

# AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY

Board of Directors Meeting  
United States Equestrian Federation, Vanderbilt Conference Room  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
10:30 a.m. Eastern Time

## MINUTES

[As Approved February 14, 2009]

### Members Present (including by teleconference):

President Judy Werner, Vice-President Anne Stafford, Treasurer Jimmy Robertson, Secretary Barbara Molland, Directors Mary Ann Cronan, Lisa Duncan, Dr. Margaret McNeese, Brian Reimer

**Members Absent:** Robert Ruxer

**ASHA Directors Present:** Nelson Green

**Others Present:** Registrar Alan Balch; Counsel Jeff Streepey; Staff Katriona Adams, Ann Hill, Joan Jones; Registry Committee Chair Fred Sarver

### I. Quorum

Mr. Balch called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and established that a quorum was present.

### II. Minutes

Ms. Werner chaired the meeting and reported that the minutes of the last meeting had already been approved by email. Mr. Balch stated that since this was the first electronic approval and that since he hadn't heard from all directors, he wanted to be sure all had had a chance to comment. There were no corrections and the minutes were considered as previously approved.

### III. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Robertson reported that the Finance Committee met the previous day. He explained the spreadsheet regarding National Futurities and the Registry's policy regarding investments. Although investments are decreasing in value, the Finance Committee as well as Merrill Lynch strongly recommended against cashing in investments at this time. The Board was asked to endorse the current policy whereby the Finance Committee chair and the Treasurers of the Registry and the Association have the authority to make changes quickly if need be. *Ms. Cronan made a motion to endorse the policy currently in place, Ms. McNeese seconded, and the motion carried.* After additional discussion regarding the report, *Ms. McNeese moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Ms. Duncan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

### IV. President's Report

#### a. USEF Rule Change Proposals

Mr. Balch brought to the Board's attention that a rule change proposal regarding penalizing low backed horses was submitted to USEF by the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. This is considered a work-in-progress and will also be discussed at the Association Board meeting. Basically, it states that

an extremely low back is determined according to the standards of the American Saddlebred Registry. Ms. Werner and Ms. Cronan have also taken steps to involve the UPHA and the USEF Saddlebred Committee in discussions regarding this matter.

**b. Parentage Laboratory Contract**

Mr. Balch reported on the status of the lab transition for DNA testing from the UK Lab to the Veterinary Genetics Lab in Davis, California. Blood typing will remain at the UK Lab. After some discussion, it was recommended that the cover letter for kits be refined to remind breeders to send the kits to the appropriate laboratory.

**V. Registrar's Report**

**a. Registration/Transfer Statistics**

Mr. Balch reported on registration and transfer statistics.

**b. Prize Programs**

Some members are concerned about the Sweepstakes being in Indiana. Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of moving the Four-Year-Old Sweepstakes to the Kentucky State Fair. Mr. Green reported on scheduling problems at the All American Cup involving three-year-olds, and management's response to questions and criticisms. After some discussion, *it was agreed to report this matter to the Sweepstakes Committee and discuss this matter with the show management as soon as possible.*

**VI. Committee Matters**

**a. Registry Committee**

**Futurity Announcing** - *Ms. Cronan made a motion that the existing policy of reading the pedigree be maintained. All were in favor.*

**Saddlebred Record CH Fee** - *Ms. Molland made a motion to increase the Saddlebred Record CH fee from \$50 to \$75 effective 2/1/09. Ms. Cronan seconded and the motion passed.*

**Hall of Fame/Breeder's Award** - Mr. Sarver explained a situation where a class at the Kentucky State Fair did not qualify for the Hall of Fame/Breeder's Award. After some discussion, *Ms. Stafford made a motion that since this was not considered to be an official class that it should not qualify for the Hall of Fame/Breeder's Award. Mr. Robertson seconded and the motion passed.*

**Refund Policy** – Staff would like the authority to set up a service charge for refunds subject to the approval of the President of the Registry. *Ms. Cronan made a motion that refunds be subject to a \$25 service charge. Mr. Reimer seconded and the motion passed.* Ms. Stafford asked if money could be carried forward. Mr. Balch will ask staff to research policies for establishing accounts for such cases.

**Foreign Registries/Rules**

Currently, we do not allow foals registered with the foreign registries to enter futurities. *We are asking the Futurity Committee to consider this issue and to*

*come back to the Registry Board with a recommendation for the convention meeting.*

**Other**

The Registry Committee recommended approval of a rule change to allow registration of an animal under extraordinary circumstances. Mr. Streepey read the rule change proposal – see attached. *After some discussion, Ms. McNeese made a motion to approve the rule change proposal, Ms. Cronan seconded and the motion carried.*

**VII. Adjournment**

With no further business and by consent of all, upon motion of Ms. Duncan, seconded by Dr. McNeese, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan F. Balch, Registrar