

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Registry Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 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, Clif Paulsen and John Scheidt.

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 2:05 p.m. ET. Ms. Adams called roll and noted that a quorum was present.
- 2. Consideration of draft minutes of previous meetings**
 - a. Meeting of February 6, 2024**
 - b. Meeting of March 7, 2024**
 - c. Meeting of April 18, 2024**

Mr. Paulsen made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting, Mr. Hartsock seconded and the motion was passed.
Mr. Paulsen made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting, Mr. Scheidt seconded and the motion was passed.
Mr. Paulsen made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting, Mr. Hartsock seconded and the motion was passed.
- 3. Revised Transfer Report with embryo language added**
Ms. Adams reported that language has been added to the Transfer Report form regarding retaining frozen embryos and selling frozen embryos. This was discussed at the last meeting. We have also added a section to report microchip recording and have redesigned the form so that it is more user friendly.
- 4. Proposal from the Equine Welfare Committee**
Ms. Adams reported that currently, we charge recognized 501 (c) 3 equine rescue organizations \$125 for a DNA kit and search of lab database for unidentified horses and the Equine Welfare Fund subsidizes half of the DNA kit fee, which is an additional \$25 per DNA kit. The Equine Welfare Committee met on June 20 and recommended a proposal to waive the \$100 lab database search fee for recognized 501 (c) 3 equine rescue organizations and to no longer subsidize half of the DNA kit fee. It was noted that since the Registry and Association are

no longer separate organizations, this would be a goodwill gesture for the ASHBA. Staff supports this proposal.

After discussion, Mr. Lilly made a motion to approve this proposal, Mr. Paulsen seconded and the motion passed.

5. Update on Research Task Force

Ms. Adams reported that the Research Task Force has met a few times and with some representatives from the UK Gluck Equine Center. The Task Force is talking about two main items, first is a measurement where you measure two different parts of the back and subtract the numbers and if it is below a certain number the horse is not considered to be low backed. If it's above a certain number then the horse is considered to be low backed. In addition, the Task Force is looking at judging rules in South Africa.

6. American Saddlebred Registry Trust

a. Discuss withdrawing earned income

Ms. Adams explained that when the American Saddlebred Registry Trust was set up, the Board agreed that the Registry Council would review the account each year to consider withdrawing the earned income to be used for registry related purposes. It was agreed that we should continue to strengthen the Registry. After discussion, Ms. Knipp made a motion to move the earned income amount over to the registry account, Ms. Behrends Jones seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor. (Earned income amount was \$23,283.63)

b. Discuss asking for other proposals

Ms. Adams asked if the Council supported seeking proposals for higher return investments for the Registry Trust Fund. Mr. Mount added that at the time of the merger the Registry Trust was not big enough on its own to be taken by Rob Brewer at Raymond James who has the Association investments. Rob is now with another company that doesn't have minimums and over the same period the investments that Rob has made for the Association had a much higher return. It was agreed to move forward with asking for proposals that will then come back to the Registry Council for consideration.

7. Other Business

Ms. Behrends-Jones added to the report regarding the work of the Research Task Force. We are going to come up with a fool proof way to measure the horses to determine which are low backed and which are not. The task force also discussed issues relating to judging and the need for us to do a better job of self-regulating. We will be looking for additional horses for genetic testing sometime soon.

8. Adjournment

With no other business to address, Ms. Behrends-Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Scheidt seconded and the meeting was duly adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams

Registrar

American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association