

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Board of Directors Meeting
Monday & Tuesday, December 6-7, 2010
Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky**

MINUTES

Members Present: Judy Werner, President
Vicki Gillenwater, First Vice President
Barbara Molland, Second Vice President
Jim Ruwoldt, Treasurer
Betsy Young Boone
Mary Anne Cronan
Nelson Green
Minna Hankin
Chuck Herbert
Carl Holden
Germaine Johnson
William Marple
Scott Matton
Margaret McNeese
William Whitley

Members Absent: Louise Gilliland
Jimmy Robertson
Paul Treiber, Secretary
Art Zubrod

Others Present: Paula Johnson, Executive Director
Tammy Conatser, representing UPHA

Roll Call/Establish Quorum/Consider Agenda/Adopt Rules of Order

President Werner called the meeting to order at 10:30AM on Monday, December 6, 2010. Ms. Johnson called the roll and noted that a quorum of directors was present. Guests were introduced. President Werner made preliminary remarks setting the stage for the retreat and talked about representation of the breed as a whole.

Consideration of Association Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Ms. Cronan moved approval of the draft minutes of the July 6, 2010 meeting, Mr. Green seconded. Mr. Holden suggested an amendment to the Registry Committee report to include that the appeal was by Ricky Cook and Frank Cook. The minutes were also amended as follows under WEG Report: Ms. Cronan provided a report from Jimmy Robertson on our preparations for the World Equestrian Games. *The minutes were approved with these amendments.*

Executive Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ruwoldt presented the financial reports for the Association thru October 31st. The new information format was discussed. It shows revenues and expenses for both ASHA

and ASR. A suggestion was made to consider changing auditors. After some discussion, Mr. Holden moved that we change auditors with the timing to be determined by the Finance Committee, it being noted that it may not be feasible to accomplish a change in this audit cycle. Ms. Johnson seconded and the motion was passed. President Werner reported that Paula had looked into insurance, credit card processing and other routine expenses and has made changes that will lead to significant savings. Discussion ensued regarding the state of revenues. Possible new sources of membership revenue were discussed. A question was raised by Mr. Holden regarding the income on the portfolio. It was clarified that it is reflected in the audit report and not on the balance sheet. ***Mr. Herbert moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Whitley seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.***

b. President's Report

President Werner reported on the World Equestrian Games and thanked Germaine Johnson, Jimmy Robertson and Mary Anne Cronan for all the work they did and for their daily presence at the games. The opening ceremonies provided great visibility for the Saddlebred breed. Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes, riding CH Sprinkles, has caught the imagination of the crowd. Mary Anne Cronan helped with the day-to-day matters relating to demonstrations. A long discussion took place regarding the work done by Jimmy Robertson. ***Mr. Marple moved adoption of a resolution to recognize these volunteers, Ms. Johnson seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.*** Ms. Johnson also noted how helpful the office staff was.

President Werner reported on the decision made by Circuit Court Judge Ismael regarding the ASHA lawsuit and asked Paula to discuss it with the Board. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that communication to our members was critical so that they have a better understanding of the issues.

Due to time constraints related to our consultant and facilitator for our retreat, Mr. Matton moved that there be a break in the meeting until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, Mr. Whitley seconded and the motion was passed.

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

The meeting reconvened at 8:15AM

Guide to Starting and Operating A Riding Lesson Program

The revised Guide to Starting and Operating A Riding Lesson Program Booklet was discussed. ***President Werner asked to have Lisa Uhde review the booklet.***

Wing Tempo Award for Excellence

The Board discussed setting up a new award titled The Wing Tempo Award for Excellence outside of the traditional show ring. Wing Tempo was proposed as its first recipient. Wing Tempo is one of our biggest ambassadors and has over 20,700 miles with NATRC. He has won 22 consecutive National Championships. It was noted that this award would not necessarily be presented annually.

Heritage Farms Recognition

A discussion took place regarding recognition of Heritage Farms. ***President Werner will appoint a committee to look into this.***

Report of Nominating Committee

a. Slate of nominees for election

Mr. Green presented the report of the 2010 Nominating Committee. The 2010 Nominating Committee members are: Nelson Green, Chairman, Betsy Boone, Margaret McNeese, Suzie Teater and Janet Thompson. The committee held three meetings. The following directors' terms expire in February 2011: Victoria Gillenwater, Carl Holden, Margaret McNeese, Barbara Molland, Paul Treiber and Art Zubrod. The committee reviewed the new nominations received this year and also reviewed the nominations received in past years. The committee also developed a form to be used for candidates. They unanimously agreed to make available more candidates than available positions on the Board. Mr. Green reported that the Nominating Committee voted unanimously to recommend the following eight individuals for the ballot slate for the six available seats to be elected by eligible voting members as directors: Bret Day, Lisa Duncan, Robert Funkhouser, Carl Holden, Margaret McNeese, Barbara Molland, Laurel Nelson and Tandy Patrick. All these individuals are willing to serve if elected. Mr. Green thanked Ms. Adams for her help with the work of the Nominating Committee. *After due consideration, Ms. Cronan moved approval of the slate of nominees, Ms. Johnson seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.*

Kentucky State Fair Report

We had great media exposure for the Kentucky State Fair this year. Our collaboration with USEF for Saturday evening produced higher viewership in more locations nationally, and internationally than ever before. A discussion took place regarding the Raffle. Ms. Cronan encouraged the Board to continue to hold it moving forward. It was noted that we should consider collaborating with the Museum.

Annual Awards/Schedule

It was reported that the Breeder's Committee voted to nominate Dr. Alan Raun for the 2010 Breeder's Hall of Fame. After due consideration, Mr. Herbert moved to approve Dr. Alan Raun as recipient of the 2010 Breeder's Hall of Fame, Ms. Cronan seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. *Ms. Johnson moved that the board only vote for one candidate for this award for 2010, Mr. Herbert seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. Nominations were made for Breeder of the Year. A vote by secret ballot was taken and Dr. Raun was the overwhelming choice.*

Establishment of Date for Association Annual Meeting

i. Convention is Thursday – Saturday, February 17-19, 2011

ii. Deadline for Receipt of Marked Ballots: comparable date Friday, Feb. 4th

Ms. Cronan moved approval of the dates of February 17-19, 2011 for the annual meeting, Ms. Johnson seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Holden moved approval of February 4, 2011 as the deadline for receipt of marked ballots, Ms. Gillenwater seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. A suggestion was made to note on the envelopes that the ballot was enclosed and to include the deadline for receipt of ballots.

Grant Proposals

Equine Welfare Committee

The Equine Welfare Committee is requesting approval of welfare grants for True Innocents Equine Rescue and for Saddlebred Rescue, Inc. Both organizations have 501(c) 3 status. *Mr. Marple moved approval of grants for both organizations, Ms. Hankin seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.*

Other Business

President Werner reported that Mr. Robertson has resigned from the Board effective after the first meeting of the annual convention.

Adjournment

Ms. G. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting, Ms. Molland seconded and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams, staff