

2009 TWHBEA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

TWHBEA, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE INTERNATIONALLY!

- 1) TWHBEA has released the new motto for International Programs. The above motto salutes the efforts of TWHBEA in the success of the TWH Internationally.
- 2) TWHBEA International Committee met for the first time on December 4, 2008. The Committee discussed a broad agenda and many improvements were made to the International plans. A summary of the minutes will be listed on the International page once they are approved by the committee. TWHBEA is still accepting applications for this committee.
- 3) 2009 will see a broad TWHBEA program expansion for International members. Many International countries will have funding available to them for promotional events and horse shows. Please work hard to build the TWHBEA membership! Promoting the Tennessee Walking Horse creates many new friends and you have to admit it is easy to do!
- 4) High Point Programs will be available in 2009. With points accumulated at all TWHBEA Approved Horse Shows, all TWHBEA registered horses will be eligible for year end awards.
- 5) Member Programs: A new Trails Program and Go! Gelding Program will be in effect for 2009. Europe will have its own Points standings, and Canada will have its own (Alberta and Ontario horses will be competing with each other in point standings) This is a new opportunity for International members to earn money doing the same thing with their TWH!
- 6) European Awards for Year End High Points and program winners will be presented at a TWHBEA European Banquet held in January of each year. 2009 awards will be presented January of 2010. At this banquet weekend, a membership meeting will be held in preparation for each coming year.
- 7) The EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FUTURITY were managed for the first time by TWHBEA officials. In an effort to unify the International Tennessee Walking Horse membership, the TWHBEA will now act as show management for all TWHBEA Recognized International Horse Shows. Management will consist of a TWHBEA staff person(s) or representative on site at each show to act as manager for the duration of the show. It is imperative that all events participate

with TWHBEA to count toward High Point Awards. If you are interested in hosting a TWHBEA horse show, please contact Nicole Carswell at ncarswell@twhbea.com. Everyone is welcome!

TWHBEA has established the date for the 2009 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. SEPTEMBER 17 – 20, 2009.

We are still taking suggestions for possible locations. We are looking for a location more central to Germany for 2009.

TWHBEA is seeking the most professional, equine accommodations possible. The following requirements are desired, but not limited to:

- a. Permanent stalling facilities
 - b. Restrooms and food resources
 - c. Permanent seating for spectators
 - d. Appropriate technical equipment for internet and computers, announcer, and event needs
 - e. Located near suitable hotels for attendees, campgrounds a must.
 - f. A location suitable for European membership to have access within a reasonable distance.
 - g. Facility with connections to stall bedding, horse feed, veterinary support services, and blacksmith services
- 8) The TWHBEA INTERNATIONAL RULE BOOK will be in effect for all TWHBEA approved shows. When the finished version is available, free copies will be available to all members at TWHBEA events and via the International Page. Optional Languages will also be provided.
- 9) A new TWHBEA website is coming in 2009. Please be patient while it is being constructed. When complete we will upload all languages to better serve our International membership.
- 10) MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: TWHBEA is seeking International Show Management volunteers. These volunteers should be individuals who are not interested in showing, but are interested in being a part of show office management or working the ring

The TWHBEA is excited about the future of the International Membership. We look forward to working with all International members in making the transition to a stronger, more secure presence in all International countries.

The Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' AssociationSM, headquartered in Lewisburg, Tennessee, is the oldest and most prestigious organization devoted to the promotion and protection of the breed. Founded in 1935, the breed registry was established to record the pedigrees of the Tennessee Walking Horse. Its goal is to

maintain the purity of the breed, to promote greater awareness of the Tennessee Walking Horse and its qualities, to encourage expansion of the breed and to help assure its general welfare.