

# **American Saddlebred Horse Association**

## **Executive Committee**

Monday, July 31, 2006

2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

By Teleconference

### **MINUTES**

[As Approved October 25, 2006]

**Members Present:** President Fred Sarver, Vice President Misdee Wrigley, Vice President Mary Anne Cronan, Secretary Mary Ann Pardieck, Treasurer David Howard

**Directors Present:** Louise Gilliland, Jim Ruwoldt

**Others Present:** Executive Secretary Alan F. Balch; Counsel Jefferson K. Streepey, Esq.

Mr. Sarver opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. ET. All members of the Executive Committee were present, as well as two directors. Meeting materials had been distributed electronically prior to the meeting, to all directors.

Mr. Sarver noted that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the recommendations of the leadership of the Charter Club Council, per the directive of the Board of Directors at its meeting in early July, for designation of Regional Championship competitions. Mr. Balch briefly explained the evolution of the Council's review of this matter.

The composition of the regions is specified on the attached map of the continental United States.

For Region 1, a lengthy discussion was undertaken regarding geography and the advisability of having co-regional championships, or not. Ms. Pardieck moved that only one such competition be designated in any region. No second to the motion was heard. *Ms. Wrigley moved that co-championships be designated, the California Saddle Horse Futurity at Pomona, California, and the Arizona Saddlebred Futurity, in Scottsdale. Ms. Cronan seconded the motion. Following further discussion, the motion carried with one dissent.*

*For Region 2, Ms. Cronan moved the approval of the NWSA Fall Classic and Futurity, in Salem, Oregon. Ms. Pardieck seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

For the combined *Regions 3 & 4, Ms. Pardieck moved the approval of the Wisconsin Futurity Horse Show, and Ms. Wrigley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

Questions were then raised as to the prudence of making these designations now for 2006 alone, and whether given the lack of time before these events were held this year, it might be wise to select the same events for 2007 at this time, as well. ***Ms. Cronan moved that the designations for Regional Championship competitions made today also apply to 2007, with the provision that selections for 2008 be made no later than the July board meeting in 2007, so that ample time would be available for preparation in the future. Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.***

Region 5 was discussed next, including the states of Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, and Illinois. The Council recommendation was considered at length. Mr. Balch noted that the show at St. Louis had applied for designation as well as the Mane Event in Springfield, Illinois. The geography of the region was debated, as well as the geographical location of other regional championship applications, and dates of other competitions. ***Ms. Pardieck moved that St. Louis be designated for Region 5, and Ms. Cronan seconded. Following further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.***

Regions 6/7 were considered next, and no suitable competitions were USEF recognized in the designated time frame from Labor Day to year end. The importance of USEF licensing was discussed. ***Mr. Howard moved that the Texas State Fair be designated, contingent on its becoming a USEF licensed competition, and Ms. Cronan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.***

For Region 8, the lack of a large number of USEF licensed competitions was again discussed. ***Mr. Howard moved the approval of the Kentucky Fall Classic, and Ms. Wrigley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.***

In Region 9, several possibilities and applicants were discussed. Following a careful weighing on the strengths of competitions and the public spectator support, ***Mr. Howard moved that the North Carolina State Fair be designated, and Ms. Pardieck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.***

Region 10 was considered next. Mr. Ruwoldt, attending as a director, offered to be excused, but the Executive Committee did not feel that was necessary. ***Mr. Howard moved the approval of the Southeastern Charity Horse Show, and Ms. Cronan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Balch reminded the directors present that the board had previously approved Pennsylvania National at Harrisburg at the meeting in early July. Mr. Ruwoldt urged that since time was short, that an immediate media release be prepared.

#### **Other Business:**

In response to a question, Mr. Balch advised the meeting that at this point the Association had still received no information and no formal communication from the Governor's Office as to the Association's pending recommendations to the Governor for possible appointees to the Kentucky State Fair Board of Directors.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Pardieck, at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan F. Balch, Executive Secretary