



Registry Council Meeting

Tue Mar 24, 2026 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

1. Call to Order

Sandy Currier called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Registry Council Members Present: Sandy Currier Chair, Allison Deardorff, Sophia Fischer, Melissa Moore, Clif Paulsen and Rachel Seifert.

Others Present: Katriona Adams, Sara Mayer and Robin Sibley Carr.

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting of December 16, 2025

Minutes approved.

b. Meeting of January 29, 2026

Minutes approved.

5. Registry Council Composition

Rachel raised concerns about the composition of the Registry Council and elections, suggesting the need for better assistance from the council to ensure adequate qualified breeders. Sandy mentioned a proposal by John Scheidt to allow the council to select outside breeders if necessary. Rachel committed to sending an outline of considerations for this issue.

6. Stallion Service Reports and Breeders Certificates

The meeting focused on issues with stallion service reports and breeder certificates that are causing registration delays. Katriona explained that many registrations are held up because stallion owners or agents refuse to sign required documents due to unpaid stud fees, creating additional workload for registry staff. Clif and Sandy noted that a previous proposal to allow foal registration without signed reports was deemed problematic by legal counsel and this issue has been referred to the Breeders Committee for further consideration. The group also discussed a potential alternative approach where stallion owners would send certificates directly to mare owners, though this idea needs further development.

7. Tracking embryos from mares

Rachel discussed ways buyers and sellers of embryo rights can ensure transaction closure, particularly emphasizing the importance of transferring embryos into the buyer's name promptly after purchase. Rachel's Breeder's Forum presentation was well-received and will be edited and branded for our education platform, including our YouTube channel. Sandy inquired about sharing these forms with the general public, expressing concern that some embryo buyers and sellers might not be aware of protective measures.

8. Breeding Rights Contracting

Sara shared a discussion about the legal and estate planning implications of frozen embryos. The group agreed to focus on educational efforts. After discussion, it was agreed to bring up the topic of estate planning for frozen embryos and related educational contact at the next Breeders Committee meeting.

9. Deadline to complete futurity registrations

The council approved extending the deadline for completing futurity registrations from April 30th to June 15th due to recent challenges with the database transition and weather-related office closures. This will go to the Board of Directors for approval. A request was made to add to the agenda for the next meeting the discussion of permanently extending the deadline for completion of yearling futurity registrations to June 15th.

10. Other Business

Sandy reported that the Registry Trust financials will be reviewed at the next meeting and quarterly after that. Katriona reported the current balance is approximately \$697,454.34. The group discussed the need to review and update the trust's guidelines and investment strategy.

Sandy asked that all Registry Council members read the mission of the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association, the Charter of the Registry Council and the Registry Rules and to note any items that need to be changed or clarified for future discussion.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

12. Mission

The mission of the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association is to promote and protect the American Saddlebred Horse with the highest standards of integrity and guarantee the purity of the breed through the recording of pedigrees and the transfer of ownership of the American Saddlebred Horse.

The Association supports all of the activities that make Saddlebred ownership enjoyable and rewarding while working to stimulate and promote interest in the breed. From top breeders to backyard breed enthusiasts, if you love the Saddlebred, we work to support you in trotting towards your ***#asbdreams***.