

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee
Wednesday, December 30, 2009
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

By Secure Teleconference (Operator Assisted)

MINUTES

[DRAFT of January 20, 2009]

Members Present: President Judith Werner, First Vice President Vicki Gillenwater, Second Vice President Barbara Molland, Secretary Paul Treiber, Treasurer Jim Ruwoldt, Mary Anne Cronan.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Association Directors: Louise Gilliland, Margaret McNeese.
Executive Secretary Alan F. Balch; Counsel Jefferson K. Streepey, Esq.

President Werner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., and asked Mr. Balch to call the roll to determine those present. All members of the Executive Committee were present; Mr. Balch stated that all directors of both the Association and Registry had been duly noticed for the meeting, and those that had responded were present.

Mr. Balch noted that without objection, the agenda may be deemed adopted. There was no objection.

President Werner called on Mr. Balch for the Executive Secretary's report. He gave a brief summary of the latest statistics (as of December 1), and noted that year-end numbers were not available until some time in January, since the books needed to be closed for December, and there was always holdover business. He stated that from year to year, staff had been working to close December's books earlier rather than later. As to the Financial Snapshot, Mr. Balch said that the forecast for year-end now made it appear possible that on a consolidated basis, the Association and Registry might actually finish in a favorable position to both budget and prior year, barring surprises in December's books, which were always possible.

Ms. Werner called upon Mr. Streepey for Counsel's Report. Mr. Streepey reported on the status of the litigation underway, as well as depositions taken and scheduled. Mr. Streepey and Mr. Balch also reported on their positive discussions regarding insurance coverage. Mr. Streepey answered several questions posed to him on these matters.

Ms. Werner than asked Mr. Balch to describe the proposal from Dr. Ernest Bailey of the Gluck Center for Equine Research at the University of Kentucky, regarding the Association's support of Lordosis research. Several questions were raised that Mr. Balch did not feel competent to answer with authority, and he suggested that President Werner might appoint a

small Select Committee to meet with Dr. Bailey, and have questions answered properly, and then report back a recommendation to the Executive Committee. *Ms. Gillenwater moved that such a Select Committee be appointed, Ms. Molland seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.* Ms. Werner stated that she was open to suggestions for the committee, and would appoint it within the next few days. [Subsequently, the *Select Committee of Mr. Fred Sarver, Dr. Margaret McNeese, and Mr. Balch met together with Dr. Bailey by teleconference, and recommended approval of the grant to the Executive Committee, which voted unanimously by email to approve an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for this phase of the research.*]

Ms. Werner stated that perhaps the main reason for the meeting was to attend to the designation of **2010 Regional Championship competitions, as well as staff and competition management recommendations as to policy**, which had been referred by the Board of Directors to the Executive Committee to handle, if possible, before year end. Mr. Balch noted that ideally, in the future, it would be appropriate to make this decision at the October meeting, and no later than early November if at all possible.

Ms. Molland moved the attached recommendations as to policies be approved, as modified below, Ms. Gillenwater seconded, and the motion carried without objection or abstention. The modifications are (1) that Youth Showmanship as a concept, and the conditions for which, must be further examined and agreed upon by those most familiar with the event and rules, and perhaps remain a requirement for "B" level competitions, but not Regional Championship events, so that (2) additional work can be done on definition and development of Youth Showmanship overall.

Ms. Cronan moved that the attached recommendations as to selection of/locations for 2010 Regional Championship competitions be adopted, and Ms. Molland seconded, with the proviso that staff and leadership evaluate the possibility/feasibility of forming a "Rocky Mountain Region," to enable a Regional Championship competition to be held in Colorado. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee then reviewed **planning for the 2010 convention**, and made suggestions to staff for improvements.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Ruwoldt moved **to adjourn**, seconded by Mr. Treiber, and the meeting was adjourned by consent of all in attendance at 3:10 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Alan F. Balch, Executive Secretary