

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Registry Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. ET
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Registry Council Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Julie Behrends-Jones, Larry Hartsock, Anna Marie Knipp, Smith Lilly and Cliff Paulsen.

Others Present: Katriona Adams Registrar, David Mount Executive Director and CEO.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Bagdasarian called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. ET. Ms. Adams called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

2. Proposals from the Registry Rules Committee

Ms. Adams noted that the council has already approved most of the rule change proposals from the Registry Rules Committee by email, however, differing opinions were expressed regarding the proposal to eliminate the fee to add a mare to a previously submitted stallion service report. Ms. Adams reported on the fee structure charged by the AMHA and by the AHA for filing stallion service reports and for adding mares. She explained that mare owners are getting frustrated that stallion owners are not adding their mares to stallion service reports and stallion owners are getting frustrated about having to pay a fee to add a mare to a previously submitted report. This is also slowing down the registration process. Ms. Bagdasarian asked if many of these cases are from breedings by ICSI because mare owners are not always providing stallion owners with breeding information to add to their reports. In addition, some of the embryos are frozen and used in later breeding years. It was agreed that stallion owners should not be penalized if they have not been provided with the names of the mares and the breeding dates from the mare owners. More responsibility should be put on the mare owners.

There was agreement that the increase in ICSI breedings is going to exacerbate these issues. Ms. Adams felt that it would be worthwhile to eliminate the \$20 per mare fee. Most stallion owners will submit the reports. It will be helpful that we are extending the deadline to early to mid January as most stallion owners should have complete information by then.

Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to change the deadline for stallion service reports to January 15th and to remove the \$20 per mare fee to add to a stallion service report. Mr. Paulsen seconded and the motion passed.

A discussion took place about the increased use of ICSI over the last few years. A suggestion was made to add additional language to the stallion service report to capture this information. A suggestion was made to also add language to the transfer report form to ask if the mare owners is retaining frozen embryos or if the mare owner sold frozen embryos along with the mare. A discussion took place regarding putting the burden of ISCI/frozen embryos reporting back on the mare owners. It would be interesting to know how many frozen embryo are out there.

3. Other Business

Mr. Paulsen suggested that we add a rule regarding cloning. Ms. Adams noted we already have a rule regarding Cloning in effect which reads as follows:

Until the Association Board of Directors is satisfied that it has gained a comfortable level of scientific knowledge and assurances that specific technical and legal aspects of cloning, gene splicing or other artificial attempts to enhance or manipulate the equine genome are resolved, the Registry will not allow registration of any horses produced by such a manner.

4. Adjournment

With no other business to address, the meeting was duly adjourned at 2:45 p.m. ET

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams

Registrar

American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association