



AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:00 PM ET via Zoom

1. Call to Order – Allen Bosworth

- a. **Roll Call:** Board Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Julie Behrends-Jones, Allen Bosworth, Jennifer Dixon, Diane Hauslein, Anna Marie Knipp, Smith Lilly, James Nichols, Joe O'Brien, Christy Parker, Clif Paulsen, John Scheidt, Chris Schubert, Rachel Seifert, Joan Todd and Malissa Welke. Board Members Absent: Juliette Dell and Larry Hartsock. Staff Present: David Mount.
- b. **Adoption of Agenda** – Motion made to approve agenda and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Approval of February 2024 Board Minutes** – Motion made to approve February 5, 2024 minutes and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion made to approve February 16, minutes and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Approval of February 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes** – Motion made to approve February 16, 2024 annual meeting minutes and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. **Declare Conflict of Interest** – None declared.

2. Executive Director's Report – David Mount

David reported that USEF is soliciting comments on GR838. The proposed rule change would expand the scope of USEF's jurisdiction to include horse abuse outside of competition, including at home facilities. The USEF American Saddlebred Committee disapproved the proposed rule change with the comment that the intent of the proposed rule change is already covered by the USEF Code of Conduct. David stated that ASHBA will continue to work with the other USEF affiliates in disapproval of the proposed rule.

3. Convention Recap – Chris Schubert and David Mount

David reported that the convention made \$113,537.86. Chris gave a recap of the highlights including the Awards Gala featuring William Shatner, Saddlebred Trail and Legends of Saturday Night at the Kentucky Derby Museum. Samantha Robinson gave a recap of the youth highlights including the Youth Legends event at the Kentucky Derby Museum and the Youth Awards Gala. Kim Skipton reported that there were 68 individual sponsors for the convention and the live auction raised \$61,600. Chris presented a proposal for the 2025 convention in Lexington with an estimated budget of \$180,000. Motion made to approve proposal and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.



4. Nominating Committee for Officers – Chris Schubert

Chris reported the Nominating Committee for Officers met at the Annual Convention. The Committee recommended the following slate of officers: Allen Bosworth - President, Chris Schubert - Vice President, Clif Paulsen - Secretary and Rachel Seifert - Treasurer. Motion made to accept the recommendations by the Nominating Committee and seconded. All in favor with one abstention. Motion carried. Allen reported he will be appointing Jennifer Dixon as the at-large representative of the Executive Leadership Council.

5. Registrar's Report – Katriona Adams

a. Rule Change Proposals – Katriona presented the following rule change proposals approved by the Registry Rules Committee and the Registry Council:

- i. Proposal to change the deadline for submission of stallion service reports from October 31 of the breeding year to January 15.
- ii. Eliminate the fee to add a mare to a previously submitted stallion service report. The current fee is \$20 per mare.
- iii. Reduce the fee for an Affidavit for Duplicate Certificate from \$50 to \$25.
- iv. Remove the notary requirement for an Affidavit for Duplicate Certificate.

Motion made to approve the rule change and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Rachel Seifert

Rachel reported that total income for January was \$95,255.16, total assets were \$2,963,698.79 and net assets were \$2,140,209.59. Rachel presented a new merchant processing contract from TSYS that would save up to 27% on merchant processing fees. Motion made to approve new contract and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. President's Report – Allen Bosworth

Allen reported that based on the severe safety deficiencies seen at show last year he will be putting together a Safety Task Force to help shows improve safety for both horses and riders.

8. Additional Business - Allen Bosworth

No additional business.

9. Adjourn – Allen Bosworth

Motion made and seconded to adjourn and go into executive session. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.