

American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc.  
American Saddlebred Registry, Inc.

**Joint Board of Directors Meeting**

American Saddlebred Museum Library and Via Teleconference  
Lexington, Kentucky

Thursday, September 13, 2007  
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

**MINUTES**

[As Corrected/Approved October 31, 2007; February 29, 2008]

**Association**

**Directors Present:** Mary Anne Cronan, Victoria Gillenwater, Louise Gilliland, Nelson Green, David Howard, Scott Matton, Misdee Wrigley Miller, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Jimmy Robertson, Jim Ruwoldt, Fred Sarver, Paul Treiber, Judith Werner, Art Zubrod.

**Association**

**Directors Absent:** Bill Blacklaw, Tim Lockard.

**Registry**

**Directors Present:** Joan Hamilton, David Howard, Spencer Mains, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Dr. Rick Luft, Fred Sarver, Anne Stafford, Judith Werner.

**Registry**

**Directors Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** John T. Jones (UPHA Representative); Redd Crabtree (Chair, Breeders Committee).  
Executive Secretary Alan Balch, Registry Associate Katriona Adams.

**I. The meeting was called to order** at 2:00 p.m. by President Fred Sarver, who chaired the meeting. Mr. Sarver introduced guests Mr. Jones and Mr. Crabtree.

**II. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

*Ms. Pardieck moved that the minutes of the previous two Registry board meetings, held July 9 and July 24, 2007, be approved as circulated and presented, Ms. Werner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

*Ms. Cronan moved that the minutes of the previous two Association meetings, of the directors held July 9 and the Executive Committee held July 31, 2007, be approved as circulated and presented, Ms. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

In connection with the lengthy discussion minuted from those meetings regarding fee increases, Mr. Balch reported that staff had brought forward to his attention several issues of fairness regarding the implementation of the new fee structure and the dates that will apply to the various new fees. He stated that he would share the written media release with the leadership to be certain that confusion as to effective dates would be minimized.

### **III. Kentucky State Fair**

#### **a. Advisory Committee**

Mr. Sarver reported that the main purpose of today's meeting was to discuss the Kentucky State Fair, and that a meeting of its Advisory Committee was scheduled for September 24. While comments from the Association would be requested at that meeting, he stated that the main purpose of the meeting was to debrief this year's event and that recommendations for next year would be in order at a later meeting of the Advisory Committee.

#### **b. Review of 2007 Show/Comments/Recommendations**

##### **i. Scheduling (Futurities/Other)**

The new schedule with in-hand futurities on Sunday evening was reviewed and generally received a positive response. Brainstorming is needed on whether or how to suggest Sunday evening be even more effective in promoting breeding and breeders.

##### **ii. Display/Timing of Judges' Cards Release**

A consensus emerged from discussion that judges' cards should be displayed on the overhead screen as soon as possible after the class results are announced. Also, the screen should be employed if possible to display equitation patterns/tests.

##### **iii. Judging Standards/Points of Emphasis**

A general discussion centered on the rules regarding severe penalizing of horses with extremely low backs, per the Association's "Points of Emphasis" bulletins, and other judging matters at the competition. Mr. Sarver recounted in detail his actions and a resulting meeting held with competition management and the Stewards on Friday evening of the World's Championship. The role of Stewards in rule enforcement and interpretation was revisited. All agreed that the distribution of Points of Emphasis should be improved.

##### **iv. Two-Year-Old Three-Gaited Class/Sections**

Mr. Sarver reminded the directors that this was the second year at Kentucky State Fair for the Association's recommended class for these

horses with unset tails. A lengthy discussion of the evolution of the class resulted in Mr. Sarver asking for a “straw poll” as to whether the class should be continued or not; all but two directors in attendance recommended suggesting continuation of the class to Kentucky State Fair in some way, although several directors suggested that different specifications or class names should be considered in order that the original intent of the class be maintained or improved. Mr. Sarver and Ms. Hamilton were asked to confer to develop a method for presenting a proposal for consideration by the directors prior to the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.

v. **Class Additions?**

A wide-ranging discussion of possible classes to add or remove from the Kentucky State Fair ensued, as well as management decisions as to how many horses qualify for championships in various sections.

vi. **Facility Comments/Suggestions?**

Several issues regarding facilities were raised, including electrical service to the barns. Safety issues were discussed at length, and it was suggested that Ringmasters should have authority to excuse unruly horses.

vii. **Other**

There was further discussion of the open Breeders Weanling and Yearling classes.

#### IV. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Dr. Luft moved that the meeting be closed, Ms. Cronan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by unanimous consent of those present.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Alan F. Balch  
Executive Secretary

Katriona Adams  
Registry Associate