

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
VIA TELE CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

MINUTES

Members Present: Barbara Molland, President
Lisa Duncan, Vice President
Margaret McNeese, Secretary
Jimmy Robertson, Treasurer
Brian Curran
Louise Gilliland
Chuck Herbert
Don Schilling
Judy Werner
Art Zubrod
Larry Hartsock

Others Present: Jefferson K. Streepey, counsel
Katriona Adams, staff
Fred Sarver, Chair Registry Committee

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on April 20, 2010. Mr. Streepey called the roll and noted that a quorum of directors was present.

Consideration of draft Minutes of March 11, 2010 meeting

Mr. Schilling moved approval of the draft minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting, Ms. McNeese seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Management Report

A. Pending Registry Matters

Ms. Adams provided a report on registry matters as follows: Registry staff is working well together as a team to make sure that we stay current on new transactions and also go back over pending items that need reminder notices on missing items. Additional staff has been trained to process mail and to send out competitions packets. We are currently training additional staff to process transfers so that we do not have back logs when staff are out or when Tattersall's transfers are received. We have also implemented additional steps to help ensure the accuracy of registrations and transfers and catch any problems before the certificates are issued. Fred Sarver and Lisa Duncan are assisting with problem issues that are not covered by the rules or where approval of the Registrar is required. Will Wood anticipates that the process of reminder postcards should be transitioned to the Canon printer sometime this week. Once this has been tested and implemented, the process of issuing reminders will be less time consuming for staff.

B. UK Lab Contract

Ms. Adams reported that we have been notified by the UK Lab that as of 2011, we will no longer be able to get the contract price for blood typing unless 200 or more samples are submitted per year. We currently have approximately 45-50 blood typing samples submitted per year. After some discussion, it was agreed that we need to notify our members of the fee increase.

Updates and recommendations from Registry Committee

Mr. Saver reported that the Registry Committee has been busy working on registry matters as well as some problem issues. They have also been working on recommendations that have come up working with staff. Mr. Sarver explained the following proposed rule changes.

USEF Rule SB 101.2 – *Change to read:*

In the event a person files a false affidavit or an affidavit to show change of ownership or change of name without having ~~taken steps to make the change with the ASHA~~ ***submitted all required paperwork and fees to the ASR***, the Federation will levy a fine against that person in the amount of \$200.

American Saddlebred Registry Rules

Current Rule Section V. C. 2.

If jointly registered, e.g., “Mr. AND Mrs. Smith,” the signatures of BOTH owners (or their authorized agent) are required. If jointly registered as “Mr. and/or Mrs. Smith” or “Mr. or Mrs. Smith,” then the signature of ONLY ONE of the owners (or owner’s authorized agent) is required for transfer to a third party.

The Registry Committee recommends adding language to Section V. C. 2 to address circumstances where the ownership is jointly registered with Or listed and the ownership is being transferred into the name of only one party. Both signatures should be required. Mr. Streepey clarified that this will add to the rules a policy that has been in effect for a while.

Current Rule Section III. A. 6.

If an unregistered foal or a mare with a foal at her side has been purchased, the “Unregistered Foal Transfer” form on the registration application must be completed by the recorded owner of the dam in order to register the foal in the name of the purchaser.

& Current Rule Section V. C. 3.

For animals not yet registered, transfer endorsement completed in the handwriting of the seller (or the seller’s authorized agent) is to be made on the Unregistered Foal Transfer Report on the Application for Registration form. There is no charge for transfers made prior to the registration of the horse.

The Registry Committee recommends that the transfer for unregistered foals should be completed in the calendar year that the foal is born. Otherwise, a chain of ownership must be completed by regular transfer process.

Current Rule Section F. 5.

Should the stallion owner or manager fail to file a Stallion Service Report for a given breeding season, any foals produced by the stallion and owned by the stallion owner and/or authorized manager will not be eligible for registration until the Stallion Service Report has been filed with the Registry and the penalty fee paid.

The Registry Committee recommends that this rule be changed so that only foals produced by the stallion for the breeding year in question are considered not eligible for registration.

Other Possible Rules

It was suggested that we require a signed statement from a veterinarian on each embryo transplant certifying the date of the transplant. The registry committee suggested that a place should be added on the application for registration for the owner of the mare when embryo transfer has occurred, should sign an authorization for ASR to be able to obtain records from the veterinarian, or facility that the embryo transfer was performed, with the appropriate contact information.

The Registry Committee recommends a \$5 increase in all registration fees; however, if photographs of the horse to be registered are furnished, the \$5 increase would be waived.

The Registry Committee recommends that the DNA testing fee would be increased by \$15 for foreign registry horses due to higher lab costs. Ms. Adams will research the approximate number of foreign registrations processed each year.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Streepey would draft these proposal into official rule change format for consideration at the July Board meeting.

Committee Recommendations

A. Sweepstakes Committee

The Sweepstakes Committee recommends elimination of the 5-Gaited and 3-Gaited classes and change the Park Pleasure to 3-Gaited Park for the 2YO Sweepstakes. Nominated 2YO's would only be allowed to show in one of two classes - Fine Harness or 3-Gaited Park. This change should begin with this year's yearling nominations, which would be May 1 (when nomination forms and rules get mailed out).

Ms. Gilliland moved approval of this recommendation, Mr. Schilling seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

B. Kentucky & National Futurities Committee

The Kentucky & National Futurities Committee recommends that if you miss your turn in the order of go when showing colts In Hand that some type of penalty should be imposed such as missing your turn or some other penalty.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to appoint a sub-committee to work with the Kentucky & National Futurities Committee on this matter.

Breeder's Committee

The Breeders' Committee recommends that the Board address the no slaughter issue.

After some discussion, it was agreed that it was best to follow the lead of USEF. USEF released a statement in January regarding this matter.

Old Business

Ms. Gilliland proposed that ways be explored to encourage registration of foals in the year of their birth. Ms. Gilliland will work with Fred Sarver, Lisa Duncan and Chuck Herbert on this matter.

Dr. McNeese provided a report on the work of the ad hoc committee which was appointed to investigate Registry reorganization. They had a very productive meeting and were looking at the possibility of having regional representatives in the office who can handle most registry tasks. This would also give staff a back up and help prevent/catch mistakes.

New Business

Ms. Molland reminded the directors of the hearing scheduled for May 18, 2010.

Adjournment:

With no other business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams, staff