

125 S. Fourth Street, St. Louis, Mo, Jan. 18, 1892.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE

## AMERICAN TROTTING REGISTER ASSOCIATION:

The question of the admission of pacers to registration in your Register has received a good deal of attention in the turf papers lately, and I think our Association, through its stockholders, should take up the question, and, after careful consideration, determine on a policy to be pursued in regard to the matter. We are hard at work registering trotters and pacers under our rules. The volume of registration has largely increased since the breeders took hold of it, and, notwithstanding some adverse criticism, the outlook is very bright for your property. We are actively engaged in publishing a *Trotting Register*, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding. It is not only a *Trotting Register*, but a very live one, and the report of your Board of Directors at your next annual meeting will, I am sure, more than come up to your expectations. The matter of pacers being admitted to the register is an important one, and a general expression of opinion by all the stockholders on the subject will be a great aid to your Directors in so shaping matters as to suit your views. Below will be found our rules governing admission to the Standards:

### ARTICLE II OF BY-LAWS.

This Association is formed to establish rules regulating the Standards, and to register trotting and pacing horses thereunder, and to advance the legitimate interests of the breeders of such horses.

### THE STANDARD

AS REVISED AND ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN TROTTING REGISTER ASSOCIATION, MAY 19, 1891.

In order to define what constitutes a standard-bred horse and to establish a breed of trotters and pacers on a more intelligent basis, the following rules are adopted to control admission to the records of pedigrees. When an animal meets the requirements of admission and is duly registered it shall be accepted as a standard-bred animal:

FIRST. Any Trotting Stallion that has a record of two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30), or Pacing Stallion that has a record of two minutes and twenty-five seconds (2:25) or better, provided any of his get has a record of 2:35 trotting, or 2:30 pacing, or better, or provided his sire or dam is already a standard animal.

SECOND. Any mare or gelding that has a trotting record of 2:30, or pacing record of 2:25, or better.

THIRD. Any horse that is the sire of two trotters with records of 2:30, or two pacers with records of 2:25, or one trotter with a record of 2:30, and one pacer with a record of 2:25, or better.

FOURTH. Any horse that is the sire of one trotter with the record of 2:30, or one pacer with a record of 2:25, or better, provided he has either of the following additional qualifications: 1.—A trotting record of 2:35, or a pacing record of 2:30, or better. 2.—Is the sire of two other animals with trotting records of 2:35 or pacing records of 2:30, or one trotter with a record of 2:35 and one pacer with a record of 2:30, or better. 3.—Has a sire or dam that is already a standard animal.

FIFTH. Any mare that has produced a trotter with a record of 2:30, or pacer with a record of 2:25, or better,

SIXTH. The progeny of a standard horse when out of a standard mare.

SEVENTH. The female progeny of a standard horse when out of a mare by a standard horse.

EIGHTH. The female progeny of a standard horse when out of a mare whose dam is a standard mare.

NINTH. Any mare that has a trotting record of 2:35, or a pacing record of 2:30, or better, whose sire or dam is a standard animal.

Under these rules, pacing horses can be registered as Standard Animals, but not as Standard Trotters, as some perverters of facts would have the public believe.

Having carefully read the rules, will you be kind enough to give your opinion at length, or by answering the questions below:

1. Should these rules remain as they are?
2. If you think not, please suggest changes.
3. Should the admission of the pacer to registration be continued?
4. If not, why not?
5. Would it be well to print two Registers, one for trotters exclusively, and one for pacers exclusively?
6. Do you think a record obtained against time should entitle an animal to be registered?

An early reply is sought. The question is likely to come up very soon, and as the property is yours, it is meet that your views should be known by the Directors.

For convenience and to facilitate matters, please address your reply to me, at 125 South Fourth Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Yours respectfully,

W. A. Allen

President American Trotting Register Association.