



Registry Council Meeting

Thu Jan 29, 2026 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

1. Call to Order

Kristen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. ET.

2. Roll Call

Katriona called roll. Registry Council Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Sandra Currier, Larry Hartsock, Julie Behrends-Jones, Anna Marie Knipp, Clif Paulsen and John Scheidt. Others Present: Sara Mayer, Executive Director and Katriona Adams, Registrar.

3. Declare Conflict of Interest

None were declared

4. Consideration of Draft Minutes

a. August 5, 2025 Meeting

Julie made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting, Larry seconded and the motion was passed.

b. October 27, 2025 Meeting

Julie made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the October 27, 2025 meeting, Larry seconded and the motion was passed.

5. Proposed Rule Changes

a. Stallion Service Report

The Registry Council discussed a proposal to streamline the stallion service report process, which has been causing delays in foal registrations. The proposal suggests notifying stallion owners in writing by mail if required information is missing, with a 30-day window before proceeding with registration. Council members raised concerns about the need for multiple communication methods and the potential liability of the registry if a foal is registered without the stallion owner's approval. The council agreed to consider seek legal counsel on liability issues and discuss further at the next meeting. The council also recommended that a stallion owner task force be created to provide input on these issues.

b. Coat Colors

The group discussed removing the term "albino" from the registry rules, as it's not scientifically accurate for horses. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to remove "albino" from the rules and to leave the color marking descriptions as is after that change. The motion was passed.

6. Database Project Update

Sara and Katriona provided an update on the database project, which is making progress with a planned migration by March or April. They noted that while the horse records are clean, there is some cleanup needed for membership data, particularly regarding email addresses. The new admin portal is being tested in a sandbox environment. Sara explained that while horse show managers could still access competition records, there were ongoing discussions about streamlining data entry.

7. Registry Trust

Anna Marie presented information about the Registry Trust, explaining that while a trust declaration was signed in 2021, neither Raymond James nor Hilliard Lyons had accepted the trustee role. Katriona presented a document showing Bank of the Bluegrass and Trust Company was appointed as trustee. The group discussed concerns about the investment policy, which was last updated in July 2017 and had not been reviewed annually as recommended. They agreed to consider updating the investment policy to better align with the registry's current needs and reporting practices.

8. Deadline for Prize Programs

The Council discussed extending deadlines for futurity payments due to weather-related mail delays. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to extend the deadline to March 31st to make payments to maintain eligibility in the Futurities.

9. Half Saddlebred Online Auction

Katriona reported that the Half Saddlebred Committee has organized an online stallion service auction as a Half Saddlebred Futurity fundraiser. The auction will be held February 5 to 9, 2026.

10. Other Business

The meeting ended with Kristen announcing her departure from the Council and expressing gratitude for her time served as Registry Council Chair.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. ET.