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**THE AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION
IN PERSON MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2017**

An in person meeting of the entire Board of the American Saddlebred Horse Association was held on October 30, 2017, at 4047 Iron Works Parkway Lexington, KY commencing at 2:15 pm EST.

- 1. ROLL CALL:** The following ASHA Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: President, Donna Pettry-Smith, Vice President, David Rudder, Treasurer, David Mount, Secretary, Sandra Currier and Elizabeth Goth. Kristen Cater and Cheryl Innis joined by phone. Board members present were Candy Covino-Aversenti, Leslie Rainbolt-Forbes, Scott Hagan, Emily Lee, Joan Laurie, Holly Nichols, Jenny Taylor and Kenneth Wheeler Jr. Joining us by phone were Evan Orr and Owen Weaver. Also invited and present were ASHA's Executive Director Bill Whitley, IT manager Cynthia Lowell and ASHA Registrar; Lisa Duncan.
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Kenny Wheeler made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Joan Lurie seconded the motion and this motion carried.
- 3. RATIFICATION OF THE MINUTES:** David Rudder moved to ratify the minutes from the July 2017 Board of Directors meeting, and the August 2017 and September 2017 Executive Committee meetings. There was a second from Kenny Wheeler Jr., the minutes were ratified unanimously.
- 4. USEF LITE REVIEW:** Lori Nelson brought us up to date on the USEF Lite program.
 - a. Shows currently rated by USEF will not be allowed to drop their USEF rating and move to the USEF Lite category.





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- b. Horses competing at USEF Lite shows will receive half points towards the CH program and the Horse of The Year program
- c. As a USEF show, the live streaming provided by USEF would be possible.
- d. Exhibitors must have an ASHA membership but not a USEF membership at Saddlebred shows.

Sandra Currier moved to adopt the USEF Lite program, Elisabeth Goth moved to second and this was approved unanimously. With the ASHA Board approving USEF Lite, this will now go back to the USEF Legal department and should be in place for 2018.

- 5. LICENSED OFFICIALS EDUCATION TRANSITION UPDATE:** Licensed Officials Education Transition Update – Donna Smith and Lori Nelson met with Bill Moroney of USEF to discuss the best way for ASHA to take over the Licensed Officials Education. USEF will continue to fund this program through 2018 with ASHA taking on the financial and organization chores in 2019.

Chuck Herbert will lead this Taskforce with Lori Nelson, and Chuck Walker representing USEF, Donna Pettry-Smith, Fran Crumpler, and Melissa Moore will also help. Financially the webinars will work out better than on site. They are hoping to have a live clinic at the Spring Premier horse show in Lexington, KY. The possibility of charging a \$ 5.00 fee per horse at all ASHA competitions and calling it a judge's education fee was brought up. This would help us fund the licensed Officials program. The idea was presented that we send 50% of the funds raised back to each show.

- 6. REGISTRY REPORT:** Lisa Duncan reported on the Registry Statistics;

Registrations through September 2017 were 1,170

Registrations through September 2016 were 1,007

For an increase in 2017 of 163 registrations





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Transfers through September 2017 were 2020
Transfers through September 2016 were 2127

For a decrease in transfers in 2017 of 107

The First Time Breeders Program will again be implemented in 2018. There are twenty five stallions in the program thus far. The press release on this program will be released shortly.

The Journal Committee consists of Lisa Duncan, Kim Skipton, Cynthia Lowell and Michelle Krentz. The cover will return to being the George Ford Morris painting of Rex McDonald. The cover will be sponsored and will come with perks.

7. **EQUINE WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Equine Welfare Committee Report – Lisa Duncan reported a balance of \$ 32,970.46 in the Equine Welfare Fund. There has been one application received for the Bruce Hanson grant. Lisa will email the Board regarding the applicant.
8. **ASHA COMPETITION RECORDING AND RESULTS POLICY:** Cynthia Lowell gave us the statistics on shows recorded with ASHA;

a. Total shows recorded:

2015-- 329 of which 91 were USEF and 238 were not rated
2016 -- 317 of which 87 were USEF and 230 were not rated
2017-- 292 of which 73 were USEF and 219 were not rated

The results submitted to ASHA are tabulated for ASHA year end high point awards, ASHA National Pleasure Awards and also forwarded to the Kentucky State Fair qualifying program. These results are also placed on each horse's registration page





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under competition records. Each show is listed for free on the Competition Calendar Search on the ASHA Website.

Because of the amount of work involved tabulating these points and the services offered Kenny Wheeler Jr made a motion to charge each ASHA show a fee of \$100.00 to defray the cost of record keeping. Sandra Currier seconded this motion and it passed.

Discussion was raised about shows that were late sending in their results. It was felt that a letter should be sent to the show secretary and the UPHA Chapter Chairman warning that continued tardiness in sending in results may result in the show no longer being an ASHA show. A notice will be posted on the ASHA Website regarding this.

- 9. POLICY FOR TITLES EARNED AT WCHS WHEN USED IN PUBLICATIONS:** Cynthia Lowell informed us that the CH in a horse's name should be in super script. Kentucky State Fair award titles should not be of equal font size and style. Also, a horse that wins a County Fair Championship class is not a World's Champion.
- 10. ASHA YEAR END AWARD NOMINATIONS:** Donna Pettry- Smith let us know ballots will be sent out to the Board members to vote on the ASHA year end Awards. We should be receiving them the first part of December.
- 11. CORRECTION OF STAGGER ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** David Mount made a motion to ask the Board to correct and adjust the election of one Director to serve a one year term commencing in 2018, such that six Directors will be elected in 2018, and six new Directors will be elected annually thereafter. Elisabeth Goth moved to second and this passed unanimously. David Rudder has been asked and has accepted an extension of one year on his term. Please see Resolution attached to these Minutes confirming the above.
- 12. PRESENTATION OF THE SLATE FOR THE ELECTION OF 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**





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The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kristen Cater presented a slate of twelve candidates, previously approved by the Executive Committee, to the Board of Directors for approval. The slate was comprised of the five incumbent Directors up for re-election; Allen Bosworth, Sandra Currier, Elisabeth Goth, Donna Pettry-Smith, and Jenny Taylor along with seven additional candidates; Kristen Bagdasarian, Susi Day, Todd Graham, Joe O'Brien, Tandy Patrick, Clif Paulsen and Marty Schaffel. David Mount made a motion to approve the slate as presented and the motion was seconded by Sandra Currier. The vote was taken by paper ballot, and the motion was disapproved with a vote of eleven nays and six ayes. After discussion, Scott Hagen made a motion to approve a slate of nine candidates comprised of the five incumbents plus Joe O'Brien, Tandy Patrick, Clif Paulsen, and Marty Schaffel. This motion was seconded by Holly Nichols. A paper ballot vote was taken and the motion passed with a vote of eleven ayes and six nays.

Emily Lee made a motion for voting to start online November 1, 2017 with ballots mailed out November 15, 2017. David Rudder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended for the day at 5:24 pm to resume at 9:00 am Tuesday October 31, 2017

