

The Registration Committee was called to order at 1 p.m. by Registration Committee Chair Dr. John Mossbarger.

1. Roll call was taken by USTA Secretary Sally Stauffer. Present were: Bruce Alexander, Chris Antonacci, Dan Ater, Dan Bittle, Sam Beegle, Marilyn Breuer-Bertera, Mark Ford, Rich Gillock, Kevin Greenfield, Jeff Gregory, Jerry Haws, Sam Hedington, Jacquie Ingrassia, Mike Kimelman, Casey Leonard, Sam Lilly, Russ MacKinnon, Don Marean, Steve McCoy, Steve Oldford, Joe Pennacchio, Jim Reynolds, Ray Schnittker, Jordan Stratton, Mike Sweeney, John Mossbarger, Dan Bittle, Bruce Alexander, Chris Antonacci, Dan Ater, Ivan Axlerod, Sam Beegle, Marilyn Breuer-Bertera, Corey Callahan, Mark Ford, Rich Gillock, Kevin Greenfield, Jeff Gregory, Jerry Haws, Sam Hedington, Jacqueline Ingrassia, Mike Kimelman, Casey Leonard, Sam Lilly, Russ MacKinnon, Don Marean, Steve McCoy, Steve Oldford, Joe Pennacchio, Jim Reynolds, Ray Schnittker, Jordan Stratton, Mike Sweeney and Russell Williams.
2. USTA Registrar T.C. Lane provided the committee with the 2020 Summary Report and Trends:
 - Despite what is going on in the world today, all numbers trending upward. In terms of other breeds, our stats are favorable. North American LOMB has increased from when the annual statistical report was originally printed and pulled again earlier this week. OH, IN, PA, NY, IL are top 5 producing states by mare residence and sire matings.
 - From a state-by-state standpoint, we should remain cautiously optimistic that our stats will continue to increase moving forward.
 - Microchip update – has been going well with minimal problems, it takes less time for techs onsite at farms. Due to pandemic, field time has been decreased for techs, with travel restricted in many states. Originally, all horses were required to be chipped by 2021 – based on what the next few months bring us, we may need to extend the deadline due to economic issues and overall logistics. After much discussion by the committee, a motion was passed that requires racing horses to be chipped prior to racing in 2022.
 - Steve McCoy asked T.C. if there have been any problems reading chips? T.C. noted the only issues that he's aware of have been equipment issues, sometimes the smaller reader experiences difficulties, but none for the larger reader. Emphasized that every horse is scanned prior to implant and again after implant to avoid double chipping.
3. **2020 Proposed Rule Changes** The committee considered and acted upon the proposals as follows:
 - Proposal #3 – Accepted
 - Proposal #18 – Accepted
 - Proposal #20 – Rejected
 - Proposal #21 – Rejected
 - Proposal #22 – Accepted
 - Proposal #23 – Accepted
4. T.C. Lane provided the committee with USTA Registration Updates:
 - Black Type Committee
Asking approval to accept the black type changes from committee:
Propose changing Black Type pedigree from 1:55/Pacer and 2:00/Trot with \$100k earnings to 1:52/Pacer and 1:55/Trot with same \$100k earnings.

- All existing black type will be grandfathered.
- Will begin with foals of 2019 and thereafter.
- Change is estimated to result in a reduction of 12-15%.
- President Williams noted that this has been coming for many years (to change the sales pages), would like to see this enacted. **Motion to accept changes approved.**
- Updates from the 2019 World Trotting Conference in Stockholm:
 - Universal naming – BIT OF A LEGEND N will now be BIT OF A LEGEND (NZ) in all countries.
 - The group agreed to only use semen of a sire, who has expired in the current breeding season, to mirror USTA.
 - Also mirroring USTA sexing and embryo transfer.
 - 2020 WTC meeting cancelled.

5. Open Discussion

Dr. Mossbarger discussed the possibility of new revenue.

- Mark Byler feels there is a disconnect between the Amish and the USTA, that the Amish are hungry for good information, getting bad information from many sources.
- Byler has spoken to Shetler Office Solutions, a data processing company, to organize Amish under their umbrella since many can't be members due to religious reasons, to work with them to unite as a company called "Kunekt", which would be phone-based database or "Amish Google" that will include all information from USTA.
- Byler likened it to hidden membership for Amish, with 2,000 individuals to join under "Kunekt" in first year, 10,000 in next 5 years.
- More discussion to come, many questions, legal issues to work out.
- T.C. noted that the Amish are looking for a pass-through, which is a win-win for us as far as revenue goes, but there's a lot to explore before proceeding.

As there were no other matters to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.