



**AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET via Zoom

1. Call to Order – Allen Bosworth

- a. **Roll Call** – Kristen Bagdasarian, Julie Behrends-Jones, Allen Bosworth, Rick Curl, Jennifer Dixon, Anna Marie Knipp, Smith Lilly, James Nichols, Joe O'Brien, Christy Parker, Clif Paulsen, Chris Schubert, Rachel Seifert, Kim Skipton and Joan Todd. Absent: Jim Cherry, Juliette Dell and Larry Hartsock. ASHBA staff present: David Mount, Katriona Adams and Jean Warren.
- b. **Adoption of Agenda** – Allen called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion made by Joan Todd and seconded by Clif Paulsen. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Approve March 6, 2023 Board Minutes** – Allen called for a motion to approve the board minutes from the March 5, 2023 board meeting. Motion made by Rick Curl and seconded by Anna Marie Knipp. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Declare Conflict of Interest** – None declared.

2. Executive Director's Report – David Mount

- a. **Strategic Plan Update** – David reported the Strategic Planning Committee has met twice to discuss how to facilitate the strategic planning process, which will be based off of the process used in 2018. The first step in the process is a survey to members, followed by interviews of key stakeholder and then an in-person workshop. The survey will go out in early May.
- b. **USEF Update** – David reported that ASHBA is still working with USEF on an updated Affiliate Agreement draft and a revamp of the USEF Competition Lite program with the American Morgan Horse Association and Arabian Horse Association.
- c. **World's Championship Horse Show Update** – David gave an update on the Kentucky Exposition Center Master Plan. \$180 million has been secured to fund the first phase of the facility renovation and expansion. No final plans have been approved and the renderings that were made public were used just to secure



funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky only. It is anticipated that this will be a three phase, 10-year project. ASHBA has been in contact with both Kentucky Venues and ASHBA's Kentucky State Fair Board representative to make sure ASHBA's input is considered in the design phase process.

- d. **Programs Director Update** – David reported that the Marketing and Programs Director position has been posted attracting the interest of several promising candidates. He also reported that Morgan King, the current Development Manager, will be leaving ASHBA on April 19.

3. **Convention Planning Committee Update – Chris Schubert**

Chris reported that we are in the process of finalizing the contract with the Louisville Marriott Downtown for the 2024 convention. Once the contract with the host hotel is signed a save the date communication will go out to members. Also, the final 2023 convention profit and loss statement will be presented at the next board meeting.

4. **Proposed Bylaw Change – Rachel Seifert**

Rachel presented a proposed bylaw change to the board that would eliminate the 10 karat gold requirement for the Lifetime Membership pins due to the increased cost of gold while providing flexibility on the design of the pin. Motion made by Joe O'Brien and seconded by Joan Todd. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Registrar's Report**

- a. **Request to Waive Requirement for Stallion Service Report** – Katriona reported that the Registry Council approved a request to waive the stallion service report requirement for a 2019 mare that was seized from Jennifer Bayne Donnell in 2020. The court order directs us to register the foal in the ownership of Rebecca Loomer, who adopted the mare from Boyle County Animal Rescue, provided all other requirements for registration have been met. This request is in accordance with Registry Rule XIII for Extraordinary Circumstances. Motion was made by Chris Schubert to approve the request as presented and seconded by Joan Todd. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. **CH Proposal** – Katriona reported that the Registry Council Sub-Committee met and came up with a revised proposal regarding the CH Program which would eliminate the requirement that only 3 points won at ASHBA Star Shows will count toward the total of 15 points required to earn CH status and would add a requirement that 5 points must be earned at USEF shows. Clif Paulson, sub-committee member, explained the reasoning behind the proposal and Smith Lilly



also spoke in favor of it. Rachel Seifert recommended changing USEF shows to USEF Licensed shows. Motion made by Kim Skipton and seconded by Julie Behrends-Jones to approve the amended proposal. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Rachel presented the Summary of Financial Statements showing net income of \$247,288.45 through February, an increase of \$151,533.39 over the prior year. Net income will come down significantly once final convention invoices are received and paid including the host hotel. Net assets were \$2,322,045.76 through February, an increase of \$158,956.26 over the prior year. A more detailed financial report will be given at the next board meeting and will cover Q1 2023.

7. President's Report – Allen Bosworth

a. **Hunter Task Force** – Allen stated that he is putting together a Hunter Task Force, to address adding second split to the Hunter Country Pleasure qualifier at the World's Championship Horse Show and other related issues. He hopes to have the Task Force in place by the end of the month.

b. **LA Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Spurs** – Allen reported that the Los Angeles City Council was considering an ordinance to ban the use of spurs in LA county. USEF sent a letter to the LA City Council opposing the ordinance and asked affiliates to do the same. Motion made by Joe and seconded by Kristen Bagdasarian. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Additional Business – Allen Bosworth

Allen thanked the board and staff for all of the good work they are doing.

9. Adjourn – Allen Bosworth

Motion made by Rick Curl to adjourn seconded by Joan Todd. All in favor. Motion carried. 6:35 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET via Zoom