

The Registration Committee was called to order at 4:04 pm by Registration Committee Chair Dr. John Mossbarger.

1. Roll call was taken by COO and Registrar TC Lane. Present were Chris Antonacci, Steve Bateson, Sam Beegle, Marilyn Breuer-Bertera, Corey Callahan, Mark Ford, Rich Gillock, Kevin Greenfield, Jeff Gregory, Sam Hedington, Jacquie Ingrassia, Mike Kimelman, Casey Leonard, Sam Lilly, Don Marean, Steve McCoy, Dr. John Mossbarger, Steve Oldford, Joe Pennacchio, Jim Reynolds, Dr. Andy Roberts, Royal Roland, Ray Schnittker, Mike Sweeney, Dr. Scott Woogen.
2. The following proposed rules were discussed and voted upon during the session:
 - Proposal #5- Approved
 - Proposal #6- Rejected
 - Proposal #8- Rejected
 - Proposal #9- Rejected
 - Proposal #10- Rejected
 - Proposal #13- Approved
 - Proposal #14- Rejected
 - Proposal #15- Rejected
 - Proposal #16- Rejected
 - Proposal #17- Rejected
 - Proposal #18- Approved
3. Lane provided the committee with the 2022 Summary Report and Trends:
 - All numbers that are trending continue to move upward. In terms of other breeds, our stats are favorable, as we are one of the very few registries to witness an increase. North American LOMB has once again shown an increase over 2022. Currently, there are 18,887 mares bred in NA. At this time last year, there were 17,423 mares in NA. By the end of the year, we ended up with 18,428 mares bred. Therefore, once again, I anticipate late submissions, which will place us at least over 19,000 mares. The states that represent the largest volume remain IN, OH, PA, NY, IL in terms of being in the top 5 producing states by mare residence and sire matings. Indiana has not passed Ohio in state sired mares bred.
 - Lane also 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 2022, there are an estimated 2,500 plus mares that fit that category.
 - Regarding identification, there were 9,233 horses identified in total. From that figure, 2,218 received chip/brand same day, 4,925 chip only and 2,090 were brand only.
 - 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 on myaccount.ustrotting.com.
4. Lane provided an update and overview of the following studies and research underway with UC Davis. A full report of the genomic and foal abnormalities details have been provided in the director's dashboard for your review. In addition, the USTA staff have been assisting the University of Minnesota to explore matters such as osteochondrosis (affects the cartilage and bone in joints), recurrent exertional rhabdomyolysis (results in painful muscle contractions, also known as "tying up") and cardiac arrhythmias (abnormal heartbeats that can lead to death). A full report will also be provided on the director's dashboard.

5. Aimee Hock, Assistant Registrar, provided an in-depth overview of the eight-person USTA Member Services team, encompassing almost 100 years of service to the USTA and the industry.
 - Statistical highlights include an average of 1,124 calls answered per week, more than 23,000 transfers and claims, 8,600 foals registered, and 5,200 eligibilities activated.
 - The Outreach program, headed by Jessica Schroeder, attended 25 total sales in 5 different states - Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.
 - eSales, the platform created by the USTA to assist sales companies and buyers, was utilized by 37 different sales in 2022.

6. Jessica Schroeder, Outreach and Membership Enrichment Coordinator, gave a review of the first year of the Standardbred Incentive Program (SIP), providing the winners of the multiple categories of SIP including, dressage, pleasure driving, contesting, in-hand, trail riding, and others.
 - In 2022, 40 people and 55 horses enrolled with activity in 91 different shows and 32 placings. 18 horses also logged trail miles.
 - For 2023, 24 people and 32 horses, along with 26 shows, have already enrolled.

7. Unilateral versus bilateral ovariectomy- Dr. Andy Roberts
 - A discussion was held regarding the current rule involving the declaration of a spayed mare to the USTA. Currently, the internal process for recording as such requires notification in the event of a bilateral ovariectomy. The current rule does not state nor specify “the bilateral” procedure, which may have resulted in mares being reported as spayed, but only having one ovary removed. Dr. Roberts’ recommendation was to show the difference in the program, so that accurate information is distributed, he will work with TC Lane to work on a rule change proposal for 2024.

8. Open Discussion

As there were no other matters to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.