



Registry Council Meeting

Tue Aug 5, 2025 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

1. Call to Order

Kristen called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. ET

2. Roll Call

Katriona called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

Council members present: Kristen Bagdasarian Chair, Sandra Currier, Larry Hartsock, Clif Paulsen and John Scheidt.

Others present: Katriona Adams Registrar and Allison Deardorff Half Saddlebred Committee Chair.

3. Half Saddlebred Futurity Proposal

Allison Deardorff, Half Saddlebred Committee Chair, was invited to the meeting to present a proposal regarding a new format Half Saddlebred Futurity Program. She explained that it would involve nominating 75 stallions and auctioning off stallion services to raise money for payouts. Allison explained that the program would be similar to existing Arabian Horse Association futurity programs, with auction buyers receiving bonuses and prize money. The committee voted to accept the proposal, which will now be presented to the board meeting next week. Clif raised concerns about surveying potential stallion owners, particularly those in the Dutch and Arabian breeds, to gauge interest in the program.

4. Updates from last meeting

The meeting focused on registry operations and staffing challenges. Katriona reported that while remote work has been effective, the office will return tomorrow after air conditioning issues were resolved. The registrations team, led by Liz and Allison, is handling a high volume of futurity foals as well as regular registrations, with 630 applications received to date and 723 completed.

The group discussed implementing an amnesty program for late registrations, which Sandy suggested could be beneficial for customer relations and membership growth, though they agreed to keep it scheduled for February as previously decided considering the current busy show season and the need to avoid overwhelming registry staff. They agreed that November or December would be a good time to start publicizing the initiative, with implementation targeted for February, allowing people to complete necessary paperwork and gather required documentation after the holidays.

5. Other Business

The group discussed concerns about futurity classes at Indiana. Kristen reported that this was being addressed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. ET.