



The American SADDLEBRED

Horse Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky

Saturday, February 19, 2005

3:30 p.m. ET

Members Present: Nancy Boone, Carter Cox, Mary Anne Cronan, Victoria Gillenwater, Matthew Heiman, David L. Howard, Sandra Lilly, Tim Lockard, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Robert Ruxer, Fred Sarver, Paul Treiber, Misdee Wrigley, Art Zubrod.

Members Absent: Lewis Eckard

Others Present: Alan Balch, Executive Secretary; Jefferson Streepey, Counsel; Randy Harper, UPHA Representative; Scott Matton, Chairman of the Pleasure Horse Committee, to present his report.

Outgoing President Fred Sarver assumed the chair to call the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Mr. Sarver then called upon Scott Matton to give his report on the actions taken by the Pleasure Horse Committee. Mr. Matton reported that the committee recommended the National Pleasure Equitation Finals be awarded to the Wisconsin Futurity Horse Show. He noted that the Wisconsin Futurity show would like to divide this class into age groups of 13 and under and 14-17 if possible.

Mr. Matton also advised that Fran Crumpler and Paul Briney had been added to the committee.

He ended his report by advising the Board that there needed to be more USEF shows in order for the Pleasure Horse Awards program to continue to function well. He also stated that there needed to be more pleasure horses nominated for the USEF year-end awards, as well. He then excused himself from the meeting. **The board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Pleasure Horse Committee as to the Wisconsin Futurity Horse Show.**

Mr. Sarver then called upon Mary Ann Pardieck, chairman of the Nominating Committee for Officers, to present that committee's slate for election of officers.

Ms. Pardieck advised the Board that this committee would like to submit the slate as follows: Fred Sarver, President; Misdee Wrigley, First Vice-President; Mary Anne Cronan, Second Vice-President; Sandra Lilly, Secretary; David Howard, Treasurer.

Robert Ruxer moved the nominations be closed. Kay Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Art Zubrod moved to elect the slate of officers, as presented. Robert Ruxer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Sarver then announced that Judy Werner and Jimmy Robertson had been elected to serve on the new Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors for 2006 in the General Membership meeting.

Carter Cox moved that Robert Ruxer be nominated to serve on that committee. Art Zubrod seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

David Howard moved that Art Zubrod be nominated to serve, as well. Dr. Raun seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Raun moved the nominating committee be required to provide at least two more names to be voted on, over and above the required number of six. David Howard seconded the motion.

After considerable discussion, the vote was called for. ***The motion failed with 4 in favor, 10 against.***

President Sarver then asked Nancy Boone to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee and she agreed to do so.

This committee shall then be Nancy Boone, Chairman; Robert Ruxer, Art Zubrod, Judy Werner and Jimmy Robertson.

As Executive Secretary, Mr. Balch then reported the results of the vote on the proposed internal reorganization of the Association and Foundation. The ballots were initially counted by William Bennett, CPA, and Charlotte Tevis, then verified by Ms. Tevis and Joan Jones, Controller. The tally showed votes in favor of the reorganization comprised 91.9% of the net total ballots cast (excluding abstentions), with 8.1% against. Mr. Balch said there were approximately 10 or fewer ballots in question or spoiled, but that the outcome of the voting was not in doubt.

David Howard, Treasurer, then gave his report and submitted the budget for the Reorganized ASHA. He noted that the budget included a pool for possible merit increases for staff equal to 5% of the annual payroll, but emphasized that merit would be the determining factor as to whether any staff member received an increase. The Human Resources Committee would be responsible for the review of the staff recommendations made by Mr. Balch. Mr. Balch noted that he would not accept any additional remuneration for his own services at this time.

Mary Ann Pardeick moved to accept the Budget as presented. Vicki Gillenwater seconded the motion.

The Management Agreement was discussed, and the proposal was that one-half of the total compensation paid to Mr. Balch, Executive Secretary, and Joan Jones, ASHA Bookkeeper, be paid by the Registry.

The vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Balch then gave a summary of the Convention, stating that the meeting attracted walk-ins in an amazing number, which pointed out the need for better future management, especially for fee incentives for early registration, and indicated there would be some changes in planning the 2006 convention.

Jeff Streepey then noted that an effective date, or "trigger date," was needed to put the reorganization into effect. He suggested that March 31, 2005 be the effective date, and noted that we would need to elect a Registry Board before that date.

The Nominating Committee for Officers was charged with the responsibility of bringing forth nominees for the Registry Board, per the new bylaws noticed to the membership in the Reorganization Proposal.

Carter Cox moved to confirm the date of March 31, 2005 to be the effective date of the reorganized ASHA. Misdee Wrigley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Breeders' Committee Report was then given by Carter Cox. He noted that the committee had recommended that the rule for the use of Frozen Semen, be relaxed and the use not be restricted henceforth. ***Carter Cox then moved that the restrictions on the use of frozen semen be abolished. Dr. Raun seconded the motion.*** Discussion followed as to posting notice of the abolition of the rules and the effective date. It was the consensus of the Board to post the notice on or about the following Monday, February 21, and the effective date of the rule change would be on or about March 1, 2005.

The vote was called for on Mr. Cox's motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There was also discussion of a Breeder's Hall of Fame, as well as the Breeder of the Year award, and it was decided to come back to that issue at the July meeting.

The Futurity Committee report stated that the committee would strongly recommend to the judges at the Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show, that there be a second lead of the Futurity colts. The final decision would be left to the discretion of the judges.

Rules and Standards Committee dealt with Rule Change procedures at its meeting.

There was no report from the Sport Horse and the State Futurities committees.

No actions were taken by the Sweepstakes Committee; however, it was noted that UPHA would be encouraged to help promote Sweepstakes participation, which has been losing ground.

Randy Harper suggested that perhaps an incentive program with added money could be looked at with both the UPHA and ASHA involved. Mr. Harper and Mr. Sarver agreed to form a committee to look into that possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held as to how to notify the elected members of the Nominating Committee.

The vacancy on the current Board was looked at, and Carter Cox stated he would like to make a nomination to fill that seat. The consensus of the Board was to look carefully at possible candidates and postpone the election of another Board Member at this time.

It was noted that ASHA had been invited to join UPHA for a joint convention in St. Louis, MO in 2006. Also noted was that USEF has agreed to have Judges' Clinics in conjunction with ASHA conventions every other year. UPHA will have Judges' Clinics every year. It was stated that it would most likely be necessary to add a day for a combined convention.

Matthew Heiman moved that the ASHA convention stay by itself for 2006. Mary Ann Pardeick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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American Saddlebred Horse Association Foundation

MINUTES

The meeting then went into session for the Foundation.

A quorum was established with the same directors present and absent.

The Budget was covered earlier in the Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Equine Welfare - Nancy Jones is now the chairman, and there was no formal action taken by that committee at the convention.

Scholarship/Youth - Kay Richardson reported that her committee was able to award 5 - \$5000.00 scholarships for the ASHA youth. However, because some of the Charter Clubs had not met their obligation, one scholarship - the Youth to Youth award - had only received \$4100.00.

Mary Anne Cronan moved that we match funds raised up to \$5,000 - to make sure that this didn't happen again, and to make it retroactive for the Youth to Youth award for 2004. David Howard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Randy Harper volunteered that the UPHA would help fund scholarships.

There were 26 applicants for scholarships last year, and only 5 were able to be awarded.

It was suggested that we track former recipients and possibly have a luncheon in their honor. Present board member Matthew Heiman had been a previous recipient and noted what a wonderful award it was.

Ms. Richardson stated that there would again be the raffle to benefit the Youth at Kentucky State Fair, as well as the Youth Auction and asked the members to help with auction items.

Mr. Balch noted that there might be a possibility of doubling the ticket sales with an added filing fee and he would look into it.

The Youth Convention numbers were most impressive with 203 pre-registrations, and close to 250 total youth in attendance, with 75 returnees.

The Academy Awards program was discussed, and it was noted that at present, these awards are restricted to being won only in one year.

David Howard moved that we should allow academy awards to be able to be awarded on a continuing basis, and not limited to one year. Mary Anne Cronan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Vicki Gillenwater noted that in addition to the \$25,000 received from the Carson Kressley endorsed Fortunoff Christmas ornament, we would continue to receive 10% of all wholesale sales of the ornaments.

There being no further business, Kay Richardson moved for adjournment, and Misdee Wrigley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

By: Sandra S. Lilly, Secretary