



**AMERICAN SADDLEBREDHORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday, July 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM ET

USEF Conference Room – Lexington, Kentucky

**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, John Scheidt, Chris Schubert, Rachel Seifert, Joan Todd and Malissa Welke. Via Zoom: Christy Parker and Clif Paulsen. Absent Juliette Dell and Larry Hartsock. Staff Present: David Mount, Katriona Adams, Amber Moon, Katie Porter, Samantha Robinson, Kim Skipton and Jean Warren.
- b. **Adoption of Agenda** – Allen called for a vote to adopt the agenda. Motion made to accept the agenda as presented and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Approval of Board Minutes** – Allen called for a vote to approve minutes from the last board meeting, June 3, 2024. Motion made to approve minutes from last board meeting and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Declare Conflict of Interest** – None declared.

**2. Executive Director’s Report – David Mount**

- a. **USDA/APHIS Update** – David recapped his trip to the American Horse Council conference in Washington, DC, along with meetings with USDA, APHIS and elected officials, that included a meeting with Dr. Roxanne Mullaney, who is the Deputy Administrator of the Animal Care Division at APHIS, who oversees implementation of the Horse Protection Act. David reported that APHIS confirmed that inspections at two American Saddlebred Shows this year was an effort to gather data for a pending lawsuit with another breed. APHIS stated a willingness to work with the trotting breed organizations and USEF, who they currently work with at the Veterinarian Services division, to continue to make competitions safe and fair.
- b. **New Horse Show Update** – David reported that Requests for Proposals to host the New Championship Horse Show were sent to the American Royal (Kansas City), Expo Square (Tulsa), Indiana State Fair Grounds (Indianapolis), Kentucky Exposition Center (Louisville), Kentucky Horse Park (Lexington), Oklahoma State Fair (Oklahoma City) and World Equestrian Center (Ocala). The proposals are due July 31 and will be sent to the Site Selection Committee for consideration. David reported that the first site selection visit occurred in Oklahoma City, which included a tour of their new arena which will open in 2025. Also, David presented the results for the New Championship Horse Show Survey, which had 1,305 responses.





Advocacy Committee to waive the \$100 DNA lab search fee for 501(c)(3) rescue organizations, which was approved by the Registry Council. Motion made to approve the proposal effective January 1, 2025 and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Investment Report – Rob Brewer**

Rob Brewer, from the Atlanta Consulting Group, presented the mid-year investment report to the Board.

**8. Treasurer’s Report – David Mount**

David reported for the period ending May 30, 2024 net ordinary income was \$79,836.85 and total assets were \$3,071,633.11. A full second quarter report will be made to the board in August. Also, David reported that Strothman and Company would be starting the annual internal audit in July which would be presented to the board during the Fall in-person board meeting.

**9. President’s Report – Allen Bosworth**

No report.

**10. Adjourn – Allen Bosworth**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn and do into Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 1:23 PM.

**11. Executive Session – Allen Bosworth**

No action taken in Executive Session.