

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARRIOTT GRIFFIN GATE, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010, AT 7 P.M. EST

MINUTES

Members Present: President Judy Werner
Vice President Vicki Gillenwater
Vice President Barbara Molland
Secretary Paul Treiber
Treasurer Jim Ruwoldt
Directors Betsy Boone, Nelson Green, Charles Herbert, Carl Holden, Germaine Johnson, Scott Matton, Dr. Margaret McNeese, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Jimmy Robertson, William Whitley, Art Zubrod, Louise Gilliland

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mary Anne Cronan, Member of the Executive Committee and Registry Director
Brett Day representing UPHA
Museum President Laurel Nelson
Counsel Jeff Streepey
Minna Hankin and William Marple, newly elected ASHA Directors

The meeting was called to order by President Werner at 7 p.m. Mr. Streepey called the roll and noted that all directors of the Association were present.

The guests noted above were introduced.

Consideration of Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 2, 2009 were considered, and upon motion of Mary Anne Cronan, seconded by Vicki Gillenwater, the minutes were approved as corrected by Barbara Molland. Only Executive Committee members voted.

The minutes of the December 30, 2009 Executive Committee meeting were considered, and upon motion of Paul Treiber, seconded by Vicki Gillenwater, the minutes were approved. Only the Executive Committee members voted.

The minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors were considered. Upon motion of Carl Holden, seconded by Art Zubrod, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jim Ruwoldt presented the financial results for 2009, and the Board engaged in a lengthy discussion of them. Mr. Ruwoldt noted that expenses were under budget and appeared to be well controlled. Although revenue was down, the Association had net income of about \$22,000. Mr. Ruwoldt advised that Bill Whitley has agreed to assist in reviewing the Association's investment strategy. Upon motion of Art Zubrod, seconded by Bill Whitley, the treasurer's report was accepted.

Bill Whitley noted that the Directors' Guidelines for both the Association and the Registry permit reimbursement of travel expenses for the ASHA and Registry Presidents respectively. He noted that although historically these expenses have not been claimed, because of the absence of an Executive Secretary and Registrar it is very likely the Presidents of the Association and Registry will have to make a number of trips to Lexington for reasons other than attendance at board meetings. Mr. Whitley stated the finance committee urges the Presidents to submit their expenses for travel to Lexington for reasons other than attendance at board meetings, because of the considerable expense involved. The finance committee's concern is that if the Presidents continue to pay these expenses out of pocket, it may discourage qualified candidates for office from accepting the job.

Carl Holden inquired as to permitted uses of the Belle Elegant Fund. President Werner will investigate.

President's Report:

President Werner called on Fred Sarver, ASHA's representative on the Kentucky State Fair Board, to present a report of the Kentucky State Fair Advisory Committee meeting. He noted that the fire damage to the barns at the fairgrounds totaled \$2,000,000. All damaged barns have now been repaired and bids let for two new barns. All repairs and reconstruction will be completed by the time of the Kentucky State Fair. He noted changes in classes for the show, and that the list of judges for 2010 horse show is complete.

Brett Day, UPHA's representative, raised the need for TV monitors in the chute at the Kentucky State Fair.

Judy Werner reported on the UPHA convention in New Orleans and noted its excellent program of roundtable discussions. She suggested supporting the UPHA pink ribbon program for breast cancer and its Ribbons for Service program for the benefit of St. Jude's Hospital as excellent ways to get Saddlebred exposure.

Vicki Gillenwater suggested that a convention committee be created to engage in planning for next year's convention, and President Werner agreed to appoint such a committee.

Betsy Boone reported that the Hunter Discipline Committee wants to propose an open hunter division to USEF. The sense of the Board was that the proposal should be presented to the USEF Saddlebred Committee.

Management Report:

President Werner presented the management report. There was a general discussion of ways to increase member participation in elections. President Werner reviewed Registry statistics, and it was noted that Saddlebreds are actually doing well compared to other breeds, even though transfers and registrations are down.

Laurel Nelson presented a museum report and announced that the grand opening of the expanded museum is scheduled for April 9, 2010.

Gifts of Appreciation:

President Werner presented gifts of appreciation to outgoing directors, Mary Ann Pardieck and Dr. Raun, and also to Mary Anne Cronan who is going off the Registry Board. Brian Reimer, who is also going off the Registry Board, was not in attendance.

Web site:

There was a discussion of possible changes in password protected areas of the Web site. President Werner will name a committee to study the matter.

Bylaws:

President Werner will appoint a committee to consider the Association bylaws as they relate to the election of Registry Board directors.

Executive Session:

There being no other business, non-directors were excused so the Association Board could meet in executive session.

Adjournment:

Following the executive session, and with no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Treiber moved to adjourn, Mr. Zubrod seconded, and the motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jefferson K. Streepey, Secretary Pro Tem