

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Registry Council Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. ET Via Zoom

MINUTES

Registry Council Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Sandra Currier, Larry Hartsock, Julie Behrends-Jones, Anna Marie Knipp, Clif Paulsen and John Scheidt.

Others Present: Katriona Adams Registrar.

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call**
Kristen Bagdasarian called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. ET. Katriona Adams called roll and noted that a quorum was present.
- 2. Declare Conflict of Interest**
Kristen reminded council members to declare any conflicts of interest. None were declared.
- 3. Consideration of draft minutes of March 5, 2025**
Julie made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting, Clif seconded and the motion was passed with Sandy abstaining due to her absence.
- 4. Review 2025 Registry Council Charter**
The 2025 Registry Council charter was reviewed, with the only change being the list of committees under the Council. The charter was passed unanimously.
- 5. Proposal from Breeders Committee regarding ‘Breeder Spotlight’ Features**
Julie explained a breeder spotlight initiative from the Breeders Committee to promote successful breeders in different regions. The committee suggested featuring breeders on social media and in our eNews releases and including some in The Journal. They will also be posted under the Breeders section of the website. The aim is to appreciate and recognize the efforts of breeders.
- 6. Proposals from Equine Welfare Committee:**
 - a. Emergency Grant Application for Leap of Faith Rescue – Proposal for \$2,500**
The council discussed a proposal from the Equine Welfare Committee to approve a \$2,500 emergency grant for Leap of Face Rescue to repair fencing. The Council approved the request which will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

b. DNA costs for individuals with unidentified horses bought at public auction

Katriona introduced a potential future proposal from the Equine Welfare Committee to cover DNA costs for unidentified horses bought at public auctions. The proposal, which is still being developed, would involve using Equine Welfare funds to cover the \$50 DNA portion of the \$150 fee for DNA testing and database searching.

7. Request from Outreach Committee to give a free registration to new breeders

The Outreach Committee proposes offering a free first-time registration for new breeders of saddlebred horses. The registry council discussed the proposal, with some members expressing concerns about potential abuse and lost revenue. Alternative ideas were suggested, including a PR blast to welcome new breeders and an amnesty program for reduced registration fees on older horses. The Council agreed to refer the matter to the Breeders Committee for further discussion and development of proposals, potentially splitting it into two separate initiatives.

8. Proposal regarding CH Points and Titles Program

The Council discussed a proposal regarding the CH Points and Titles program. Sandy explains that the proposal aims to address the lack of USEF shows in certain areas and suggests creating premier shows in each region to award more points. The Council agreed that the proposal was well-written and thoughtful, but requires further consideration and no vote was taken on this issue. It was noted that the proposal will also be reviewed by the Competitions Council.

9. Adjournment

With no other business to address, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded and the meeting was duly adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams

Registrar

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