

American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

American Saddlebred Museum Library, Lexington, KY, and By Teleconference

Tuesday, March 21, 2006
3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

MINUTES

[As approved May 16, 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, Dr. Alan Raun, Kay Richardson, Jim Ruwoldt, Paul Treiber, Art Zubrod.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: UPHA President Randy Harper, Counsel Jeff Streepey, Executive Secretary Alan Balch.

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., and a quorum was present. Messrs. Sarver, Ruwoldt, Zubrod, and Balch, Mesdames Gillenwater and Wrigley participated in the teleconference from the Museum Library.

II. Executive Committee Meeting Report

Mr. Sarver asked the members to review the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held by teleconference Wednesday, March 15, 2006, also attended by several directors who are not officers. He asked if anyone who had attended had any additions or modifications to the minutes circulated, since they describe the meeting. *Ms. Wrigley moved the minutes be approved by the members of the Executive Committee as presented, Ms. Pardieck seconded, and the motion carried without objection.*

III. Consideration of Nominees for Appointment as Director, Kentucky State Fair

Mr. Sarver invited the attention of the directors to the minutes describing the criteria developed by the Executive Committee for this appointment and asked whether there were questions or comments or additions. He verbally reiterated the salient points. In that there were no suggestions for changes or additions, there was general agreement on the criteria.

He then suggested that the board consider each name in turn on the updated list provided the board, dated March 20.

Dr. Raun stated that most directors had little familiarity with the names under consideration, or with Kentucky politics or appointments, and felt it would be better if the directors referred the matter to the Executive Committee for final determination, and so moved. Ms. Richardson seconded.

Mr. Balch asked if the names under consideration might be taken up in turn as discussion on the motion, so that all directors might hear the various reports on each possible candidate. Dr. Raun stated that he would not rescind his motion, and Ms. Richardson concurred. Mr. Balch stated that he didn't suggest the motion be rescinded, but not voted on immediately. Mr. Sarver stated he felt it would be appropriate and beneficial for the board as a whole to hear the discussion of each name.

Ms. Cronan, whose name appeared on the list of possible nominees, stated that she should recuse herself from this consideration and absent herself from the meeting, and did so. Prior to her departure, she was asked to provide an opinion about the fair board's policy on conflicts and competing at the State Fair, and declined to do so inasmuch as the written policies speak for themselves and various interpretations might be given by individuals in successive administrations, and she felt her opinion therefore might not be helpful or appropriate.

Mr. Lockard questioned whether the list submitted by ASHA to the Governor's Office must be strictly divided, evenly, among the members of the Republican and Democratic political parties. Mr. Heiman joined in questioning whether dividing candidates equally by political affiliation was a requirement of the law. Mr. Streepey commented on the Kentucky statute, and stated that however inartful it might appear to have been written, it was clear on its face that the list was to be prepared in that manner. Mr. Balch recounted his call to the Governor's Office, speaking to Edwin Orange, in which Mr. Orange stated that he would check with "internal counsel," and when he called Mr. Balch back, he said that the law did appear to state the list should include equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats. Upon further discussion, Mr. Streepey also noted that it would be nonsensical to read the statute as meaning that the list for the seat designated for the Kentucky Livestock Improvement Association should be appointed from a list divided 3 from one political party and 3 from the other, and exempt all the other lists designated for organizations.

A lengthy discussion ensued of each individual on the list, noting their respective backgrounds, political affiliations, and contacts by leadership with each of them.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Sarver asked for a roll call vote on the motion as presented by Dr. Raun, and *the motion carried, 12-4, with Ms. Cronan not present and Mr. Sarver not voting.*

IV. Other Business

Mr. Matton asked to make a report from the Pleasure Horse Committee, since he had not been able to attend the board meeting and make a report in February. He first described the committee's recommendation that the CH points for Hunter Pleasure, as for Western Pleasure, should be counted beginning with the current competition year.

Prior to further discussion or voting, Mr. Sarver suggested that since another meeting would likely be scheduled in mid-April, this report and detailed recommendations might be prepared for that meeting, along with any other report, and Mr. Matton agreed.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Howard moved and Mr. Ruwoldt seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and by unanimous agreement it was closed at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Alan F. Balch
Executive Secretary