

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

**Registry Council Meeting
April 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ET
Via Zoom**

MINUTES

Registry Council Members Present: Anna Marie Knipp Chair, Julie Behrends Jones, Todd Graham, Larry Hartsock, Missy Hughes Smith and Kim Skipton.

Others Present: David Mount Executive Director, Katriona Adams Registrar, Sandy Currier past President of the ASR and Chris Schubert, ASHBA Treasurer.

1. **Call to Order**

a. Roll Call

Ms. Knipp called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Ms. Adams called the roll. A quorum was present.

b. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to move item 6. Sweepstakes Accounting below Database Discussion, Mr. Hartsock seconded and the motion passed.

2. **Consideration of draft minutes of February 22, 2021 Meeting**

Ms. Hughes Smith made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting, Mr. Graham seconded and the motion was passed.

3. **Rule Change Proposal regarding registration fees for Half Saddlebreds**

Ms. Adams reported on a rule change proposal to change the registration fee to \$50 for all Half Saddlebreds regardless of age. The fee for horses registered with another breed Association/Registry will remain at \$35. The intent is to keep the registration fee low to increase the number of Half Saddlebred Registrations. The proposal has been approved by the Half Saddlebred Committee and by the Registry Rules Committee. Ms. Adams reported on some promotional plans to promote Half Saddlebreds. Mr. Mount added that there is a tremendous opportunity to register more Half Saddlebreds. The Arabian Horse Association has over 18,000 registered Arabian/Saddlebreds crosses. As part of our marketing campaign we would like to be able to tell people that they can register their Half Saddlebreds for the low registration fee. After discussion, Ms. Hughes Smith made a motion to approve the proposal to changes the registration fee to \$50 for all Half Saddlebreds with the exception of horses registered with another breed association/registry, Ms. Behrends Jones seconded and the motion was passed.

4. **Possible Registry Audit**

The Council discussed whether to have an audit of 2020 Registry Financials or to have a financial review. The costs will be covered using money from the Registry Fund. After

discussion, Ms. Skipton made a motion to compare rates for a registry audit and to move forward with the lower price, Ms. Behrends Jones seconded and the motion was passed.

5. Approval of Legal Fees

Mr. Mount reported that the ASHBA has paid an invoice in the amount of \$21,567 for legal services with respect to tax issues for the merger and is asking for reimbursement of half the cost of the fees. Ms. Knipp reminded the council that the registry had previously agreed to share legal fees. After discussion, Ms. Behrends Jones made a motion to approve to move money from the Registry Fund to the ASHBA to reimburse half of the legal bill they have already paid, Mr. Hartsock seconded and the motion passed.

6. Database Discussion

Mr. Mount reported that we had a meeting with USEF. We have money that is going through our online forms and is not showing up in our database, however it is showing up on authorize.net. The council agreed that we should not move forward with adding new online forms until this matter is resolved. Mr. Mount reported that he would be making recommendations to the board regarding other database providers. He has identified two other companies, however, we have a huge website project that we need to focus on first.

7. Sweepstakes Accounting

Ms. Skipton made a motion to go into Executive Session, Ms. Behrends Jones seconded and the motion was passed. Ms. Currier and Ms. Adams were asked to leave the meeting.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams

Registrar

American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association