

## APPROVED MINUTES

### ASHA BOARD MEETING

*American Saddlebred Museum,  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Saturday, March 13, 2004, 10:00a.m.*

Members Present: Edward Bennett (by teleconference), Nancy Boone, (by teleconference), Carter Cox, Mary Anne Cronan, Lewis Eckard (by teleconference), Tom Ferrebee, Vicki Gillenwater, Carolyn Groves (by teleconference), David Howard, Kris Price Knight, Sandy Lilly, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Robert Ruxer, Fred Sarver and Misdee Wrigley.

Members Absent: Matthew Heiman, Ad hoc - Tom Pettry

Also Present: Jeff Streepey (ASHA Legal Counsel)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. The minutes of the February 19, 2004 and February 21, 2004 were read and amended as follows:

Mary Anne Cronan amended the paragraph regarding the titling of champions at the Kentucky State Fair in the Thursday Meeting. Mary Ann Pardieck had two corrections to quotes attributed to her in the Saturday meeting.

*Misdee Wrigley moved, and Bob Ruxer seconded, to approve the Minutes as amended. Motion carried.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### PLEASURE HORSE COMMITTEE

The recommendation from the Pleasure Horse Committee that backing in championship classes in the pleasure division be at the judge's discretion, was referred to the Standards and Rules Committee for further study.

#### CHARTER CLUBS

As the information needed to evaluate the statistics on the status and activities of the Charter Clubs will not be available until April 30, this discussion was deferred to the July meeting.

#### SADDLEBRED RECORD

Clarification of rules for Saddlebred Record as a follow-up to recommendation from the Breeders' Committee, that only stripped championships should count for CH points. A discussion resulted with comments questioning why a rule change was necessary, and also if there were statistics available as to what number of classes would be affected by a rule change. Mary Ann Cronan suggested that we would need more information to determine if we would actually be stripping more or fewer classes as a result of the USEF Rule Changes this year, and proposed a possible solution by adding a third point for a stripped championship win.

Bob Ruxer pointed out that a horse could then possibly win four points at a single horse show, and that Pleasure Horses and ponies would not be eligible for the fourth point, as their classes were never stripped.

*Mary Anne Cronan moved, and Dr. Raun seconded that this matter be referred back to the Breeders Committee to consider a third point for stripped classes, for a report in July, 2004. Motion carried.*

*Mary Anne Cronan made a second motion, and Vickie Gillenwater seconded, that the Breeders' Committee determine the number of classes stripped in 2004, as opposed to 2003 at the same shows. Motion carried.*

#### GRAND NATIONAL

Review of recommendations from the Breeders' Committee that a championship must be stripped if there was added Grand National prize money paid in the class. Discussion regarding the problems with changing the rules ensued. Dr. Raun requested information on Grand National Funds, and

David Howard, Treasurer, said he would get a complete breakdown on the program and send it to each Board Member before the July meeting.

*Bob Ruxer moved, and Kris Knight seconded, to keep the Grand National program as it is. Motion carried.*

#### KENTUCKY AND NATIONAL FUTURITIES AND SWEEPSTAKES

President Fred Sarver stated that the rules regarding Futurities and Sweepstakes were clearly spelled out and no action was necessary by the Board.

#### SWEEPSTAKES

Bill Wise, Chairman of the Sweepstakes Committee, has been contacted regarding the proposed rule changes to the Sweepstakes, and he is in agreement with the new fee plan for the Two-Year-Old Sweepstakes which would be a payment due of \$75 by June 1, OR \$125 by September 15, and the grace period would be extended from five days to ten days. The application process would also be changed to allow applications to be received by, not foal registered by, January 31 of the yearling year.

#### DUPLICATE MAGAZINES

In a follow-up to an inquiry on this topic at the February meetings, it was noted that about 10% of the mailings to households were duplicates: i.e. Magazine, Breeders Reference Book, etc. Carolyn Groves suggested that we have a postcard mailing to each household, notifying them that duplicate mailings would be stopped, and allowing the members to have a box to check as to how many copies they wished to have continue to come to their households. Mary Ann Pardieck suggested that we have something in the magazine pertaining to the problem, and point out the savings in dollars to the Association.

Fred Sarver asked Kris Knight to work with Charlotte Tevis and Dede Gatlin on the staff to cross-reference addresses and work to reduce these mailings.

Jeff Streepey pointed out that according to the By-Laws, a ballot for each member would continue to need to be sent to all households.

*Kris Knight moved and David Howard seconded that the ASHA staff be instructed to cross-reference addresses in order to send as few duplicate mailings as possible. Motion carried.*

#### ASHA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Various ways of verifying ASHA memberships were discussed, including sending out a disc with all the current ASHA members identified, to show secretaries, as well as possibly having a password-protected list of all members on the ASHA Web site. No action was required.

#### MEMBERSHIP DONATION TO FOUNDATION

It was decided to defer to the new Executive Secretary the issue of better informing the membership of ways to contribute to the various funds and endowments of the Foundation.

#### AMNESTY

There was no report from Lewis Eckard, as the numbers from the program by the American Hackney Horse Society were not available.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### EQUINE ID MEETING

President Fred Sarver stated that a symposium on this subject was set to occur in Washington, D.C., and that he would attend on behalf of both UPHA and ASHA, and that these two organizations would split the cost of his attendance.

#### PLAN FOR 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

Fred Sarver asked Mary Anne Cronan to form a small committee to look into securing a

site and dates for the 2005 Annual Meeting. Kay Richardson commented that the Youth Meeting was a big draw. Sandy Lilly recommended Kayce Bell as a possible member of Mary Ann's committee, as she has been very active with Meeting in the past.

*David Howard moved, and Mary Ann Pardieck seconded, that Mary Anne Cronan be given the authority to secure dates and a hotel for the 2005 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.*

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION

The Executive Committee report was given by Fred Sarver. The Executive Committee recommended that a.) we move to have an interim person in charge of the ASHA office to serve until a suitable replacement for the former Executive Secretary could be found; and b.) that an internal operational audit be conducted to assess whether we would need one or two people in staff positions.

The Board then went into Executive Session.

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing Fred Sarver and David Howard to try to hire Alan Balch as Executive Secretary at a salary commensurate with the resigning Executive Secretary's salary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Lilly, Secretary

#### ASHA FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

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Members Present: Nancy Boone (by teleconference), Carter Cox, Mary Anne Cronan, Tom Ferrebee, Vicki Gillenwater, David Howard, Kris Price Knight, Sandy Lilly, Mary Ann Pardieck, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Robert Ruxer, Fred Sarver and Misdee Wrigley.

Also Present: Jeff Streepey (ASHA Legal Counsel).

Members Absent: Edward Bennett, Lewis Eckard, Carolyn Groves and Matthew Heiman.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes of the Foundation Board meetings of February 19 and February 21, 2004 were read.

*Mary Anne Cronan moved, and Robert Ruxer seconded, that the minutes of the February 19 meeting be approved as read. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Misdee Wrigley moved, and Vicki Gillenwater seconded, that the minutes of the February 21 meeting be approved as read. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### LORDOSIS RESEARCH UPDATE

President Fred Sarver related that Dr. Patrick Gallagher had signed the release required by ASHA for his work and obtained the proper insurance necessary, and that the project was underway.

He also informed the Board that Dr. Gallagher had been in touch with Dr. Lee, a client of Edward Bennett, to converse with him concerning his work in genetics as it pertained to lordosis. Dr. Gallagher reported to Fred Sarver, that Dr. Lee stated that he was unable to contribute as he was not a geneticist.

Under the contract executed between Dr. Gallagher and ASHA, Dr. Gallagher had originally asked that the entire grant be dispersed to him at the inception of the project, but had since agreed to take monthly payments if necessary. President Sarver reported that a check for \$3000.00, which was termed "seed money", had already been given to Dr. Gallagher to cover his expenses in obtaining the proper insurance to begin the project. The total grant was agreed to at \$31,000.00, leaving a balance of \$28,000.00 to be paid to Dr. Gallagher.

*Dr. Raun moved, and Carter Cox seconded, to give the balance of \$28,000.00 to Dr.*

*Gallagher in one lump sum.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Fred Sarver also requested that Dr. Raun meet with Dr. Bailey at University of Kentucky, along with Dr. Gallagher, to come up with a proposal as to how best to utilize the research from the lordosis project.

*Carter Cox moved, and Mary Anne Cronan seconded, that Dr. Raun have the authority to meet with Dr. Bailey and Dr. Gallagher to come up with a grant proposal to best utilize the lordosis research. Motion carried unanimously.*

Dr. Raun also mentioned that Judge Meanor had indicated a willingness to donate \$1000 to the Lordosis Research Fund, and would do so upon receiving an invoice from the Foundation in that amount.

#### **EQUINE WELFARE FUND**

The Fund at this point has \$5000.00 which has been donated for the purpose of dealing with the current crisis in Taylor County.

It was stated that we needed to set up a special fund for the Taylor County horses to receive donations for that effort.

*Mary Ann Pardieck moved, and Misdee Wrigley seconded, that we set up a separate account for monies received for the Taylor County rescue effort. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **HERITAGE VENTURE**

David Howard stated that he was involved

with putting information together to give to Mrs. Lynn Via detailing the operations of the Heritage Fund, which is funded by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Via, as requested by her. He further stated that he believes a complete accounting should be done on a yearly basis for all the Funds in the Foundation.

##### **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Kay Richardson stated that she had trouble getting pamphlets, handouts, etc, from the Association, and felt that the Youth Director was so overworked in other capacities that perhaps some re-structuring was necessary to help make the Youth Director more accessible for Youth promotion.

##### **WORLD CUP**

Vicki Gillenwater reported that the World Cup competition in 2004 would take place the first weekend in October at the Kentucky Horse Park in conjunction with the Kentucky Fall Classic. She requested ASHA involvement in hosting the competitors from the US and other countries and suggested that this would be a huge opportunity for a wonderful public relations effort. Vicki stated that the ASHA Museum had agreed to host a party for the teams and their coaches and families and asked if ASHA could partner with the Museum to host the party. The expected cost of the hospitality is \$2500.00-\$3000.00.

*Vicki Gillenwater moved and David Howard seconded, that we partner with the*

*ASHA Museum and fund the effort with \$2500.00. Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **FOOTAGE RELEASE**

Tolley Graves has requested permission and a release to use footage of Saddlebreds which was made available from ASHA, to release a new video which would be for sale at the Museum. There has been much demand for such a video, since the showing of the film in 2003 at the Museum's reception during the ASHA Annual Meeting. It was stated that the video that was shown and auctioned off, would be one of only two copies available to the public, the other being one donated to the 2003 Youth Auction at Kentucky State Fair. Considering that there have been many requests for more copies of that film, the Museum has decided to make a new film, using some of the same footage, and make it available to the public.

*Dr. Raun moved, and Sandy Lilly seconded, that we give the Museum a release to use any footage available to them. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Kay Richardson then moved for adjournment and Robert Ruxer seconded. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Lilly, Secretary