



**AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY, INC.**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, March 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. ET  
American Saddlebred Museum Library, Lexington, Kentucky  
& by tele-conference**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present:** Susan Aschenbrenner, Sandra Currier, Elisabeth Goth, Scott Hagan, Gail Kline, Emily Lee, Scott Matton, Karen Richardson, Matt Shiflet, Kim Skipton, Jenny Taylor, Owen Weaver, Judy Werner and Brian Curran, Past President.

**Others Present:** Walter Robertson, General Counsel, Stites & Harbison; Lisa Duncan, Registrar and Katriona Adams, Assistant Registrar.

**I. Roll Call/Establish Quorum/Adopt Sturgis Rules of Order/Consider Agenda**

Mr. Curran called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. ET and asked Ms. Duncan to call the roll. A quorum was present. Mr. Matton made a motion to adopt Sturgis Rules of Order, Ms. Kline seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor. Ms. Aschenbrenner made a motion to adopt the agenda, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor.

**II. Election of Officers**

Mr. Robertson, Stites & Harbison, offered some options for proceeding with the Election of Officers. After discussion, Mr. Matton made a motion that Directors attending in person use hard copy ballots and Directors on the phone use email and all votes are to be given / sent to Mr. Robertson, Ms. Kline seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor. The Board discussed timing of the voting and Ms. Goth made a motion to vote during the meeting, Ms. Richardson seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor. Ms. Weaver asked if she could vote verbally on the phone. No objections were raised. The Board discussed voting on a slate of Officers versus voting on each position individually. Ms. Richardson made a motion to nominate and vote on each officer position individually starting with President, then Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, versus a slate of Officers, Mr. Matton seconded and the motion was passed.

**Nominations for President**

Mr. Matton nominated Ms. Aschenbrenner for President. Mr. Hagan nominated Ms. Currier for President. Ms. Goth made a motion to close nominations for President, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor. Mr. Robertson tabulated the votes for President and reported that Ms. Currier was elected as President. He clarified that Mr. Curran was not eligible to vote as his term on the board had expired.

#### **Nominations for Vice-President**

Ms. Kline nominated Ms. Taylor for Vice-President. Mr. Matton nominated Mr. Shiflet for Vice President, however, Mr. Shiflet declined. Mr. Matton made a motion to close nominations, Ms. Goth seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor. With no other nominations made, Mr. Robertson reported that Ms. Taylor was elected as Vice President.

#### **Nominations for Secretary**

Ms. Richardson nominated Mr. Matton for Secretary. Mr. Hagan nominated Ms. Kline for Secretary. Ms. Goth made a motion to close nominations, Ms. Skipton seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor. Mr. Robertson tabulated the votes for Secretary and reported that Ms. Kline was elected as Secretary.

#### **Nominations for Treasurer**

Mr. Matton nominated Ms. Aschenbrenner for Treasurer. Mr. Hagan nominated Ms. Skipton for Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations, and the motion was passed with all in favor. Mr. Robertson tabulated the votes for Treasurer and reported that Ms. Skipton was elected as Treasurer.

Ms. Currier, President, assumed the chair. Mr. Robertson left the meeting at this time.

### **III. Consideration of Draft Minutes of February 1, 2018 ASR Board Meeting**

Ms. Weaver raised an issue under Section VIII. second paragraph regarding the process of electing the two ASHA Directors to the ASR Board. She clarified that the ASHA Nominating Committee for Officers did in fact consider the recommendations from the ASR Nominating Committee. After discussion, Ms. Kline made a motion to amend the draft minutes to say that the recommendations were considered, Ms. Goth seconded and the motion was passed with Ms. Aschenbrenner abstaining.

### **IV. Guidelines for Directors & Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement**

Ms. Currier asked for any outstanding Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms to be submitted.

### **V. Draft 2018 Budget**

Ms. Duncan reported that she received the 2017 year end financials from the Bookkeeper yesterday and has revised the preliminary budget. After a brief discussion, Ms. Skipton made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Ms. Aschenbrenner seconded and the motion was passed with all in favor.

### **VI. Investment Report**

Ms. Duncan noted that the investment report has been provided for informational purposes. Ms. Goth suggested that investment reports be shared with the Board on a quarterly basis instead of a monthly basis.

### **VII. Survey**

A survey to track conception rates was discussed at the last meeting and Ms. Duncan provided an update. It would take approximately eight to ten hours of programming that would auto fill pertinent data. Some suggestions were made including to look at different ways to send the survey to breeders and to look at costs associated with it. Ms. Duncan and Ms. Taylor will work on a cover letter to go along with the survey and will work with the Finance Committee regarding the costs.

Ms. Currier asked if the Registry had ever looked into a way for owners to hold a spot for a foal to lock in fees for registration in the future. A discussion took place regarding basic requirements such as DNA testing. It was agreed to put more thought into this and possibly appoint a sub-committee.

### **VIII. Update on Unidentified Horses**

Ms. Duncan provided an update on the forty horses we have been working on identifying. For the thirteen remaining horses where matches were not found in original research: sires and dams have been found for eight more horses, sires have been found for two horses and Ms. Adams is working with the lab staff on the three remaining horses. Ms. Currier reported that she checked with the AMHA and they will waive the requirement for a signature on a transfer of ownership if two letters are sent without a response. The AHA requires a court order similar to our rules. Mr. Shiflet noted that he agrees with the way this has been handled by the Registry.

### **IX. Adjournment**

With no further business raised, Mr. Matton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Richardson seconded and the meeting was duly adjourned at 3:13 p.m. ET.

Submitted by: *Katriona Adams*  
Assistant Registrar