

American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Embassy Suites Hotel, Clark Room

Saturday, February 17, 2007
3:30 p.m. Eastern Time

MINUTES

[As Corrected and Approved July 9, 2007]

Members Present: Directors Mary Anne Cronan, Victoria Gillenwater, Louise Gilliland, Nelson Green, Tim Lockard, Scott Matton, Misdee Wrigley Miller, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Jimmy Robertson, Jim Ruwoldt, Fred Sarver, Paul Treiber, Judith Werner, Art Zubrod.

Members Absent: Directors Bill Blacklaw, David Howard.

Others Present: Registry Director Joan Hamilton; UPHA President Jim Taylor; Charter Club Council Representative Barbara Molland; Kentucky State Fair Board Director Tandy Patrick (for presentation only); Counsel Jeff Streepey, Executive Secretary Alan Balch.

- I. **The meeting was called to order** at 3:30 p.m., and a quorum was present. As this was the first meeting of the newly-elected board of directors, Mr. Balch assumed the chair briefly and was joined by Tandy Patrick, ASHA representative to the Kentucky State Fair Board of Directors. All agreed that Ms. Patrick might give a presentation before other business was conducted.

Ms. Patrick outlined changes in the classes offered and the class schedule that were to be made in the 2007 Kentucky State Fair. She presented the ASHA-sponsored World's Grand Champion ring for inspection by the directors, to be formally awarded to Smith Lilly at the Saddlebred Ball. Discussion among the directors and Ms. Patrick concerned the wisdom of schedule changes affecting the Futurity events to be held on Sunday evening, the decision about Adult Equitation classes, and the inclusion of the Unset Tail class for two-year-olds. In addition, Ms. Patrick noted the formation of a committee to assess the prospects for a qualifying system to be implemented for the 2008 show for Park and Pleasure horses. Following discussion, Ms. Patrick was excused from the meeting.

II. Nomination and Election of Officers

Ms. Gillenwater reported that the Nominating Committee for Officers recommended that Mr. Sarver serve again as president, Ms. Miller as first vice president, Ms. Cronan as second vice president, Ms. Pardieck as secretary, and Mr. Howard as treasurer. Mr. Balch asked if all had agreed to serve. Ms. Cronan advised that she felt it would be in the Association's best interest if she declined the nomination, and in her stead she nominated Ms. Gillenwater to serve as second vice president, and the motion was seconded. Ms. Gillenwater stated she would serve if elected.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the officers were elected unanimously, and Mr. Sarver assumed the chair.

III. Appointment of Nominating Committee, 2008 Board Election

Mr. Balch reported that the members had elected Corky Robertson and Suzi Teater to the Nominating Committee. Mr. Green and Ms. Miller were nominated from the board, both nominations were seconded, and there were no further nominations from the board. They were thereupon elected unanimously by the board to the Nominating Committee. Per the bylaws, Mr. Sarver then appointed Mr. Treiber as the chair, and he accepted the position.

Dr. Raun moved and Mr. Robertson seconded his motion that the Nominating Committee be directed to provide two additional nominees for consideration by the members in 2008, as well as the six required by the bylaws for the third of the board that will be required to stand for election. The board discussed the matter at length.

Upon voting, the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor and 4 opposed, and the president not voting.

IV. Consideration of 2007 Budget

In Mr. Howard's absence, Mr. Balch referred the directors to the financial materials in their packets, and reiterated the points made in previous meetings and the open forums.

Following discussion, *Ms. Miller moved and Ms. Cronan seconded that the budget for 2007 be approved, and the motion carried without objection.*

V. Executive Secretary's Report

a. Convention Statistics

Mr. Balch reported that convention attendance and the Youth Conference attendance seemed to have been adversely affected by the inclement weather. Further, he stated that this convention turnout was not spurred by emotional and

controversial issues as in the past two years, and that this fact may result in lower attendance than hoped for. However, he noted that sponsorship and vendor income appeared to be up from previous years and that if the weather didn't worsen, the Saddlebred Ball attendance looked to be strong.

b. Advancement Plan

The directors discussed how to receive and disclose the market research findings in the most expeditious manner. Mr. Balch advocated providing the details of the research to the volunteer leadership before releasing it in any written form to the membership at large. A consensus emerged that the staff should endeavor to schedule a joint meeting of Registry and Association directors within 60 days, and preferably much sooner, so that leadership could receive details from the University of Kentucky consultants.

VI. Report from Registry Board, 2006

Mr. Sarver reported that the Registry directors had had a meeting early in the day, and asked Mr. Streepey to update the Association board on the rule changes. Mr. Streepey referred to the materials in the board packet, as updated.

VII. Nomination and Election of Registry Board, 2007

The Nominating Committee for Officers made its second report of the meeting, chaired by Vicki Gillenwater (other members were Nancy Boone and Paul Treiber). They reported that the bylaws require the 3 principal officers of the Association to serve as directors of the Registry. In that Mr. Sarver, Ms. Pardieck, and Mr. Howard have been elected president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively, those individuals are therefore directly placed on the Registry board. In addition, at least two additional members of the Association board must serve as directors of the Registry, and the Nominating Committee for Officers recommended that Dr. Raun and Ms. Werner serve in that capacity. For the four remaining positions, the Committee recommended that Ms. Joan Hamilton, Dr. Rick Luft, and Mr. Spencer Mains serve again, and that Ms. Anne Stafford also be elected a director. Mr. Sarver asked if there were additional nominations, and there were none, with *Ms. Gillenwater moving and Mr. Zubrod seconding that the nominations be closed and those individuals be elected to the Registry board. All concurred.*

VIII. Committee Reports

Brief reports were given for the following committees.

a. Pleasure Disciplines

Mr. Matton noted that the committee discussed the invitational qualifying for Western Pleasure at the Kentucky State Fair, and would recommend to the competition management that as soon as practical only wins be counted in the Shatner pleasure classes, and no other placings.

b. Strategic Planning

Mr. Zubrod reported on the meeting held prior to the convention.

c. Youth

Following discussion, *Ms. Richardson moved, and Mr. Zubrod seconded, to cover the cost of a badge (\$300) in the ASIYP program, and the motion carried without objection.*

d. Other

In addition, *Ms. Richardson moved, and Mr. Matton seconded, the Association's endorsement of the Academy Masters program, for recognition/achievement of Saddlebreds in Academy classes, wherein bronze, silver, and gold medals can be earned. The motion carried without objection.* Ms. Richardson will see that staff is provided all necessary documentation.

IX. Old Business

The current status and location of the Driving Challenge was discussed. *Mr. Matton moved and Ms. Gillenwater seconded that the American Royal be designated as the location, provided the Royal's management is willing.* Mr. Taylor offered to investigate the situation and advise the ASHA. *The motion carried unanimously.*

X. New Business

Mr. Balch reported briefly on the American Horse Council's Congressional Cavalry program. *Ms. Miller moved, and Ms. Werner seconded, that the program be joined by ASHA, and the motion passed unanimously.*

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at approximately 5:45 p.m. by unanimous consent of those present.

Submitted by: _____

Alan F. Balch
Executive Secretary