

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting

By Teleconference

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

3:30 p.m. Eastern Time

MINUTES

[As APPROVED July 7, 2008]

Members Present: President Judith Werner, Vice President Anne Stafford, Secretary Barbara Molland, Treasurer Jimmy Robertson; Directors Mary Anne Cronan, Lisa Duncan, Dr. Margaret McNeese, Brian Reimer, Bob Ruxer.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Association Directors: Victoria Gillenwater, Louise Gilliland, Carl Holden, David Howard, Mary Ann Pardieck, Paul Treiber; Executive Committee Member Fred Sarver.

Counsel Jeff Streepey, Registrar Alan Balch.

I. Quorum/Roll Call/Agenda/Notice

Mr. Balch called the roll, and noted that a quorum was present.

II. Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Parentage Verification Laboratory

Ms. Werner welcomed everyone to the meeting, and noted how important the subject matter was, in that it dealt with an ongoing issue that leadership and staff had been grappling with for several months. She noted that she had appointed an ad hoc advisory committee, chaired by Dr. Margaret McNeese, to work with staff and counsel to assess how the Registry should proceed on assessing parentage verification laboratories, now that formal notice had been given to the University of Kentucky per the Registry's formal agreement with it, ending late this year. Ms. Werner gave a brief history of the involvement of the Saddlebred Registry with the University of Kentucky.

Dr. McNeese noted that there were some viable alternatives to the University of Kentucky's laboratory, including the University of California, Davis, Guelph in Canada, and a laboratory affiliated with Texas A&M.

Mr. Balch reported on the process of evaluation of the other equine parentage laboratories, and Mr. Streepey commented on draft forms of contract received. In response to questions, Mr. Balch noted that the nation's largest breed registry, the American Quarter Horse Association, was a client of Davis.

Dr. McNeese stated that serious due diligence on behalf of Saddlebred breeders and members of the Association must continue and be completed before making a change, and that it should be as thorough as possible. Mr. Balch noted that some of the potential laboratories were more responsive than others, and a lengthy discussion ensued, including the importance of references, cost comparisons, and comments on contractual provisions, with special reference to ownership of the pedigree database and transferability to other labs as well as migration to new technology. Mr. Balch was directed to continue to follow up on the questions raised.

Ms. Cronan moved and Dr. McNeese seconded her motion, that the president of the Registry be empowered to direct staff to move toward a transition to and decide upon a new laboratory, upon the completion of continued due diligence. Ms. Cronan asked about the practical issue of the interface with the entity that sends out DNA kits, and Mr. Balch noted that with at least one lab, the middleman could be eliminated, at least insofar as hair kits were concerned, but probably not blood tubes. Following completion of discussion, *the motion carried unanimously.*

III. Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Cronan, seconded by Mr. Ruxer, and carried without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Alan F. Balch, Registrar