

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Registry Council Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. ET Via Zoom

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Katriona Adams Registrar, Kathie Jacobsen guest.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Katriona called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

3. Consideration of Draft Minutes

a. June 5, 2025

b. July 1, 2025

Motion made and seconded to approve draft minutes of the June 5, 2025 and July 1, 2025 Registry Council Meetings, motion passed.

4. ASHBA Registry Rule Change Proposals

a. Registered Farm Names

The council discussed a proposal allowing registered farm names to be used as horse name suffixes. The current rules allows them to be used as a prefix for a horses name. A motion was made and seconded to approve this proposal and the motion passed.

b. Photo Requirements

The council discussed a proposal to remove the 12-month photo requirement for horse registrations pending 12 months after receipt. A motion was made and seconded to approve this proposal and the motion passed.

c. Registration Fees

The council discussed a proposal to increase registration fees. After discussion it was agreed to table this proposal until more research can be done.

5. Equine Welfare Committee Recommendations

The council considered recommendations from the Equine Welfare Committee for a grant in the amount of \$4,000 for Dream Equine Therapy Center and an emergency grant in the amount of \$13,500 for Dreamscape, Inc. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve a grant in the amount of \$4,000 for Dream Equine Therapy Center and an emergency grant in the amount of \$7,000 for Dreamscape, Inc.

6. Mare Switch

The council considered a recommendation from staff regarding two mares that were accidentally switched. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to correct the pedigrees of the two mares, leaving their registered names as they are, but affixing to the

registered names the correct pedigrees. The motion passed.

7. CH Proposals

The council discussed revising CH rules to align with existing park pleasure and pony point systems, ensuring consistency across divisions. Kathie and Sandy explained that the proposed changes would streamline rules by applying a single set of CH qualifications across all USEF-sanctioned saddlebred classes, excluding sport horse and equitation divisions due to their unique judging and data entry requirements. The change would simplify programming for the USEF database and provide clarity for future rule updates. The council voted to approve the simplified CH point system proposal, which will now be sent to the board for final discussion.

8. Software Development Proposal

Sara presented a proposal to modernize the registration process by building a portal that would allow constituents to track the status of their applications and communicate with the registry team. They explained that the current database system is not feasible for implementing this feature, so the portal would initially stand alongside the database but eventually connect to it. The team discussed the need for this change due to the time-consuming process of tracking missing documents and providing updates to constituents. Sara explained that the portal would allow applicants to submit and track their applications online, with paper applications still available for those unable to use technology. The group discussed the potential time and cost savings, with Sara estimating 12 weeks for implementation and a budget of around \$80,000. The proposal will need approval from the Registry Council and Board, with funding coming from existing trust interest, ensuring the principal remains untouched.

After debate about whether to use registry funds for this purpose, the council approved using the balance of the \$23,283.63 from the previous year's transfer (approved at July 2, 2024 Registry Council meeting) and withdrawing and an additional \$23,000 to proceed with the database project. The motion passed. The council also discussed assisting the Association with fundraising efforts for the database project. In addition they agreed to review original Registry Trust agreements and bank statements to clarify the trust fund's historical commitments and current balance.

9. Other Business

No other business was raised.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. ET.