

Meeting called to order 3:38 p.m.

Absent: Frank Antonacci, Sam Hedington, Mike Kane, Joe Pennacchio and Royal Roland.

1. Rule Change Proposals and Bylaw Changes for 2018

Rule 8 - amended to add Microchipping accepted

Rule 9 - amended to add limited liability corporations and partnerships, accepted

Rule 18 - accepted

Rule 19 - accepted

Rule 20 - accepted as amended

Rule 21 - tabled for clarification

Rule 22 - rejected

Rule 23 - accepted

2. 2018 Summary Report/Trends

- Review of Annual Report -- handout
- ID Technician, Keith Hamilton retired after 43 years and replaced by Stephane Bouchard.

3. eSales update

- A. Hock and J. Schroeder provided summary update regarding progress and rollout of the web-based application that will aid membership and sales companies.

4. Microchip Proposal

- Handout distributed and will be available at a later date.
- T.C. Lane presentation of proposal
- Approved for foals of 2019.

5. Equine Genetics and Genomics - Dr.Molly McCue

- Only genetics lab exclusively working on Standardbred Breed to identify genetic phenotypes- specifically tying up, Osteochondrosis, performance, gait and Atrial Fibrillation. Case and control study predicts at 92% accuracy.
- 164 horses tested for gait and predicted at 99.4% accuracy.

6. Equine Reproductive Biotechnology - CEO And Founder of PFERA, Lisa Pfister

- Ability to predict mares foaling date within 6 hours by testing mare's milk for calcium and PH levels.
- Standardbred mares have a foaling range that leads to greater possibility of unattended foaling. A mare foaling unattended for 10 minutes decreases survival rate by 10%.
- PFERA will be available in November 2018
- Mare Point will be available summer 2018.
- No prices specified.

7. USTA Black Type Committee and International Data update

- T.C. Lane discussion of establishing a standard "Black Type" for pedigrees
 - Assistance on the project from Bruce Brinkerhoff, David Carr, Anne Chunko and T.C. Lane.