



**AMERICAN SADDLEBRED AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

American Royal Conference Room – Kansas City, MO  
Monday, November 11, 2024 at 2:30 PM CT

**1. Call to Order – Allen Bosworth**

- a. **Roll Call** – Board Members Present in person: Allen Bosworth, Sandy Currier (part time), Jennifer Dixon, Diane Hauslein, Anna Marie Knipp, Smith Lilly, James Nichols, Joe O’Brien, Christy Parker, Chris Schubert, Rachel Seifert, and Malissa Welke. Board Members Present Virtually: Kristen Bagdasarian, Larry Hartsock, Clif Paulsen, John Scheidt, Joan Todd. Board Members Absent: Julie Behrends-Jones. ASHBA Staff Present in person: David Mount. ASHBA Staff Present Virtually: Katriona Adams, Amber Moon, Katie Porter, Samantha Robinson and Kim Skipton.
- b. **Adoption of Agenda** – Allen Bosworth called for a motion 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 Bosworth called for a vote to approve the minutes from the last board meeting. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.
- d. **Declare Conflict of Interest** – None declared.

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

- a. **USEF Affiliate Agreement** – David presented the new USEF Affiliate Agreement, which would go into effect in 2025. The Board asked that the agreement be sent back to USEF to revise the language in the agreement for more clarity.
- b. **USEF Affiliate Retreat Update** – Allen reported that USEF will be hosting the National Breeds and Disciplines Affiliates Retreat on December 2-3 in Cincinnati, OH. Allen will give a summary of the retreat at the next Board Meeting.
- c. **USDA/APHIS Update** – David reported that he met with Sarah Helming, the new Deputy Administrator for Animal Care at APHIS to discuss new APHIS regulations. APHIS has agreed to let ASHBA submit the required information on behalf of approved ASHBA Star Shows directly to APHIS to meet new Federal requirements that go into effect in February 2025.
- d. **Prize Program Committee Update** – David reported that both the Registry Council and Competitions Council voted unanimously to move the Prize Programs Committee back under the Registry Council. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Registry Council and Competitions Council to move the Prize Programs Committee back under the Registry Council. Motion seconded. Motion carried.



**3. Competitions Council Report – Chris Schubert and David Mount**

David presented the proposed changes for the 2025 Horse Show Application and Star Show program. The changes presented include allowing horse show management to file a Code of Conduct complaint against an exhibitor who is also a member of ASHBA. Also, horse show management will be able to file an administrative complaint with ASHBA for exhibitors who owe money to the show. Other proposed changes include a new Safety Grant program for 2025, a recording only option for shows that do not follow USEF American Saddlebred breed rules, and submitting required documentation on behalf of shows to APHIS to meet new Federal guidelines for horse shows that go into effect in February 2025. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Competitions Council and seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Development Council Report – Anna Marie Knipp and Kim Skipton**

Kim gave an update on fundraising activities. A new Don Harris Giddy Up Go fundraising campaign was approved by the Harris family and will be launched in 2025.

**5. Marketing Council Report – Joan Todd and Katie Porter**

Katie gave an update on the Journal of the American Saddlebred. Advertising sales continue, along with formatting and graphic design work on the publication. The final approved draft of the Journal will be sent to the printer on December 15.

**6. Programs Council Report – Malissa Welke and Katie Porter**

Samantha Robinson presented ASHBA scholarship recommendations from the Youth Awards Committee to the Board for consideration. The Committee recommended Hannah Broughton and Ellie Lang both receive \$5,000 ASHBA youth scholarships. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Competitions Council and seconded. Motion carried. Also, Samantha Robinson presented the Frank Ogletree Youth Award recommendation from the Committee. The Committee recommended that Ria Raju receive the award. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Competitions Council and seconded. Motion carried.

**7. Registry Council Report – Kristen Bagdasarian and Katriona Adams**

Katriona presented Registry Rule changes approved by the Registry Council at their last meeting. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Registry Council and seconded. Motion carried. Also, Katriona reported on Registry statistics through October with a Registry income comparison. Katriona reported that registrations received in 2024 include horses born as far back as 2006, which is common year over year.

**8. Finance Council Report – Rachel Seifert and David Mount**

Rachel reported that total income through September 2024 was \$2,102,275.73, with total expenses of \$2,130,546.42 for a net ordinary income loss of \$28,270.79. Total assets were \$2,458,169.01 with total liabilities of \$307,145.68. David reported that there continues to be timing issues, including Journal revenue, which will be realized in Q4 2024. Motion made to accept the Q3 2024 financials as presented and seconded. Motion carried.



**9. Governance Council Report – Rachel Seifert and David Mount**

Rachel presented Bylaws changes approved by the Governance Council at their last meeting. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Governance Council and seconded. Motion carried. Also, Rachel presented Code of Conduct changes approved by the Governance Council at their last meeting. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Governance Council and seconded. Motion carried.

**10. Nominating Committee – Joan Todd**

Joan presented 2025 Board of Director recommendations from the Nominating Committee. The committee recommended Allison Deardorff and Georgia Ferreira to fill the two open seats and recommended Allen Bosworth, Jennifer Dixon, Christy Parker and Malissa Welke to serve additional terms. Motion made to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and seconded. Motion carried.

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

Allen reported on the Board Consulting proposal prepared by Malissa Welke. No action was taken at this time.

**12. Additional Business – Allen Bosworth**

No additional business.

**13. Adjourn – Allen Bosworth**

Adjourn at 5:54 PM CT.