

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Via tele-conference

MINUTES

Members Present: Lisa Duncan
Louise Gilliland
Larry Hartsock
Chuck Herbert
Carl Holden
Sandra Lilly
Margaret McNeese
Scott Matton
Don Schilling
Suzie Teater

Members Absent: Brian Curran

Others Present: Paula Johnson, Registrar
Katriona Adams, staff

I. Roll Call/Establish Quorum/Consider Agenda/Adopt Rules of Order
President Duncan called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011. She called the roll and noted that a quorum of directors was present.

II. Registry Statistics
Ms. Adams explained the Registry Statistics as of the end of May 2011.

III. Registry Committee Requests/Report
a. Naming Rules
SECTION III. REGISTRATION
H. NAMES

1. Each animal for which Application for Registration is made must be given an acceptable name which does not conflict with the name of any other animal registered with the Registry, living or dead. A conflicting name is one which is judged to be too similar to an existing name either in spelling or pronunciation, e.g., Black Knight/ Black Night. The Registry shall consider waiving this requirement for horses with the same or similar names ~~that have been deceased for 25 years or more~~ **with a foaling date of 30 years or more ago** and do not have show records and do not have registered progeny.

President Duncan explained the background on the naming rules and the challenges in determining whether or not a name can be re-used when we are not always notified when a horse is dead or of the exact date of death. The Registry

Committee is recommending the above rule change language. After discussion, Mr. Herbert made a motion to approve the above rule change proposal with the **amendment that 30 years be changed to 40 years**, Dr. McNeese seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Herbert asked if we could put something on the website regarding when names will be released. Staff will look into this. This rule change will be effective upon notification to the membership.

B. Saddlebred Record - USEF Local Member Shows

SADDLEBRED RECORD POINT SYSTEM

Performance, Show Pleasure and Country Pleasure, Saddleseat and Pleasure Equitation

...a horse must have earned 15 points at United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) shows. **Half points will be accepted at USEF Local Member Shows up to a maximum of 1½ points per show.**

President Duncan explained the difference between USEF Regular Member Shows and USEF Local Member Shows and the request from the Registry Committee to assign half points for Saddlebred Record for Local Shows. The committee discussed the importance of encouraging small shows as much as possible. Ms. Gilliland moved that **full points** be awarded for all USEF shows regardless of whether they are local or regular, Ms. Lilly seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. This will be effective for the 2011 competition year.

c. Lease Rules

SECTION VIII. LEASES & CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY TO SHOW

A. LEASES

For a lease of a horse to be recognized by the Registry, written notice of its existence must be filed with the Registry office signed by both lessor and lessee, with all applicable fees. The notice must provide the effective date of lease and may provide a termination date. Otherwise, it may be terminated by written notice, giving termination date, signed by both lessor and lessee or by a properly executed transfer which shows a change of ownership from lessor to lessee. The notice must identify the horse to which the lease is applicable.

1. Recording notice of lease authorizes a lessee to execute all documents *in accordance with the terms of the lease*. ~~pertaining to the recognized activities of breeding, showing or other performance, regardless of any limitation in the actual lease agreement.~~ Enforcement against the lessee of limitation on use of the horse is solely the responsibility of the lessor.

~~2. During the effective term of the lease, the Registry will not record subsequent changes in ownership until the lease is terminated.~~

Ms. Johnson explained some concerns she had raised with the Registry Committee regarding part of the current rules regarding leases. After discussion, Mr. Herbert moved that point 1. of the above rule be amended as indicated and that point 2. of the rule be deleted, Mr. Matton seconded and the motion was

passed with all in favor. This will be effective upon notification to the membership.

IV. Sport Horse Committee Requests

a. Retroactive results for Incentive Program for 2011 competition year

President Duncan explained the Sport Horse Incentive Program and that we had received a request from the Sport Horse Committee to allow show results to be retroactive for the 2011 competition year (December 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010). Ms. Johnson noted that this will be a Registry Program. After discussion Ms. Lilly moved that results be accepted retroactive to December 1, 2010, Dr. McNeese seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

b. Funding for Incentive Program for 2011

Ms. Johnson explained that the enrollment fee for the Sport Horse Incentive Program is \$150 per horse per competition year and that we have guaranteed payout of \$15,000 for 2011. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to guarantee funding in this amount for 2011. A request was made for monthly reports to the Board regarding the program.

V. New Registration Certificate Design Proposal

President Duncan reported that she had received complaints about the size of the current registration certificate and she would like to request approval from the Board to re-design the certificate so that it is letter sized. We are also looking at adding the State where the foal was born to the certificate. Staff is researching the possibility of using watermarked paper. After discussion, Mr. Holden moved that the letter sized certificate be approved, Ms. Gilliland seconded and the motion was approved with all in favor. Questions were also raised regarding the amount of tabloid paper remaining in the office and the cost of the paper. This information will be reported to the Board.

VI. Retention of Registry documents

Ms. Johnson reported that we have a document retention policy in place however, it does not address specific registry documents such as show results and we would like some guidance on how long we should retain registry related records. After discussion, Ms. Gilliland, Ms. Teater, Dr. McNeese and President Duncan volunteered to review some sample documents during the week of the Junior League Horse Show.

A related discussion took place regarding the new naming rule and Ms. Gilliland offered to research show records to help staff determine whether or not a name is available.

VIII. Other Business

Ms. Johnson reported on a proposal to offer one-day and one-week passes for non-members to access horse searches on the website. After discussion, Mr.

Schilling moved approval of this proposal, Ms. Gilliland seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

VII. Litigation Update

Ms. Johnson provided an update on the pending litigation.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Matton moved that that the meeting be adjourned, Mr. Holden seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams, staff