



AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 6, 2022 5:00 PM ET via Zoom

1. Call to Order – Anna Marie Knipp

- a. **Roll Call** – Board Members Present: Kristen Bagdasarian, Allen Bosworth, Jim Cherry, Ali DeGray, Jennifer Dixon, Larry Hartsock, Anna Marie Knipp, Emily Lee, Joan Lurie, Helena Moreno, James Nichols, Evan Orr, Christy Parker, Clif Paulsen, Chris Schubert, Kim Skipton, Joan Todd, Owen Weaver and Malissa Walke (Honorary). Absent: Julie Behrends-Jones, Bob Brison, Rick Curl, Joe O'Brien and Rachel Seifert. Guest(s) Present: Kathie Jacobson. ASHBA Staff Present: David Mount, Katriona Adams and Jean Warren.
- b. **Adoption of Agenda** – Anna Marie called for a vote to adopt the agenda. Motion made by Kim Skipton to accept the agenda as presented and seconded by Chris Schubert. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Approval of Board Minutes** – Anna Marie called for a vote to approve the minutes from the last board meeting on May 2, 2022. Motion made by Owen Weaver and seconded by Emily Lee. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Declare Conflict of Interest** – No conflicts declared.
- e. **Welcome Guests** – Anna Marie welcome Kathie Jacobson, chair of the Equine Welfare Advocacy Committee to the meeting.

2. Executive Director's Report – David Mount

- a. **ASHBA Star Show Update** – David reported on the AMHA decision to discontinue their Star Show program for the 2024 competition year and have all AMHA Star Shows add AMHA as an additional insured party effective immediately. ASHBA has the same insurance carrier as AMHA who, along with an independent insurance carrier, recommended that ASHBA require its Star Shows to add ASHBA as an additional insured party effective immediately. ASHBA will continue to review the AMHA decision to drop their Star Shows starting with the 2024 competition year. Motion made by Jennifer Dixon to have ASHBA Star Shows add ASBHBA as an additional insured party and seconded by Ali DeGray. All in favor. Motion carried.



b. Strategic Plan Update – David reported that Rachel Friend from Right Angle has been selected as the facilitator for the strategic plan update. The board previously approved moving forward with the update which will start in July.

c. Breeders Excellence Grant Applications – David reported that the association received five applications for the Breeders Excellence Grants. All of the applicants met the grant criteria. The applicants are:

Allison Cantrell – High Spirits Farm (Ashland, MO)

Stephanie Burchette – Bobbin Hollow Equestrian Center (Redick, FL)

Michelle Haisch – Desert Palms Equestrian Center (Cave Creek, AZ)

Andrea Smith – All Roses Farm (Versailles, KY)

Sarah Wood – Daybreak Farm (Mt. Juliet, TN)

David recommended giving each applicant the maximum allowed \$1,000. Clif Paulsen asked that the applicants be reminded that anything learned through this program is to be used on their own horses only. Motion made by Kim Skipton to accept the recommendation for five individual grants of \$1,000 each and seconded by Emily Lee. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Update on Learn to Ride for Free – David reported the Learn to Ride for Free website will go live next week and that a local Denver television station will do a segment on the program. The pilot is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 at Parker Valley Farm in Parker, Colorado.

3. Equine Welfare Advocacy Committee Update – Kathie Jacobson

Kathie reported on Equine Welfare Advocacy Committee activities for the year. EWAC recommended to the board that ASHBA upgrade its American Horse Council membership from the standard \$1,000 level to the premium \$2,500 level. This will give ASHBA more of a voice on the council including committee memberships. Also, EWAC recommended that ASHBA join the United Horse Coalition at the \$1,000 level. The United Horse Coalition helps at risk horses and horses in transition. Current members include USDF, USEF, USHJA and AQHA. EWAC will provide a \$25 non-profit membership for all Bruce Hanson Grant recipients. Kathie also reported on recommended changes to the Home for Life program. The original program allowed for individuals not listed on the horse's papers to apply for Home for Life. The application would first have to be approved by EWAC and then the Registry Council before final board approval. EWAC recommended that the original rules be reinstated. EWAC is also working with the Marketing Committee and staff on rebranding the program.

4. Operations Committee Update – Chris Schubert and David Mount

David reviewed committee policies adopted by the board in 2020. It is recommended that committees provide the board with mid-year updates. David will contact



committee chairs and board liaisons for the updates in time for the next board meeting on July 11, 2022.

5. Registrar's Report – Katriona Adams

Katriona reported on Registry activities for the past month. The Registry is current on all transactions. The office received a large number of registrations due to the June 15 deadline for the National Futurity. Katriona also reported that a new Broodmare Hall of Fame Application Form has been created to help notify the office of a potential qualified mare. The current database is unable to automatically calculate which mares qualify for the program based on the new criteria.

6. Treasurer's Report – David Mount

David reported that Strothman and Company is currently conducting the annual internal audit for ASHBA. Financials will be discussed at the next board meeting along with an investment update from Raymond James.

7. President's Report – Anna Marie Knipp

Anna Marie reported the plans have been finalized and contracts signed to move the 2-year old Sweepstakes to the UPHA/American Royal National Championship in Kansas City. To date there are 71 nominated horses for the class and 5 refunds were given due to moving the class from Virginia to Missouri. Anna Marie updated the board on David's travels to shows in Massachusetts, California and Pennsylvania and reiterated the importance of David and the association meeting with members and attending shows in all areas of the country.

8. Additional Business – Anna Marie Knipp

David reminded the board that the next meeting will be in-person at Spy Coast Farm in Lexington, KY on Monday, July 11, 2022.

9. Adjourn – Anna Marie Knipp

Anna Marie ask for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Kim Skipton and seconded by Kristen Bagdasarian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Scheduled Monday, July 11, 2022 at 9:00am ET in Lexington, Kentucky