

American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Embassy Suites Hotel, Clark Room

Thursday, February 16, 2006
6:45 p.m. Eastern Time

MINUTES

[As approved May 16, 2006]

Members Present: President Fred Sarver, First Vice President Misdee Wrigley, Second Vice President Mary Anne Cronan, Secretary Sandy Lilly, Treasurer David Howard, Directors Nancy Boone, Lewis Eckard, Matthew Heiman, Vicki Gillenwater, Nelson Green, Tim Lockard, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Robert Ruxer, Art Zubrod.

Members Absent: Director Paul Treiber.

Directors-Elect Present: William Blacklaw, Louise Gilliland, Jim Ruwoldt.

Others Present: UPHA President Randy Harper, Counsel Jeff Streepey, Executive Secretary Alan Balch.

I. The meeting was called to order by President Sarver at 7:30 p.m. and a quorum was established as present. Mr. Sarver introduced the guests and directors-elect. Dinner was served. Mr. Sarver presented gifts of appreciation to outgoing directors Eckard, Lilly, and Ruxer, who were saluted for their contributions to the Association.

II. Minutes

- a. The minutes of the meeting held by teleconference December 13, 2005, were considered. *Ms. Richardson moved their approval, and Ms. Boone seconded.* Mr. Heiman asked whether the minutes accurately reflected the report given by Ms. Cronan at the meeting. Following discussion all agreed it did. *The minutes were thereupon approved unanimously.*

- b. All members of the Executive Committee being present, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 21, 2005, were considered. *Ms. Cronan moved their approval and Ms. Lilly seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.*

III. President's Report

Mr. Sarver stated he would reserve any formal report and deliver his remarks as needed through the meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Howard described the detailed material provided to the board, and reiterated the Association is in very sound financial condition. He highlighted points brought out in the Finance Committee meeting earlier in the day, and noted that the budget proposed for 2006 would be considered by the new board on Saturday. *Ms. Cronan moved and Ms. Pardieck seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved, and the motion carried without objection.* Mr. Zubrod asked whether the Treasurer would like to comment on the omitted December financial report, now that he had reviewed the materials from that month's meeting. Mr. Howard advised that he had, and that all the finances were in order at that time. *Mr. Zubrod moved that the Treasurer's Report from December be approved, Mr. Lockard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

V. Executive Secretary's Report

a. Election Results

Mr. Balch reported that per the ballot tally received as of February 3, 2006, Mr. Blacklaw, Ms. Gilliland, and Mr. Ruwoldt were elected to the board of directors to three-year terms.

b. Consideration of Amendment to Bylaws

Mr. Balch and Mr. Streepey explained the reasoning to the proposed amendment to Article II, Part I, Section 6 of the Bylaws as noticed. The new language will not alter the quorum requirements for any business of the Association except the routine election by the members present in person or by proxy for the two individuals elected to the Nominating Committee at each annual meeting. Following discussion, *Ms. Wrigley moved that the bylaws be so amended, Ms. Gillenwater seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

VI. Consider of Board Guidelines, Information, Policies

Mr. Balch referred the board members to the extensive draft material in the packets circulated before the meeting. Since the material had first been distributed a year earlier, he asked that now the directors take some time to read it closely, and

indicated no real substantive changes had been made to the policies previously in place. The re-draft is to conform the policies to the new corporate structure, and provide more flexibility in certain areas. He recommended that the new board take up these policies at the Saturday meeting.

VII. Old Business

a. Recommendations to Kentucky State Fair

Ms. Cronan reported on the letter sent by Horse Show Manager Scarlett Mattson to the Association and to the UPHA, advising that the Association's proposal to have an unset tail Three Gaited class would be accepted by means of splitting the two-year-old Three Gaited class into sections, one for entrants with set tails and one for horses with unset tails, for the shows in 2006 and 2007, after which it would be re-evaluated. She noted that management was currently working to draft and refine class specifications, and read a preliminary draft. Questions and discussion ensued and it was emphasized that the language was not yet finalized.

The board engaged in a general discussion of the capacity of the Kentucky State Fair to schedule competitions for Saddlebreds in all disciplines, as well as the use of the "World's Champion" titles.

Mr. Sarver stated that he believes it is time to move the Goth Driving Challenge classes from Louisville, which has been hosting them. ***Dr. Raun moved and Ms. Gillenwater seconded that the Goth classes be moved to the Wisconsin Futurity for this year, and that Ms. Goth be consulted about future locations of the finals. The motion was adopted unanimously.***

b. Status of UPHA Relationship

Mr. Sarver and Mr. Harper reported that the UPHA and ASHA Executive Committee had just held a joint meeting, and that UPHA and ASHA have an excellent working relationship and that the two groups are communicating well. Mr. Harper suggested that the two organizations meet together at least once a year in the future.

Mr. Harper advised that the UPHA Executive Committee is not in favor of a rule requiring that two-year-olds be shown with unset tails beginning in 2008. The UPHA Executive Committee favors a stronger rule penalizing crooked tails and is happy to work with AHSA on wording, which UPHA believes should be similar to the low back rule for wording.

Ms. Wrigley moved and Mr. Green seconded the adoption of a resolution to join UPHA in developing a proposed rule change (1) to strengthen the wording on the crooked tail penalty, and (2) to provide no penalties for horses showing with an unset tail, with the wording to be developed by a committee from both groups

and submitted to the USEF Saddlebred Committee. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Heiman moved and Ms. Gillenwater seconded that no rule change be proposed to be effective in 2008 concerning unset tails for two-year-olds. The motion was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Zubrod and Mr. Ruxer each expressed his great pleasure in working with the individuals on this board of directors and each stated his belief that this board is a great group to lead AHSA in the future.

There being no further business, at 9:00 p.m., Mr. Heiman moved for adjournment, Mr. Zubrod seconded, and the meeting was closed by agreement of all in attendance.

Submitted by: _____
Alan F. Balch
Executive Secretary