



AMERICAN SADDLEBRED AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM ET

1. Call to Order – Allen Bosworth

- a. **Roll Call** – Board Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Julie Behrends-Jones, Allen Bosworth, Larry Hartsock, Diane Hauslein, Anna Marie Knipp, Smith Lilly, James Nichols, Joe O’Brien, Clif Paulsen, John Scheidt, Chris Schubert, Rachel Seifert, Joan Todd and Malissa Welke. Absent: Sandy Currier, Jennifer Dixon and Christy Parker. ASHBA Staff Present: David Mount, Katie Porter, Samantha Robinson, Kim Skipton and Jean Warren.
- 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 with one abstention.
- d. **Declare Conflict of Interest** – None declared.

2. Executive Director’s Report – David Mount

- a. **USEF American Saddlebred Committee** – David reported that Allen Bosworth, Sandy Currier, Christy Parker, Rachel Seifert and Joan Todd volunteered to serve another term on the USEF American Saddlebred Committee for additional two-year term starting in 2025. Motion made and seconded to put forward Allen Bosworth, Sandy Currier, Christy Parker, Rachel Seifert and Joan Todd as ASHBA appointees for the USEF American Saddlebred Committee. All in favor. Motion carries. Also, the Board was asked to submit recommendations for athlete appointees on the USEF American Saddlebred Committee to Allen and David. The athlete appointees will be appointed by USEF.
- b. **Major Awards Update** – David reported the Major Awards nominations are now closed. The awards will be given out at the UPHA National Conference in New Orleans in January 2025. The youth award will be given out at the ASHBA Youth Conference in February 2025. The board will receive a voting link after the meeting.

3. Competitions Council Report – Chris Schubert and David Mount

Chris reported the Competitions Council is in the process of finalizing revisions to the Horse Show Application and the ASHBA Star Show Guidelines for the 2025 show season. The revisions will be presented to the board at the next meeting. David reported one proposed change for Star Shows in 2025 will be ASHBA submitting the required horse show information to APHIS on behalf of the shows to meet a new APHIS requirement that goes into effect on February 1, 2025.

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

Kim reported that there will be a membership drive at the National Academy Championship



Horse Show next month. A board member has generously donated a \$500 gift card that will be used for a membership drawing. Also, Kim reported that ASHBA will receive an additional \$10,000 this year from the Wonderful Life Campaign that was launched in 2023, as second payments are made for the campaign. Finally, Kim reported a \$6,000 donation to the Bruce Hanson Equine Welfare Fund from the Ruxer Foundation.

5. Finance Council Report – Rachel Seifert and David Mount

Rachel reported that total income through August 2024 was \$1,160,122.30, with total expenses of \$1,193,299.58, for a net ordinary income loss of \$33,187.28. Total assets were \$3,123,779.67 with total liabilities of \$966,016.29. David reported that there will be a lot timing issues over the next couple of months, including journal revenue which will help offset the loss in the third quarter. David reported that Registry income continues to be down in 2024 and a full report will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

6. Marketing Council Report – Joan Todd and Katie Porter

Katie gave an update on the Journal of the American Saddlebred. Advertisement sales have started and data has been gathered for the publication.

7. Programs Council Report – Malissa Welke and Katie Porter

Samantha Robinson reported on youth activities at the St. Louis National Horse Show. There was a youth night, pizza party and junior judging. The ASHBA National Pleasure Equitation Finals were also held at the show with the winner receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and reserve receiving a \$500 scholarship. Samantha also reported on upcoming youth activities at the Ocala International Horse Show and the National Academy Championship Horse Show.

8. Registry Council Report – Kristen Bagdasarian and Katriona Adams

Kristen reported that the Registry is starting to see the impact of several recent rule changes. Five conditional transfers have been made permanent due to these changes. The board was given a list of eight new Broodmare Hall of Fame mares. Also, Kristen reported that the Breeders Award medallions, sponsored by Equidae, have been mailed out to the winning breeders.

9. Governance Council Report – Rachel Seifert and David Mount

Joan Todd, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee recommended to the board that Chris Schubert fill the vacant President Elect position. Motion made and seconded. Motion carries.

10. President's Report – Allen Bosworth

Allen reported that the Nominating Committee will present their recommendation to fill the six open board seats at the next meeting in November.

11. Additional Business – Allen Bosworth

No additional business.

12. Adjourn – Allen Bosworth

Adjourn at 6:54 PM ET.



13. Executive Session – Allen Bosworth