

American Saddlebred Horse Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2011

5:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Via Teleconference

Lexington, Kentucky

MINUTES

Members Present: Judy Werner , President, Margaret McNeese, First Vice President, Betsy Boone, Secretary, Jim Ruwoldt, Treasurer, Chuck Herbert, Second Vice President and Mary Anne Cronan.

Staff Present: Paula Johnson, Executive Director.

I. Quorum

Ms. Johnson called the roll, a quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 5:30 EDT.

II. President's Report

Ms. Werner presented the President's Report and gave an update on the Equestrian Life initiative. Ms. Werner updated the Executive Committee on the status of the scripts, and noted that Bob Funkhouser, who is on the Committee, is responsible for coordinating the scripts.

Mr. Herbert joined the meeting at 5:38.

III. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Johnson then gave the Executive Director's report. She reported that an RFP has been issued for a software conversion for the AS-400. Responses are tentatively due by July 2. She reiterated that from a risk analysis standpoint it is important to remember that our operations are supported by old technology, so it is imperative that we engage in planning to replace the current system.

She then reported that the Audit is complete. The Executive Committee discussed the appropriate signatory for the Audit Report, noting that Ms. Johnson would normally sign on behalf of the Association, but due to her tenure, having joined the organization mid-year, it was agreed that Mr. Ruwoldt will sign the Audit Report.

Ms. Johnson provided a personnel update; she noted that we will have two interns join the staff. Kristin Goforth, an ASHA scholarship winner, will be a summer intern who will also get class credit at Morehead for the work she does. Michelle Krentz, a journalism student at the University of Kentucky who will graduate in December, will be with us on a part-time basis through December. There was discussion among the executive committee about the need for additional resources. In this regard, we will have cost avoidance in that we will not hire outside writers for articles for the Dailies and the magazine. They will also take on the responsibility for

Facebook and Twitter, and youth activities support for Brenda Newell. The executive committee endorsed this as a good use of funds and a way to bring more content in-house.

Ms. Johnson then noted that the Concerned Members will be visiting on June 15, and gave an update on the incremental materials that will be provided. Germaine Johnson and Carl Holden will be present as Board observers. The inspection will take place in the American Saddlebred Museum.

Ms. Johnson reported to the Executive Committee that we have been informed by the attorney for Jennifer Wasserzug that she is filing a lawsuit against the ASHA, ASR, Judy Werner and Barbara Molland alleging wrongful termination and other claims. This has been reported to Philadelphia Insurance for coverage under our EPLI policy. Boehl, Stopher and Graves is the panel counsel for Philadelphia in Kentucky.

Ms. Johnson informed the Executive Committee that the Ticketmaster icon for KSF will be CH My-My.

There was a short discussion regarding the impact of the amnesty.

IV. Adjourn

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Johnson
Executive Director