

American Saddlebred Horse Association

MINUTES

Executive Committee

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

By Teleconference

- 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, Vicki Gillenwater, Nelson Green, Matthew Heiman, Tim Lockard, Paul Treiber
- 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 several directors. Meeting materials had been distributed electronically prior to the meeting, to members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Sarver noted that the purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the process of appointment to the Kentucky State Fair Board of Directors and names submitted for the Association's consideration to be placed on a list of six to be provided to the Governor's Office for his appointment.

Mr. Balch reviewed the meeting materials circulated, including the lists submitted to the Governor in 2004 and 2000, the relevant Kentucky statutes that he summarized, and the policies and rules of the Kentucky State Fair regarding participation.

Prior to discussing names of individuals submitted, Mr. Sarver asked attendees to consider the criteria that should be applied to this selection. Several directors participated in the discussion that followed, surfacing many ideas. Among these were: strong background and significant stature in the Saddlebred breed as well as in business generally; political acumen; quality of achievements; ability to relate to other Kentucky State Fair directors as a peer; ability to represent and/or understand not just Saddlebreds, but all equestrian interests at the World's Championship Horse Show and the fair generally. It was pointed out that any of the six names to be submitted by ASHA must meet the highest standards of qualification possible, including being well-known in the Saddlebred community and by ASHA leadership, because any of the six must be capable of selection by the Governor.

All individuals whose names came to the attention of the ASHA by the time of the meeting, either formally or informally, were then discussed in turn. Ms. Cronan, noting that her name was on the list to be discussed, recused herself from the deliberation and absented herself from the meeting prior to the beginning of this discussion. Assignments were made to various directors to follow up on questions raised. Directors were asked to provide responses they receive to Mr. Sarver as soon as possible.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Pardieck, at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Alan F. Balch, Executive Secretary