

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Registry Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ET
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Registry Council Members Present: Anna Marie Knipp Chair, Julie Behrends Jones, Bob Brison, Larry Hartsock, Missy Hughes Smith and Kim Skipton.

Others Present: David Mount Executive Director, Katriona Adams Registrar, Sandy Currier ASR Past President, Chris Schubert ASHBA Treasurer.

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Ms. Knipp called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Ms. Adams called the roll. A quorum was present.

b. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Skipton made a motion to adopt the agenda, Ms. Hughes Smith seconded and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of draft minutes:

a. April 26, 2021 meeting

Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion passed.

b. June 6, 2021 meeting

Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the June 6, 2021 meeting, Mr. Hartsock seconded and the motion passed.

3. Registrar's Report

a. Registry Statistics as of June 30, 2021

Ms. Adams reported on the Registry Statistics as of June 2021 and noted that we are about even on numbers received compared to last year and are higher on the numbers processed. We are current on processing of registry transactions and are working on mail received within the last few business days.

b. Office Efficiency updates

We are moving forward with the Jot Form project and USEF is figuring out how to upload information to the database. We are continuing to cross train staff and are currently updating our forms to fillable PDFs for the website. The Robertson Sales transfers were received last week and were processed within two business

days. USEF has also completed the Notifications project and has created a report for staff to use to track notifications sent and to be able to follow up more easily. Discussion took place regarding some of the improvements in the Registry. We will do a release to our members on some of these initiatives once we are more comfortable with the notification project.

4. Futurity Payouts

Mr. Mount reported that Amy, our Accountant, went back and reviewed the Futurity payouts back as far as 2012 once she had completed her review of the Sweepstakes accounts and found that there was underpayment for the 2020 National Futurity. The good news is that the money is in the account and we will be sending the checks out. In addition, Mr. Mount and Ms. Quatman have been working on detailed policies and procedures for the prize program payouts to prevent this from happening in the future. There's a lot more oversight of the prize programs now.

5. Committee Proposals

a. National Futurities Committee

Ms. Adams read the following proposal from the National Futurities Committee: *A signed Declaration of Intent to Show and a starting fee payment for each entry must be made to the American Saddlebred Futurity Secretary by the deadline date as determined for such payment. All starting fees will be added to the purse for the appropriate class.*

The intent of this proposal is to put a system in place where starting fees can be paid to staff in the ASHBA office as opposed to being made at the horse show office. Notifications will be sent to eligible participants. Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to approve the proposal, Ms. Hughes-Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Ms. Adams reported that the National Futurities Committee expressed concerns about the time of the Marketing Committee meetings noting that mornings do not work for trainers and that three members of the National Futurities Committee serve on the Marketing Committee. They feel that there is more that we can do to help market registry related programs.

b. Sweepstakes Committee

Ms. Adams read the following proposal from the Sweepstakes Committee: *Should there be only one entry showing in a class, the designated prize money for first place will be awarded for that placing with the remainder of the purse for that class to be divided equally among the other divisions.*

After discussion, it was agreed to table this proposal for now.

6. Other Business

Ms. Currier reported on discussions regarding a Half Saddlebred Futurity. Melissa Moore has been working with her and they have talked to the All American Cup officials. They will be putting together a Half Saddlebred Futurity to hold at the All American Cup and they will allow us to tag on to the All American auction too. They will give stallion owners the option to offer one or two breedings and the second one will go into the Half Saddlebred Futurity as an incentive. Participants will be able to either nominate a foal or buy in by buying a breeding. There are a lot of Dutch Harness and Half Arabian horses at the All American Classic so this could lead to more Half Saddlebred registrations and to more ASHBA members.

7. Adjournment

With no other business to address, Ms. Skipton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Behrends Jones seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was duly adjourned at 5:35 p.m. ET.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams

Registrar

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