

# AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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

## MINUTES

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

**Others Present:** David Mount Executive Director, Katriona Adams Registrar, Sandy Currier ASR Past President.

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Roll Call**

Ms. Knipp called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Ms. Adams called the roll. A quorum was present.

**b. Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Hughes Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion passed.

**2. Mares Bred Report**

Ms. Adams explained that she put together a Mares Bred report based on discussions at the ASHBA Board meeting. She noted that approximately 60 to 61 percent of the foal crop become registered based on the number of mares bred, however not all breedings result in live foals. A discussion took place regarding growing the breeding numbers with agreement that we need to keep our current breeders active and to expand breeding from within. Mr. Mount proposed appointing a Breeders Committee. After discussion, Mr. Graham made a motion to reenact the Breeders Committee and have it under the Registry Council, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion was passed.

Ms. Currier reported that the State Futurities Committee came up with the idea of recommending that Charter Clubs in each area team up with local UPHA Chapters to support a futurity or other incentives in their area. Other ideas for promoting futurities were also discussed.

Ms. Knipp reported that she has been doing an informal survey and that four issues keep coming up. Some breeders sell their horses with an application for registration. We need to explain to them that there is a benefit to registering their horses. The cost is substantial for a person that has one horse that does not want to get in the breeding business but is willing to breed one mare. We need

to educate people that there are other breeding methods, such as vet tech, that are not too expensive. We need to communicate to horse owners that they do have the option of breeding their show mares. All agreed that we need to work on these areas and ask owners “Why don’t you want to breed your mare?” and then provide them with options to consider.

**3. Breeders Challenge Stallion Service Auction**

Mr. Mount reported that we have 60 stallions committed to the Breeders Challenge Stallion Service Auction at Louisville, and are still making calls trying to bump up that number. There is not going to be a party so we are going to have the auction after the last class on Friday night of the show. We are looking for larger items for the auction, however, other auctions are also being held that week. Mr. Graham reported that we are still accepting stallions even though the original deadline passed. Some owners still do not understand the challenge so we are trying to explain it to as many owners as possible. Ms. Knipp reported on some leads for additional auction items.

**4. Other Business**

Ms. Knipp reported that the response from the membership has continued to be very positive regarding the turnaround and accuracy of work in the registry. A discussion took place regarding the Stallion Sweeps. Mr. Mount reported that we have to wait until August 14<sup>th</sup> for the IRS to officially approve our name change. It was agreed that, for now, our focus should be on the breeders challenge and to help people understand how it all works. The next Registry Council meeting will not be held until after the Kentucky State Fair.

**5. Adjournment**

Ms. Skipton made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hartsock seconded and the motion was passed. The meeting was duly adjourned at 5:40 p.m. ET.

Submitted by:

*Katriona Adams*

Registrar

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