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**AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday, January 4, 2021

1. Call to Order – Marty Schaffel

- a. **Roll Call** – The following ASHA board members were present: Marty Schaffel, James Nichols, Allen Bosworth, Owen Weaver, Candi Aversenti, Kristen Bagdasarian, Kristen Cater, Sandra Currier, Ali DeGray, Elisabeth Goth, Emily Lee, Helena Moreno, Joe O’Brien, Evan Orr, Cliff Paulsen, Rachel Seifert and Jenny Taylor. The following ASHA staff members were present: David Mount and Jean Warren.
- b. **Adoption of Agenda** – Marty called for a vote to adopt the Agenda. Sandra Currier made the motion, seconded by Elisabeth Goth. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Merger Update – Rachel Seifert

Rachel Seifert reported that in order to notice the largest number of members about the Annual Meeting and proposed merger, the bylaws would have to be amended to allow the board to set November 30, 2020 as the official member record date. Rachel recommended that it would be better practice to appoint two people as the proxy, especially since the Annual Meeting will have to be held via Zoom and there is always the possibility of technical difficulties when a meeting is held in a virtual format. Rachel recommended that ASHA mail out official meeting notice and proxies to all eligible voting members as of November 30, 2020. Members would be able to return their proxy by mail, vote online or vote during the annual meeting. The mailing would go out next week, which would allow for proper notification times. ASHA would set February 8 as the date to make all of the merger documents available for members to inspect and February 17 as the date of the Annual Meeting. These dates would give the attorneys ample time to finalize the merger documents and get them to the boards for approval. A letter would accompany the meeting notice and official proxy outlining the process and announcing a Town Hall Meeting on January 27 to address all merger concerns and questions. Rachel stated that a motion to amend the bylaws to allow for a November 30 member record date and approving the language for the meeting notice and official proxy needed to be voted on as a group. Joe O’Brien made the motion to approve, seconded by Elisabeth Goth. All in favor. Motion carried.



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3. Executive Director's Report – David Mount

David Mount reported that our new accountant, Amy Quatman, started working part-time in December so she could train with our retiring accountant before she left. She has already completed the November financials and they will be sent to the board after they are reviewed by Allen Bosworth. The net income for November was \$55,000 and David expects to close out the year with a net income, based off of strong year end giving and better than expected membership renewals. David reported that ASHA received a pledge from an anonymous donor last month to fund a new Development Director position for five years. The first round of interviews has been completed and two finalists will be interviewed a second time this week with the hope of having someone hired this month. David also reported that he has been in contact with our bank and would be applying for a second round of PPP financing as soon as applications are accepted.

4. President's Report – Marty Schaffel

Marty thanked the board for helping ASHA get through the last 12 months. He stated that the association has faced many challenges from Safe Sport to the COVID-19 pandemic and everything has worked out much better than he expected. He is looking forward for horse shows to start back up and for the pandemic to be behind us.

5. New Business/Old Business – Marty Schaffel

There was no new or old business for discussion.

6. Adjourn – Marty Schaffel

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm, motion made by Kristen Cater and seconded by Elisabeth Goth. All voted in favor. Motion carried.