

American Saddlebred Horse Association

MINUTES

Executive Committee

Thursday, February 16, 2006

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky

Bourbon Room

- Members Present:** President Fred Sarver, Vice President Misdee Wrigley, Vice President Mary Anne Cronan, Secretary Sandra Lilly, Treasurer David Howard
- Directors Present:** William Blacklaw, Louise Gilliland, Nelson Green, Matthew Heiman, Tim Lockard, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Robert Ruxer, Art Zubrod
- Guests Present:** UPHA Executive Committee, Directors, Staff: Randy Harper, John Jones, Renee Lavery, Larry Bacon, Jim Taylor, Jimmy Robertson, Bret Day, Chad Graham, Karen Richardson
- Others Present:** Executive Secretary Alan F. Balch; Counsel Jefferson K. Streepey, Esq.

Mr. Sarver opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. ET, and noted the presence of a quorum of the ASHA Executive Committee.

He stated that this was to be a joint meeting with the UPHA leadership, and hoped that a candid exchange of views would lead to continuity in advancing the breed and a harmonious outcome to the differences of opinion regarding the ASHA leadership's proposals in October for a split class at Louisville between two-year-old Three Gaited horses with set tails and unset tails.

A general discussion ensued. Mr. Sarver gave the background on what led to the retreat in Indiana and the recommendations coming forth from the ASHA. Mr. Taylor and others noted that the main concern of the UPHA was the recommendation that a rule change be passed mandating that all two-year-olds compete without set tails by the 2008 competition year, and that ways needed to be found to relax tension among our members.

Mr. Robertson advised that the objective of both organizations is to remove the stigma of bad tails from the breed. Therefore, he suggested that some existing rules needed to be strengthened.

Mr. Sarver noted that the current rule stating that any horse could be shown with an unset tail might be one of those strengthened, so that it was clear that a horse showing with an unset tail could not be penalized.

Mr. Harper summarized the discussion by stating that both the existing rules regarding penalizing crooked tails and permitting horses to show with unset tails needed to be strengthened, and that while the UPHA membership did not favor the Kentucky State Fair proposal of a split between horses with unset and set tails in the two-year-old Three Gaited class, the main concern was that a rule change should not be enacted for 2008 mandating that no two-year-olds could be shown with a set tail.

Mr. Sarver stated that the board meeting scheduled to begin immediately following this meeting would take this discussion up, and that growing the breed was the primary focus of the ASHA; he stated that growth was essential, and that only with good will between the two organizations would that growth be achieved. Mr. Bacon and others stated that the joint meeting was very productive, and that good communication was essential to continue. Mr. Bacon suggested that perhaps more frequent joint meetings of the Executive Committees could be considered. Mr. Howard emphasized that maximum progress in the breed depends on unity between the two organizations and their memberships.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Alan F. Balch, Executive Secretary