

**National Block & Bridle Club
Mid-Year Meeting
July 27, 2000
Baltimore, MD**

President Hayden Brown called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM and asked all those attending to introduce themselves. A special welcome was extended to the first class of CLLI participants. Officers gave the following reports.

Vice President (Harold Harpster): Deadlines for Sophomore, Junior, and Chapter Award nominations is past. Results will be reported at the national convention in January 2001.

Secretary/Treasurer (Cindy Wood): a mid-year financial report was handed out (see attached). The national treasury is in good shape, but if the CLLI continues to build, it will be expensive (\$7,500 budgeted for this group of 10). Advisors were reminded to send the completed and signed cover sheet with new member lists and dues payment.

Editor (Jeannette Moore): The Editor will still accept chapter abstracts to place on the web site. Advisors are encouraged to make sure that listings are correct on the web site so newsletters and other communications get to the right person. The deadline for submission of yearbooks and web pages has passed. Results will be announced at the convention.

President (Hayden Brown): The Senior Award nominations have been judged and the three finalists determined. They will be announced at the ASAS awards tonight, but their exact placing will not be announced until the Convention. Scrapbooks are judged when brought to the convention.

Nevil Speer was asked to report on the CLLI. Nevil has worked on many of the details required for the successful CLLI program currently in progress. He reported that the 10 students worked 13.5 hours yesterday on their challenge: preparing an educational campaign for presentation to the ASAS Board. The students heard from eight different speakers, and will be continuing a full day's schedule today. On Friday, they fly to Denver. After the weekend off, they will spend the following week shadowing NCBA staff. Applications for next year's class will be sent out in November, with a February due date. The possibility of adding an equine and/or swine component to the institute next year was discussed. Jodie Sterling volunteered to reactivate the swine committee.

Jim Spain reported on the upcoming national convention, which is scheduled for January 17-21, 2001 in St. Louis, MO. Details are still being worked out, but a good framework has already been laid (see attachment). Big difference for 2001: an advisor must be present when students register. They will not be allowed to check in at the hotel until then. The program is more educationally oriented this year as well.

Fred Thrift then reported on a broad outline of the 2002 convention, which will actually be held in November 2001 at Louisville, KY. Dates are not set yet, but should be soon. The convention will start Friday with a tour. On Saturday, sessions will be held at the fairgrounds, with a trip to Churchill Downs in the afternoon. The annual banquet will be a breakfast on Sunday.

A final report on the 2000 convention has not been completed because Julia McCann was injured in a horse accident.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wood