

ATAA Newsletter

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Our First AHA/ATAA Distance Champion!

By Angie McGhee



Angie and Elek, photo by Becky Pearman

The "Distance Horse National Championship" Ride was held at the Big South Fork Recreation Area in Jamestown Tennessee, September 11, 2002. The number of breeds recognizing one competition as their championship is growing with this year's program including championship rides for Arabians, Half-Arabians, Appaloosas, Paso Finos, Shagyas, Morgans, Saddlebreds and now Akhal Tekes.

I had the privilege of riding Lauren Irwin's wonderful Akhal Teke/Arab cross, Elek. Elek was bred in by Rebecca Supinger, of Virginia. His dam is an Arabian from the noted Asgard program, which produced Heraldic, the only "Endurance Triple Crown" winner. His sire is Gindarkh 13 whose lines trace from the Lugovsky Stud Farm, Kazakhstan. This was the first year the Akhal Teke Association participated in the event and offered a

championship, so we were their first and only entry this year. I encourage other Akhal Teke owners to get out there and go for it, they seem to be well adapted to distance competition. Elek is a wonderful ride, his trot has a bit of a "slink" to it, what Akhal Teke people refer to as the "glide", very smooth.

Lauren has done a wonderful job training this horse in dressage and on trail, so he goes down the trail beautifully. She has ridden many miles solo all over Big South Fork and other trails putting a great base on him, but she had to have a knee replacement surgery in June. So, she asked me to compete him in some distance competitions and aim for the championship ride in September. I entered him in his first competition, a 50-mile endurance ride at the Talladega National Forest in Alabama in May. He finished with fuel in the tank. Since I have my own horses to condition and could not focus on Elek, we were only able to work in one more long competition, a two-day Competitive Trail fifty in June in Virginia, where he proved he could handle lots of major climbs, a requirement for the 8,000 ft. of elevation changes over the course of the 55-mile championship course. For the rest of the summer Elek had a pretty light schedule of ring work with Lauren's students riding, and then some longer slow rides with Lauren as she recovered from surgery.

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OCTOBER
24TH, TIME
TBD

Equitana
2021- Oct 1-3,
Kentucky
Horse Park.
To volunteer,
participate or
help sponsor,
contact either.
Cathy at
c.leddy@frontier.com
Sabine at
skdoasisfarm@aol.com

Deadline for
registering
your 2021
foals –
October 1st!
Info [Here](#)

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

Updates:

UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Teke Riders) Scholarships- Open NOW! First Recipients have been awarded their UCAT Sponsorship! Congratulations to Sabine Desper and Adamek and Kathryn Thode and Kazimir. We still have funds available, purebred Tekes only. More information on page 7 & 8.

DSL D Research: The ATAA BOD has voted to put some funds towards DSL D in Akhal-Teke research. If you think your horse may be affected, please contact Amrita Ibold for more information at ibolds@rockisland.com

New ONLINE DATABASE AND WEBSITE ARE LIVE! -The new, long-awaited Akhal-Teke Association of America registry site, database and new website are all live! www.akhal-teke.org
<http://registry.akhal-teke.org/>
The ATAA Registry site is the face of our registry and pedigree database. It includes a dynamic search, horse and profile management tools, favorites system, change requests system, 5-generation tables, and 10-generation interactive graphs. We plan to add prospective breeding analyses, COI/COR/ancestry loss calculations, a notice of sales/leases system, a digital file management system for registrar, ability to download unofficial pedigree certificates, ability to display a list of all horses related to a specific horse, ability to add competition records to horse profiles, and much more. If you have any questions or issues while using the site, you can contact support@akhal-teke.org or use the Contact Us page on the registry site. We are still beta-testing the site, so to make the site better for everyone please report any bugs or missing/incorrect information. If you are an active ATAA member, an account has already been created for you. If you haven't received an email from support@akhal-teke.org with your unique login information, please contact us. We would like to extend our

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gratitude to our Website and Database Committee Chair, Yorke McGillivray, and Matthew Harris for all the web-development work they have done to make this possible. We also want to give special thanks to our Website and Database Committee members, Katrina Ardiel and Betsy Wandler, as well as to the rest of the ATAA Web Task Force volunteer crew who have been a huge support to this entire project: Jas Shearer, Dean Miller, Cathy Leddy, and Tish Saare. Also thank you to Pat Johnston for continuing to provide a wealth of ideas and feedback.

Tekes and Breed Booth at Equitana 2021- We are getting ready to go to our Akhal-Teke Breed Booth at Equitana USA, held October 1-3 at the Kentucky Horse Park. We will be in stalls # 212-214 and will have a ridden demos in the Bullseye Arena daily. We will have seven Tekes and Teke crosses participating in the ridden demo and at least one horse being our breed ambassador next to the Breed Booth. For more information, go to page 4 or to donate, click [here](#).

Demo Times: Bullseye Arena

- Friday: 12pm
- Saturday: 4:45pm
- Sunday: 1:45pm

Horse Illustrated Ad

We will once again have an ad in the Horse Illustrated 'Best of Breeds' to go out later this year.



Equitana volunteers – We need volunteers for Equitana, October 1-3rd, Kentucky Horse Park. Contact Yorke McGillivray at yorkenberry@gmail.com

1st Breed Education video is done, thanks to Jon Mays of HorseFlicks and

Katrina Ardiel! It will be up on our new website soon.

3 Board of Director Openings this year!

We would like to thank outgoing Board members Pat Johnston, Dean Miller, and Jas Shearer-McMahon for their excellent service to the ATAA. We have three nominees for these spots: Kevin Matthews, Yorke McGillivray, and Sabine Desper. Ballots will go out electronically very soon.

Kevin Matthews: OR



Kevin has been a blacksmith, an educator, an organizer, and an entrepreneur. He brings together focused college and postgraduate study in horse breeding and genetics, training, and riding, with wide practical experience in breeding, training, and transport, forage analysis and production, and in management of horse and ranching operations at farms across the country.

Kevin has taught at UC Berkeley and the University of Oregon He ran a successful high-tech company from start-up to category leader in multiple product areas. He has non-profit experience as an officer and board member for charitable organizations in several sectors, including successful fundraising of millions of dollars for NGO and community projects. He also has extensive experience building and supporting large and small public databases.

Kevin got his first Akhal-Teke cross nine years ago, raised his first

purebred foal the next year, and now manages 26 purebred Akhal-Tekes, including five breeding stallions. Fourteen of these horses are located at Swan Farm in Dexter, Oregon, with others in Oregon, Virginia, Kansas, Tennessee, and Florida.

Sabine Desper, VA



Hi, my name is Sabine Desper. I was born and raised in Dusseldorf, Germany and have worked in the equine industry for 30 years. After obtaining my diploma for Bereiter FN (German riding instructor/ trainer) I came to the United States in 2000. I fell in love with the Akhal-Teke breed when I was hired by Phil and Margo Case of Shenandoah Farm, home of The Akhal-Teke Stud, in 2009, managing, training, breeding, and competing their horses. I have since competed Akhal-Tekes at recognized dressage shows, 3-day Eventing, have fox hunted with them, rode limited distance, shown in hand at Dressage At Devon and SANA Rare Breed shows, participated in the 2013 filming with HorseFlicks and 2018 took horses to the World Equestrian Games to participate in a breed demonstration. I have taken horses to the 2018 WEG for a ridden demo. Currently I am helping in organizing the breed booth and ridden demo for the 2021 Equitana at the Kentucky Horse Park. Although Shenandoah Farm has been closed due to Phil's passing, I still have the privilege of standing 2 Akhal-Teke stallions at stud, one of whom I'm hoping to compete at the FEI dressage level in 2022, and luckily I still own several Teke crosses that will be competing in the near future. My passion is promoting and preserving the breed by enabling more people to meet these wonderful horses in person,

make their own memories and form an emotional connection. It would be my pleasure to volunteer my time to the ATAA as a member of the Board of Directors.

Yorke McGillivray, Colorado



Yorke has been actively involved in the Akhal-Teke community since 2017. She was introduced to the Akhal-Teke breed through her mother's old Thoroughbred bloodline research stretching back to days of the Turks. Her mother also worked closely with the Nez Perce tribe and learned how the breed was key in recovering the Nez Perce horse. While completing her B.S. in Conservation Biology and Neuroscience at Colorado State University, Yorke connected with Jas Shearer of Magic Valley Ranch and fell in love with the horses there while learning to compete in endurance racing. Since then, Yorke has deeply immersed herself in the international Akhal-Teke community, particularly through art. She started a "Featured Artist" page for the ATAA quarterly newsletter, which is still ongoing and features a different Akhal-Teke artist each issue in hopes of connecting readers with their work. Yorke also took on the role of Volunteer Coordinator for the successful 2019 SANA West Rare Breed Show and designed the official show program brochure. Last fall, Yorke presented on the development of the new ATAA Pedigree Database at the 2019 Annual ATAA Conference in Canada. She has been spearheading the project with an independent programmer since March 2019 with the intent of providing Akhal-Teke breeders and owners dynamic tools for horse searches, information

management, pedigree assessments, and population statistics. Additionally, Yorke has been leading the development of a new, more-organized ATAA website to promote online traffic and simplify information access for all users. To support this effort and kindle new growth in the online Akhal-Teke community, Yorke recently launched the ATAA's Instagram page, @akhaltekeamerica, and has already attracted 350+ followers. She also wrote and designed the 2019 ATAA Annual Report. For her contributions and dedications to promoting the breed, she was awarded an ATAA 2019 Certificate of Appreciation and the ATAA 2019 Publicity Award. Both hang proudly over her desk and inspire her to continue sharing her deep love for the Akhal-Teke breed. As a board member, Yorke would work tirelessly and enthusiastically to keep growing the Akhal-Teke and ATAA communities. She has almost a decade of professional experience in community outreach, public relations, and marketing with a continual focus on conservation and preservation. This has included work with two wildlife rehabilitation centers, a financial company, Cheetah Conservation Fund, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Pueblo Zoo, and Phoenix Zoo. Adding to her toolbox, Yorke completed a Strategy Development for Wildlife Conservation certificate and a Genetic Models for Animal Breeding certificate last year to understand how to design more goal-driven conservation projects and better evaluate breeding programs. Yorke has also worked closely with several of the board members over the last year and has collaborated on projects with many of the ATAA's members. These experiences give her a unique market and community perspective to help foster interest, engagement, and preservation for the Akhal-Teke horse. Yorke, and her purebred colt, Kerkav (pictured), hope to inspire newfound love for the ancient Akhal-Teke in the modern age.



Equitana 2021 is October 1-3, at the Kentucky Horse Park in Kentucky.



The Akhal-Teke Association of America is a nonprofit group of dedicated owners, breeders and breed enthusiasts working together to promote the Akhal-Teke horse breed at Equitana USA at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY October 1-3, 2021

[Equitana USA](#) is a 3-day celebration of the horse through education, entertainment, instruction, and shopping! The ATAA will have a breed association booth with raffles, membership drive, educational materials, stallion and sale horse directories, and a live breed ambassador so visitors can meet an Akhal Teke face-to-face!! Ridden breed demonstrations featuring Akhal Tekes trained in different riding and competition disciplines will be held on each day of the event!

The Mission: To gather the funds, volunteers, and materials to host a professional, artistic, fun, and informational booth on the Akhal-Teke horse breed, worldwide, at the 2021 Equitana USA.

The People: Everyone, worldwide who is interested in promoting the Akhal-Teke, is invited to participate with ideas, information, funds, photos, DVDs, etc. While the ATAA is spearheading the effort, you do not need to be a member to participate. The booth is about the BREED, not any country, organization, or farm.

Everyone is welcome to participate!

The Opportunity: This is one of the largest Equine Celebrations of Horses worldwide, and we will be there representing the Akhal-Teke in a professional and artistically produced booth, along with a representative of the breed in a stall next to the booth and ridden demos each day by some of our top riders and horses - a golden opportunity to build awareness and expand the market for our fantastic breed.

NEWS: We have a film crew coming to Equitana to do a half hour TV program! Jon Mays of Horseflicks, who has done 2 excellent films on Akhal-Tekes for us already, is coming with his crew to do a BRAND-NEW SHOW on Akhal-Tekes! We need your help though, as we were not expecting this opportunity. Any amount will help, small or large!



HOW TO DONATE/SPONSOR:

General Donations/Sponsorship checks, made out to the ATAA (non-Tax deductible) should be sent to: Jas Shearer-McMahon, Akhal-Teke Association of America, 2935 W County Road 82E, Livermore, CO 80536

Be sure to spell out exactly how you'd like your information to appear on the ATAA's sponsorship materials.

Tax-Deductible Donations can be made to the Equus Survival Trust, who is partnering with ATAA to raise funds for the Akhal-Tekes at Equitana 2021.

[EST - DONATIONS \(equus-survival-trust.org\)](http://equus-survival-trust.org) Make sure that you note that your donation is for the ATAA/Equitana when you donate! This is tax-deductible!

The donations below are PP buttons and do include a PP fee (difference between posted price and price in cart), non-tax deductible.

Dapple Gray Sponsor: \$50, Mentioned on ATAA's website, on social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Copper Chestnut Sponsor: \$100, Mentioned in ATAA's website, on social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Bronze Bay Sponsor: \$101-250, Mentioned in ATAA's website, on social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Silver Perlino Sponsor: \$251-500, Mentioned in ATAA's booth, website, social media, and in the ATAA Newsletter

Sooty Buckskin Sponsor: \$750, Sponsor a Silver Exhibitor Showroom in the Equitana Online Exhibitor Directory for ATAA, sponsor mention in the directory listing, ATAA's booth, website and social media

Golden Buckskin Sponsor: \$1,000, Sponsors one of our 3 horse demos, Mentioned as sponsor during breed demonstration, in ATAA's booth, website, social media, and in the ATAA

Platinum Palomino Sponsor: \$1,500 - Sponsors 1 electronic "push" notification to event attendees to promote our booth & breed demos, mention in push notification, ATAA's booth, website, social media and in the ATAA Newsletter.

Diamond Double-Dilute Sponsor: \$2,500, Sponsors one of our exhibition horses, includes cost of transportation, care & stabling of one horse for the duration of the event. Includes listing in ATAA's page in program booklet, banner on stall door and name listed in ATAA's booth.

Volunteer!

We need Teke lovers to help at the booth!!! Maybe you're lucky enough to have tickets to some of the events but could spare a couple of hours to put a face on the Teke breed for people who stop by our booth. Maybe you can commit to helping set up or break down the booth, or if you aren't able to attend, perhaps you could contribute in other ways - photos, artwork, promoting the event, Akhal Teke items to display in the booth? Please get in touch, we need your help!

Volunteer Coordinator Yorke McGillivray
yorkenberry@gmail.com

Thank you to our Equitana Sponsors and Donors so far!

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Kathryn Thode

Diane Marcel

Betsy Wandler, Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes

Dapple Gray Sponsor

Keira Wickliffe-Berger

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

AHA/ATAA Distance Championships from front page.

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Congratulations Lauren on getting Elek prepared for this competition. I enjoyed getting to join in on the fun part of your journey.



2021 ATAA Awards

Guidelines and Rules:

- The awards outlined below are for ATAA members and an ATAA registered horse (purebred and part bred).
- Send yours nominations to the ATAA Awards Committee (betsysee@gmail.com)
- All awards will be chosen based on the number of nominations received from registry members. *A current board member may be asked to step in for a tiebreaker (that is not personally involved with a particular category) *
- Individualized award will be given out to each award recipients (1 recipient per category)
- Nominations are due on November 15, 2021** and will be presented at the end of the year.

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.

Some previous year's award, what will this year's be?



Next year's awards should be expanded, as competitions get back to normal. Make sure to **NOMINATE** for these awards – Nominate yourself, nominate someone else!

Contact Betsy Wandler at betsysee@gmail.com to nominate or for more information.

Mail-in Ballot for ATAA Election

The Akhal-Teke Association of America (ATAA) is governed by a Board of Directors that sets policy and priorities for the organization. Directors are elected by the Active Members and serve three-year terms, and may be re-elected. Potential board members are put before the ATAA's membership for voting via an online ballot, or a mail-in ballot, found in the Fall 2021 edition of the ATAA newsletter. Once elected, board members start their term immediately, and can make a significant contribution to the preservation and promotion of the Akhal Teke horse breed. Three board positions are currently up for election.

All ATAA Active Members may vote in this election. For a Family or Ranch membership, two representatives are each allowed a ballot. Get to know our 2021 Board of Directors candidates. See details in Fall, 2021 ATAA Newsletter. New Board members will be announced in October at the general membership meeting on October 24.

Note: Associate memberships (Friends and International members) are non-voting.

All votes must be cast online, or postmarked by October 20, 2021.

There are two ways of voting:

Vote Online with the digital ballot at <https://forms.gle/cMDC11UyTxLyzma29> * OR *
Print this ballot and mail it to Pat Johnston, 84020 Brown Rd, Dexter OR 97431

Elect ATAA Board Members

Vote for up to three candidates:

- Sabine Desper
- Kevin Matthews
- Yorke McGillvray

The following voter information must be completed for your ballot to count.

FULL NAME of voter _____

Signature of voter _____ Date _____

I am voting as one of the designated representatives for a Family or Ranch membership.

Please email Patricia (Pat) Johnston at deepconsensus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 6/1/2021 = \$31,800

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

UCAT Recipients (so far!):

Kathryn Thode and Kazimir

Kathryn bought Kazimir as a 4-year-old and has been bringing him up through the dressage ranks. They are showing second level, but Kathryn says that his canter and his willing temperament are his best features. They are working on flying changes now and take lessons every two to four weeks. Kathryn has been showing this year and hopes to do more next year.



Kathryn and Kazimir showing in July



Sabine Desper and Adamek

Sabine has been competing Adamek since 2013 and has shown in Eventing and Dressage, along with appearing in the 2013 HorseFlicks video. They are schooling Prix St. Georges and their goals in 2021 and 2022 are to qualify for 2022 GAIG Regional Championships at 3rd level and above. Sabine and Adamek are also going to be at Equitana on October 1-3, 2021 and will be in an upcoming HorseFlicks video!

UCAT update from Sabine: *Adamek and I went to the ERAHC Dressage show August 25 and 26 at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA. What can I say. It was super-hot, and I think our rides reflected that. We arrived Tuesday afternoon and Adamek settled nicely into his stall. Then we had an uneventful ride to familiarize us with the indoor ring. Wednesday was an early morning for our 4th level test 2 ride at 10am. Some wobbles in the test and 2 very strict "S" judges earned us a 61.05% and 2nd place. Thursday we dragged ourselves thru the outside ring at 3rd level test 3. Again, not really on our game, we scored a 61.5 % and end up in 6th place. We have more homework to do.*



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Several Studies related to Akhal-Teke History

Thanks to Yorke McGillivray for finding them.

Between these two studies, evidence suggests that the Turk horse may have had a larger influence on the development of the Thoroughbred than the Arabian horse:

- <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-019-57389-5>
- <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-020-66232-1.pdf>
- "an analysis of horse Y chromosome haplotypes has indicated that the Y haplotype of the "Darley Arabian" actually originated from the Turkoman horse, an ancient breed from the Middle East and Central Asia that is like the Arabian Horse, also an "Oriental" type breed²¹. This calls into question the role of the Arabian as a founder of the Thoroughbred breed, and more generally, to its influence on other horse breeds."
- "Although celebrated in many historical accounts, the three "Arabian" sires recorded as the main male founders of the Thoroughbred breed (the "Darley Arabian", "Godolphin Arabian" and "Byerly Turk") were likely individuals of other Oriental horse populations, and the Arabian breed appears to have contributed little to the autosomal genomic content of the modern Thoroughbred" aka likely Turkoman horses

Modern genetic analysis shows the Teke is confirmed to be one of the three oldest foundational breeds for most all other horse breeds:

- <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1755-1315/341/1/012070/pdf>
- "According to microsatellite analysis, the Akhal-Teke form a common cluster with Caspian Pony and Arabian horse, which have oriental origin"
- " The study of genetic diversity of alleles of STR loci in horses of Akhal-Teke breed is of particular interest, as these breed had a huge impact on the world horse breeding. Analysis of polymorphism of 17 panel microsatellite loci in the horses show that the oldest Akhal-Teke horse breed has the wide range of alleles, total 121, that is significantly more than found in Arabian horses"
- " High polymorphism of microsatellite, blood group and biochemical markers in Akhal- Teke horses proves the ancient origin of the breed"
- " Akhal-Teke horse breed has the high level of genetic diversity and retains its characteristics when breeding in different countries."

Further genetic results showing Turk origins in modern TB stallion blood and its presence in most other breeds today:

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2021 Case Memorial Competition Fund

This Year's Competition Fund will be similar to 2020's Incentive Fund, with an amount put in by the ATAA and fees to have your horse take part in it. The ensuing pot will be split between all the recipients.

All other rules are the same. If you would like to DONATE specifically to the Case Memorial Competition Fund, contact our Awards Committee at Incentive awards - Akhal-Teke Association of America (akhal-teke.org)

July 2021 ATAA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021, at 5:00 – 6:30 pm PST

Called to order: 5:13 pm

Present: Cathy, Tish, Dean, Betsy

Agenda

1. **June meeting minutes approval** – Tabled until Cathy can find them and get them out.
2. **Treasurer's report**, checking \$6829.86, Savings \$55757.08 June charges: VNIK \$2290.00 Wire transfer fee: \$45. Not sure if it went through, looks like it did on June 22nd.
 - a. **Old Business** VNIK/ATAA Registration
 - a. Registration committee met, only Betsy and Cathy showed up. Suggested \$25 to ATAA register already VNIK registered horses.
 - b. Frozen semen for dead horses, * in Database to show it is available?
 - c. Grant money – after December 31st, 2021, we will put grant money over to something else, rather than registration. We will need to request a Grant extension.
 - d. Farms that may need to be visited to collect information to register horses:
 - i. Matt Brasher, Brad Sherman, Ariane Jackson, Laura Feeney. Need list of potential farms and then a nice email to get this going. Can we use Grant money to go and collect information? Yes.

MOTION: Cathy motions to charge \$25 to ATAA register already VNIK registered horses. Dean seconds. Approved.

- b. UCAT Committee report
 - a. Two applicants, Sabine Desper and Adamek and Kathryn Thode and Kazimir, both applied and were accepted. Rachel Stevick applied and then withdrew.
- c. Award Committee Report- Nina Levenduski suggested an award for "Best Social Media Presence". Betsy will work on awards, volunteer, and horse awards. Dean suggests that standard awards each year would be good, such as 'Horse of the Year'.
- d. Database and website committee report
 1. Database is live, Yorke has sent info to Web Task Force,
 2. Website goes live when, very soon, needs a few updates.

- e. Instruction video committee report -tabled
 1. Instructional language – Pat to draft- not done.
 - f. DSLD research and study - tabled
 - g. Registered Breeder program update – Registration committee to address-taken off website.
 - h. Conference for 2021 – GMM Virtual Conference on Oct 16, 2021 – Tish, Cathy head?
 - i. Equitana USA
 1. Committee – Cathy, Betsy, Dean, Katrina, Sabine, Nina-
 - a. Dean and Yorke need hi-res photos, Incentive fund supposed to help with those. Tish suggests a video loop. Things are going well, housing secured, demo horse list going well, displays in progress, fundraising slow so far.
 - j. Microchipping
 1. Registration committee to discuss- Cathy has info for article, hasn't had time to do it yet.
 2. Education in newsletter and website
 - k. Distance Championships- Dean continues to attend meetings. We need a banner, need dimensions.
- 3. New Business**
- a. Cathy to contact Backyard Green films and Jon May about possibly filming at Equitana.
- 4. Action items from July and wrap up. (5 minutes)**
- a. Cathy to resend Victoria's email to Betsy for answering (why we charge what we do and process) – done, Betsy replied to Victoria
 - b. Make travel plans for farm tour to collect registration info by next meeting, Betsy is lead. What is left in Grants? Continue to put budget for grading tour in, don't want to lose that amount to something else.
 - i. Grant 1 - \$18834
 - ii. Grant 2- \$5000
 - iii. Grant 3-\$1750
 - c. Cathy to contact Backyard Green films and Jon May about possibly filming at Equitana. - emails sent, nothing back so far.
 - d. ATAA Awards. Need ideas for awards
 - e. Tish – anything back from VNIK on contract signing?
 - f. Tish- extension letter for Grant 1
 - g. Betsy- list of farms for registration tour
 - h. Betsy- ATAA Awards write up

MOTION: Cathy motions to adjourn at 6:06 pm, Betsy seconds. Adjourned.

Next meeting: August 10th (?) at 5:00 Pacific time (yes?)

August 2021 ATAA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2021

5:00 pm Pacific time

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

1. Approve notes of the July Board Meeting

MOTION: Cathy motions to accept July Meeting Minutes. Dean Seconds. Approved

2. ATAA awards (Betsy)
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19dmWxEIfwkLRPu6bDCnhAsnXE6y52YszcnZDKHJpjRk/edit?usp=sharing>
Preservation Award for people. Pat to help with criteria.
Pat suggests a spotlight on a horse that has brought attention to the breed. Betsy will have awards finalized by end of this week (August 29, 2021)
3. Reg question: someone needing transfer of ownership, horses not VNIK registered. Should we require VNIK reg for a gelding to complete transfer? (Betsy)
 - a. Discussion, using Grant money to help with this registration, is a gelding a good use of grant money? Reflects on sire/dam if they compete. If the horse is competing, this is a very minor amount of money.

MOTION: Cathy suggests using Grant money for this occasion, split cost with owner. Dean seconds. 6 approve, 1 opposed (Pat)

4. Upcoming BOD nominees (Pat)- discussion. Have 3 nominees now for 3 spots, Pat has not decided if she will run again, so possibly 4. Dean and Jas not running again. So far, Sabine Desper, Yorke McGillivray, and Laurel Gimzo have been nominated. Pat will check with them to make sure they are willing to run. Discussion: Pat suggests strategic nominations, depending on what we need, i.e., treasurer, administration. Talks about how Livestock Conservancy does this. We are a much smaller group, we agree we need people to do jobs, Katrina asks if we should have more than 7 BOD members. No, not at this time. Find possible people to run, forward names to Pat. Need to plan for future BODs. Tish has had 2 terms as president, we will need a new president this time.
5. Equitana update (Cathy) – Budget sent to BOD (done), have Jon Mays of HorseFlicks coming to film at Equitana.
6. Painting Pony sales changes (Cathy)
MOTION: Tish suggests agreeing to handle transactions between The Painting Pony and the ATAA through an automated system. Jas seconds. Approved.
7. Art sales at Equitana (Cathy)- Contract sent to BOD. Tish to sign when it's needed back.
8. WWW Foundation – we need to allocate funds to other ventures, such as Semen bank, DSLD, we have funds, need someone to run the programs. Discussion of DB – Pat suggests we hire someone to put information into DB.

Discussion of what that would entail. Katrina says the DB is set up for owners and breeders to enter data into it. Some people would like to help out, Cathy suggests we use these people on a trial basis. Try this within the Web Task Force as a beginning of program.

Web Task Force- Betsy, Yorke, Katrina, Cathy, Jas – what do we need to continue moving forward? We need to take a look and make a recommendation.

9. GMM – October 16th. Cathy suggests agenda be only ATAA items and ATAA Awards. Tish says if we need a more elaborate meeting, we will need more time. Everyone OK with just an open ATAA meeting? Zoom account we only get 40 minutes free, might need to use someone's account. Maybe Yorke can set this up?

10. VNIK contract: Betsy asks if it has been received from VNIK? Tish will send out; hard copy is coming in mail as well.

Anything else? Next BOD meeting September 14th 5:00 pm Pacific time.

MOTION: Katrina motions to adjourn, Jas Seconds. Adjourned.

September 2021 ATAA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021, at 5:00 – 6:30 pm PST

Called to order: 5:11 pm

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

Agenda

5. August meeting minutes approval

MOTION: Cathy motions to approve August meeting minutes. Dean seconds. Approved.

6. Treasurer's report Checking: 18076.89, Savings: 79356.26, Treasurer has transferred \$10,000 from savings to checking to cover Equitana expenses.
7. Old Business
 - i. VNIK/ATAA Registration
 1. VNIK contract received- Electronic version has been signed and received, paper version to come.
 2. Outside registration issue: Betsy contacted Amrita to find out about Amrita's new Akhal-Teke Performance Horse website and how it affects current ATAA/VNIK registrations, awaiting more information.
 - m. Elections
 1. Need to get election material out by Thursday (30 days before GMM)- discussion about bylaws, needing to get info to membership beforehand, need to get bios out, make sure nominees are on board with being nominated.

MOTION: Dean motions that we move our GMM (virtual) from October 16th to October 24th (Sunday), to give more time for bios and ballots. Approved.

- n. UCAT Committee report- applications still being accepted.
- o. Award Committee Report – Betsy sent possible awards out to BOD; Cathy mentions possible social media award suggested by member. Dean asks if we will go back to expanded ATAA awards next year. Betsy is fine with that; this year just didn't have lots of competing going on. We usually evaluate awards from year to year.
- p. Database and website committee report – going well, legacy site is on there now, that needs a bunch of work.
- q. Instruction video committee report – Pat is to work on acknowledgement language for video that is completed, but members are asking for instructions. Can we put the link up with the video as is and add a disclaimer that it isn't totally finished? Yorke can do this, maybe Katrina can too? Cathy will ask Yorke (or Katrina) to get the link up on the site, so we can send people there for instruction. Cathy will write a disclaimer and run by the BOD before putting that up.
 - 2. Instructional language – Pat to draft
- r. DSLD research and study- no action, tabled.
- s. Registered Breeder program update – Registration committee to address- will work on this after Equitana.
- t. Conference for 2021 – GMM Virtual Conference on Oct 24, 2021, in morning
- u. Equitana USA
 - 2. Committee – Cathy, Betsy, Dean, Katrina, Sabine, Nina- Cathy reports, it is going well, committee is doing a great job, ordering items for booth now, working on giveaways. Sabine is doing great with figuring out horses and riders and working on our demos. Jon will be filming at Equitana for a new half-hour TV program. Cathy talks about fundraising, not as good as in past years, could use another \$1500 to be safe.

MOTION: Dean motions to add \$1500 to the Equitana funds from the WWW Grant #1. Jas Seconds. Approved.

- 3. Art contract – BOD desired change sent to Yorke for artists. Basically, we don't want to be liable for their artwork if something happens.
- v. WWW Foundation
 - 1. Fund allocation – tabled until after Equitana.
- w. Microchipping- tabled.
 - 3. Registration committee to discuss
 - 4. Education in newsletter and website
- x. Distance Championships- We had our first ATAA competitor this year! Lauren Irwin's AT cross gelding, Elek, ridden by Angie McGhee, finished with the ATAA championship and BC. Dean suggests we send a nice saddle pad to Lauren for she and Angie's efforts. We do have an extra one

or two from the Equitana purchase, so will send one of those to Lauren.

8. New Business - none

Action Items:


Cathy to get link to 'How to Measure Your Horse' put up on website with disclaimer that it isn't totally finished.

Cathy will send one of the extra Equitana pads to Lauren Irwin for Elek.

Next meeting – October 13, WEDNESDAY, 5 pm PST

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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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Bayla (Bavaria RDF) managed to go to TWO horse shows in the last two weeks! It was her first time under saddle, and she did great. The first one was a Young Horse Show Series show in Chestertown, MD and the second one was a dressage show in Annapolis, MD. She got a 71.1 in Training Level Test 1 and first place! See attached pictures.

Cindy Sither, Spring Hollow Farm, KY

We have 2 lovely fillies, born May 17 and May 18, daughters of deceased Lucero out of the purebred mares Marigold and Ava.



Sold one Akhal Teke mare, Ava, to Shannon Moreland of Lexington KY

Betsy Wandler, Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes MT

It is hard to believe we are headed into fall already. This year has been a whirlwind. As a recap, we lost our barn to a freak Montana storm in January, which left us scrambling to figure out what to do with all of our animals for the majority of the winter. Thanks to some generous people in the Akhal-Teke community, all the horses ended up with their own heavy-duty winter blankets to use for the bitterly cold weather!

In June we were blessed with 2 gorgeous foals: Silver Hill Arriety (Tarek x Silver Hill Avienda) and Silver Hill Jump'n Jax (Joshua American Horse x Amerka). Both were sold in utero, and at weaning one is headed to the east coast and one to the west coast! Thanks to Prairie Rose Seminole for allowing us to host her young stallion, Joshua American Horse, for the last year...we liked his son Jax so much that all my mares are bred to him for 2023. Joshua returned

home in August; we'll miss having that goofy boy around.



Left- Silver Hill Jump'n Jax, Right- Silver Hill Arriety, 3 months old

As many know, I have been on the lookout for a future herd sire of my own for several years, and in July I finally found him! Introducing Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes young upcoming sire, "Adlumia Altair" (Anduma x Ahmiyetli)! He is a black colt born 7/3/21, just in time for my Birthday (coincidence? I think not!).



Adlumia Altair @1 week old

Obviously, Adlumia Altair has a few years of maturing to do, so until then Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes has graciously allowed us the opportunity to lease the stunning palomino stallion Kevlin, who will be arriving mid-September. We are looking forward to his arrival! He will be offered at stud to outside mares (live cover or cooled shipped) starting spring of 2022. Stay tuned for details!



Kevlin, 2013 stallion with rider Brandi Estevez

Hay...that is something worth more than gold this year. There is a very bad drought situation happening here in southeastern Montana, so hay has been very hard to come by. We typically harvest our own hay, or at least the majority of it, and this year we got none. Finding it has proved to be extremely difficult, I had to buy out of state. So why, you ask, did you decide

to pick this year to buy a stallion prospect? Well...I feel it has been even more difficult to find a colt with the lines I want than it has been finding hay, so I couldn't turn down the opportunity!

One more sad happening from this year...my daughter's Caspian horse had to be put down unexpectedly in May. We were all devastated (and still are). A suitable replacement has yet to be found, so if anyone knows/has a kid-friendly smaller sized horse (AT or AT cross would be a bonus!) for my 8-year-old to grow up with and use in Pony Club please contact me! We would even be okay with a long-term lease for the right horse.



My daughter and Arriety

Upcoming: looking forward to spending a long weekend at Equitana helping with the ATAA booth! Please stop by and say hi if you are planning on spending some time at KHP, I would love to talk to you :) Or if you are ever traveling through Montana my horses would LOVE some extra attention and scratches.

If you are interested in a 2022 foal, contact me and we can discuss the following crosses due next summer-

1. Joshua American Horse x Amerka
2. Joshua American Horse x Silver Hill Avienda
3. Joshua American Horse x Kazahk-Yurek RHR
4. Joshua American Horse x Minota Dakota <Paint>

Happy Fall to You All!

Tish Saare, Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes, CA



Here is my 2021 foal photo. This is Pyrairie, 2021 buckskin filly (Gallo x Pipi). She was born in late June, while I was out of town of course.

Cathy Leddy, Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes, WA

It's been a busy, busy summer! 3 gorgeous Teke foals born here, two are mine, one is a client's. First was a gorgeous buckskin filly, CG Alara, by Sephard Shael out of Aishet. Next was a chestnut filly, CG Arya, by Gerald out of Alamet. Last was a black colt, Voodoo Ranger, by Wepaly Gulki out of Nadiyat Shael. All three are growing up very nicely. The two fillies are for sale, the colt is not.



We also hosted my son's wedding in August, which was very exciting! We had 10 days to get everything ready (long story!), but it was a lovely wedding and party and I got to drive my tractor all dressed up.



We are expecting 3 foals next year, two for a client and one for me, Tarek x Aishet. We are already lining up expos and shows for 2022, so let's hope nothing else happens before then.

My next adventure is traveling to the Kentucky Horse Park for Equitana, 2021. This has been in the works for 2 years now, and we're very excited for our booth, ridden demos and filming for a new HorseFlicks film. Watch the ATAA website, my website www.cgakhaltekes.org and social media for reports!



Olwen Busch, Florida, and N. Carolina

2021 has been a year of reminiscing about horses and travel as our horses are riding out the pandemic in North Carolina, and we are stuck in Florida. Very glad I, Christine Cramer, and another horse friend were able to attend the Turkmenistan Akhal-Teke Horse Celebration Day in April 2019 and explore many memorable places in Turkmenistan. Borders are now closed to any travel in or out of the country

Photo below:
President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov on a horse that had just been gifted to him at the Celebration ceremony.



Akhal-Teke Foundation 'Farm Report' Kevin Matthews

Many friends of Shenandoah Farm and the Akhal-Tekes were made over the 40 years from when Phil & Margot Case brought the first mare and stallion to the United States in 1979.

At the time that Phil passed away in December 2019, there were 34 purebred Akhal-Tekes under his care on that famous Virginia farm. At that time, Phil and Margot's heirs entrusted us with finding a positive future for each of them.

Now, with the paperwork and legal filings and such mostly completed, we'd like to report to the friends of Shenandoah Farm, and to the Akhal-Teke community in general, on how these precious horses have landed. We tried, though a long year of intensity and uncertainty and ups and downs, to do what was best for each horse, and what was best for Akhal-Teke breed, given the powers available to us.

It was so heartwarming to see true Akhal-Teke lovers step forward with homes for the senior mares. Kurina (Senetir x Kushka, 1994) went to Karen Yates, who had famously ridden her full brother, Kandar (Senetir x Kushka, 1985). Another longtime friend of the farm took Agniya (Amelit x Gumri, 1994) and Goldka (Senetir x Goldka, 1994), keeping those two together, and also

bought the stallion Merglet (Mergen x Marenklet, 2007).

We need to mention the 10 purebred Akhal-Teke horses who had been imposed on Phil and Margot's generosity at Shenandoah Farm for some 15 years by a non-contributing absentee owner. He was persuaded for one mare, Thaya (Pan x Khimka, 2006), to be sold to a great home with an active Virginia rider, but we had to settle for the remaining nine horses to simply be removed. The subsequent ups and downs for those nine horses is another story — while the ensuing court judgement is a matter of public record.

Another sad outcome came to the retired Eventing stallion Koublet (Doublet x Kushka, 1994), who failed from long term EPM in the early months after Phil's passing. The story of preserving Koublet's genetics with a posthumous collection has already appeared in the ATAA newsletter. Even more sad was the fate of Sengar's beloved daughter Zara (Sengar x Zirehgeran, 2005), who was pulled from jumping with young riders to breed another outstanding filly like Zenus and Zarana. Zara was one month pregnant again to Anikit when we lost her tragically, safe in her paddock, to an unexplained broken leg.

Several other horses were sold, when a good home was found at a fair price, with the Case heirs contributing all of the horse sales proceeds back to support the remaining herd. Horses sold include senior stallion Goblet (Doublet x Gavan, 1997) to a farm with Akhal-Tekes in Virginia (where he has bred again), Kumarra (Marakan x Kurina, 2007) to a veterinarian in Mississippi, Kunitra (Anikit x Kumarra, 2014) to a farm with Akhal-Tekes in Kansas, stallion Kurizma (Agades x Kurina, 2009) to a long-time 'Teke rider in Texas, and Magda (Pieter x Miranda, 2006) to a competing rider in Virginia.

The remaining 12 horses, representing a substantial core of the Case herd, were donated by the Case heirs to the Akhal-Teke Foundation, for long term stewardship. Ten of these are on leases to the most appropriate homes we could find, horse by horse. Two stallions, Kiergen (Mergen x Kerki, 2005) and Anikit (Agades x Agniya, 2009), are in the direct care of the Foundation, and they both had multiple breeding opportunities in 2021.

Anduma (Agades x Goldka, 2011) is on a breeding lease in Tennessee, where he has achieved his first two foals on the ground, one purebred, one athletic cross. Adamek (Gindarkh x Agniya, 2005) is on a breeding and competition lease with his long-time rider and trainer, Sabine Desper. The pair has been moving up steadily in dressage at fourth level, and next year will compete with the outstanding support of a grant from the ATAA.

Surgan was gelded in 2020 and has been recovering safely at an endurance-oriented farm in Florida, after a

training placement that had collapsed due to veterinary issues, diagnosed later.

The mare Merdana (Gindarkh x Marenka, 2004) is continuing in Virginia, Eventing in a successful placement with a rider to whom Phil had loaned her. Delguli (Gindarkh x Dogoni, 2009) is on a breeding lease at another Akhal-Teke farm in Virginia, and pregnant for 2021. Maiden mares Anadana (Anikit x Merdana, 2014), Gavinka (Gindarkh x Goldka, 2005), Kebelek (Goklen x Kerki, 2004), and Kurinka (Marakan x Kurina, 2005) are together on a breeding lease in Kansas — where they met back up with Kunitra — and at least two of them are pregnant for 2021.

Outstanding filly Zenus (Anikit x Zara, 2018) is on a training lease in Virginia, progressing beautifully with a Grand Prix dressage trainer, who generously stepped up for this project based on her previous Akhal-Teke experience.

In addition to the twelve donated horses, the Akhal-Teke Foundation has also received the Case archive of frozen semen, including [Arik](#) (Ametist x Aishat, 1978), [Doblet](#) (Senetir x Dunja, 1987), [Kashman](#) (Senetir x Kushka, 1983), [Marakan](#) (Melekhan x Marishka, 1989), [Senetir](#) (Sektor x Altyn, 1976), and [Sengar](#) (Senetir x Oliva, 1984).

We look forward to making a limited amount of those priceless genetic resources available to the Akhal-Teke community in the near future.

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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.

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