AMHA June Board of Directors Meeting  
June 3, 2014  
7pm Central Time

Roll Call ~ Julie Good Secretary  
Members Present:  
Bill Arnold, Jim Barenklau, Gene Baynham, Darlene Bridges, Al Bulgawicz,  
Sherry Crowe, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Sid Hutchcraft, Polly Hyde, Bob  
Kane, Frank Lupton, Julianna Myers, Gary Owen, Ed Sisk, Laurie Slobody,  
Heather Ward  
Randy Peacock and several Committee Chairs and members were also  
present on the call

President Sid Hutchcraft determined that a quorum was met with all board  
members present.

The minutes of the March 17, 2014 were presented to the board  
for review and approval.  
With no corrections, Al Bulgawicz moved to accept the minutes of the  
March 17, 2014 AMHA BOD Meeting as printed and distributed.  Seconded  
by Frank Lupton.  
Passed by the Board of Directors

The Treasure’s Report along with the Finance Committee Report  
(see attached committee reports) were presented by Treasurer  
Frank Lupton.  
Frank reported that there is nothing on the horizon that will give  
AMHA a financial break and that meeting the budget for 2014 will be  
a challenge.  The three Regional Championship Shows and the World  
Show are the line items that will most influence the outcome of our  
2014 budget.  There are no further options to trim costs, so it will  
remain essential that we make careful, wise financial decisions.

AMHA New Computer Software Status was presented by Vice  
President Al Bulgawicz

1. Website ~ the new website has been easy to navigate, and the  
employees are feeling comfortable as they use it.  The website  
is a stand-alone entity.  Any information contained in the  
website must be manually entered by AMHA office staff.  It  
does not connect in any way to the AMHA data bases and  
therefore all AMHA data is secure and inaccessible from the  
website.

a. Al explained a flow chart that was distributed to board  
members.  The diagram shows how the computer  
system and office staff process the work load.
2. Computer Software System ~ We discussed our current situation. We have been working with a gentleman writing the new computer system for several years. We have gotten information and pricing and negotiated with him. The EC requested that Quintin present the current proposed plan to the staff and demonstrate how it functions. The staff did not have a favorable impression as the system did not flow as it was supposed to. We are now looking at other options with systems that have been proven.

a. Darlene Bridges and Heather Ward made comments and asked questions about website changes and additions. These items are to be directed to Jamison in the AMHA office at info@amha.org.

VOTING ISSUES

1. BYLAWS ~ Susan Arnold

Susan Reported that only Item number 1434 is the only Bylaw that requires change. If Rules and Regs passes #1451 it will require that a Bylaw change be made, and it will go forward to the membership at the annual meeting.

Sherry asked if all Rule changes need to go through a committee. All committees need to allow all proposals to go to membership. Any concerns should be taken care of at the time of the vote. That is when the membership votes to accept or reject the proposal.

2. RULES and REGS ~ Bill Arnold

a. #1451 – came from the Registration Department and the Rules and Regs committee approved to move forward with this proposal at the annual meeting. Darlene Bridges moved to send Rule #1451 to the membership for vote at the 2015 Annual Meeting, Polly Hyde 2nd. Passed by BOD.

b. #150 A ~ Formal Complaint Policy. (See this policy attached) It is the desire of the Rules and Regs Committee that the Formal Complaint Policy be added to the rulebook as #150A. The Flow Chart was not submitted with this proposal to add to the rulebook. The BOD was asked to determine if it was necessary to include the flow chart. Harry Elder explained that he felt it was important to give members a visual “map” of what happens once a
complaint is filed. There was a request to have the flow chart checked for accuracy before it is presented to the membership. Harry moved to move this forward to the membership, and it was seconded by Polly Hyde. Passed Unanimously

c. 110-2 ~ Frank Lupton moved to have this item brought before the membership, Al Bulgawicz seconded. Passed Unanimously

3. SHOW RULES ~ Bob Kane Committee Chair

a. Show Rules Change Proposal #1403, PA-015 A (points shall be awarded on the following basis to qualifying horses....) The SRCP reflects for 18 and over horses in a class a half point will be awarded to 7th place. This was a typo error, no half point will be awarded for 7th place and Kristy stated she would correct that error. The Show Department will need to correct it as it moves forward to the membership.

b. The Stock Type Division Proposal had not previously been assigned a Show Rule Change Procedure number, It is being assigned #1417 as it moves forward to the membership. This item will be brought forward to the membership at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

c. The Board can vote to move forward, reject, or amend each SRCP individually. If a vote to amend, then the Board solicits input from the Committee for amendment wording. A vote of rejection or amendment is very rare and I do not recall this happening in the past 15 years. This was written into the Flow Chart to protect the Association in those rare incidents, where only the Management knew, that the SRCP could jeopardize financially or otherwise the Association.

4. POLICIES ~ Al Bulgawicz
Pam Meyercord felt that we needed to make changes to our Policies & Standing Rule and the board members were given this information. Once the Policy or Standing Rule is in effect with an “effective date” it is in effect until changed. There is no need to re-approve these each year. The board was then asked to make comments on policies or discuss changes. Darlene Bridges questioned the $25
Registration Fee for the Annual Meeting/Convention, the effective date and the amended date.
*All that was deleted was to vote to retain for another year.
Sid Hutchcraft wondered if there should be a firm policy on the June Board of Directors Meeting dates and location or if it should be at the discretion of the board.
Harry Elder moved to delete the policy regarding the June Board of Directors Meeting date, seconded by Bob Kane. Passed unanimously

Bob Kane moved to accept the Policies as printed, Laurie Slobody seconded. (See Policies attached) Motion carried

5. INTERNATIONAL HONORARY DIRECTOR ~ Sid Hutchcraft
There was a request for a new International Honorary Director from Great Britian, Karen Hamilton Smith.
Bob Kane moved to accept Karen Hamilton Smith as new International Honorary Director, seconded by Julianna Myers Passed Unanimously

6. LOC
The LOC typically meets and interviews judge candidates during the Annual Meeting. This has been a problem when trying to schedule committee meetings and LOC Committee members being present in meetings. It was decided that since the LOC is also present at the Color Breed Council that they could conduct their interviews and business during that meeting without adding additional cost for AMHA.

The Board approved the 2015 Annual Meeting Budget and the LOC Meeting Budget for 2015. It was noted that the numbers will remain the same with the LOC meeting at Color Breed Council.
Frank Lupton moved to approve the amount as presented in the packet, Al Bulgawicz second Motion carried and this portion of the 2015 Budget Approved.

8. PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT ~ Sid Hutchcraft
a. Response to the Stock Type Division has been favorable and there has been support evident at the shows.

b. Personnel Matters at the AMHA Office. Rebecca Clark is feeling more comfortable with her responsibilities in the Show Department. Randy Peacock, office manager, gave an overview of how the office staff is adjusting to the recent changes. Bob Kane has had the opportunity to work with
Rebecca and feels she is doing an excellent job managing her new responsibilities.

c. We are currently looking at applicants and preparing to interview prospects to work in the show department.

d. As shows add Stock Type Division Classes we will need to collect data on the number of classes and number of horses per class.

e. Several shows have added a “Superior Stock Type Horse” Class to choose the top Stock Type Horse of the show. This has been done in one or two shows. All of the horses that were awarded a first place under a judge in the Stock Type classes were eligible to enter the Superior class. The 3 judges needed to be unanimous in choosing their “Superior” horse. This would be another way to add excitement for those exhibiting Stock Type Horses.

9. HUB COMMITTEE REPORT ~ Al Bulgawicz

Al read through the list of Committees allowing representatives to make statements or for board members to ask questions. Committee Reports are attached at the end of these minutes.

a. Amateur Committee ~ see report

b. AOTE Committee ~ see report

c. Bylaws Committee ~ see report

d. Finance ~ see report

e. Gelding Incentive Fund Committee ~ see report

f. Halter Futurity ~ see report

g. International ~ no report ~ Sid Hutchcraft made a recommendation to add Kevin Lathouwers from the Netherlands to the International Committee.

h. Licensed Officials Committee ~ see report

i. Local Club Committee ~ see report

j. Long Range Planning Committee ~ Mike Griggs highlighted several items that were included in his report. ~ see report

k. Membership Committee ~ in addition to what is included in the report, Julie Good expressed concern as to how to proceed with the New Member Packets that had been in the process of development. With the recent staff changes in the office the membership committee will need direction as to how to proceed.

l. Performance ~ Darlene Bridges commented on some of the items included on the report.

m. Promotion Committee ~ There was a discussion on sponsorships and the need for accurate tracking and record keeping when receiving sponsorship monies.

n. Youth Committee ~ There was discussion about sponsors for the youth classes at the World Show. The committee is
excited about the reinsmanship class that will be available as an exhibition class at the 2014 World Show

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2016 Annual Meeting location is scheduled to be Tunica, MS. As the work has begun to secure a site for our meeting, it has been difficult to find a suitable meeting place for a reasonable price. There is a large event in Tunica the weekend(s) that would be feasible for us which makes finding a suitable spot at a reasonable price very difficult. When voted on at the 2014 Annual Meeting the second choice was Tampa, Florida area. Harry Elder moved that we hold the 2016 Annual Meeting February 18-21, 2016 in the Tampa Bay Area, seconded by Polly Hyde Passed

2. 2015 Western Regional Championship Show Laura has a contract ready for consideration for the 2015 Western Regional Championship Show to be held July 24-26, 2015 at the Oregon Horse Center

3. Darlene Bridges questioned the number of horses consigned to the 2014 World Show Sale. The deadline for consigning horses has been extended. The board was encouraged to consign their horses, or encourage others to consign to the sale to make it a success

4. Laurie Slobody brought up the possibility of submitting a bylaw proposal to make the location of the Annual Meeting more flexible.

5. There was discussion about Class #118 for the World Show ~ Youth Pleasure Driving 7 and Under Bob Kane moved to keep class 118 as Youth Pleasure Driving 7 and Under and change both class 134 Youth Single Pleasure Driving 12 and Under and 151 Youth Classic Pleasure Driving 12 and Under to be 8-12, Laurie Slobody second. Passed with Darlene Bridges Abstaining and Sherry Crowe voting No.

CLOSED SESSION
4 Items discussed

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Darlene Bridges moved in lieu of Tammy Nuttal’s probation being dropped previously, that effective immediately probation should be dropped for Lisa Barnes, seconded by Gary Owens
Passed

The Board of Directors was encouraged to read the reports that the staff submitted.

Bob Kane moved to adjourn the meeting
Gene Baynham seconded

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 am

Committee Reports

President and Executive Committee Reports

The first few months of 2014 have been interesting, and at times challenging for AMHA. But in reality, I think we can say they have been good. AMHA is operating near budget and there are indications the approaching Regional Championship Shows and the World Show could generate results better than budgeted. I feel good about the chances for AMHA having a good last six months and to wrap up the year 2014 in a positive way.

Ceasing hardship registration at the end of 2013 helped to close the books for 2013 “in the black”. Hardship registrations also provided some carry over positive financial support into early 2014. I am pleased that there is little or no conversation now about the fact that AMHA ceased hardshiping and that chapter appears closed.

After months and months of waiting, evaluation, and preparation, we recently introduced a new website for AMHA. The reports from the members on this “new website look” have been very positive and they tell us it is much more member friendly and easier to use.

While we have been successful with a new web site, we continue to struggle with finalizing a new computer software program that meets all of our needs in the AMHA office and is still affordable and can fit into the AMHA annual operating budget. The Executive Committee felt we were close to having this problem solved but soon found out the proposed software did not satisfy or meet staff needs. So we continue to work on this much needed change in the office and search for a software program that does meet our needs and is affordable.
The proposed new Stock Type Halter classes and the possibility of these classes becoming pointed, approved classes in 2015 continues to excite many AMHA members. This program seems to have created a renewed enthusiasm for many members about once again showing their horses and getting more involved with AMHA.

The Executive Committee has held several teleconference meetings. They have been well attended and the Committee has worked well together, functioning as a team with the goal of “what’s best for AMHA” foremost on their minds. There has been very little need for outside legal advices as serious issues with members have been few and the issues we have had to address have been older issues dating back to 2013. Most of the items on the EC Meeting agendas have dealt with individual member registration problems, office procedures and personnel matters.

Office personnel matters have required some special attention and consideration. This has been more difficult as we have been forced to reduce staff and administrative costs to meet budget and deal with reduced revenue. But, we are fortunate to have a good Office Manager and he has been able to work through this challenge and continue to get the AMHA work accomplished in the office. Most recently, an unexpected resignation in the Show Dept. has created a new problem. This is especially challenging as we move deeper into the show season and local show results are “rolling” into the office for processing and soon the preparation and processing of entries for the Regional Championship Shows and World Show will occur. An additional person must be located and employed soon in the Show Dept. to assist Rebecca Clark, who was moved to the Show Dept. from Accounting.

Once again let me state, I am proud to serve as your President and assure you the EC Team and staff is committed to bettering the association and serving the membership.

Amateur Committee Report

The Amateur committee visited via email. We did not have anything that needed to be voted on at this time. We discussed the proposal Joanne Ross submitted to Show Rules so they could get a feedback from our committee. We are also conversing via email finalizing our agenda for the World Show. We are discussing and are going to work on new proposals for the Levels that the youth go into when they reach the Amateur stage. Also, we ware discussing whether to amend the Alternative Qualifying Rule for the World Show.

Lynn Barenklau
Co-Chair Amateur Committee
AOTE Committee Report

The AOTE committee has no rules or other outstanding issues to meet on. I have emailed the committee and no one has anything they want to meet on. The only thing we are working on is sponsors for the Championship AOTE High Point Awards. Marie Powell, Nehi Ranch is sponsoring the World show AOTE High Point Awards, and Sherry Crowe, DSB Farm is sponsoring the Eastern Regional AOTE High Point Awards. The AOTE Committee would like to thank them for their sponsorship!

We still need sponsors for the Central Championship Show and the Western Championship if you could announce this to the board in case anyone would be willing to sponsor these awards.

Great news the AOTE committee has no complaints to work on!!!

John Bennett
AOTE Committee

Finance Committee Report

The finance Committee met at 7:00 pm CDT on 5/13/2014. All members were present with the exception of Tommy Thompson. The committee determined it had a quorum and could conduct business. In February there was considerable discussion in FC on the fact that because they occur either prior to or simultaneously with the annual meeting, expenses for the annual meeting, CBC and the judges clinic were not being properly reviewed and approved by the FC and the BOD prior to being incurred. They were already a done deal by the time the budget is adopted and thus are not really being controlled by the BOD. As a remedy to this problem, the FC proposed to review the 2015 budgets for these items prior to the June 2014 meeting so that they could properly review and recommend budgets for them to the BOD for their approval in advance of them happening. Randy used Christy’s budgeting schedules to produce the CBC and judges’ clinic 2015 budgets. Without change, the proposed LOC 2015 budget expenses would increase by $3710 and cost $9,940 more than revenues. Given that AMHA is tightening its’ belt every place possible, the FC recommends that rather than all eight of the LOC members attending CBC, that only the LOC chair, the newest elected LOC member, an LOC member selected by the LOC and the facilitator be allowed to attend CBC.
This would result in a savings of $5,040. No other changes were recommended for LOC

For the annual meeting the necessity of having a paid parliamentarian was discussed. The consensus of the FC was, that at this time the parliamentaria appears to be extremely helpful in assisting the President in maintaining order and keeping the meeting progressing as intended; therefore, no action was recommended. The next discussion centered on reimbursements for the directors, show rules and LOC. This had previously been debated at the February meeting. The discussion ranged from eliminating the reimbursements completely to just eliminating show rules and LOC since they had been just recently enacted, to reducing all reimbursements by 50%. The primary concern was the effect eliminating or reducing the reimbursements would have on BOD attendance at meetings. In the end, it was decided to leave the budget as is and to bring the matter to the 2015 meeting to perhaps have the membership make the decision on future reimbursements to the BOD and elected committees

In that the 2014 actual amounts are closely following the 2014 Budget and at this time there are no known factors that would materially affect actual performance, the FC has no changes to recommend to the budget as adopted in February. The FC, however, would hope the Board is cognizant of the fact that there are no indications 2014 will be anything but an absolute struggle to avoid operating at a loss. Given that a large purchase may happen in the very near future, it will be absolutely necessary the Board governs with an attitude that every decision must take into account the financial consequences for AMHA.

Frank Lupton ~ Finance Committee

Gelding Incentive Committee Report
The Gelding Incentive Committee held a conference call on the 21st of May at 7:00 PM Central time. There were only 4 members on the call including myself, so no business could be voted on. It was discussed as to whether this program should continue and, if so, should it be for Regional or Championship shows only. The Buckles were brought up and it was discussed if a jacket would be a more useful award for the people to receive. Polly brought up the possibility of a gelding futurity and along with Jason they were going to look into that as a possible way to move forward. With that, the meeting was adjourned for lack of members

Respectfully Submitted,
Clair Severson, Co-Chairman

LOC Committee Report
The LOC Committee met on May 20 and took care of reviewing the Top 31 judges selected by LOC committee members for judging the 2015 AMHA World Show. The judges were individually reviewed and evaluated. The final list was created for returning to the AMHA Show Dept to begin the process of contracting judges for the 2015 World Show. The Committee also discussed seminars and clinics for 2015. It was the consensus of the committee to just have one seminar in 2015 and to hold it at CBC in Jan/Feb. AMHA has been a part of CBC (founding voting member) for a number of years and we think it is very important as a large number of our judges attend annually. We also do a lot of individual testing and interviewing of judges and applicants and we need the full LOC committee to attend and assist. This is also the time when LOC has its most productive committee meeting and plans for future activities. We think this is very important to AMHA and this would be the only seminar LOC would plan for 2015. Thus, LOC will not be planning any activities at the 2015 Annual Meeting. We also do not want our competitor miniature horse association to get their foot in the CBC door. This would definitely hurt AMHA.
Tom Roberts, LOC Co-Chair

Local Club Committee Report
May 25, 2014

We sent a brief survey out to the local clubs in the US, Canada and Europe. The following was the survey:
Hello Local Club Officers,
The AMHA Local Club Committee would like you to think of what AMHA could do to help your local club continue to be successful.

1. Would you like to see officers come to your local shows if geographically feasible?
2. Would you like to see more correspondence between AMHA LC committee and the local clubs?
3. Do Local clubs need to have help from AMHA so shows are not on the same weekend. Therefore, which decreases numbers of participants and hurts profits?
4. Would you like there to be a page on the new website where local clubs can share their successes and concerns?

Any other feedback would be appreciated …We want to help you to get all the support you might need.
Thank you for your time,
Susan Stuart/Chairman Local Clubs
I was up against several obstacles due to the fact that the local clubs are not up to date in the magazine or website. Some clubs no longer exist which I was able to figure out when their websites were no longer active. Many of the officers have changed and there is no longer a current active email listed. Many of my emails were returned due to this issue. I truly only received about 10 responses. My committee must have current club officers to have open communication with the clubs in order to try to make a difference. Regarding survey question 1, a majority of the clubs that responded did not see a need for officers or AMHA representatives necessary. Though others would like them to be on hand to answer questions regarding how to run a show and show requirements and qualifying. This could be accomplished with a webpage for Local Clubs.

Question 2: Most clubs would see open communication as very desirable. Not feeling they have had a committee to go to that cares about their questions or feedback makes them disgruntle. Some of my feedback was not very cordial but defiant since they have never been asked their opinion before.

Question 3: Some areas are dealing with a lot of shows on the same weekend thus reducing the number of horses. Therefore, profit, barely breaking even and not enough horses in each class. They find that even when there are rules regarding this sometimes they are not being enforced. Also neighboring local club officials are not working together to reduce this from happening. In other areas this doesn’t seem to be a problem. Other clubs do not put on shows due to small participation, aging out with no youth coming up in the ranks and securing judges in their area is cost prohibited.

Question 4: An overwhelming feeling is that a page on our new website should be dedicated to local clubs so they can share what they are doing. “Club Happenings” page to add exposure out there regarding miniature horses. Some clubs do not put on shows but are active in rescue, therapy and other interesting services for their community. There is a need that local clubs can learn new fund raising techniques from each other, sponsorships, about how to put on a successful shows, operations, promotions and other beneficial knowledge.

The Local Club committees has not been active in sometime and from my responses I have received it is an important that we must continue to extend our hand, communication and gain trust with our clubs.

Susan Stuart
Chairman Local Clubs

Long Rang Planning Committee Teleconference Report

Committee Members Present: Michael Griggs Jr, Sami Scheuring, Tommy Thompson

The LRPC has been asked to look forward at things that would be beneficial to the AMHA. To look at programs that other Registries and Associations have in place that have or could affect the AMHA.

We have a committee with diverse backgrounds in life as well as AMHA history. Each of us brought insight on the topics discussed and forwarded to the BOD.

1. We are concerned about the ability of the AMHA office in light of recent staffing changes. The workload is huge, and we are not being fair to ourselves as
association members nor the office staff expecting them to be able to keep up with all the work to be done on our behalf. It is unreasonable to ask that much of them.

a. One thought is to get an Executive Officer in the office. One who has come from the horse industry and has background in the facets of the AMHA to help make things run through the office.

b. Randy Peacock is a spectacular CFO. But it is not reasonable to expect him to keep up with all the financial information brought to his desk and be expected to run the office effectively. He has been doing a great job, but we feel as though he deserves a partner to help him out.

c. It is the understanding of our committee that this position was a used in the past, and was used very effectively. We are hopeful that someone from the current BOD has some historical information regarding this subject.

d. It is a question this committee has as to whom is handling doing research to make arrangements for the AMHA Annual Meeting and Convention in San Diego? Who is looking into other locations for future events? Does this fall to the LRPC by default because it is a look forward down the road?

2. We discussed the idea of changing the term limits of the Executive Committee. It is very difficult for any single President to effectively have a chance to get any ideas implemented from beginning to end in a single year.

a. Most things need to be presented at committee level and brought to the membership for a vote. It then has to wait to be written into the rulebook. Just an example.

b. Increasing the duration of EC positions could offer the opportunity for the EC to work in some cohesion, to have a chance to have an effect in their term.

c. It seems that anyone elected is already for lack of a better political term a “lame duck” in office.

3. We have some serious issues coming in our future! It is now time to start running the AMHA as a “business” and not like a club. If we don’t make some fundamental changes soon we won’t have anything left.

4. In observing some other horse types at halter shows, it was apparent that our current style of showing halter classes is difficult for the exhibitor because of the length showing the horse. It is also very hard on the horse to ask it to look its best for the length of time, 15 to 20 minutes at a local show, and up to 40 or more minutes at the world level is not humane treatment of the horse.

a. Our current type also has the judges judging different horses at different times, difficult for exhibitors and horses as well. Judging scores are sometimes very different based on the idea they looked at the same horse at different times, there is a lack of consistency in the scores. It doesn’t show great credibility when posting the placings later.

b. New style would have horses enter one by one in a “parade for the judges” similar to what happens now, only there is no walk, then trot, etc. Just a parade around the show ring at whatever gait the exhibitor wishes.

c. After all horses have been seen once, they are brought back individually for consideration by the entire judging panel similar to our current “supreme” class at the world show. This lets all the judges view the same horse at the same time, likely giving more continuity to the way the horses are judged.
i. Horse brought to center arena.
   ii. Set up to show facing one direction.
   iii. Walk then trot away, turn around then walk/trot back to center.
   iv. Set up to Show facing other direction.
   v. Move on to next horse.

d. After all have been viewed they once again do a parade for last thoughts from judges.
e. It could save as much as 5 to 10 minutes per class at the World Level.
f. Again this style was what was done in AMHA shows in the past, why did we move away from it?
g. Biggest advantage is better treatment of Horse and Handlers, more consistency from the judges, much better for the crowd to be able to see all the horses in each class.

5. One of the biggest costs at regional and world shows is the contract labor. We have multiple ring stewards in the show ring directing traffic, a clerk, etc. What if we could eliminate the need for some of those positions? There are programs available for the scoring to be transmitted and received electronically, tabulated as it comes in, and printed. This saves huge amounts of time that let the “sizzle” out of a show waiting for the ring stewards to “check” the judges cards, then hand them off to the ring clerk to manually input, then someone has to double check them. Finally eventually the announcer gets a copy of the results and announces the placings.
   a. If we change transmission of scores, we could save in the first year the cost of the extra labor, expenses related to the labor and waste of time.
   b. Yes it would be an initial investment in the “tablets” to use the software, but well worth it.
   c. The judges I spoke with regarding the use of the tablets to judge all said the same thing, it is so much easier and quicker to keep the show moving, the crowd gets a better show, and the judges don’t seem so out of line with each other all the time.

Thank you for the Board’s consideration of these topics.

If there are other things the BOD or membership would like the Long Range Planning Committee to explore specifically, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Michael Griggs Jr.
Chair Long Range Planning Committee

AMHA Membership Meeting Minutes
May 2014
Gene Baynham and Julie Good met via email conversation. We had a quorum. The Executive Committee has directed the Membership Committee to work on redesigning the A Awards Program. Tommy Thompson has given some suggestions. We are working on putting together a program that draws more applicants and has some clearer boundaries. We would like to bring a draft to the board by the fall.
We continue to work on ways to stay in contact with new members of AMHA through personal contact.

Performance Committee Report
June 2014
Co-Chairs Austin Van Wyck & Darlene Bridges
Members- Sharon Housley, Tammi Nuttal, Kerri Griggs, Patty Cloke, Bill Fairchild, Susan Stuart

The Performance Committee makes decisions regarding the Performance Futurity. Currently the Awards will be presented to the Grand and Reserve winners in Single, Country, Classic and Hunter. We will give Official World Show jackets to champions, coolers to reserve driving champions, and a performance halter to reserve hunter champion.

Our current Performance Futurity Sponsors for 2014 are:
1. All Things Equine - Bill Fairchild;
2. Cedar Creek Miniatures - Debbie Emery;
3. Debra Hopkins- Heaven Sent Miniatures,
4. Julie Good – Azariah Miniatures
5. Patty Cloke – Cloke Training Stables and Pat McGuinness – Limerick Farm,
6. Mike and Kerry Griggs – Junior Bear Ranch,
7. Lonnie Purdue - New West Ranch
8. Texas Angels Miniatures, Marvin Lazar and Susan Stuart.

**Star Lake Tack has agreed to once again sponsor the 6 driving coolers for reserve champions.

The Committee Discussed adding a 4 year old hunter class to the 2015 Performance Futurity. This was Passed Unanimously at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Provision for this class was in the original Performance Futurity Program proposal.

Also it should be noted that we decided to reduce the futurity nomination fee for horses in their three and four year old year. It was strongly felt that this would be cost effective based on increased entries as a result of lower fees.

The existing fee schedule would remain the same with the exception of the fee required to nominate a three or four year old. Change the existing fee from $300 to $200 if the horse is nominated by the close of entries for the World Show. After
the close of entries for the World Show the fee required to nominate a three or four year old would be $300. "This Passed Unanimously."

The Committee is still somewhat concerned that all judging of driving classes be "according to our Driving Rules in the AMHA Rule Book.

We support the Reinsmanship class that will be held at the 2014 World Show during the Youth portion of the Show.

The Committee is currently working on rewrites of the Roadster & Hunter Rules as well as specifications for Obstacle with suggested obstacles including exact measurements depending on use of obstacle in course.

None of these are ready to be published at this time.

The Committee did not have a conference call, we communicated on these at the Annual Meeting and via email.

Promotions Committee Report  
June 1, 2014

2014 World Sponsor Packages (see attached)  
• To be advertised in all 3 Championship programs

Corporate Sponsor Packages (see attached)

Championship Sponsor Packages (see attached)

Banners/Tables at World Show, promoting last year’s World Champions and this year’s Regional Champions, past Super Amateur’s and Overall Youth HiPoint winners.

Honor Roll Belt Buckle Top Ten purchase option  
• Give the first place the Championship BB just like now. Offer 2-10 the opportunity to purchase a Top 10 Honor Roll BB for cost plus $20, plus s/h. This could cover the cost of the Championship BB. Letters could go out after points are tallied and placings are determined. Then the buckles can be ordered and shipped.

Breeders Listing Boost  
• Breeders List currently being "Under-utilized" and it needs to be promoted heavily. Get EVERYBODY who’s a breeder in there. All new AMHA members get this in their package and tends to be the first place they look when shopping for stock.

Vendors for World Show
Contact all previous Vendors, promoting that our space prices have dramatically decreased and GET THEM BACK.

If you’re a Vendor, you also get a sign in the arena and a 1/4pg b/w in the Show Program

Cross-Promote with other on-going events at Will Rogers

Let all the surrounding Newspapers, etc, know that the show is happening and that there will be Vendors there.

Sponsors

Possible sponsors to approach: ........ Trainers would want to see the shows be a success.....Horse supply dealers, Equiline, Shurgain, TSC stores, Tack Stores.....etc.....

Hotels and Motels in the venue area want the business.

Have 1-2 Host Hotels that we can get room blocks from and put up a sign in their lobby, promoting our show.

2015 Convention

Promoting this event

Making it fun

Group going to SeaWorld/Zoo/Farm tour, etc

Motivational Speaker

Seminars – NOT during committee meetings

AMHA Championship Sponsorship Opportunities

Premium Sponsor $1000

- Full page color ad in MHW
- Full page b/w ad in ALL 3 Championship Show Program
- 4’ x 2.5’ banner displayed in main arena at ALL 3 championship shows
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-news
- Ranch logo on Platinum Sponsor poster at ALL 3 championship shows

Grand Champion Sponsor $500

- Full page b/w ad in Championship Show Program
- 4’ x 2.5’ banner displayed in main arena at sponsored show
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-news
- Ranch name on Sponsor poster at sponsored show
Reserve Grand Champion Sponsor $250
- 1/2 page b/w ad in Championship Show Program
- 4’ x 2.5’ banner displayed in main arena at sponsored show
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-news
- Ranch name on Sponsor poster at sponsored show

Class Sponsor $100
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-news
- Ranch name on Sponsor poster at sponsored show

AMHA Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Premium Corporate Sponsor $10,000
- Full page color ad in the Miniature Horse World magazine
- Full page b/w ad in World Show Program
- 10x10 booth at World Show
- 2 Large arena signs
- Logo in AMHA Calendar
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements at World & Championship Shows
- Company banner displayed at World & 3 Championship Shows
- Company logo with link to your website on amha.org
- Business card ad run in the MHW all year

Corporate Sponsor $5000
- Full page color ad in MHW
- 1/2 page b/w ad in World Show Program
- Large arena sign
- Logo in AMHA Calendar
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements at World Shows
- Company banner displayed at World Show
- Company logo with link to your website on amha.org
- Business card ad run in the MHW all year

AMHA World Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Sponsor (1 Grand, 2 Open, 2 Amateur, 2 Youth) $2000
- Full page color ad in MHW
- Full page b/w ad in World Show Program
- 2.5’ x 6’ tall banner
- Large arena sign
- Small arena sign
- Showkace table in main arena
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-news
- Ranch logo on Platinum Sponsor poster
- World Show Sponsor logo next to ranch banner on amha.org

**Gold Sponsor (1 Grand, 2 Open, 1 Amateur, 1 Youth) $1500**
- Full page color ad in MHW
- 1/2 page b/w ad in World Show Program
- Large arena sign
- Showkace table in main arena
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-News
- Ranch logo on Gold Sponsor poster
- World Show Sponsor logo next to ranch banner on amha.org

**Silver Sponsor (1 Grand, 1 Open, 1 Amateur, 1 Youth) $1000**
- Full page b/w ad in MHW
- 1/2 page b/w ad in World Show Program
- Small arena sign
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-News
- Ranch logo on Silver Sponsor poster
- World Show Sponsor logo next to ranch banner on amha.org

**Bronze Sponsor (1 Open, 1 Amateur, 1 Youth) $750**
- 1/2 page b/w ad in MHW
- 1/2 page b/w ad in World Show Program
- Small arena sign
- MHW mention
- PA Announcements
- Mention in E-News
- Ranch logo on Bronze Sponsor poster
AMHyA Conf Call May 18 2014

Roll Call:
Kerri Griggs, Julianna Myers, Sherry Crowe, Olivia Reynolds, Madison Holly,
Jessica Myers, McClay Walker

AMHyA Web Page: AMHyA EC will work on what they want to see on the youth page. McClay Suggested that all of the EC have pics and Bio of themselves. Lets try to have this **completed by Aug 1st** please report your ideas back to Kerri or Julianna via email myers740@aol.com or jrbearanch@hotmail.com

AMHyAWorld Sponsorship Opportunities
Kerri G. has been working on a wonderful proposal for sponsors

**Gold Sponsor (2 youth classes) $500**
2 Calcutta Tickets
½ Page b/w ad in Show Program
Ranch name on back of AMHyA World shirts
MHW mention
PA Announcements
Mention in E-News
Ranch name on Youth Sponsor poster
World Show Sponsor logo next to ranch banner on amha.org
“AMHyA Sponsor 2014” sign to hang in your barn during the show
Love and appreciation from the entire AMHyA Youth and Leaders!

**Silver Sponsor (1 youth class) $300**
Ranch name on back of AMHyA World shirts
¼ Page b/w ad in Show Program
MHW mention
PA Announcements
Mention in E-News
Ranch name on Youth Sponsor poster
World Show Sponsor logo next to ranch banner on amha.org
“AMHyA Sponsor 2014” sign to hang in your barn during the show
Love and appreciation from the entire AMHyA Youth and Leaders!

**Bronze Sponsor $150**
Ranch name on back of AMHyA World shirts
MHW mention
PA Announcements
Mention in E-News
Ranch name on Youth Sponsor poster
World Show Sponsor logo next to ranch banner on amha.org
“AMHyA Sponsor 2014” sign to hang in your barn during the show
Love and appreciation from the entire AMHyA Youth and Leaders!

**Calcutta Sponsor** $75
2 Calcutta Tickets
Listed in Show Program
Sponsor name on Calcutta Table
Ranch name on Youth Sponsor Poster
“AMHyA Sponsor 2014” sign to hang in your barn during the show
Love and appreciation from the entire AMHyA Youth and Leaders!

**Sponsors for the World Show Highpoint awards:**
**Champion Youth High point $300**  
**Res Champ $100 or $350.00 both**
There are 9 Categories

**High Point Girl:** (Individual Horse)
- Champion 7 & under ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate  
  Res Champ ($50. Cash & Certificate)
- Champion 8-12 ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate  
  Res Champ ($50. Cash & Certificate) **Sponsored by Amanda Benton**
- Champion 13-18 ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate  
  Res Champ ($50. Cash & Certificate)

**High Point Boy** (individual Horse)
- Champion 7 & under ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate  
  Res Champ ($50. Cash & Certificate)
- Champion 8-12 ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate  
  Res Champ ($50. Cash & Certificate)
- Champion 13-18 ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate  
  Res Champ ($50. Cash & Certificate)

**High Point Multiple Horse** (LM for Wendy Morris about Art work again)
- Girl ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate
- Boy ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate

**YOTE** ($125.  Cash & Award (belt buckle $105.00) & Certificate
Possibly Sponsored by Tim Lease for Champ & Res.

*Possibly raise Res Champ to $75.00

**Amiee Holiday Painted H Ranch will sponsor any Category**
Breanne Loesch will sponsor a Res. Champ High point award.
* Mention in Show Program
* MHW Magazine Pic of you presenting Award
* Ranch name on Youth Sponsor poster
* “AMHyA Sponsor 2014” sign to hang in your barn during the show

Reinmanship Exhibition Sharon Housley & Patty Cloke Oversee
Class to take place after Shankless Showmanship & Hunter on Thurs
Awards to be given Demo first then Exhibition Class
Entry Cost $25.00
Ask Darlene Bridges about Gold & Silver Horse Heads
Neck Sash $8.00 for all top ten McGloughlin Blaine Cheaper 919-915-0091
Julianna inquire

Shankless Showmanship & Hunter Kim Sweatt, Schultz, & Becky Kelly Oversee
Laura Said Jumps will be available, To be held after Liberty
Judges ??; Cost of class $10 ea, Hunter you can show more than one horse.
Pot is split in 2 age categories 12 & U and 13-18
50% of pot goes to AMHyA the balance goes to each winner split by how many
were in each group.
Also would like to offer Spectators the opportunity to bet on winner one hour
before the start of the classes $5.00 per bet winner split 50/50 with the AMHyA
4 winners total 2 ages groups

Pancake Breakfast Lisa Hawkins Oversee
Calcutta Sherry Crowe Oversee
Great suggestion for centerpiece McClay to help and check with step dad
regarding 2 types of calf roping during the Calcutta rec $1.00 for 3 throw,
Best throw wins?? (from farthest away)
Mike Griggs Maddy & McClay all to make Horse Show art Centerpieces
Ed Sisk to be poss auctioneer & donate a Western Art piece to auction off
Sherry has a call into Aimee Holiday fiancé Dustin Davis regarding being auctioner

Welcome Bags (100) Kerri Griggs Oversee
Needs a Sponsor

Art, Photo, Essay & Coloring Contest Kerri Griggs Oversee
Judges
Awards to be placed by artwork, not given in center ring
Cash Awards to be picked up in office

**Scavenger Hunt Kerri Griggs Oversee**  
To be held after Reinsmanship

**Liberty –Lisa Hawkins/Julianna Myers Oversee**  
Judges-Kim Sweatt, Lisa Hawkins need 2 carded + one more  
Awards-Sherry Crowe to Order  
Gate Person Whitney Hawkins??  
Announcer Mallory Grayson??

**Quiz bowl-Bobbie Briggs & Dru Crowell Oversee**  
Buzzers  
Awards  
Volunteers  
Questions  
Get 2 Judges  
Timer Person: Stop Watch  
Order Trophies & Ribbons & Certificates: ? Sherry? Office?

**AMHyA Youth Webpage**-Youth EC to come up with what they want on the page by July 30th

T-Shirts it was agreed upon that the Youth Team T-shirts be all black with the logo in the team colors and that the shirt backs are used for advertising our sponsors and to be handed out the night of the Calcutta, and encourage all to bring them back to the parade

**Youth Breakfast Donuts & Water-Sherry Oversee**

**BBQ**: Sponsored by JonVon Poss Sunday afternoon  
Youth Fundraiser  
Precook meat and serve in Barn no charge from Will Rogers  
Need sponsors for Baked Beans and Potatoe Salad  
If cook there need to pay $2-3 per person to Will Rogers  
Discussion:  
**Julianna Myers to check on details**

**Pizza Party** Sunday Committee wants to have both the BBQ & Pizza Party on Sunday We Need to find a sponsor
Sherry Who did this last year?

**Rootbeer Float Party: Oversee Sponsored by Sharon Housley** Fantasia Farms
Sat. Lunch during hunter/jumper
Need Volunteers
Office Said the can’t Get Ice Cream or Supplies this Year
Discussion
Spoke with Sharon this week and she will handle everything Yeah

**New Business:** It was brought up by the Youth EC that they would like to see the Judging brought back instead of Quiz bowl for next year 2015 World show. The majority would like to see this happen. We will need to look at costs to host the Judging, McClay & Olivia to look into

**Rule Change Proposal:**
On youth qualifying into Amateur Level 1 or 2 possibly up the Points to 75 or 100
Discussion

**Rule Change Proposal:**
Qualifying for the World Show
Discussion
It was brought up that because we did not have a lot of people on the conference call that we should table the discussion of the rule change proposals until we meet again

Thank you to all of those who were able to make the call. Please email any concerns or ideas that anybody has regarding the youth.

**REGIONAL ARE FAST APPROACHING PLEASE GET OUT THERE AND FIND SPONSORS ASAP, The Earlier the Better. Please email me any commitment you get from people willing to sponsor and I will help create a spreadsheet to keep track.**
AMHA STANDING RULES

1. ANNUAL MEETING
Clubs hosting Annual Meeting: The membership committee encourages local clubs to be involved with planning the Annual Meeting and submit bids to host the Annual Meeting. "Hosting" is defined as helping select site (hotel), volunteers to host the registration table, setting up a booth, planning tourism adventures for members coming in early or staying over.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
A. Bi-monthly board meetings: The Board will hold bi-monthly meetings.
B. Limitation on Finance committee membership: The number of members to serve on the Finance Committee is limited to seven members plus the Treasurer.

3. SHOWS
A. Championship show qualifying requirements: A horse must have attended one local qualifying AMHA approved show and must be exhibited in a minimum of one class to compete at a Championship Show (Exemption: Weanlings do not need to attend a local show to exhibit in a Championship Show). Qualifying dates are August 28, 2012 through August 27, 2013.
B. AMHA local shows & other events held during the same show: AMHA approved clubs are encouraged to sponsor or put on approved AMHA shows and can be involved in any other promotional events. Each AMHA show must be held as a separate event. An example would be an approved AMHA show could be on one day and another event (ex: other registry classes) could be held on an adjoining day or another day. Note: Class list in premiums should be printed separately.
C. Amateur Classes: In all AMHA approved horse shows the Amateur Halter Classes in each division must be held prior to Open Halter Classes in that division and the performance classes will be scheduled at the show manager’s discretion.
D. Sliding Stops: Evidence of any inhumane treatment to a horse including but not limited to blood, whip marks that raise welts or abusive whipping, in or out of the show ring, and performing sliding stops while driving shall result in disqualification of that horse and that exhibitor for the balance of that show and shall result in the forfeiture of all trophies, ribbons, awards and points won by that horse. AMHA shall be notified of any such disqualification by the Show Manager when show results are reported.
E. Measurement of Senior horses for World: Any senior horse entered in an AMHA Regional Championship Show that successfully measures into that show, shall be allowed to use the Regional Show measurement for purposes of satisfying the measuring requirement for the AMHA World Show.
F. Other Breed Horse Shows: AMHA approved shows may include non-rated classes for other horses at an AMHA sanctioned show or event. With the exception of another miniature horse registry which will not be allowed.
G. Judge "no show problem": A show shall be allowed to continue with one less judge when an emergency situation arises. Points for exhibitors/horses would be adjusted to compensate for the missing judge as follows: if it is a two judge show, the one judge’s cards would result in double points being issued; if a three or four judge show, the senior most judge’s cards would be double pointed to compensate for the missing judge’s card.
H. Splits in Driving classes: If final is run immediately after splits, the paddock master will separate and send split A into the ring followed by split B with the two minute gate rule being strictly enforced.
I. Reduction of qualifying points:
   a. Reduce all qualifying points to one (1) point for the following classes:
      - Class 136 Amateur Single Pleasure Driving Level 1
      - Class 137 Amateur Single Pleasure Driving Level 2
      - Class 140 Open Single Pleasure Driving 32 & Under
      - Class 141 Open Single Pleasure Driving over 32 – 34
      - Class 142 Ladies Single Pleasure Driving
      - Class 143 Gentlemen Single Pleasure Driving
      - Class 144 Single Pleasure Driving Stallions
      - Class 146 Single Pleasure Driving Geldings
   b. Reduce all qualifying points from five (5) to three (3) for the following class: Class 106 Open Roadster.

J. Moratorium on Classes: A moratorium shall be established on additional added classes until such time that the finance committee and the board agree that we are capable of sustaining the new classes. Classes approved in February 2009 and scheduled to be added in 2010 will not be affected. Rule Changes submitted in 2009 and later will fall under this moratorium: they will continue through the flow chart, but will not be implemented until reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board

4. FINES
   3 Strike Policy:
   1st Offense $250 fine
      Six (6) month suspension from AMHA (business transactions & AMHA Championship & World Shows) from the date of finding. Published in the Miniature Horse World
   2nd Offense $500 fine
      Twelve (12) month suspension from AMHA (business transactions & AMHA Championship & World Shows) from the date of finding. Published in the Miniature Horse World
   3rd Offense $1,000 fine
      Five (5) years suspended from AMHA (business transactions & AMHA Championship & World Shows) from the date of finding. Published in the Miniature Horse World.

In order to be re-instated, all fines must be paid in full.


5. HORSE SALES
   HORSE SALES/PROHIBITED USE OF AMHA LOGO AND INCLUSION IN AMHA SHOW PREMIUM LIST
   A sale cannot be advertised or promoted in any way in the premium list of an AMHA-approved show and the AMHA logo cannot be used by any sale other than those held in conjunction with the Championship and National Shows and approved by the AMHA Board of Directors.

6. Qualifying horses of International Amateur members: International Amateur members residing in foreign countries may qualify their horse that is located in the United States, with a trainer, for showing in the amateur division at the AMHA World Show as follows:
   a. The member exhibits a horse in any Amateur halter and/or performance class/classes (excluding amateur driving classes) at two AMHA approved international shows or the AMHA European Regional Championship Show.
   b. The amateur horse, located in the USA, must be owned by the amateur or the amateur’s immediate family in order to be entered at the World Show.
   c. The amateur’s horse, located in the USA, must be shown, qualified and entered into the World Show in an Open Class.
   d. The amateur exhibitor must meet all Amateur Division and World Show rules and pay the applicable World Show fees.
   e. All amateur classes are included except the amateur driving classes in this qualifying rule. To qualify in any amateur driving class the amateur must drive their horse in one show in the USA.
American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA) policy for a complaint filed with the AMHA Office against an AMHA member.

The following steps will be followed to maintain the protection of all parties concerned and applies to all AMHA members. A flow chart will be used in conjunction with the following guidelines.

1. When a formal complaint is received at the AMHA office, the complaint must be in the form of a letter that is dated, signed and a $100.00 filing fee attached by the individual filing the complaint. If a telephone, email, or faxed complaint is received, the office manager will notify the individual that a dated letter with the original signature of the member filing the complaint must be mailed to the AMHA office with a $100.00 fee for any action to proceed. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.

2. The office manager will forward the complaint to the President. If the complaint is against the President it will be forwarded to the Vice President. The complaint will be handled as sensitive information and will only be discussed with the Executive Committee (EC) during closed meeting, excluding any EC member that the complaint may be against.

3. The President or Vice President will review the complaint with the EC as outlined in #2. If the complaint is found to be a matter that AMHA has no control over or is outside the jurisdiction of the AMHA it will be sent back to the person filing the complaint with an explanation within 30 days and the $100.00 filing fee will be returned.

4. During the review, the EC will appoint an EC member to represent the person filing the complaint and another EC member to represent the individual who the complaint was filed against. In the event that there is a conflict of interest with an EC member fulfilling these duties a member of the Board of Directors (BOD) will be appointed.

5. Each appointed EC/BOD member will conduct an investigation to include an interview with their appointed party. They will take statements concerning the complaint and will report back to the EC with their findings. If one or both parties want to present their side of the complaint to the EC another meeting will be scheduled. The President or Vice President will determine if both parties may be on the same call.

6. Once the investigation starts and while it is ongoing, the Complaintant and the party which the complaint is filed against will be notified to not have any communication with each other until the EC completes its investigative process.

7. During the final meeting every attempt will be made to protect individual rights and satisfactorily resolve the complaint between the parties involved. Every attempt will be made to keep this complaint from going forward to a Hearing Board however all information that has been gathered during the initial investigation will be forwarded to the Hearing Board if one is necessary.
8. The EC will decide if the Complaint has been resolved or whether a Notice of Charge should be issued. If a Notice of Charge is issued, the $100 filing fee will be returned to the member filing the complaint. Both party’s will be notified of the decision.