



Registry Council Meeting

Tue Dec 16, 2025 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Registry Council Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Sandra Currier, Larry Hartsock, Julie Behrends-Jones, Anna Marie Knipp, Cliff Paulsen and John Scheidt. Others Present: Katriona Adams, Registrar and Kathie Jacobsen, Guest.

2. Declare Conflict of Interest

None were declared.

3. CH Clarifications - Kathie Jacobsen

The Registry Council meeting focused on CH (Championship) rule changes for American Saddlebred horses, with Kathie Jacobson presenting revisions to clarify eligibility requirements and point systems for both full and half-saddlebred horses, including the addition of American saddlebred-type pony classes. The council approved the proposed changes unanimously, with Julie making the motion and Sandy providing second.

4. Letter from John Scheidt regarding the Registry Trust

The Registry Council discussed the need for clearer guidelines and regular reviews of the Registry Trust's investments, with John expressing concerns about maintaining trust health and growth. Anna Marie shared information about the trust's structure and suggested preparing a financial statement and exploring options for financial counseling. The council agreed to gather more information and potentially bring recommendations for trust management to the next meeting. They discussed financial oversight and trust responsibilities, with Anna Marie leading a working group to review trust documents and financial management.

They also discussed concerns about future Registry Council membership, with John raising questions about maintaining adequate breeding expertise among board members, and the possibility of adding honorary non-voting members to address this challenge

6. 2026 Amnesty discussion

The group agreed to move the 2026 amnesty program from February 2026 to April 2026 due to the annual convention.

7. Other Business

No other business was raised.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. ET