

Breeders Committee Meeting – March 8, 2017

Attendance

Board Members: Todd Michael, Sean Schembri, Paula Gatewood, Megan Disselkoen, Lesli Glen, Tom Hodges, Terie Clark, Lynette Thompson, Dena Raggion

Staff: Steve Taylor, Lauren McCleary, Terry Hutton

Committee chair, Todd Michael, asked if there was any old business that needs to be addressed.

Lynette Thompson mentioned two topics that were being discussed in 2015-2016:

- A “competition permit” for spayed mares, similar to what Canadian Club does
- Sean Schembri asks for the office to find out the number of Canadian spayed mares in system.
- An “Incentive Fund” with yearly application process, similar to AQHA

The committee moved on to discuss a DNA proposal brought forward by Teri Clark. Teri has done some research with the office to find out numbers of registered foals and performance permits. She recommends starting to require DNA on all new foals starting 2018 or 2019.

-The goal is to protect the integrity of the breed. Everyone agreed that it would be a good thing to require.

-Cost of DNA test is 60.00. The committee and office staff agreed they do not want the price to negatively impact breeders. The office will look into any options for lowering the price, including potentially negotiating lab rate, configuring a tier pricing option, or discounts.

-Terry Hutton reported that out of 2188 horses registered in 2016, 595 horses were DNA tested at time of registration. 204 horses were issued performance permits at time of registration.

The next item on the agenda was 5 Panel Genetic Testing for Stallions. It was pointed out that AQHA and APHA now mandate these tests. There was concern that the 5 Panel test only give a small portion of the 17+ things that could be tested. There were other concerns about Stallions still being allowed to breed if they had a positive test results.

Terry Hutton expressed concerns related to some members, mostly international members, doing DNA or other genetic disease panel testing with other laboratories and staff being able to determine if and when these tests are done from same hair sample that were DNA parent verified as required by some current ApHC rules, such as current rule requirements for HYPP and/or LP testing.

Meeting was adjourned.