

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY, INC.

Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. ET
by Zoom

MINUTES

ASR Directors Present: Sandra Currier President, Bob Brison, Elisabeth Goth, Todd Graham, Larry Hartsock, Missy Hughes Smith, Anna Marie Knipp, Emily Lee, Donna Pettry-Smith, Kim Skipton, Jenny Taylor and Owen Weaver.

Others Present: David Mount, ASHA Executive Director, Lisa Duncan Registrar, Katriona Adams Assistant Registrar and guest Kathie Jacobsen.

I. Roll Call/Establish Quorum/Adopt Sturgis Rules of Order/Consider Agenda

Ms. Currier called the meeting to order and Ms. Duncan called the roll. A quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Sturgis Rules of Order, the motion was passed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda, the motion was passed.

II. Consideration of Draft Minutes of April 20, 2020

Mr. Mount requested a clarification to the draft minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting under Item II. Financial implications of the Covid 19 shutdown to read “which equates to *approximately* \$71,496 in credit to the Registry.” Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve the draft minutes with this amendment, Ms. Goth seconded and the motion was passed.

III. President’s Report

a. CH Program for Sport Horses

Kathie Jacobsen explained a proposal from the ASHA Equine Welfare Advocacy Committee for CH Sport Horse points as well as proposed criteria for the Endurance and for the Eventing disciplines. The point system is based on the current Saddlebred Record (CH) Program. The proposal included a list of Historic Sport Horses to be automatically considered CH due to their outstanding records. This program will be for full American Saddlebreds as well as for registered Half Saddlebreds.

After discussion, Ms. Skipton made a motion to approve the proposed CH-SH Points Proposal as well as a list of historical sport horses to be designated as CH-SH (Champion Sport Horse), Ms. Pettry Smith seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor.

It was agreed to postpone a vote on the Endurance criteria until the matter of the National Affiliate for Endurance is resolved at USEF. Ms. Goth made a motion to approve the Eventing criteria as presented, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion was passed. Ms. Jacobsen is working on criteria for other sport horse disciplines which will be presented to the board at a later date. Ms. Jacobsen left the meeting.

b. Sport Horse related recommendations for qualifying

Ms. Adams presented a recommendation to the 2020 Sport Horse Year End Awards Program to reduce the minimum qualifying requirements by half for the number of scores/rides, competitions/events/rides and judges. She also presented a recommendation to the qualifying requirements for the 2020 Distance Horse National Championships to reduce the number of qualifying Endurance rides from two to one 50 mile or 30 mile AERC ride to be completed prior to the start of the 50 or 30 mile Championships respectively. Ms. Goth made a motion to approve these recommendations for 2020, Ms. Pettry Smith seconded, and the motion was passed.

c. Reorganization Outline

Ms. Currier reported that she had asked Anna Marie Knipp to work with Chris Schubert on an outline with the purpose of identifying for discussion the areas of reorganization that will require assessment by both ASR and ASHA. She noted this is a preliminary outline. Ms. Skipton questioned the statement “we can allocate a substantial portion of existing money to the trust in the instance ASHA is unable to sustain the Registry” and asked why wouldn’t the Registry money stay with the Registry keeping the same operating money in the Trust. Questions were also raised about who elects the Board of Directors, about the duties of the new Registry Committee versus the current Registry Committee, about fund raising issues, as well as the cost of closing down two organizations. Ms. Knipp noted that they wanted to get some feedback before they move forward.

d. Other

Ms. Currier suggested adding a checkbox to registration papers to enroll a horse in My Meadows, A Home for Life. Ms. Duncan noted that we could add it to the registration and transfer forms and have it print on the registration papers. After discussion, Ms. Skipton made a motion to add boxes to the forms, Ms. Goth seconded and the motion was passed.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

a. ASR Financials as of May 31, 3020

Ms. Skipton questioned the money on the balance sheet listed as Due to the Association under Other Current Liabilities. Mr. Mount clarified that once the PPE loan is forgiven on December 11th then that money will be removed and will not be owing to the Association. Ms. Goth inquired about the Futurity and Sweepstakes financials. It was agreed to provide the board with financials for Futurities and Sweepstakes and to consider consolidating P&L. The Futurity financials will also be provided to the Futurity Committee.

b. Raymond James Investment Report

A written Raymond James Investment Report was provided to the Board. It was noted that the markets have come back up. A suggestion was made to go over our contract with Raymond James every three years.

c. Revisit budget regarding staff travel to the Kentucky State Fair

The Board had previously deferred the matter of revising the budget for staff travel to the Kentucky State Fair. Mr. Mount noted that the ASHA Board voted to have staff travel home again each day. The Registry Board agreed with this policy and noted that we may not even have Registry staff at the Kentucky State Fair this year. A discussion took place regarding other areas where we could look at cutting the budget. Ms. Duncan was asked to gather information on the last amnesty and provide it to the Board. Ms. Goth offered to pay to have an efficiency expert look at our processes in the Registry. A suggestion was also made to look at income versus non-income tasks.

V. Registrar's Report

a. Registry Statistics as of June 30, 2020

Ms. Duncan reported on the Registry Statistics as of June 30, 2020 for transfers and registrations received and processed.

b. 2019 Live Foal Report

Ms. Duncan provided the results of the 2019 Live Foal Reports received. A suggestion was made to add the number of mares bred and to make the results public.

c. Transfer without signature of recorded owner

Ms. Duncan reported on a request to transfer a gelding without the signature of the recorded owner. The new owner submitted a signed bill of sale. After discussion, the board asked Ms. Duncan to consult with Walt Robertson regarding this matter and to email the Board with his recommendation. This led to a discussion regarding rescue horses and a suggestion was made to form a Rescue Department. It was agreed to appoint a group to work on this and try to get a volunteer attorney. Ms. Pettry Smith will be part of this group.

d. Update on transfers to 501 (c) 3 rescue organizations

Ms. Duncan reported that the transfer rule change for rescue organizations is going back to the Equine Welfare and the Registry Committees. A suggestion was made to add an option to the registration application form to donate \$1 to the Equine Welfare Fund.

VI. Recommendation from Top Breeders Sub-Committee

Ms. Duncan read a rule change proposal from the Top Breeders Sub-Committee regarding Names. This is based on a request from top breeders to be able to reuse the name of a registered horse under certain circumstances. A discussion took place regarding the proposal and Ms. Goth offered to work on rewriting it and will bring it back to the Top Breeders Committee for consideration.

A discussion took place regarding Futurities and how we can make it easier for people to nominate their horses. It was agreed to have a joint meeting of the Futurity and Sweepstakes Committees. Ms. Goth suggested including a study done previously regarding when people drop out. Ms. Duncan was asked to look at what other states have programs similar to KSOBA.

VII. Election of ASR Nominating Committee Members

Ms. Currier asked for nominations for Directors to serve on the ASR Nominating Committee. Ms. Goth nominated Emily Lee, Ms. Weaver nominated Larry Hartsock and Matt Shiflet. Ms. Currier appointed Jenny Taylor to serve as the committee chair. Ms. Skipton made a motion to close nominations, Ms. Weaver seconded and the motion was passed. The ASR Nominating Committee list is: Jenny Taylor, Chair and members Emily Lee, Larry Hartsock and Matt Shiflet.

VIII. Saddlebred Record Candidates

Ms. Duncan asked for approval of the Saddlebred Record Candidates submitted by Louise Gilliland. Ms. Skipton made a motion to approve the candidates, Ms. Weaver seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

IX. Other Business

Ms. Duncan will ask Mr. Mount about graphic design help for the Win Big brochure. Once it has been updated, we will share it on social media.

X. Adjournment

With no other business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. ET.

Submitted by: *Katriona Adams*
Assistant Registrar