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Board Meeting Updates

CMTA's 2nd Annual Meeting 25 April 2009

-- Susan Day

On a warm day in April, the budding Carolina Marsh Tacky Association held its second annual meeting at the Walterboro Colleton Saddle Club. The interim board was represented by DP Lowther, Lee McKenzie, Jackie McFadden, Troy Smoak, Marion Gohagan, David Grant, and Susan Day. There were approximately 40 others that came see a living legend – the *Marsh Tacky*! The CMTA would like to thank the Colleton Saddle Club for the use of their facility and the great food.

What was accomplished: A plaque and a horse blanket were presented to Jeannette Beranger of ALBC for her dedication in helping save the *Marsh Tacky*. Jeannette gave an update on the studbook and horse registry. Around 295 horses, living and deceased have been documented. ALBC switched software for the studbook to Breeders' Assistant. With the new software, people will be able to view the studbook information via the World Wide Web. After completion of stud book, registration of horses will begin. ALBC will soon be sending out the first set of registrations.

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Annual Meeting Photos



Jeannette Beranger addresses CMTA members



Board member Susan Day assists attendees with their membership applications. Attendees also bought t-shirts, registered for door prizes and received information about Marsh Tacky conservation efforts and the state horse bill.

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Karen Exley one of CMTA's newest members, enjoys a ride on Lowther's Rebel.

CMTA's 2nd Annual Meeting 25 April 2009 (cont.)

Lee McKenzie discussed the steps to register a horse as a *Marsh Tacky*. Horses will be documented based on three factors: 1) DNA test 2) History of the horse 3) Visual conformation from the CMTA Inspection Committee. This item is covered in Article X of the Bi-Laws which can be viewed on the CMTA website.



CMTA Board Members Troy Smoak and Lee McKenzie

Troy Smoak brought the motion that we get a professional web site designer to take over the website. He said it would be \$6.00/month plus a flat \$40.00 for initial setup. The interim board is looking into this.

Jackie McFadden gave an update on the state horse bill. House Representative, Herb Kirsh, is holding up the bill. Jackie had a flyer that gave the names of the people to contact on the House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee to get the bill before the house. David Grant suggested the general members volunteer with Jackie McFadden and the state horse bill. If you would like to see the *Marsh Tacky* as the state horse of South Carolina, go to www.marsh tacky.org for updates or contact Jackie McFadden.

Troy Smoak gave the members an update on the beach races and the interim board's suggestion to give the festival organizers an honorary CMTA lifetime membership and a plaque commemorating the event. All agreed.

Several members brought their horses to the meeting and riding demonstrations were held and enjoyed by all.



Gene Graham on Jody and Lee McKenzie riding Blueberry



Charles Hill on Bo, Gene Graham on Jody, Ed Lowndes on Smokey, and DP Lowther speak of the attributes of owning a Marsh Tacky

On the author's personal note, a big thank you goes out to Jimmy Maner and Jodie Reeves. These two, though not board members, always volunteer at events, help with the horses, and talk to the general public about the history of the Tacky.



Jimmy Maner and group



Jodie Reeves and Scarlett

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the Website for updates and additions



The Foothills Indian Horse Club's 8th Annual American Indian Horse Registry / Open Horse Show
September 5th and 6th
Double J Arena – Pendleton, SC



The Second Annual Marsh Tacky Beach Races are tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, February 28th. More info to follow as details become available.

State Horse Bill H.3044

The 1st regular session of the 118th South Carolina General Assembly has adjourned. H. 3044, a bill to designate the Marsh Tacky as the state horse of South Carolina, did not make it out of the **House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee**. The committee chair, Representative Herb Kirsh, is not supporting the bill. We are going to try again during the 2nd regular session in January.



You can help the progression of the bill by contacting your local state representatives and the members of the committee to ask for their support of H. 3044. Committee members are Representatives Herb Kirsh, Liston Barfield, Don Bowen, Marion Frye, and Vida Miller. You can find a listing of committee members and your district representatives along with contact information at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov>.

H. 3044 can be found on the SC Legislature Web site: http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/bills/3044.htm. There are currently two sponsors for the bill, Representative Gary Simrill and Representative Bakari T. Sellers.

The state of Florida's Colonial Spanish Horse, the Florida Cracker Horse, became Florida's Official Heritage Horse in 2008, and 4th graders in several NC counties are pushing to designate North Carolina's Colonial Spanish Horse, the Banker Horse, as their state horse.

For more information or to help with the State Horse Initiative, contact Jackie McFadden, 803-323-2322 or marshtacky@gmail.com.

Thought of the Month:

No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.



~Winston Churchill

Annual Meeting Photos – cont.



Ginny Gohagan on Little White Foot rides with her dad
Marion Gohagan on Sebata



Brandon Glaze on Lowther's Rebel
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RECENT EVENTS

Carolina Fresh Farms of York County Customer Appreciation Days



-- Patti Stafford

Miss Sara Weeks looks like a natural on her first Marsh Tacky ride

Carolina Fresh Farms #6 in Rock Hill, SC hosted their Customer Appreciation Days April 24-25, 2009 featuring product vendors and local and state groups. CMTA made a showing both days. On Friday April 24th board members Jackie Mc Fadden and David Grant and new CMTA member Patti Stafford set up a booth complete with Marsh Tacky stud DP. Flyers about the state horse bill were distributed as well as brochures by Equus Survival Trust. South Carolina Horsemen's Council director at large, Betty Rankin, and Carol Deacon, the president of the SCHC who frequent Carolina Fresh Farms stopped by. Many people had a chance to see a real Marsh Tacky in the upstate. Children's activities were provided to the many children that visited and petted DP. At the end of the day on Friday DP gave a special bareback ride to Sara Weeks who came to see the horses. On Saturday brochures, flyers and children's sheets were handed out.

Rural Heritage Festival, Florence, SC



-- Wylie Bell

David Grant and Wylie Bell participated in the Rural Heritage Festival in Florence, SC on April 25. David's stallion D.P. and gelding, Postell were on display to help celebrate South Carolina's natural resources and cultural history. The Marsh Tacky horses were a very popular exhibit and Wylie Bell provided a riding demonstration and passed out literature on the history of the breed, as well as information about the S.C. State Horse Bill. Wylie will be giving a similar presentation to a Florence church group in September.

May Day Celebration Historic Rock Hill, SC



-- Patti Stafford

The Historic Rock Hill Association invited the CMTA to visit the White Home on May 2nd for their May Day Celebration in Rock Hill. The White Home, the oldest house in Rock Hill, is being remodeled and repaired after many years of sitting idle. The CMTA shared space with the South Carolina Horseman's Council and helped the children have stick pony derbies and watched the cake walk. Jackie McFadden and Patti Stafford attended in shifts and brought pictures of Marsh Tackies for everyone to see. Historic Rock Hill is hoping that the CMTA may be able to bring a "live" Marsh Tacky next year. (The pretty little girl in the stroller is Patti's daughter Caden.)

PALMETTO BLUFF DEMONSTRATION

-- Jimmy Maner

CMTA offered a presentation and demonstration in Bluffton, SC for the Palmetto Bluff, Longfield Stables, Open House on May 23, 2009. Participating in the event were DP Lowther, David Lowther, Daniel Lowther, Marion Gohagan, Ed Lowndes, Jimmy Maner, Charles Hill, Jerel Freeman, Cody Smith, and Karen Exley. Each rider spoke about their horses and Jimmy Maner discussed the Association, the efforts to preserve the breed, and the State Horse Bill. Attendance was low due to rain, but those who were there were very interested in the breed.

HISTORIC BETHANIA FESTIVAL

-- Jackie McFadden

Jeannette Beranger and her Marsh Tackies attended the Rare Breeds Exhibit of the Historic Bethania Festival in Bethania, NC, on June 13th, 2009. The town celebrated its 250th anniversary! Jeannette's Tackies drew a lot of attention and gained a lot of fans!

PIEDMONT SADDLE CLUB PRESENTATION



-- Jimmy Maner

Jimmy Maner, spoke to the members of the Piedmont Saddle Club in Piedmont, SC on June 22, 2009. Topics covered were the Marsh Tacky Horse – Past and Present, the CMTA, the Marsh Tacky stud book and registry, and the state horse bill. Handouts were provided by Susan Day, Jeannette Beranger, and Jackie McFadden.

Annual Meeting Photos – cont.



Our announcer and host – Troy Smoak



DP Lowther introduces Mike Cohen



CMTA members Ed Lowndes and Gene Graham

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Jody owned by Gene Graham



Ed Lowndes and Smokey



CMTA President DP Lowther and Mrs. Dan

HORSE NAMING RULES FOR THE MARSH TACKY REGISTRY

- No more than 40 characters are permitted in the official registered name.
- Registered names are assigned on a first come first serve basis with the ALBC Pedigree Registry. No duplicate registered names will be permitted.
- No names will be permitted that are sexually suggestive or have a vulgar or obscene meaning; names considered in poor taste; or names that may be offensive to religious, political or ethnic groups.
- No trademarked names will be permitted in the registry.



Lowcountry Geechee
owned by Lee McKenzie
Photo by Equestrian Images



LL Smokey owned by DP Lowther
Photo by Jeannette Beranger



Gohagan's Little White Foot
owned by Marion Gohagan
Photo by Jeannette Beranger



CMTO Cypress owned by David Grant
Photo by Jeannette Beranger

- A herd name (name of farm) may be added as a prefix to a horse's registered name if the farm both owns the dam at the time of the foal's conception *and* owns the foal at the time of registration. This registered name including the prefix must conform to the 40 character limit.
- A herd name may not be used by more than one farm and is granted on a first come first serve basis with the ALBC Pedigree Registry.
- A registered name may not be changed once it has been accepted into the registry.
- "Barn" or "Pet" may be changed by owners at any time.

STUDBOOK UPDATE



The Marsh Tacky Studbook Update

By Jeannette Beranger

After three years, American Livestock Breeds Conservancy is happy to announce that the first studbook for the Marsh Tacky horse is nearly complete. It's been a long road but the wait has been worth it in the quality of data that has been compiled for the database including pedigree history documentation, DNA analysis, and individual visual evaluation of the horses.

One major change with the studbook involves software. The studbook was first to be published using a program called SPARKS (Single Population Animal Records Keeping System) created by the non-profit International Species Identification System and widely used by zoos and aquariums to manage captive animal populations. Although there were many benefits to this system, another pedigree program called Breeders Assistant recently made significant changes to their software that made ALBC re-evaluate its decision. Beyond the production of registration certificates, Breeders Assistant allows the user to instantly evaluate a population's current status and calculate inbreeding coefficients and help breeders decide the most appropriate breeding strategies that will ensure the long-term genetic diversity of the Marsh Tacky. In the future, the program will allow owners to access the studbook through the ALBC website.

One of the most common questions people ask about the studbook is how does a horse get registered? There is a threefold answer:

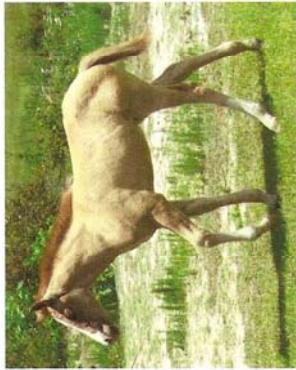
- First, the registry must have a history of the horse. Where did it come from? Are the sire and dam known? Who was the breeder?
- Second, the horse needs to be visually inspected for breed type and conformation. This is done either through photos or in person by one of the members of the CMTA inspections committee. (For more information see the Marsh Tacky breed standards page on the CMTA website at <http://www.marshtacky.org/page4.html>)
- Lastly, if there is still question about the horse being a Tacky, a hair sample may be submitted to Texas A&M for analysis to determine if the horse's genotype conforms to that of the Marsh Tacky breed.

A registration application must be completed and sent along with a front image and a side image of the horse to ALBC. If the horse passes the muster by the ALBC Pedigree Registry to consider it a Tacky, then the horse will be registered. Acceptance into the registry does not imply an evaluation of animal soundness. A registration may be cancelled or amended by the ALBC Pedigree Registry at any time based on new information. Presently there is no cost for a horse to be registered as this is the first studbook for the breed and it is vital that all Marsh Tackies be included in order for it to accurately document the population as well as to serve effective management tool for the breed.

Pedigree certificates are in the process of being printed and embossed and will be mailed out to owners in July. If there are any questions regarding the studbook or registry contact Jeannette Beranger at ALBC, PO Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312, (919) 542-5704, jberanger@albc-usa.org

We would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank the Thorne Foundation for their generosity that helped to make the first Marsh Tacky studbook a reality.

SAMPLE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE



GOHAGAN'S LITTLE WHITE FOOT

Reg. No.: 39
 Pet Name: White Foot
 Breed: Marsh Tacky
 D.o.B: 07/01/2007
 Sex: Female
 Color: red dun
 Owner: Marion Gohagan
 Breeder: Marion Gohagan



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Parents	Grandparents	Great Grandparents	Great Great Grandparents
Sire Dam	Sire Dam	Sire Dam	Sire Dam
Gohagan's Sebata Color: grulla Reg. No.: 36 Dam	Peckerwood Reg. No.: 44 Color: grulla Dam	Cowboy Reg. No.: 122, Color: dun Star Reg. No.: 137, Color: dun	Crews Blue , Reg. No.: 18, Color: grulla Possum , Reg. No.: 131, Color: dun Michelle , Reg. No.: 133, Color: buckskin
Gohagan's White Foot Color: dun Reg. No.: 35	Peckerwood Reg. No.: 44 Color: grulla Dam	Cowboy Reg. No.: 122, Color: dun Star Reg. No.: 137, Color: dun Crews Blue Reg. No.: 18, Color: grulla Cream Puff Reg. No.: 20, Color: sorrel	Crews Blue , Reg. No.: 18, Color: grulla Possum , Reg. No.: 131, Color: dun Michelle , Reg. No.: 133, Color: buckskin Crews stock stallion , Reg. No.: 255 Crews stock mare , Reg. No.: 256 Crews Blue , Reg. No.: 18, Color: grulla Ginger , Reg. No.: 117, Color: sorrel with white blaze

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ALBC Pedigree Registry certifies this pedigree is correct to the best of our knowledge. The pedigree of this animal is now recorded and is granted based on the information provided by the breeder/owner and relies on the integrity of the reporter. This registration does not imply an evaluation of animal soundness and may be cancelled or amended by the ALBC Pedigree Registry at any time based on new information.

ALBC Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Registration Transferred To: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Owner/Seller signature: _____ date: _____ Return transferred certificates to: ALBC, PO Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312



Information and Photo Requests

Newsletter items:

Send to: Jackie McFadden, 1434 Alexander Rd.,
Rock Hill, SC 29732, marshtacky@gmail.com.

Marsh Tacky Stud book:

Owners of Marsh Tackies, please send Jeannette Beranger updates on new births, sales, or deaths of your horses. The information is urgently needed to complete the stud book.

If you have photos, new or old, of *Marsh Tackies* and you are willing to make copies please send them to:

Jeannette Beranger
ALBC, P.O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Include any information you have on the Marsh Tacky including horse's name, lineage (if absolutely known), current and previous owners of the horse and any other information that may be useful. ALBC and the Marsh Tacky Horse Association will use the information for the *Marsh Tacky* Studbook. Find registration information and forms on our web site www.marshtacky.org.

Contact Information

The following organizations are working together to save the *Marsh Tacky* and are available to assist individuals interested in preserving the breed:

The Carolina Marsh Tacky Association (CMTA)

P.O. Box 1447, Hollywood, SC 29449
www.marshtacky.org Email: general@marshtacky.org
(843) 906-2274 or (843) 860-5736

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC)

P.O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312
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(919) 542-5704

Equus Survival Trust

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(336) 352-5520

Carolina Marsh Tacky Association is now on Facebook!

Your board members are working hard to promote, preserve and educate the public on this wonderful breed. Please let any of us know if there is something you think the CMTA should do or if you would like to volunteer.

In The Next Issue:

Colts and Foals



*** Did you know that 95 Marsh Tackies have been born in the past 5 years?

Please send pictures and the names of colts, foals, sires and dams of your new arrivals to Jackie McFadden for the November Newsletter. (Thanks to those who have already sent them in.)

*** **Also needed:** stories of Marsh Tackies, descriptions of future and past events, reflections, observations, and remembrances.

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Lee and Peggy McKenzie – Lowcountry Marsh Tackys
7763 Old Jacksonboro Rd
Adams Run SC 29426
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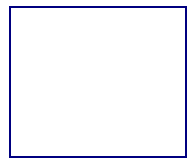
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