sent to treasurer Registered Breeder program update – Registration committee to address – tabled
  - v. WWW Foundation- Cathy and Tish will get Katrina up to speed on this and push it forward.
    2. Spreadsheet updated
  - k. New meeting format – Teams? - Zoom meetings instead of Conference calls? Yorke talks about benefits of Zoom. Tish asks for costs associated with this. Put in action items.
  - l. Shared workspace – ClickUp or Hive? Location for agenda
  - m. Blog to Social Media- Yorke would like to see more coordination across platforms. Yorke will let us know what is needed, will talk with Betsy and Katrina on Saturday
  - n. THANK YOU to all outgoing BOD members.
- 5. Action items review**
- November Action Items:
    - o Yorke to find costs associated with having monthly BOD Zoom calls, instead of Conference Calls.
    - o Yorke to add BOD to online meeting space so we can try it out. Resend links to Betsy and Cathy.
    - o Cathy touch base on WWW grants, work with Victoria on new grant.
    - o Cathy to send log in information for Silent Auction to Katrina.
    - o Tish and Cathy to check into possible 2022 RBS in CA at Murieta Equestrian Center.
- 6. Next meeting – December 8, 5 pm PST**

MOTION: Kevin motions to adjourn. Betsy Seconds. Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

More BOD Meeting Minutes (December and January on page 15)

## December BOD Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 5:10 pm Pacific time

Present: Kevin Matthews, Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy, Katrina Ardiel, Sabine Desper, Yorke McGillivray. Absent: Betsy Wandler

1. **Tish to run meeting.**
2. **October meeting minutes approval**

**MOTION: Tish motions to accept November Meeting Minutes with changes. Yorke seconds. Approved.**

3. **Treasurer's report** – Checking: 9356.16, Savings: 79358.27 Cathy did BOD position changes on MO Secretary of State and sent those changes to Tish and Yorke, so Yorke can be put on the ATAA Accounts as Secretary.
4. **Old Business**
  4. VNIK/ATAA Registration
    - a. Registration Forms update- updated forms received from Nadja and put on ATAA website.
    - b. Outside registration issue – Tish was supposed to contact Nadja to understand contract. – Betsy talked to Nadja and got her recommendation. The ATAA will start transitioning to sending in all its own paperwork through Betsy.
    - c. Registration committee upcoming meeting. New committee member interest? Next Registration Meeting will be Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>, Kevin asks to be on the committee.
    - d. Registration committee agenda - Breeders program, microchipping
  5. UCAT Committee report- Cathy will do some marketing for 2022 applicants
  6. Award Committee Report
    2. Nominations due Nov 15- 2021 Winners are: ATAA Awards:
      - a. Horse Highlight- Adamek
      - b. Volunteer- Cathy Leddy
      - c. Preservation- Tracy Brock/Lauren Gimzo

Prizes will go out in early January. Thank you to everyone that nominated!

7. Database and website committee report – Betsy, Yorke and Katrina met on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Betsy asks about emails attached to website - @ATAA Should have those for at least Secretary, President, Registrar, maybe Treasurer? Kevin says those are already set up. Yorke will get list of active emails; Kevin will send his list to Yorke. Yorke will recommend which emails to use at January BOD meeting. Priority list attached at end of BOD minutes.
8. Instruction video committee report
  4. Instructional language- Cathy sent credits to Katrina

5. Need to complete organization names in end credits (including Katrina)
9. DSLD research and study – Katrina has talked to one owner; owner is willing, just need to push this forward. Do first 3 horses for study – need to change address on receipts sent to treasurer.
10. Registered Breeder program update – Registration committee to address – tabled
11. WWW Foundation- Cathy and Tish will get Katrina up to speed on this and push it forward.
  3. Spreadsheet updated
12. Microchipping – tabled in September- Registration committee item. Betsy will include it in next Registration Committee meeting agenda, Cathy will work on article for next newsletter.
  5. Registration committee to discuss
  6. Education in newsletter and website
13. Distance Championships- Dean will stay on as liaison. 2022 Championships in Idaho.
14. Teke Camp- Dates are February 19<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It is a fun, relaxing time, Dean is hoping that several Tekes and/or Teke crosses will do an endurance ride on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
7. **New Business**
  - o. BOD positions – Available positions: President, Treasurer, VP.

**MOTION: Cathy motions to nominate Katrina Ardiel as President. Betsy seconds. Approved. Congratulations to our new president, Katrina Ardiel.**

**MOTION: Kevin motions to nominate Tish Saare as Vice President. Yorke is interested, but happy to wait. Cathy seconds. Approved.**

**MOTION: Tish motions to nominate Yorke as Treasurer. Katrina seconds. Approved.**

Cathy still Secretary. Kevin, Betsy, and Sabine are Director's at Large.

- p. Suggestions for new Grant fund use: to find online accounting software that can transfer between old and new Treasurers. Yorke and Kevin will look into this and bring back suggestions to the BOD.
- q. Betsy will talk with Yorke about registration money – Tish will get Yorke on bank account. Yorke can get everything in one place for upcoming treasurer. Cathy has a lot of info too.
- r. Use of Grant funds for hair samples received from Terri Fender- Betsy received about 15 horses hair to be DNAd. Cost is \$20 per sample.

**MOTION: Kevin motions that we use Grant Funds to DNA test these horses. Yorke seconds. Approved.**

- s. Use of Grant funds to fix budget and establish new budget system- Discussion: Yorke suggests ClickUp or Hive. Tish asks for a proposal for cost, etc. and a demo. Cathy thinks this is a great, Yorke will add rest of BOD to Clickup and resend links to Betsy and Cathy.

- t. In person BOD meeting discussion- Cathy talks about mid-year in-person meeting. Nice to have, but we need to other things first, getting accounting up to date, online platforms,
- u. etc. Katrina suggests we spend a day virtually with committees and then have BOD meeting. Betsy suggests mid-year Virtual Conference. Kevin asks if we can get new BOD members up to date first, table this until later.
- v. Possible West Coast RBS- Cathy and Tish to look into, 2022 is June 10-12<sup>th</sup> at Murieta Equestrian Center.
- w. 2022 Promotions – Equitana 2022? - Next Equitana is at Kentucky Horse Park September 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Discuss trying to do things on different coasts every year, time to start thinking about both coasts? If so, we need more volunteers to work on these. If there are other events around the country, please let a BOD member know.
- x. New meeting format – Teams? - Zoom meetings instead of Conference calls? Yorke talks about benefits of Zoom. Tish asks for costs associated with this. Put in action items.
- y. Shared workspace – ClickUp or Hive? Location for agenda
- z. Blog to Social Media- Yorke would like to see more coordination across platforms. Yorke will let us know what is needed, will talk with Betsy and Katrina on Saturday
- aa. THANK YOU to all outgoing BOD members.
  - November Action Items:
    - Yorke to find costs associated with having monthly BOD Zoom calls, instead of Conference Calls.
    - Yorke to add BOD to online meeting space so we can try it out. Resend links to Betsy and Cathy. done
    - Cathy touch base on WWW grants, work with Victoria on new grant. done
    - Cathy to send log in information for Silent Auction to Katrina. done
    - Tish and Cathy to check into possible 2022 RBS in CA at Murieta Equestrian Center.
  - December Action Items:
    - Yorke will recommend which emails to use at January BOD meeting.
    - Tish and Cathy will check on RBS
    - Katrina will send registration info(?) to Kevin
    - Yorke/Cathy, advertisements for Silent Auction
    - Cathy contact Sabine about Newsletter

### 8. Next meeting – January 12, 5 pm PST

MOTION: Kevin motions to adjourn. Betsy Seconds. Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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## January 2022 ATAA BOD Meeting Minutes

### January 12, 2022– 6:30 pm PST at 5:00

Called to order: 5:12 PST

Present: Katrina Ardiel, Betsy Wandler, Cathy Leddy, Sabine Desper, Kevin Matthews joined at 5:30. Absent: Yorke McGillivray, Tish Saare

Agenda 1. December meeting minutes approval

**MOTION: Katrina motions to accept December Meeting Minutes. Betsy seconds. Approved.**

2. Treasurer's report: both Tish and Yorke not present but the following is from Tish "I just received the grant check from EST for \$9,500. I have not yet made it to the bank but will deposit it as soon as I am feeling better (and probably not so contagious). -the bank

paperwork was sent to Yorke shortly before Christmas. I believe that she has an appointment at the bank this week. Once I receive the paperwork back (and am not sick) I will finalize the process of having her added to the account."

### Old Business

- 1.VNIIK/ATAA Registration
  - a. Registration Forms update – we need to make sure all forms are PDF fillable, Betsy will doublecheck. Ask Kevin if he has access to Adobe Acrobat to make new fillable forms? Possible to use some grant money for PDFs – or possibly trial period for that? Cathy to check.
  - b. Registration committee upcoming meeting.
    - i. Registration committee agenda - Breeder program, microchipping d. Feedback on registration process...anything that needs to be done differently? Should meeting be moved? Reg. committee needs to bring proposal to BOD on Registered Breeder Program.

Feedback from a survey? Cathy to send out old surveys to BOD.

Katrina asks Betsy what she needs to make her registrar job easier, new printer/scanner.

**MOTION: Cathy motions to approve up to \$500 for a printer/scanner for Registrar for ATAA registration. Kevin Seconds. Approved.**

- e. Access on Database
- g. Award Committee Update – Cathy wants photos of awards for upcoming newsletter
2. DSLD research and study-update and next steps. – Katrina will contact Cindy S again and see if we can get this going.
  - a. Any other horses we can try to bring into the study?
3. WWW Foundation
  - a. Spreadsheet updated- Cathy to contact Victoria to see if we need to do anything.
  - b. Grant update – add in 'Going to Farm for onsite registration' to our budget. Betsy to work on this. List of horses, Kevin etc. can look at proximities.
4. 2022 Promotions – Equitana 2022 and 2022 RBS, Ohio venue, other options BreyerFest – Adamek will be there, should we do anything else there? DAD – Sabine to take point. Cathy and Sabine will work on it. Katrina suggests we look at the Royal Winter Fair in November in Toronto, Canada.

**MOTION: Betsy motions the ATAA sponsor a Breed Booth at Ohio Equine Affair April 7-10. Sabine Seconds. Approved**

### 5.New meeting format – Teams

- c. Shared workspace – ClickUp how does everyone like it? Cathy likes it, still working on details on it. Cathy uploaded 2021-2022 Budget under 'Treasury' on ClickUp.
6. 2021 Annual Report- Yorke has asked for help getting this completed and has assigned some of the tasks to other board members.
7. ATAA emails old emails in existence? Create new ones? Not sure how far Yorke got on this.
8. Silent Auction made 2130.50 (before taking fees out) in December. Thank you to everyone that donated and bid and a big thank you to Katrina, for organizing and running it.

### New Business

1. 2022 Budget – Budget meeting January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm PST
 

Action items review from previous meeting:

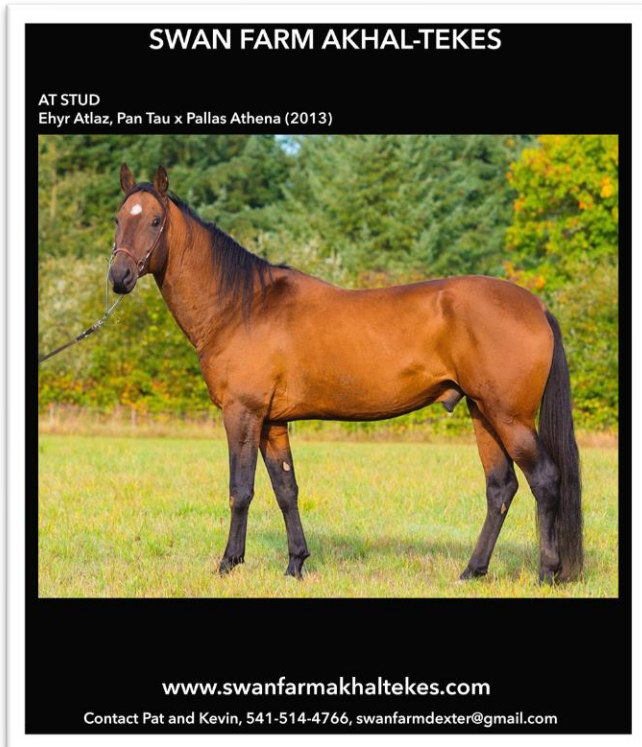
  - a. Yorke will recommend which emails to use at January BOD meeting.
  - b. Tish and Cathy will check on RBS
  - c. Katrina will send registration info(?) to Kevin o Yorke/Cathy,
  - d. Cathy contact Sabine about Newsletter

2. Next meeting – Feb 9th, 5 pm PST

Action Items:

1. Ask Kevin if he has access to Adobe Acrobat to make new fillable forms
2. Cathy check to see if there is a trial period to try Adobe Acrobat.
3. Betsy – registration meeting moved?
4. Cathy put old surveys on Click up and send to BOD
5. Cathy to contact Victoria to see if we need to do anything.
6. Sabine and Cathy to work on DAD
7. Katrina to get info on Royal Winter Fair in November in Toronto.
8. Sabine will help on next Newsletter
9. Cathy to get paperwork for Ohio Equine Affair done.
10. Sabine, Katrina, and Cathy to work on booth and demo for Ohio Equine Affair.

**MOTION: Cathy motions to adjourn 6:26 pm. Kevin seconds. Adjourned.**



**Conference Call Meeting Minutes February 9, 2022**

5:00 – 6:30 pm PST

Called to order: 5:05pm

Present: Katrina Ardiel, Tish Saare, Cathy Leddy, Betsy Wandler, Kevin Matthews, Sabine Desper

Old Business

1. Officer Summary:

Office	Officer	Effective Date of Office	Contact Information
President	Katrina Ardiel	10/10/2020 - 2023	info@akhalvalleyfarms.com
Vice President	LaTisha Saare	10/5/2019 - 2022	teketales@gmail.com
Secretary	Cathy Leddy	10/5/2019 - 2022	c.leddy@frontier.com
Treasurer	Yorke McGillivray	10/24/2021 - 2024	yorkenberry@gmail.com
Director at Large	Betsy Wandler	10/10/2020 - 2023	betsysee@gmail.com
Director at Large	Kevin Matthews	10/24/2021 - 2024	Swanfarmdexter@gmail.com
Director at Large	Sabine Desper	10/24/2021 - 2024	skdoasisfarm@aol.com

2. Bank signatory changes

Tish Saare motioned that Yorke McGillivray and Cathy Leddy become key executives on the Akhal-Teke Association of America checking and savings accounts at Wells Fargo. Kevin seconded and all were in favor – motion passed.

Yorke and Cathy will take meeting minutes to the bank and become key executives with the ability to sign and make changes to the checking and savings accounts. Cathy will remove Jas from the account once she is signed on to the account.

3. Winter Newsletter-due date February 15th.

1. 2022 Annual Budget - still in progress
2. Annual Report - Done, thanks to Yorke.

4. Upcoming Promotions

1. Ohio Equine Affaire -payment made paperwork completed. What's next **Cathy pd fee for OEA (How many horses? Stalls free if horses are in demo, Sabine is chair, possibly 7 horses going, Sabine has demo, etc. planned.**
2. Dressage at Devon- update **\$500 due in June**
3. Breyerfest - plans for attendance. Sabine is chair, has several horses/riders already committed. - **Sabine working on it.**
4. USDF member - what that means for the association and its members **Katherine Thode put together, AT's will be in all breed awards**

5. WWW grant extensions  
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**allocated funds vs funds  
already used**

5. Unregistered "missing horses" plans to get them registered.

**In process: Betsy to lead**

6. Website updates tasks to be completed

1. Emails okay for Yorke to set up new emails
2. Database Volunteers? Kevin and Cathy

7. DSLD update on progress how to proceed: Katrina found that there is already a study being done, we don't need multiple dsdl studies going at once)

8. Educational Videos progress report. No updates

9. Any other projects on the go that needs to be discussed.

Horseflicks- in progress, Jon waiting for any videos from participants

GMM- bod approved meeting to be based in WA (at Cathy's?) Sept 9-11, 2022

10. New Business

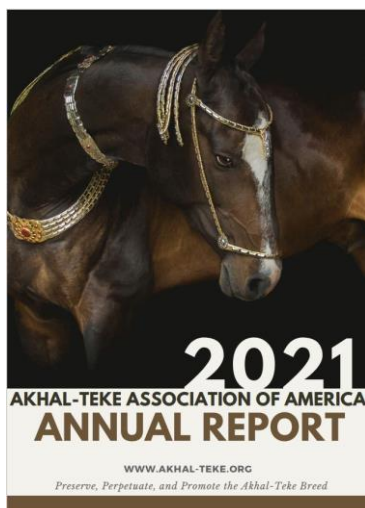
- Have event calendar put up on website?
- Tish is the only "executor" on the bank account, she would like 3 board members to be on the account (Tish as back up, Cathy as back up, Yorke as primary)

10.Next Meeting: March 9th, 2022, 5pm PST

Action items to be completed for March meeting or before.

- Yorke- Event Calendar on website, Annual Report (done)
- Cathy- Horseflicks progress
- Betsy - Missing horses to be registered
- Tish, Cathy, Yorke- Get others on bank account
- Yorke - set up ATAA emails

**2021 Annual Report – Thank you to Yorke  
McGillivray – Check it out on the website!**



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**Thank you to all our  
members, volunteers, and  
sponsors!**

**We can't do it without you!**



## **LOOKING FOR HELP!!!!**

*The ATAA Newsletter needs some help – our fearless editor is a bit overwhelmed right now and could use some help (or you had better get used to every once in a while newsletters!)*

You could:

Take over the whole thing: it usually takes me 40-80 hours to do one newsletter.

Take over a part of it: Farm ads perhaps? Classifieds?- Thank you to Sabine Desper – contact her at [skdoasisfarm@aol.com](mailto:skdoasisfarm@aol.com)

We have a few dedicated people that are helping out, THANK YOU Nina Levenduski!!!!

But, I could use more help. My life keeps getting busier and I'm not getting younger.

I've been doing the ATAA Newsletter for 10 years now and would love to step down, someday.(really, I'd like to ride my Tekes!)

Contact: [c.leddy@frontier.com](mailto:c.leddy@frontier.com)

**PS: YOU GET TO KNOW ALL THE GOSSIP**

**Many events this year that could use volunteers!**

**Contact Sabine Desper for volunteering at events or bringing your horses. [skdoasisfarm@aol.com](mailto:skdoasisfarm@aol.com)**

**Donations are welcome, they help pay for stalls, shavings, etc.**



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rounds. Big canter, easily adjustable, consistent trot. Good working brain when in regular work. No maintenance. Well-behaved on the ground and gets along great in a herd and a good babysitter. She has had one foal that is now competing in dressage and hunters as a 4yo. Dam sire Gigant was a 1.60m jumper and has produced many good competitors. Located in Conroe Texas

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### Horses For Sale

**For Sale:** For Sale: Giana (Magaryf X JBK Gulkusi), 2018 Purebred Ak Sakal line filly. Blindingly metallic golden bay. Already 15.2 hh. Details on Dream Horse or Equinenow.com. Photos on Facebook. Email: [jacquemunn@aol.com](mailto:jacquemunn@aol.com).

**For Sale:** Hobella, 2009 15.3hh Smokey buckskin Akhal Teke mare Thor/ Astrachan x Gigant Asking \$15000 obo OHBS/GOV approved VNIK, ATAA registered, lifetime USEF Solid 1.05m low/high adults jumper great for a confident teen or adult since she has a motor. Fast in the jump off

## Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes

2021 Buckskin filly, Sephard Shael x Aishet, for sale



2021 Chestnut filly, Gerald x Alamet, for sale



2020 Bay filly, CG Azalia, Metman x Aishet, for sale



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Gerald



16.1hh Akhal Teke Stallion Born 2006  
By Arim out of Gekla  
Bred by Akhal Texas (Tito and Natasha Pontecorvo)

Percentage 6.5, Typicality 7.0, Measurements 8.5,  
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If you are looking for a proven stallion then look no further. Gerald is the epitome of a modern accomplished Akhal Teke. From the show ring to his progeny Gerald is an excellent example for his breed and his sport. He will capture you with his undeniable presence, and hold your attention with his refined uphill build, and beautiful copper coat. Gerald brings excellent Akhal Teke bloodlines with proven success in both the jumper ring and the dressage ring.

As a two year old, Gerald won a gold medal and red preferred status at an American Warmblood Inspection. He went on to win the 1 year old division, at the first Akhal-Teke championship in America, at the Kentucky Horse Park. Finally, at one United States Dressage Federation in hand class, Gerald's score earned him 8th place in the nation, for sport horse suitability. However Gerald's career did not end in the hand ring.

Gerald started his career at Akhal Valley Farms in Eventing progressing from entry level to Preliminary level in three short years of competition. Although he showed promise in Eventing it became apparent that he enjoyed dressage more.

Gerald started his dressage career in the spring of 2014 and progressed through the levels and made his debut at Prix St George in Spring of 2016. Gerald has had great success at Prix St George level and is currently working on moving up the levels.

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