

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2011 at 11:30a.m. ET
by conference call**

MINUTES

Members Present: Judy Werner, President
Jim Ruwoldt, Treasurer
Betsy Boone, Secretary
Margaret McNeese, First Vice-President
Chuck Herbert, Second Vice-President
Mary Anne Cronan
Bret Day
Lisa Duncan
Robert Funkhouser
Louise Gilliland
Nelson Green
Minna Hankin
Carl Holden
William Marple
Scott Matton
Tandy Patrick
Lisa Sideman
William Whitley

Members Absent: Germaine Johnson

Others Present: Paula Johnson, Executive Director
Ed Stopher, Counsel

Roll Call/Establish Quorum/Consider Agenda/Adopt Rules of Order

Ms. Johnson called the roll and noted that a quorum of directors was present.

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011 and introduced Ed Stopher, ASHA's attorney. She made an opening statement to explain Mr. Stopher's presence.

Litigation Update

Mr. Stopher presented a litigation update and noted that the motion to stay enforcement of the judgment issued by the Fayette Circuit Court in the matter of ASHA v. Bennett was denied by the appellate court. He talked about the option of appealing to the Kentucky Supreme Court to overturn that ruling. There was considerable discussion among the Board members regarding this matter. A motion was made by Mr. Marple not to pursue an appeal of the Denial of the Motion for Stay to the Kentucky Supreme Court; this motion was seconded by

Ms. Patrick. A vote was taken with a majority in favor of the motion. There were no abstentions.

Consideration of minutes

- Meeting of February 17, 2011

Mr. Ruwoldt moved approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2011, Ms. Cronan seconded and the motion was passed.

- Meeting of February 19, 2011

Mr. Herbert moved approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2011, Ms. Gilliland seconded and the motion was passed.

Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ruwoldt gave the Treasurer's report, providing a top line report of the ASHA and a top line of the Registry. He noted that ASHA is in better shape this year than last year. He said that he, and Mr. Herbert for the Registry, will be presenting fuller reports to the respective Boards at the July meeting.

b. Registration Statistics

Ms. Johnson reported on the registration statistics for the month of April, and noted that numbers are down; however, this may be due primarily to some members waiting until May and June to submit their paperwork to take advantage of the amnesty.

d. President's Report

Ms. Werner announced that Ms. Patrick will head the Planning Committee for the Association, and said that she will name committee members based on the groups that were assembled for the Board retreat in November. Ms. Werner also announced that she will be naming a Marketing Committee as well to work in conjunction somewhat with the Planning Committee.

She then reported on Equestrian Life and noted that there will be filming activity during Junior League in July.

Ms. Werner was interviewed by Southern Living about the advantages of saddleseat riding for the adult woman; this interview should appear in the August issue. She has also been contacted by Dressage magazine about the ASHA Sport Horse program.

e. Executive Directors Report

Ms. Johnson referred the Board to her written report which had been distributed electronically prior to the meeting.

f. Other Business

The Board then considered the date for the July meeting and agreed to hold it during the Tuesday of Junior League, that being July 12th.

Adjournment

With no other business pending, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Submitted by:

Paula R. Johnson