

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Registry Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. ET by Zoom

MINUTES

Registry Council Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian Chair, Julie Behrends Jones, Larry Hartsock, Anna Marie Knipp and Kim Skipton.

Others Present: Rachel Seifert, Joan Todd, David Mount Executive Director and CEO and Katriona Adams Registrar.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Bagdasarian called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. ET. A quorum was present.

2. Consideration of draft meeting minutes of April 19, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion was passed.

3. Fee for filing a Charge

Ms. Seifert noted information is included in the meeting materials regarding filing a member code of conduct complaint and filing a charge regarding a registry rule violation. She also explained the history of both procedures. There is some concern that the \$1,000 fee to file a charge may be prohibitive and create a barrier for individuals to file charges and bring matters to the attention of the Registry. The fee to file a member code of conduct complaint is \$100. It raises the question, should the fees be the same? A lengthy discussion took place after which the Council agreed to review at a later date. Staff will research fees charged by other breed registries to file charges.

4. Recommendation from Joan Todd regarding the Saddlebred Record Program

Ms. Todd reported that she has heard a lot of comments regarding the CH Program down through the years. Staff provided her with a list of USEF competitions from 2000 on and the numbers have been steadily declining from a high of 109 in 2008 to around 40 now. In certain geographic regions there is a severe lack of USEF competitions. In 2019 we reduced the number of total points required from USEF shows to three. At this time Ms. Todd is proposing a modification of the CH system that would allow all non-USEF points to count toward the CH, with the caveat that at least 3 of those points must be earned at a USEF-rated show. A lengthy discussion took place after which, Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to accept the proposal and strongly recommend that the

ASHBA Board of Directors approve it, Ms. Knipp seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Skipton suggested waiving the CH fee. After discussion, Ms. Skipton made a motion that when a horse has enough points that it is automatically assigned CH status and that there is no application fee, Ms. Behrends Jones seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. This recommendation will also be sent to the Board of Directors.

5. Breeder of the Year Award

Ms. Bagdasarian shared some concerns regarding the current criteria for selecting Breeder of the Year Award. It was noted that the statistical data is taken from USEF shows and is not a true reflection of the industry and leads to the same breeders winning the award year after year. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the current criteria. It was agreed that this criteria should be updated to also consider small breeders and to allow nominations to be submitted. A suggestion was made to include non-USEF shows as well. Other suggestions included offering two Breeder of the Year Awards, one for a high point award based on statistical data and one based on nominations. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council members would take a few days to think about the Breeder of the Year Award and share thoughts by email.

6. General Review of Prize Programs

Ms. Adams reported that the ASHBA Board of Directors asked the Registry Council to do a comprehensive review of prize programs with a goal of adding consistency. This would include looking at deadlines, fees and policies regarding checks that are not cashed. Ms. Bagdasarian asked council members to email her any ideas or suggestions and she will discuss with James Nichols, Board liaison to the Sweepstakes Committee.

7. Breeders Round Table at the Convention

Ms. Bagdasarian reported that Emily Lee asked for her help with the Breeders Round Table at the Convention. Jenny Taylor and Todd Graham are already working on a presentation based on statistical data for a 20 year period. Ms. Knipp felt that the Registry Council needs to be more involved with the presentation and that we need to make it more interesting to all breeders and give them a reason to come to our convention. Suggested discussion items included what works for breeders, marketing ideas, expenses relating to breeding, mare reproductive soundness, leasing mares, buying and selling embryos, shortage of recipient mares, etc. It was agreed that we need to have extensive information including basic information for new breeders. Council members will share ideas by email.

8. Interest earned in the American Saddlebred Registry Trust

Ms. Adams reported that \$6,224.95 was earned in interest however, the value of the investment has decreased in value by \$74,854. After discussion it was agreed to leave the earned interest in the account.

9. Breeders Award Program

Ms. Adams reported that we have received a request to add qualifier classes to the Breeders Award Medallion Program. After discussion, it was agreed that staff would research the number of classes this would add as well as the added cost involved.

10. Broodmare Hall of Fame

Ms. Adams reported that Ms. Skipton had brought to her attention that the newly added criteria for Broodmare Hall of Fame is confusing and may need to be clarified. Some members misunderstood that only one In Hand class counts toward the mares three qualification needed. The council felt that the criteria is clear as written. Ms. Adams and Ms. Skipton will review the form and see if it can be further clarified.

11. Adjournment

With no other business to address, Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Knipp seconded and the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams

Registrar

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