



**AMERICAN SADDLEBRED AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
US Equestrian Conference Room – Lexington, KY  
Monday, January 23, 2023 10:00 AM ET

**1. Call to Order – Anna Marie Knipp**

- a. **Roll Call** – Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Larry Hartsock, Anna Marie Knipp, James Nichols, Chris Schubert, Rachel Seifert, Kim Skipton, Joan Todd and Owen Weaver. Via of Zoom: Julie Behrends-Jones, Allen Bosworth, Bob Brison, Jim Cherry, Rick Curl, Ali DeGray, Jennifer Dixon, Joan Lurie, Joe O'Brien, Evan Orr, Christy Parker and Clif Paulsen. Absent: Emily Lee and Malissa Welke. ASHB Staff present: David Mount, Katriona Adams, Samantha Geller, Margaret Babiarz and Morgan King. Via Zoom: Jean Warren.
- b. **Adoption of Agenda** – Anna Marie called for a vote to adopt the agenda. Motion made by Rachel Seifert seconded by Kristen Bagdasarian. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Approval of Board Minutes** – Anna Marie called for a vote to approve the minutes for the November 21, 2022 board meeting. Motion made by Joan Todd to add, the All-American horse classic would like to add World Champion titles to classes that are not held at the WCHS in Louisville, seconded by Rachel Seifert. All in favor. Motion carried. Chris Schubert made a motion to approve the additions to the minutes seconded by Joan Todd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Declare Conflict of Interest** – None declared.
- e. **Welcome Guests** – David Mount welcomed guests, Judy Werner, Melissa Moore and Kathie Dunn Jacobsen.

**2. Standard and Rules Committee Report – Judy Werner**

Judy reported on needed clarifications to the Ranch Horse Division Rules, which will make the division easier to judge for licensed officials. The clarifications include changes to the scoring sheet and adding language that makes tail extensions not permitted, which is consistent with rules in other breeds. Also, Judy reported on inconsistent language in the rules on penalizing crooked tails and the need to make the language consistent across the Country Pleasure and Pleasure divisions. Motion made by Kim Skipton to accept as presented seconded by James Nichols. All in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Half Saddlebred Committee Report – Joan Todd & Melissa Moore**

Joan reported that the Half Saddlebred Committee met with leaders of the American Dutch Harness Horse Association to discuss opening the National Select Series classes up to Half Saddlebreds. Melissa reported that two rules would need to be changed to allow Half Saddlebreds to show in the National Select Series classes. SB.101.2. would need to include an exception to allow purebred American Saddlebreds to show with Half Saddlebreds in the select series classes. SB.102.3 would need to be amended to allow horses to be shown with unset tails in any class without penalty. This would be consistent with the language in SB.103.4. Motion



made by Chris to approve rule change proposal as written seconded by Rachel Seifert. All in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Website Update – Allen Bosworth & Kathie Dunn Jacobsen**

Allen reported that Kathie Dun Jacobsen has done an amazing job working out the bugs on the new website. All of the issues are database related and ASHBA is working through these issues with USEF and the website developer. Kathie reported that they are down to just six priority items, which is a significant decrease from the 35 priority items reported at the last board meeting. Allen stated that the Marketing Committee will begin further UAT testing this month with the goal of launching the new website sometime after the convention.

**5. Registrar's Report – Katriona Adams**

- a. **Registry Statistics** – Katriona reported on the year end Registry statistics. Registrations received totaled 1,367, which was a 6% increase over 2021. Registrations completed decreased by 3%. Transfers received decreased by 3% and transfers completed decreased by 2%. Katriona reported that there were 42 Half Saddlebred registrations in 2022.

**CH Proposals** – Katriona reported that the Registry Council unanimously recommended eliminating the \$75 application fee and making the notice of CH automatic once a horse has earned enough points. The owner of the horse would be required to be an ASHBA member. This process is similar to one implemented by the American Kennel Club. Database programming would be required to implement this recommendation. After extensive conversation, a motion was made by Kim Skipton to withdraw the proposals and refer them back to the Registry Council. Seconded by Rachel Seifert. All in favor. Motion carried. Joan Todd presented the second CH proposal that would modify the current CH system to allow all non-USEF points to count toward the CH, with the caveat that at least 3 of those points must be earned at USEF licensed competitions. Motion was made by Kim Skipton to withdraw the proposals and refer them back to the Registry Council. Seconded by Joan Todd. All in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Treasurer's Report – Chris Schubert**

Chris reported on the financials through November 2022. Revenue for Contribution Support totaled \$220,523.09, Earned Revenue totaled \$412,062.54 with a Total Income of \$1,799,443.18 and a Net Income of \$36,063.64. Assets at Bank of the Bluegrass totaled \$169,534.06 and at Raymond James totaled \$1,400,510.37. Total Prize Fund assets total \$400,791.88. Total Assets were \$2,535,160.74 and total Liabilities and Net Assets were \$2,535,160.74. Chris also proposed a change in the membership calendar to be based on a calendar year, with membership running January 1 through December 31. Motion made by Rachel Seifert and seconded by Joan Todd to amend the bylaws to reflect the change to a calendar year. All in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Executive Director's Report – David Mount**

David reported that the Saddlebred community was well represented at the USEF annual convention awards dinner with Sally Jackson, Elisabeth Goth, Jimmy Robertson and Vickie Gillenwater all winning major awards. David also reported that Judy Werner is the new vice



president of USEF, replacing Elisabeth Goth whose term on the board expired. This leaves an open seat on the National Breeders and Disciplines Council which will need to be filled by the ASHBA board. Motion made by Chris Schubert to approve Allen Bosworth as the replacement for Judy Werner on the NBDC, seconded by Joan Todd. All in favor. Motion carried.

**8. President's Report – Anna Marie Knipp**

Anna Marie reminded the board that there will be executive session after the board meeting adjourns. She reported that she attended the UPHA National Conference and board meeting and reiterated how important it was for ASHBA to work closely with UPHA and other organizations like the American Saddlebred Museum, AHHS and ARHPA for the betterment of all. Anna Marie proposed setting up a committee to work with these other organizations. Motion made by James Nichols and seconded by Kristen Bagdasarian. All in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Additional Business – Anna Marie Knipp**

Morgan King gave an update on convention sponsorships and donations. To date \$100,089.50 has been raised for the convention. Six vendors have signed contracts to attend the convention and work is continuing to secure auction items.

**10. Adjourn – Anna Marie Knipp**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45PM and the board went into Executive Session.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2023 at the ASHBA Annual Convention**