



Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry

Minutes of the Inspection Team Meeting February 11, 2015 8 pm CST

PShR members on the call include: Steve Boles, Anke Brander, Brian Coss, Donna Coss, Julie Jackson-Biegert, Holly Kemmis, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Judy Moore, Marty Power, Linda Rudolphi, Kathy Voyer

Anke shared the good news with everyone on the call, Judit Kovacs and Dr. Walter Huber are confirmed for the proposed inspection dates in May, 2015 - - celebration! Judit will require a 'Letter of Invitation' – Anke will take care of this. Judit will be traveling on May 10 as she is judging in Europe on May 9. It is possible that she and Walter can fly out from the same airport.

The group still needs final confirmation of the dates for each location. Later in the call, it was determined that there will be only 1 location in California, at the farm of Kathy Voyer in Norco. Since Judit has not previously visited the US, Anke suggested that we give her all possible 'tourist' opportunities – including a stop in Washington, DC.

Thus, the revised proposed US/Canadian inspection schedule is:

May 9-10	Set-Up Midwest Inspection site		
May 10	Judges arrive in Illinois		
May 11-13	Midwest Inspection	Run Along Farms, Geneseo, IL	Julie Jackson-Biegert
May 14	Travel to Virginia		
May 15 PM - May 17			
	East Coast Inspection	Silver Eagle Stable, Nokesville, VA	Steve Boles/Donna Coss
May 18	Tour Washington, DC		
May 19	Travel to California		
May 20-21	West Coast Inspection	Oak Knoll Sporthorses, Norco, CA	Kathy Voyer
May 22	Rest/Tour area		
May 23	Travel to Toronto, CA	Set up Canadian Inspection sites	
May 24	Inspection	Cambridge, Ontario	Leah Hutchinson
May 25	Inspection	Stirling, Ontario	Shannon McCracken
May 26	Rest/Tour area		
May 27	Judges Travel Home		

Donna shared questions with the team specific to the East Coast inspection, which everyone answered.

1 – Do we really need 2-1/2 days for the inspection? Based on the number of horses, and time for each activity to be set up and completed, and based on past experience, yes. The fee requested by Silver Eagle Stable is \$400 for 3 days. After some discussion, the group agreed that if the horses did not arrive until 3 pm for check in and vet exams, Donna agreed to investigate negotiating the facility fee down a bit.

2 – Dinner together on Saturday night? Good idea for time to get to know everyone, and relax after a long day. We can ask Dr. Huber to provide a slide show for after dinner entertainment.

3 – Photographer on the East Coast? Donna volunteered to do this. Last year, the photographer provided his time and materials at no cost to PShR. Each horse owner received a flash drive with 25+ photos of his horse, taken during all phases of the inspection, for a fee of \$35. The photos were cropped and corrected, and the \$35 was 100% fund raiser for PShR. All photos were given with the agreement “The PShR reserves the right to use all photos for promotional purposes.”

No final decision was made as to who would be the East Coast photographer. Tim Kemmis, the Midwest photographer, had also volunteered.

* * Photographers at all sites need to agree to release all photos to the PShR for promotional purposes.

4 – Vet Exam – Can we use the Silver Eagle Stables vet? He/she only has to be present during the vet exam portion, and on-call for any emergency the rest of the time. What is the charge to PShR for this service?

Who will follow up to reserve a vet and negotiate the fee for the East Coast site?

West Coast site – Kathy will follow-up.

Canada?

A level area with a hard surface needs to be available for the vet exam, measuring and trot out.

Also, if a farrier can be available with a portable forge this makes branding easier.

5 – Ridability – what is required? First, the owner rides his horse – then, two test riders will take turns riding. Horses are ridden in pairs. Test riders are preferably higher level dressage and/or hunt-jumper. Ideally, test riders would be willing to donate their time for the chance of learning about our Shagya-Arabian horses. Can riders be found at each location that would fit this description?

East and West coast sites will follow up.

Canada?

Test riders need to professional riders accustom to riding inexperienced horses and familiar with assessing the willingness of the horse.

6 – Free jump. Diagram and protocol were emailed to Donna, Brian and Kathy. Linda reviewed the overall procedure during the call.

* * Emphasis should be placed on preparing the horses before the inspection. The European judges stressed how important is for each horse to arrive at the inspection having practiced and become comfortable with the jump set up.

Several volunteers will be needed to help. Jumps should be attractive and inviting for the horses – dressed with flowers and greenery for visibility.

7 – Turn Out for Horse and Owner during the Inspection. It is very important to prepare the horses for each phase of the inspection, including the vet exam. They must both be clean, well-groomed, trimmed (clipped if necessary) and braided. Tack must be perfectly clean. The owner (presenter) must look professional at all times. Overall, turn-out is a key to success --- the horses are constantly being observed.

Kathy V is designing inspection polo shirts and hats.

8 – Suggestions for attendance – Invite the local 4-H and Arabian horse clubs. Invite local saddle, endurance, trail clubs. Advertise. During the inspection, rope off an area for spectators so they do not hinder the horses, presenters or judges.

Vendor tables can be sold, local clubs may want to provide food as a fund raiser for their club.

9 – Inside or Outside preferred – For the free jump, it is required to be held indoors. In fact, preference for all phases of the event is indoors due to distraction of horses during each phase of presentation and performance testing. Weather is also a factor.

10 – Who from the PShR is coming to help the East Coast from the Midwest? Linda Rudolphi, Tim Kemmis, and 2 judges will travel to the East Coast. If Olivia Rudolphi is needed as a Vet, she can come to either coast, but not both, she is not available for Canada.

11 – Programs. A biography and photograph of each horse should be submitted (to Marty Power). A biography of each judge and test rider should be submitted (to Holly Kemmis).

Free ads will be offered for the following: (sizes to be determined)

Arena facility

Vet

Farrier

Photographer

Test riders

ANKE – we have a bio of Dr. Huber, can you interview and provide information to Holly for Judit Kovacs please?

11 – What is needed for immediate follow-up From Each Site:

A complete list of all expenses, to include, but not limited to

1 – Facility Fee

2 – Stall and Bedding Fee

3 – Vet Fee

4 – Judge's Accommodations (2 rooms), Total Cost

5 – Number of confirmed horses and the phases of the inspection they will attend

This should give us an approximate total cost so that we can finalize the registration paperwork and send it out.

12. Transportation to and from the airport needs to be arranged in addition to housing and meals for the judges and assistants – at each location.

13. All participants will sign a PShR liability waiver – facilities may require an additional waiver.

14. The inspection must pay for itself, any advertisers, sponsors or donations are a necessity. Each site is encouraged to promote the inspection in their area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Kemmis, Treasurer and BOD Member



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INSPECTION: Description of Events

Inspection for Mares and Stallions, Shagya-Arabian or purebred Arabian, consists of multiple, mandatory phases. These include the Veterinary Exam, submission of SCID and DNA results, In-Hand and at Liberty presentation, Under Saddle/Rideability, Interior Test, and Free Jump. Additionally, Open Competition requirements in one of several disciplines must be completed and documented. Successful completion of these requirements results in PShR Licensing and placement in the PShR Studbooks per their performance and pedigree.

Evaluation of Geldings and Shagya Sporthorses, Shagya-Arabian or purebred Arabian, are evaluated rather than inspected. Evaluation includes the choice of one or all of the following tests: In-Hand and at Liberty presentation, Under Saddle/Rideability, Interior Test, and Free Jump. Successful completion of these tests results in certification.

Veterinary Examination

All mares and stallions seeking licensing and breeding approval must stand for the licensed veterinarian at the inspection site. The purpose of the exam is to look for anomalies, heart defects, existing faults of teeth or testicles, deficiencies or other conditions indicating genetic predisposition. The exam will include but is not limited to a flexion test and trot out on a hard surface.

In-Hand and At Liberty Presentation

Horses will be presented using the USDF Sporthorse In-Hand procedure. Horses will be shown on the triangle and at liberty in both directions of the ring. The horses should be clean and well behaved. Handlers should be appropriately dressed in conservative attire. Grooms will be allowed in the arena to help encourage the horse to move in a natural manner. The judges will evaluate the horse for 'type' and physical attributes of the head, neck, body and legs. On the triangle and/or at liberty, the judges will score the horse's movement at the walk, trot and canter.

Under Saddle/Rideability

To complete the Under Saddle/Rideability test, horses four (4) years of age or older will be ridden at a walk, trot and canter in the discipline style of the riders' choice. Horses will be ridden both directions of the ring, complete a 20 meter circle and cross the diagonal of the ring. There is a cross rail to jump at the gait of the rider's choice. If possible, two or three horses will work in the ring at one time. Mixing stallions with mares can be an exception. Two test riders will ride the horse and report to the judges their overall impression. Observations will include: Way of going and quality of the gait, overall impression, willingness to work, temperament/obedience.

Interior Test

The Interior Test is designed to determine the character and temperament of the horse in an unusual situation. The horse will be scored on his willingness to walk beside the handler in an easily managed fashion. When directed by the judge, the handler and the horse enter the arena. The horse should be next to the handler with some slack in the lead. The space between the handler and horse should remain consistent. The horse should have a pleasant and interested attitude with a flat walk. Overly excited response to obstacles as well as complete non-interest in the presented course will result in lost points. Optimally the horse remains manageable and calm when unexpected stimuli occur and exhibits a trusting, good-natured behavior.

Free Jumping Protocol

The free jumping chute consists of 3 obstacles, in order: a simple cross-rail, a cross rail with a horizontal rail directly behind, and an oxer. The handler will first walk the horse into and alongside of the chute to allow him to see and become familiar with the chute set-up and jump elements. Evaluation criteria: When jumping a horse should look bold, confident and happy while displaying good jumping ability. Front legs should be tucked while the hind legs are open. The back should be well-arched (bascule) and elastic. The horse should be able to determine the appropriate take off and landing over the jump. Undesirable jumping technique include jumping without control, hanging forelegs, head too high, retracted hind legs and a stiff, straight or hollow back.

Branding of PShR Shagya-Arabians

As per the ISG RZBO and the PShR ZBO (breeding guidelines) Shagya-Arabian horses (including foals) may be branded by the branding delegate on the left thigh with the breed specific “Shagya-Sun” brand. Any exceptions must to be approved by ISG. To qualify for branding a Shagya-Arabian must have both a sire and dam belonging to Books I or II. Branding is a birthright of legitimate, purebred offspring; it does not depend on inspection or performance testing.



