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The International Breed Registry for Appaloosa Horses

Breeders Committee Conference Call Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018

10:00 a.m. PT

Roll Call was taken.

- Members present for all or part of the call include: Terie Clark, Lesli Glen, Ray Burchett
- Members absent from the call include: Sean Schembri
- Also present: Tom Hodges, Paula Gatewood, Todd Michael, Steve Taylor, Lauren McCleary

Chair, Terie Clark, called the meeting to order to discuss the current state of the ApHC Breeder's Trust program. Past Director, Todd Michael joined the call to share historical insights on the program through data and committee notes he had gathered up until 2014.

Michaels discussed numbers and percentages from his study on Breeding Stallions and enrolled foals between 2004 -2010. During this time the number of Stallions decreased but the percentage of enrolled weanlings stayed between 30-40%.

Ideas to modify program that have been discussed in the past:

- Change to a sliding fee scale, higher fee for older horses.
- Allow approved outcross stallions to participate. This would have to be run as a slightly separate program.
 - This would create a lot of issues and controversy, although it would generate the most revenue.
- Convert to Lifetime payouts
- Reduction of fees
- Have the program run longer than 5 years

None of these ideas moved past the Breeders Committee, and there had been no discussion with IT at the time regarding what it would take to implement modifications to the program.

Clark pointed out the AQHA had dissolved their Breeders Trust program since Michael had done this study. She wondered if the fact that ApHC being the only breed with this type of program would draw in more horses if they were allowed. Some discussion followed, and it was pointed out that the program might gain outcrosses but would also probably lose some Appaloosas because of the change.

Review from Todd Michael of enrolled stallions and foals 2012-2014.

Review from staff of enrolled stallions and foals 2014-current:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Stallions	88	66	59	50	35
Foals	153	132	122	39	0

After reviewing the numbers, the committee discussed what it would look like to dissolve the program. The consensus was that the program is difficult to manage in the office, and the participation level is not likely to increase taking into consideration the current state of the horse industry.

All were in agreement to pass a recommendation on to the full Board of Directors to be voted on during the January 2019 conference call.

Meeting adjourned.