

# American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc.

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

American Saddlebred Museum Library  
Kentucky Horse Park  
Lexington, Kentucky

Monday, July 10, 2006  
10:40 a.m. Eastern Time

## **MINUTES**

[As Approved October 25, 2006]

**Members Present:** President Fred Sarver, First Vice President Misdee Wrigley, Second Vice President Mary Anne Cronan, Secretary Mary Ann Pardieck, Treasurer David Howard, Directors Bill Blacklaw, Nancy Boone, Victoria Gillenwater, Louise Gilliland, Nelson Green, Matthew Heiman, Tim Lockard, Scott Matton, Kay Richardson, Paul Treiber, Art Zubrod.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Alan Raun, Jim Ruwoldt.

**Others Present:** Counsel Jeff Streepey, Executive Secretary Alan Balch.

**I. The meeting was called to order** at 10:40 a.m., and a quorum was present.

**II. Consideration of Minutes**

*Ms. Wrigley moved the approval of the minutes from the teleconference meeting of May 16, 2006 as circulated to the directors, Mr. Blacklaw seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.*

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Howard reviewed the detailed financial statements provided by directors and answered questions as necessary. He pointed out that the Association is in sound financial condition, and its performance is favorable to budget and year-earlier figures, despite some weakness in Registry business.

Following discussion, *Ms. Boone moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and Ms. Cronan seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.*

#### **IV. President's Report**

##### **a. General/Committees**

Mr. Sarver summarized the meeting of the Registry Board of Directors just concluded, and pointed out that following communication with the breeders and other interested constituencies, it is the Registry's intention to make significantly more data available to all members following further discussion at the October meeting.

Mr. Sarver called the attention of the directors to the material circulated showing the evolution of committee memberships and composition, and called on Mr. Matton to give his report (deferred from the meeting at the convention) on the Pleasure Horse Committee. *Mr. Matton reported that the committee recommended, and he moved, that Hunter Pleasure performances be eligible in the CH/Saddlebred Record program, on the same basis that other Country Pleasure classes are recognized, retroactive to the start of the 2006 competition year, and Ms. Gilliland seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Matton further reported that there was discussion in the committee as to whether professionals should be able to show Western and Hunter Pleasure horses, and *he moved to refer this matter to the Standards and Rules Committee for consideration, Mr. Zubrod seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion resumed on whether there should be Hunter Pleasure year-end awards for the current year. *Mr. Matton moved the approval of their inclusion for the current year, Ms. Gilliland seconded, and the motion carried with one dissenting vote.*

##### **b. American Saddlebred Museum**

Mr. Sarver referred the directors to the letter circulated from Stites Harbison, dated March 1, 2006, which memorialized the understanding reached by attorneys and leadership of the Museum and the Association as to the Museum's potential plans for the construction of a new building. The Museum's leadership has requested this board formally approve the understanding reflected in the letter.

Following discussion, *Mr. Howard moved the approval of the letter, Ms. Cronan seconded, and the motion carried with one dissent.*

#### **V. Executive Secretary's Report**

Mr. Balch reviewed recently published Advancement materials, including printed brochures and membership solicitations, as well as plans for the Advancement Committee and open members' forum to be held later in the week, and planned market research.

He further informed the directors that as of this date, no communication has been received from the Governor's Office regarding the pending appointment to the Kentucky State Fair Board of Directors. Discussion ensued about what further steps, if any, were warranted by the Association, and no action was taken.

The new Regional Championship program was discussed, and Mr. Balch explained that the Charter Club Council, which has been reviewing the matter, is scheduled to meet later this week. Due to timing of its prize list, Mr. Balch recommended that the Association consider the Pennsylvania National again at this time, and schedule an Executive Committee meeting after the Charter Club Council meets to review other recommendations. *Mr. Green moved that the Pennsylvania National be approved again as the Northeast Regional Championship, Ms. Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Gilliland and others suggested that all competitions in the Association's database be contacted about this program, and that we needed to move toward such regional championships in all sections of Saddlebred competition, including English, Western, and Hunter.

*Ms. Gillenwater moved that following the Charter Club Council meeting, the Executive Committee meet as soon as possible and designate Regional Championships for 2006 to the greatest extent possible, throughout the country. Ms. Cronan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Balch called the attention of the directors to the form for a Welfare Grant Request, prepared by Mr. Heiman and suggested for approval by the Equine Welfare Committee. *Mr. Heiman moved the form be approved with leave to modify further as necessary, Ms. Wrigley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **VI. Old Business**

### **a. Strategic Planning Committee**

Mr. Zubrod noted that this committee, of which he is a member, has been inactive and suggested that it be charged with responsibilities and meet, or be disbanded. Mr. Sarver advised that he has some ideas for reforming the committee, and agreed that it should be active.

### **b. KSOBA**

Ms. Wrigley pointed out that this Kentucky Charter Club has been tasked with getting more information to the Kentucky Racing Authority for the legislated breeders' incentive program.

## VII. New Business

### a. KEEP

Ms. Wrigley reported on an oral history project under the supervision of the Kentucky Historical Society, similar to previous projects, and encouraged ASHA to support it. Mr. Balch received the materials and stated that perhaps we could contribute our existing videotapes with historical figures. KEEP is making a \$5,000 contribution to the program.

### b. Riding Academy Committee

Mr. Matton provided the work he had done in updating the Association's 1995 publication/manual on riding schools. He indicated that Patty Milligan in Texas and Parker Lovell in North Carolina were also contributing to this work. Mr. Balch advised that Judy Werner was working on the same project, and had involved the Raymond and Lillian Shively and others, and suggested the work be coordinated. Mr. Matton left the latest draft manual with Mr. Balch.

### c. Board Materials

Mr. Lockard suggested that materials for directors be sent earlier prior to meetings so that there might be more time for review. Mr. Balch advised of the particular timing problems with a meeting in early July, immediately after the July 4 holiday.

### d. Staff Compensation

Mr. Howard on behalf of the Human Resources Committee opened a discussion of Mr. Balch's contractual arrangement with the Association, and Mr. Balch was excused. Mr. Howard reported that the current contract expires next March, and that the Association needs to be considering a new compensation agreement. Mr. Heiman suggested that the Executive Committee consider it and report to the Board no later than the February 2007 meeting, but preferably by the October 2006 meeting.

Following discussion, *Mr. Heiman thereupon moved that the Executive Committee consider Mr. Balch's compensation agreement and report its findings to the Board at the October 2006 meeting for ratification. Mr. Lockard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.*

## VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the directors, the meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan F. Balch  
Executive Secretary  
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Jefferson Streepey  
Counsel