



# The American SADDLEBRED

Horse Association, Inc.

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky  
Thursday, February 17, 2005

6:00 p.m. ET

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** President Fred Sarver, Officers Tom Ferrebee, Sandra S. Lilly, David Howard. Directors Nancy Boone, Carter Cox, Mary Anne Cronan, Victoria Gillenwater, Carolyn Groves, Kris Price Knight, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Robert Ruxer, Misdee Wrigley.

**Members Absent:** Lewis Eckard, Matthew Heiman, Mary Ann Pardieck

**Others Present:** Directors-elect Tim Lockard, Art Zubrod; Alan F. Balch (Executive Secretary); Jefferson Streepey (Counsel).

**President Sarver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.** Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Mr. Sarver noted that Rules of Order would be adopted, with Dr. Raun agreeing to act as parliamentarian, in the absence of Mary Ann Pardieck, who was absent due to the sudden illness of her mother.

**The minutes** of the December 1, 2004 meeting, which was continued on December 9, 2004, had been mailed in advance and were provided to the Board members for consideration. *Misdee Wrigley moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Robert Ruxer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**The Treasurer's report** was given by David Howard, and he noted substantial gains in the financial situation of the Association over the previous year. Mr. Balch commented that the expenses on the magazine had been reduced and contained, and therefore losses reduced, but for any further improvement, successful methods to stimulate revenues were now needed.

**Dr. Raun moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Mary Anne Cronan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Balch then noted the results of the election, welcoming new Board members Art Zubrod and Tim Lockard, as well as Paul Treiber, not in attendance, and thanked returning Board members Misdee Wrigley, Fred Sarver and Victoria Gillenwater for continuing to volunteer their time and talents to serve the Board.

Mr. Balch also noted the strong registration for the Convention, particularly the Youth Conference. He stated that the current registration for the Youth was already ahead of the previous year's total.

All were encouraged to attend the Saddlebred Ball at Keeneland on Saturday night, February 19, as well as the Museum Reception and ASHA Open House on Friday, February 18. Mr. Balch pointed out that Board member Misdee Wrigley was one of the sponsors for the Museum reception and she was thanked for her participation by the Board. Ms. Wrigley then commented that she had had dinner with Ray Sheffield, who is the recipient of the Meritorious Service award to be presented at the Ball on Saturday, and that he was thrilled to have been chosen for the honor.

**Committee reports** were deferred until the Saturday meeting. It was noted that the new policy of having committee meetings open to the general membership, as well as the committee members, was being quite well received, with many members taking advantage of the open meeting policy. It was also noted by Mr. Balch, that we may need to look for a venue with larger meeting rooms for future conventions, as the meetings here were so well attended.

There was no **Old Business**.

Under **New Business**, the Standards and Rules Committee, it was noted, would begin a new USEF Rule Change process with this annual meeting.

Also under New Business, a discussion ensued regarding admitting Half-Saddlebreds into the Saddlebred Roadster Division.

*Dr. Raun moved that we leave the rule as it is at this time, and Carolyn Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Also under New Business, Tim Lockard noted that he was proposing a new rule, adding a Park Country Pleasure Division. Horses shown in this division could have a rim pad, and both amateur and professionals would be able to show in this division.

Misdee Wrigley gave an update on KEEP, noting that Governor Fletcher is proposing that part of the sales tax on stud fees for all breeds would go back into funds to benefit those breeds.

Mr. Balch encouraged everyone to pick up their registration packets and review the latest statistics included in them.

It was noted that a Foundation Directors' Meeting was not necessary, as all Foundation committees would meet the following day, and also that the minutes from the last meeting had already been approved.

The **Foundation Financials** were passed out showing a capsule of the year 2004. David Howard stated that he was looking for some direction as to how to handle the Association cash, and suggested that Joan Jones, ASHA Bookkeeper, work with the Finance Committee to help with that endeavor.

There being no further business, *Robert Ruxer moved for adjournment, and Mary Anne Cronan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.*

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By: Sandra S. Lilly, Secretary