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## Equine Welfare Advocacy Committee Charter

### Definition

The Equine Welfare Advocacy Committee (EWAC) is responsible for monitoring animal welfare issues that are of concern to the Saddlebred horse industry, identifying and prioritizing concerns and opportunities, evaluating related information and determining actions or activities that may be appropriate. Members of this committee are appointed by the President of the Board and are accountable to the Board of Directors (BOD) of the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association (ASHBA). This is a standing committee per ASHBA bylaws.

Following are the primary responsibilities of EWAC:

1. Identify state and national organizations as part of a rescue referral program for membership
2. Evaluate and apprise the ASHBA BOD regarding proposed state and/or federal legislation affecting the Saddlebred industry
3. Seek to affiliate the ASHBA with prominent industry groups (i.e., the American Horse Council (AHC), EQUUS Foundation, The Livestock Conservancy)
4. Recommend ways that ASHBA can be more proactive regarding equine health and welfare issues
5. Review and propose Registry rule changes as they pertain to the welfare of the breed
6. Promote the welfare of the breed through education and outreach
7. Liaise and collaborate with ASHBA Marketing Committee in development of educational and promotional materials
8. Liaise and collaborate with the ASHBA Sport Horse Committee in promotion of the versatility of the breed
9. Administer the Bruce Hanson Grant
10. Provide support in cases where Saddlebreds are seized / surrendered by / to legal entities
11. Sponsor Rescue classes at shows across the country
12. Fundraise in support of EWAC projects

### Meetings

EWAC meets monthly. Additional meetings may be scheduled on an as needed basis.



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## 2022 Objectives

- Review and provide recommended revisions to registry and/or USEF rules as they pertain to Saddlebred welfare
- Continue work on limited registration proposal for presentation to the BOD
- Develop point schedule(s) for CH-SH in different discipline(s) in collaboration with Subject Matter Experts, the Sport Horse Committee and VERSA for Ranch Horse Division
- Add/create a minimum of one video for education
- Develop a Sport Horse Initiative in conjunction with the Sport Horse Committee
- Create an educational webinar for horse welfare
- Review and revise EWAC policies, including staff policies for welfare
- Create / review a budget for projects for 2021

## Committee Members

### NAME

Christy Parker  
*Board Sponsor*

Kathie Jacobsen  
*Chair*

Dr. Nancy Trent  
*Vice Chair*

Samantha Geller  
*Staff Liaison*

Karen Fetty Thompson

Julee O'Reilly

Sandy Currier

Sara Fraker  
Yvonne McCarthy

Alan Rich

Ali DeGray

Jimmy Morrison

Chelsea Ruxer  
*Non-Voting Member*