

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Registry Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. ET
Via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

Registry Council Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Julie Behrends-Jones, Larry Hartsock, Anna Marie Knipp, Smith Lilly, Clif Paulsen and John Scheidt.

Others Present: Katriona Adams Registrar, David Mount Executive Director and CEO, Allen Bosworth ASHBA President.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Bagdasarian called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. ET. Ms. Adams called roll and noted that all Registry Council members were present.

2. Consideration of draft minutes of July 2, 2024 meeting

Ms. Behrends-Jones made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting, Mr. Lilly seconded and the motion was passed.

3. Review of Registry Council Charter

Ms. Adams read the proposed Registry Council Charter which includes some of the responsibilities outlined under the ASHBA Bylaws and under the Registry Rules as well as from the charters of committees that have been incorporated into the Registry Council, i.e. Breeders, Registry Rules, Historical and Research. In addition, it includes items that are currently under the Equine Welfare Committee and the Half Saddlebred Committee - the two committees that fall under the Registry Council.

Registry Council Charter

This is a standing Council per the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association (ASHBA) bylaws, subject to the control of the Board of Directors. Members of this Council are appointed by the ASHBA Board of Directors upon recommendation by the Registry Council Chair. The committees of the Registry Council are Half Saddlebred and Equine Welfare.

The primary responsibilities of the Registry Council are:

1. To oversee the functions of the registry of the purebred American Saddlebred horse (and any other part-bred American Saddlebred horse registry(ies) that may be established, acquired, or continued by the resolution of the Board of Directors).

2. To oversee the American Saddlebred Registry Trust (“Registry Trust”) and direct the discretionary disbursements permitted by the Registry Trust document.
3. To support the mission and strategic plan of the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association by promoting interest in all matters pertaining to breeding, including increasing the number of American Saddlebreds being bred each year.
4. To further the study of not only the history of the breed, but the actual bloodlines and performance records of our horses.
5. To support the Half American Saddlebred Registry and initiatives for Half Saddlebreds to compete in both all-breed and Saddlebred events.
6. To review Registry related Bylaw amendments and rule changes proposed by committees, members, staff, and others before presentation to the ASHBA Board of Directors for consideration and to assist the Registrar with interpretation and application of rules and policies.
7. To make recommendations and advise the ASHBA staff and ASHBA Board of Directors for proposed research projects.
8. To monitor animal welfare issues that are of concern to the Saddlebred horse industry, identifying and prioritizing concerns and opportunities, evaluating related information and determining actions or activities that may be appropriate.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Behrends-Jones made a motion to approve the proposed Registry Council Charter, Mr. Hartsock seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor.

4. Strategic Plan

a. Growth of purebred registrations by 10% a year

b. Growth of Half Saddlebred registrations by 50% a year

c. First step - Breeders Survey

Ms. Adams reported that we have determined that a good first step towards growing purebred and half Saddlebred registrations is to conduct a survey of breeders of horses registered over the last few years. We have started a draft which includes questions directed towards mare owners as well as a Half Saddlebred section. We would like input from council members on additional questions to include so that we end up with a comprehensive survey. It will be available online and also in hard copy format. Recommendations were made to

gather more information regarding embryos and to add a section for stallion owners as well as additional questions regarding choosing mares and stallions. Suggestions were also made to rank answers to some of these questions and to talk directly with breeders. Hard copies of the survey will be available at the All American Horse Classic horse show and will be discussed at the Breeders Forum at the UPHA Convention.

Ms. Bagdasarian gave a verbal report regarding the number of breeders registering different numbers of foals by foal crop year for 2021 to 2023 foal crop years.

	Foal Crop Years		
	2021	2022	2023
Breeders of Registered Foals			
Number of breeders with 1 registered foal	462	490	443
Number of breeders with 2 registered foals	133	148	115
Number of breeders with 3 registered foals	55	42	40
Number of breeders with 4 registered foals	21	24	24
Number of breeders with 5 to 9 registered foals	32	32	27
Number of breeders with 10 or more registered foals	15	15	13
Total number of breeders	718	751	662
<i>As of July 2024</i>			

After discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Adams would email the lists of Breeders with 10 or more registered foals to the Council.

d. List of mares available for breeding leases

Ms. Bagdasarian reported on the success that she has had leasing mares for breeding. As a result, she has started compiling a list of mares available for breeding and is willing to add mares that other breeders have available as well. The list can also include mares available as recipient mares for embryos. A suggestion was also made to develop a sample breeding lease contract for customers to use.

5. American Saddlebred Expo Update

Ms. Bagdasarian reported that she has been working with the organizers of the American Saddlebred Expo which will be held in Aphrata, Pennsylvania in

December. She and other council members will be attending and assisting with questions regarding American Saddlebreds. A sale will also be held in conjunction with the Expo.

6. Registry Rule Change Proposal

- Shorten Conditional Transfer period from 9 months to 6 months

Ms. Adams explained the process for a conditional transfer and is recommending that we shorten the length of time for notice of conditional transfers to appear on the ASHBA website from 9 months to 6 months. The rule states that if within that time a justified claim is made to challenge the transfer, the conditional transfer will be cancelled. If a justified claim is not made by the end of that period, the transfer will be made permanent.

After discussion, Mr. Paulsen made a motion to change the length of time from 9 months to 6 months, Ms. Behrends Jones seconded and the motion was passed.

7. Applications for registration for foals owned/bred by Ricky Cook

Ms. Adams reported on a request from Ricky Cook that we remove the Registry Rules Committee requirement for photos with a time stamp to be emailed to the registry within 14 days of foaling for all foals for which he is the owner or breeder. This requirement has been in place since last April as an alternative for veterinary certificates of birth being submitted. Mr. Scheidt reported that Mr. Cook is microchipping all foals which is a more accurate way of identifying horses. A suggestion was made that Mr. Cook submit a written request to the Registry Council outlining that he is microchipping all of his horses. Ms. Knipp made a motion to approve this request upon receipt of a written request from Mr. Cook, Mr. Scheidt seconded and the motion was passed.

8. Third party registrations impacted by Kathy Petersons suspension

Ms. Adams reported that Ms. Peterson is currently suspended and her penalty has not been paid. Her suspension is holding up registration of horses owned by other parties because breeders certificates are required for stallions owned by Ms. Peterson.

After discussion, Ms. Behrends-Jones made a motion to register related foals without the required breeders certificates, Mr. Lilly seconded and the motion was passed.

9. Next Meeting

Ms. Bagdasarian suggested that we look at the second half of September for the next Registry Council meeting.

10. Other Business

Mr. Paulsen reported on a deal he is working on a deal to get a reduced rate for microchips for ASHBA members.

11. Adjournment

With no other business to address, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katriona Adams

Registrar

American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association