

American Saddlebred Horse Association

Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 31, 2007
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

ASHA Office & Via Teleconference
Lexington, Kentucky

MINUTES

(As approved September 13, 2007)

Members Present: President Fred Sarver, First Vice-President Misdee Wrigley Miller, Second Vice-President Vicki Gillenwater, Treasurer David. L. Howard, Secretary Mary Ann Pardieck.

Others Present: Directors Louise Gilliland and Jim Ruwoldt.

Staff Present: Executive Secretary Alan F. Balch; Registry Associate Katriona Adams.

I. Quorum

Mr. Sarver called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. ET and established a quorum was present. He noted that there were two items on the agenda deferred by the Board of Directors. He asked Mr. Balch to review the Regional Championship proposal.

II. Regional Championships

a. Revised Guidelines

Mr. Balch brought some changes to the attention of the committee. He noted that the new \$3,000 and \$5,000 classes would provide incentives for competitions to become more involved and hold Grand National and Regional Championship classes. If, in the future, the Regional Championships become tiered, exhibitors should probably get bonus points. The Charter Club Council met and considered the lengthy sheet. Their recommendations are included in the condensed version of the Competition Selection Criteria and Guidelines for ASHA Regional Championships. It was agreed that we want to solve the residency problem. The qualifying criteria require exhibitors to place in 3 separate shows within a Region. A lengthy discussion took place regarding whether you should be allowed to compete for 2 different Regional Championships. For now, it is recommended that you can only compete for one Regional Championship title, however many regions one qualifies in or if one chooses to show at more than one Regional Championship competition.

Ms. Wrigley Miller moved that the Selection Criteria and Guidelines for ASHA Regional Championships be approved as presented and discussed, Ms. Gillenwater seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

b. 2008 Regional Championship Events

Mr. Balch brought everyone's attention to the staff recommendations for 2008 Regional Championship shows. Moving forward, the Regional Championship shows will be decided one year at a time, a year ahead.

Region 1 & 2

Mr. Howard moved that the Arizona Saddlebred Futurity and the California Saddlehorse Futurity be approved as the regional championship shows for Region 1 and that the NWSA Fall Classic be approved as the regional championship show for Region 2. These were designated as Regional Championships for 2006 and apparently went well. Ms. Pardieck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Region 3/4

Mr. Howard moved that the Wisconsin Futurity Horse Festival be approved as the regional championship show for Region 3/4, Ms. Gillenwater seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Region 5

After some discussion, Ms. Wrigley Miller moved that the Mid America Mane Event be approved as the regional championship show for Region 5, Ms. Pardieck seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Region 6/7

A discussion took place regarding the State Fair of Texas. The show is not currently USEF licensed; however, Ms. Gilliland has urging them to apply for a USEF license. It was agreed that the show would have to be USEF-licensed in order to be approved as a regional championship show. Ms. Gilliland will continue discussions with the show.

Region 8

Ms. Gillenwater moved that the Kentucky Fall Classic be approved as the regional championship show for Region 8, Ms. Wrigley Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Region 9 & Region 10

Ms. Pardieck moved that the North Carolina State Fair and the Southeastern Charity Horse Show be approved as the regional championship shows for Regions 9 and 10 respectively, Ms. Gillenwater seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Region 11 & Region 12

Ms. Pardieck moved that Regions 11/12 be split, Ms. Gillenwater seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. After some discussion, Mr. Howard moved that the Pennsylvania National be approved as the regional championship show for Region 11, Ms. Pardieck seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Balch will ask for some statistics regarding the impact on the show being designated as a Regional Championship. It was also noted that the show should be urged to join as a Grand National show in 2008.

Ms. Pardieck moved that the Eastern States Exposition be approved as the regional championship show for Region 12, Ms. Gillenwater seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

International

Mr. Balch felt that it's premature to assign a Regional Championship to International Championships. Another way to tackle this might be to look at a points system and make that work for them.

III. Proposal for Research Grant

Mr. Sarver reported on a letter received from Dr. Bailey summarizing his report at the Board meeting. This letter also includes information on required funding. After some discussion, Ms. Wrigley Miller moved that ASHA fund \$30,000 for the first phase of the proposed research, Ms. Pardieck seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Grand National Program

Mr. Balch will circulate the amended Grand National proposal as approved.

V. Staff Health Plan Consideration and Renewal.

Ms. Adams was excused from the meeting and Ms. Joan Jones, Controller, joined. Staff presented the directors with options for health care coverage of staff, and a recommendation. The directors expressed their appreciation for being included in the deliberation, and endorsed the staff's recommendation after thorough discussion.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was closed at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Alan F. Balch,
Executive Secretary

Katriona Adams.
Registry Associate
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