

The Registration Committee was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by Registration Committee Chair Dr. John Mossbarger.

1. Roll call was taken by TC Lane. Present were: David Siegel, George Ducharme, Chris Antonacci, Mike Kimelman, Jeff Gregory, Jacquie Ingrassia, Rich Gillock, Sam Beegle, Russell Williams, Joe Faraldo, Mark Loewe, Steve O'Toole, Mike Sweeney, Dr. Andy Roberts, Steve McCoy, Dr. Scott Woogen, Marilyn Breuer-Bertera, Sam Hedington, Mark Ford, Steve Bateson, Kevin Greenfield.
2. USTA COO and Registrar TC Lane provided the committee with the 2021 Summary Report and Trends:
  - All numbers trending upward, despite what is going on in the world today. In terms of other breeds, our stats are favorable, as we are one of the very few registries to witness and increase. North American LOMB has jumped up from when the annual statistical report was originally printed and pulled again earlier this week. Currently, there are 17,423 mares in NA, 14,051 are in the US. One year ago, we were at 12,826. The states that represent the largest volume remain OH, IN, PA, NY, IL in terms of being in the top 5 producing states by mare residence and sire matings.
  - Lane indicated that one item for special consideration is the number of non-commercial stallions that are breeding mares that are not intended to compete on the racetrack. In 2021, there are an estimated 2,100 plus mares that fit that category.
  - In regard to identification, we have increased the total number of contractors. In the fall, we placed Bernard Demars to service the Texas, MS, Alabama territories. He does have in his possession, freeze branding equipment, therefore he is able to provide all services.
  - Lane further recommended to those in attendance to refer to the entire statistics document, which they will find extremely useful and available via the director's dashboard via [myaccount.ustrotting.com](https://myaccount.ustrotting.com).
3. Equine Genetics and Genome update: Rebecca Bellone and Elizabeth Estaire, UC Davis – updated the group on the continued effort of UC Davis on the genetic testing of Standardbreds, including abnormal foals and stationary night blindness.
4. USTA EquiTrace Update: Dr. Kevin Corley presented a video on the advantages of microchips with the EquiTrace app. If used, the app can be a time saver, providing more accurate core body temperatures and thus providing a way to track, and possibly prevent the spread of infectious disease outbreaks, also leading to the potential to provide an overall health database for the industry. The app can also be used on the breeding side to monitor cycles of mares and ovulation.
5. Syndicate Management and the USTA
  - At the direction of Chairman Mossbarger and President Williams, the USTA will be taking a deeper look into the structure and roles of the existing stallion syndicates from both a USTA membership standpoint and how the entities are maintained and executed at the local, state and federal levels. The committee to examine this process will be chaired by Kevin Greenfield, Hickory Lane Farm. The additional members shall be named soon.
6. Jessica Schroeder made a presentation highlighting the movement of the Standardbred Incentive Program (SIP) from USTA Outreach. This initiative is to provide a comprehensive database of non-racing events throughout the country that pleasure drivers and riders can submit placings from a show or competitive ride that they

participate in. Year-end awards will be given to the Standardbred with the most points accrued in divisions such as halter, Dressage, English, Western, hunter, Roadster, competitive trail, games and more. SIP will be accessed from a member's USTA MyAccount and is currently in the testing phase with an expected rollout in the early part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Other touchpoints of the presentation included: the USTA's increased presence at horse sales, the progression of non-Standard registrations and the USTA's involvement with adoption initiatives.

#### 7. Open Discussion

- President Williams addressed the committee on the possibility of the USTA providing an amicus brief addressing the IRS ruling involving farm business versus hobby. It was decided that at this time the Association will not explore that option.

As there were no other matters to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.