

## AMHA Annual General Meeting

Friday November 12, and Saturday November 13, 2021

1. Called to Order by President, S. Peterson at 8:30 am
2. Roll Call – D. Rogers - Present: S. Peterson, L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, L. Perdue, D. Rogers, J. Rutledge, **Saturday-** D. Hopkins, C. Severson – by Zoom  
Absent: A. Harris, S. Infante, S. Murray, K. Lunde, C. Severson, D. Hopkins.  
quorum reached as Amha members present. (As per parliamentarian)

Invocation: Tony Greaves

Sergeant at Arms: Bob Kane

1. Standing rules addressed, call for vote to except standing rules, **Excepted.**
2. Convention rules-S. Peterson
3. Ratify minutes from November 1-2 2019

**Motion** T. Greaves: Minutes excepted

### 1. Welcome report: – S. Peterson

Approximately 58 members present,

- A. Past 3 years have been difficult, low approval level, Out going E.C. have been amazing and fantastic to work with. Congratulations to D. Hendrick as Treasurer last 3 years, cuts to office staff difficult, remaining staff responded and worked very hard. Some members behaviour towards staff in some instances has not been appropriate.
- B. Transparency: Increase in members attending board meeting since using zoom, all members welcome.
- C. Continue to move forward with new software in the office, new show program part of software. Thank you to all software sponsors.
- D. Tuff decision to cut MHW for members, came down to cost.
- E. Webinars – educational for members only, 5-6 completed. December webinar with Val, anything you would like to know, learn about AMHA.
- F. Thank you to all members who have supported the President for last 3 years. Good or bad.
- G. Thank you, members, your very important to the association. Stay vigilant.

### 2. Treasurer report – D. Hendrick

- A: Long way to go, keep watching balance, profit for this year 100,00 approximately, continue to increase profit. 50, 000 owed for software, 25, 000 to be paid January 2022.
- B. Employee expenses cut in half, only half the staff in office, if income down control expenses as hard to increase. Can't afford to start spending.

**Questions comments from members:**

- A. Ways to make money, ask members to contribute towards long term investment, or raise a fee.
- B. Papers not being sent to office when horse sold, charge upfront fee for registration transfer.

**E.C. Committee:**

A. Dedicated members, new stud book coming, Amha shows.com being worked on, will be similar to Amhr ponies.com

**AOTE – B. Kelly**

- A. No quorum could not vote, review of 2020 and 2021. Sponsors for worlds and regionals are reoccurring
- B. Super AOTE successful

**Bylaws – L. Murray**

2020 meeting did not happen have 2020 and 2021 to vote on.

**2020 Bylaws**

**Article IV Section 1, Membership page 13 #2012**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Membership in AMHA is a privilege, not a right, and is open to all persons who subscribe to the objectives of the AMHA. Members, and who agree to abide by its rules and regulations. ~~Membership or application, therefore, may be terminated or refused by the Board of Directors.~~ **Applications for new membership may be refused by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Involuntary termination of membership must be approved by a 2/3 vote at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors and must be ratified by a majority vote of the members at the next annual meeting.** Members of the Association shall be admitted, retained, reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the membership may, from time to time adopt. In all matters of elections governed by a vote of the members, each regular and lifetime member in good standing who has attained the age of ~~nineteen (19)~~ **eighteen (18)** years shall be entitled to one vote. Associate and Youth members shall not be entitled to vote. To do business with AMHA one must be a regular, associate or lifetime member with the exceptions of the following business transactions:(The rest of the Article IV remains the same)

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passes***

**Article IV Section 2, (D) Youth Members page 14 #2013**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Youth members are those persons ~~eighteen (18)~~ **seventeen (17)** and under who are interested in the objects and purposes of the Association but who may or may not have a Miniature at the time of application for membership. For AMHA show purposes, the age of an individual on January 1 shall be

maintained throughout the entire calendar year. (If the above Article IV passes there will need to be housekeeping on all the following items in the rule book)

YD-000 Youth Division All References to age 18 change to 17

AM-010 Requirements A-5-c Page 155

SN-010 B-1, 2 Page 159

SN-010 J Page 160

PA-030 Recognized Point Classes D –

All References to age 18 change to 17 Page 170

PA-030 Recognized Point Classes E- 1, 2, 5 Page 172

WS-030 Classes – A

All References to age 18 change to 17 Pages 178, 179

Fees – Membership Youth Page 185

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

**Article IV Section 4 Application page 15 #2014**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

All applications for membership in the Association ~~is a privilege, not a right, and all applications~~ shall promptly be referred to the Board of Directors or their designee for the class of membership applied for, and applicant will promptly be notified of action taken. Application shall be made on completed forms and include payment of an ~~initiation~~ **membership** fee as may be prescribed from time to time at the Annual Meeting. Application may be approved by the Board of Directors or their designee, but only the Board of Directors, **at** a regular meeting, shall have the power to reject said application. Should a change in class of membership be desired, one must file a new application for that class, and be approved for that class. Whenever in these Bylaws the term member or members shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member(s) in good standing having the right to vote. A member in good standing is one whose dues are fully paid and whose rights are not suspended or revoked by disciplinary action.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passes***

**Article V Section 2, Powers of the Members page 15 #2015**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The Regular Members shall have exclusive powers to amend the Bylaws; amend the Articles of Incorporation; and the corporation, **as provided herein, in Article XIX.**

**Vote taken by show of hands: Passes**

#### **Article V Section 5, Indemnity page 16-17 #2016**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The Directors, Officers, and employees of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. shall be insured in accordance with Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. No director of the AMHA shall be liable to the AMHA or its members for monetary damages for an act or omission in such director's capacity as a director of the AMHA, except that this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director of the AMHA for: a. A breach of such director's duty of loyalty to the AMHA or its members; B. An act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law **or these Bylaws**; C. A transaction from which a director received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the director's office; or D. An act or omission for which the liability of a director is expressly provided for by statute. Any repeal or amendment of this Article by the members of the AMHA shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director of the AMHA existing at the time of such repeal or amendment. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, if the Texas ~~Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act~~ **Business Organizations Code** is amended after approval by the members of this Article to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the AMHA shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Texas ~~Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act~~ **Business Organizations Code**, as so amended from time to time.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passes***

#### **Article VI Section 1, Annual Meeting page 17 #2017**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

**The next** Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined at the Annual Meeting. **If no time and place are set for the next Annual Meeting of the Association, the Annual meeting shall be set on the first business day of the calendar year at the AMHA headquarters in Alvarado, Texas.** ~~Commencing in 1994 the city of the meeting shall be selected by the membership at its Annual Meeting.~~

**Vote taken by show of hands: Passes**

#### **Article VI Section 2-A Notice page 17 #2018**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Notice of a special meeting shall be given by publishing such notice in the Miniature Horse World ~~or~~ **and by AMHA e-Newsletter and by email to each member with an email address on file with the AMHA, who has authorized receiving notices by email at that address, and if no authorized email address is on file with the AMHA, ~~or~~ by mailing written notice to members addresses as shown in the Association's records, at least sixty (60) days prior to such meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting ~~to all members of the Association.~~ **Notice of each any Special Meeting of members meeting** will indicate briefly the subject or objects thereof ~~which shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings.~~**

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed - needs to be rewritten***

#### **Article VI Section 2-B Business page 18 #2019**

***Submitted by: Bylaws Committee***

***Conduct of business at a Special Meeting of members is limited to*** ~~Only~~ items specified in the notice of the special meeting ~~can be transacted at such meetings~~

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article VI Section 4-A Regular Members page 18 #2020**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

All Regular Members who have attained **the age of eighteen (18) years of age** ~~nineteen (19) years as of thirty (30) days preceding such meeting and who have been Regular Members for at least six (6) months~~ are entitled to vote on any matter before the Annual Meeting or any special meeting. Whenever in these bylaws the term member or members shall be used unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member(s) in good standing have the right to vote.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article VI Section 4-D Proxies page 18 #2021**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. **All regular members voting on any measure, must be present, at the meeting to vote.**

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

#### **Article VI Section 4-E Special Measures page 18 #2022**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

An affirmative vote of two thirds of the registered Regular Members present and voting at any Annual ~~or special~~ meeting shall be required to: amend a Bylaw; amend the Articles of Incorporation; or dissolve

the corporation. Proposals to amend a Bylaw must follow the procedures contained in Article XIX. ~~Proposal to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may must be proposed at an Annual Meeting and voted upon at the next Annual Meeting. Proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be made by a petition signed by at least five (5) percent of the voting members as of the April 1 st preceding the meeting, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, and notice of such proposals shall be published in official AMHA correspondence, at least sixty (60) days prior to the next Annual Meeting or special meeting. Requirements for due notice of intent to amend the Articles of Incorporation or dissolve the corporation shall thus be deemed satisfied and at the next Annual Meeting or special meeting may proceed to take final action.~~

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

**Articles VI Section 4-F Ordinary Measures page 19 #2023**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

**Except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws** a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for the election of an Officer or for the adoption of any other measure.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

**Article VI Section 4-G Presiding Officer page 19 #2024**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The presiding Officer of the Annual Meeting or any special meeting may exercise his/her right as a voting member on all **secret** balloted voting issues. The presiding Officer in all other voting issues will only vote to create or break a tie.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

**Article VII Section 1-C Responsibility of Board page 19 #2025**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and assets of the Association. No employee **or member** of the Association shall be denied access to any member of the Board of Directors.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

**Article VII Section 4-A Nominations page 22 #2026**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The Regular Members of each region shall submit the names of those they wish to nominate for a Director to the President or to his designee on form and by date requested. The appropriate Nomination Form will be distributed by official AMHA correspondence. An AMHA director candidate questionnaire shall be sent to each person who agrees to run as a Director and a copy of that completed questionnaire shall accompany the ballots for the appropriate region. ~~If a Director is found to have included statements that are false, they can be removed from office under Rule 134, Intent to Violate.~~

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

#### **Article VII Section 4-B Balloting page 22 #2027**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The ~~President~~ **Association** will then cause ballots to be sent electronically to the Regular Members of each region, **who have consented to vote electronically**, which ballot shall contain the names of the nominees of their region and the date by which the ballot must be submitted to the Association or its designee in order to be counted. **Regular members who have not consented to vote electronically shall be sent a written ballot** ~~may be requested by phone~~. Write in votes shall be allowed.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article VII Section 6-G Report of Meetings page 23 #2028**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

A written report of each Board of Director's meeting, which at the least shall contain all actions taken by the Board and how each Director voted on each issue, including the votes cast by the President or Chairman. This report shall **either** be published in the Miniature Horse World **or sent** by mail **or email**, **when such member has an email address on file with the Association** ~~out~~ to all **Regular or Lifetime** members, ~~or~~ **and** posted to the AMHA website within 60 days. Any current AMHA member may receive a written copy of this report by contacting the AMHA office.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article IX Section 2-B Restrictions of Office page 24 #2029**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Officers shall be elected from those Regional Directors whose term has not expired and who have served at least one year as Director on the Board **and newly elected Directors that have had previous board experience**. No officer or member of the Executive Committee may serve more than three (3) consecutive years in the same office nor on the Executive Committee for more than (5) five consecutive years. After a year's break, the Director can run for the same office or the Executive Committee again. **in the event none of the current board members want to serve on the Executive Committee the membership shall nominate a Past Regional Director from the floor to fill any office on the Executive Committee until all offices are filled. All officers voted to the committee as a Past Regional Director will have voting rights on the Executive Committee only (but not on a board meeting).**

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article IX Section 7-C Duties of the President page 25-26 #2030**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The President shall **adhere to and** enforce these Bylaws and other rules and regulations of the Association, and perform all the duties incident to the position and office, and which are required by law, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

**Article IX Section 10-E Duties of the Treasurer page 27 #2031**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

(E) Check and Balance Procedure for Accounts Payable/ Accounts Receivable: All Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable will be reviewed by the generating Department Head. The Department Head will review for accuracy, initial the document, notate the AP/AR in the Department Records, and forward the AP/AR to the Finance Controller for appropriate action. Accounts Receivable will be processed on the day of receipt with notification to the sending Department when receivables are cleared for deposit. This will assist the effected Department in proper record management, allow that Department to continue service with the client of record, and close the Departments balance sheet on that item. Accounts Payable will be received and reviewed by the generating Department Head, reviewed for accuracy, logged in the Departments Records, initialed, and forwarded to the Accounting Department for disposition. All Accounts Payable checks will require two signatures, one required signature will be the Accounting Manager, second signature designees will be another Staff Director or Supervisor. The Accounts Payable will be documented following AMHA's standard procedure. The generating Department will be notified when complete to insure proper Department Record Management. Exception to the above stated Accounts Payable procedure: when a single Accounts Payable exceeds one thousand dollars, (\$1,000), the signature requirement will be the AMHA Accounting Manager, AND another Staff Director. (The only exception to this will be payroll.) Vendors and Outside Contractor invoices will require these two signatures when the total of the invoices reach or exceed the one thousand dollar (\$1,000) limit for the billing month. Any expenditure or combination of expenditures exceeding \$1000 must require post approval by the Treasurer, or President. (Amended 02-06, effective 01-07) require post Preapproval by the Treasurer, or President.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

**Article IX Section 11 Written Contracts page 28 #2032**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The written contracts of the Association shall, after being approved by the Executive Committee, be executed on behalf of the Association by the President or other parties delegated by the Executive Committee and attested by the Executive Director or Board **Designee** and the corporation seal.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

**Article X Section 5 Ex-Officio Member page 29 #2033**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The President shall be an ex-officio, **non-voting**, member of all committees.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

#### **Article XI Section 6 Breed, Name and Size page 30 #2034**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee Horses registered by The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc., shall be a breed of horses known as the American Miniature Horse. Only those horses born in North America or proven to be out of AMHA registered sire and dam or horses hardshipped and meeting all AMHA registration criteria shall be granted a registration certificate. The American Miniature Horse shall not exceed thirty-four (34) inches in height when measured according to Article XI, Sec. 4 of these Bylaws. The registration of any horse exceeding thirty-four (34) inches shall be void and such horse shall not be considered or designated as an American Miniature Horse. All new certificates issued by The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. shall bear a prominent legend reflecting the content of this Bylaw. Foundation stock registered pursuant to General Rule 184I shall be exempt from this Bylaw.

**Anything in these Bylaws to the contrary notwithstanding, Article XI, Section 6, of these Bylaw, may not be amended except by an affirmative vote of 90% of the Regular or Lifetime members registered at the Annual Meeting.** Amended 02-08, effective 01-09) (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10) (Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article XIII Official Rule Book page 31 #2035**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

There shall be published a rule book, which shall be entitled the "Official Rule Book of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc.", and shall be made available to every member, **digitally or in print** free of charge and shall be ~~printed~~ **arranged** in the following order: a Forward, a Table of Contents, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, General Rules and Regulations, Registration Rules and Regulations, Show Rules, complete list of fees, and any other rules, regulations, or information of the Association.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

#### **Article XV General Rules and Regulations page 31 #2036**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The Annual Meeting shall approve general rules and regulations, which shall govern the members and the Association, on all matters not contained in these Bylaws, but shall be published in the Official Rule Book of The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. When deemed necessary, the Board of Directors shall exercise their power, upon any of the above rules and regulations, as per Article V, Section 3A. **No general rule or regulation promulgated, approved or disseminated pursuant to this Article may alter, supersede, pre-empt or nullify the application and effect of any Bylaw or Article of Incorporation of the AMHA, nor the laws of the State of Texas, nor rights established thereunder.**

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

### **Article XVI Amendment of Rules page 31 #2037**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

All AMHA rules and regulations, **excluding any Bylaw or Article of Incorporation, and** including but not limited to general, show, amateur, youth activities, may be amended by a majority vote of the registered Regular Members in good standing present and voting at the Annual Meeting but only after specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of, prior notice and approval by the appropriate standing committee(s), and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

### **Article XVI – (A) Requirement of Prior Notice page 32 #2038**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

(A) Requirement of prior notice:

1. Anyone submitting an AMHA Rule Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the proper committee. AMHA Staff may submit Rule Change Proposals. To be eligible for consideration by a standing committee a rule change proposal or amendment must be presented in writing and signed by the originator prior to the adjournment of the AMHA Annual Meeting. All proposed Show Rule amendments must be presented with five (5) original co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing. All proposed amendments will be reviewed by staff, Executive Director (if applies), and then passed on with an impact statement to the appropriate committee(s) for evaluation. The affected committees will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The committees cannot change the intent of the rule as it was received from its original source. The change will then be presented for consideration on the agenda of the appropriate committee at the mid-year Board of Directors Meeting. If the rule change proposal is adopted by the committee it will then be voted on and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. (Refer to the AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart for specific time limits). (Amended 02-02, effective 01-03) (Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)The Board of Directors may amend the rule proposal at the mid-year meeting, however the amendment must be closely related to or have a direct bearing on the rule. The presiding officer ~~or parliamentarian~~ may choose to accept or refuse an amendment if he or she deems it inappropriate. The amendment must be voted on and accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to being included in the rule. The rule and amendment are then returned to the appropriate committee for rewrites. The committee cannot change the intent of the rule as amended. The proposal will then be placed on the agenda for approval at the Annual Meeting.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

### **Article XVI – (C) Implementation page 32-33 #2039**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Those rules or amendments that have been ratified by the membership at the Annual Meeting will go into effect on January 1 in the proceeding year and the Rule Book will be ~~printed~~ **published not less than**

annually. ~~(For example: If a rule was ratified at the 2002 Annual Meeting, the rule will be placed into effect on January 1, 2003).~~

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passed***

**Article XIX – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS page 33 #2040**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

All AMHA Bylaws, **except Article XI, Section 6**, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the registered Regular requirements and Procedures ~~or Membership Special Meeting, but only after specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of prior notice.~~

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

**Article XIX – (A, B, C, D) AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS page 33-34 #2041**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

~~(A) Requirements of prior notice~~

~~Anyone submitting an AMHA Bylaw Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the Bylaws Committee. All proposed Bylaw changes must be presented with ten(10) co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing or have been submitted and recommended by the Bylaws Committee. AMHA staff may present proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee without (10) co-signatures. To be eligible for consideration by the Bylaws Committee, a proposal or amendment must be presented in writing and signed by the originator prior to the adjournment of the AMHA National Convention. All proposed amendments shall be reviewed by staff, Executive Director (if applies) and then passed on with an impact statement to the Bylaws Committee. The Committee will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The Committee cannot change the intent of the Bylaw as it was received from its original source. Only the submitter may make changes to the original proposal prior to or at the mid-year Bylaws Committee meeting.~~

**(A) Notice requirements and Procedure**

- 1. Only Regular or Lifetime members may submit a proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the American Miniature Horse Association, Inc.**
- 2. The proposed amendment must be made in writing on the AMHA Bylaw change proposal by the Bylaws Committee or any member with ten (10) co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing. Must be submitted prior to the adjournment of the annual membership meeting and then reviewed by staff and passed on with an impact statement to the Bylaws Committee for review.**
- 3. The Bylaws Committee shall review each proposed amendment with regard to any conflict with other Bylaws, and for internal consistency. The Bylaws Committee may propose and make technical corrections to the proposed Bylaw, with the consent of the proponent that do not alter the fundamental intent of the proposed Bylaw amendment. The proponent shall have the right to withdraw from consideration any proposed Bylaw amendment made by that proponent, prior to the vote thereon, upon written notice to the President of the AMHA or Chair of the Bylaws Committee.**

4. All Bylaw ~~proposals~~ or amendments to be considered for approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting must be published in their finished form in the MHW, **by e-newsletter** or **other** official correspondence no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual meeting. ~~The amendment will then be placed on the agenda at the proceeding Annual Meeting.~~

(B) At the Annual Meeting, the Bylaws Committee ~~Chairperson will explain~~ **shall report on** each proposed Bylaw amendment, **may offer an explanation of the effect thereof, and may make a recommendation of approval or disapproval to the membership.** ~~and the members in attendance will vote "yes" or "no" with no changes permitted at that time.~~ **The Bylaw amendment as proposed is not subject to amendment except as provided in section (A) 4. above.**

(C) An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the registered Regular Members ~~present and voting at any registered at the Annual or special meeting~~ shall be required to amend a Bylaw.

(D) Implementation

**Unless otherwise set forth in the amendment, those** ~~those amendments~~ that have been ~~ratified~~ **approved** by the membership at the Annual Meeting or special meeting will go into effect on January 1st in of the proceeding year and the Rulebook will be printed annually. published, reflecting any changes thereto, not less than annually.

(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article IX Section 8, Duties of the Vice President page 26 #2047**

Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder

The Vice President shall serve as chairperson of the Hub Committee, assume the duties of the President in the event of the absence, or inability to act, of the President, or at h Joanne Rossis request; and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Vice President will review all Standing Rules **and Policies** prior to each Annual Meeting and solicit input from Committee Chairs regarding whether the Standing **Rule or Policy** should be retained, eliminated or presented as a Rule Change proposal through proper channels. A copy of the current Standing Rules will be published on the AMHA website and made available at the Annual Meeting **to all members at the meeting.** (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

***Vote taken by show of hands: Failed***

#### **Article VII Section 1 – (A) Number of Directors page 19 #2068**

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

A region with less than ~~800~~400 members shall have one (1) Director; a region with over ~~800~~400 members shall have two (2) Directors (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

**Vote Taken by show of hands: Passes**

## **Article VI Section 2 – Special Meetings page 17 #2077**

Submitted by: Leigh Murray

Special Meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice thereof, whenever such notice shall be ~~mailed~~ **electronically emailed or published in the E-magazine** by direction of a majority of the Board of Directors or by notice signed by no less than twenty (20) percent of the regular members as of ~~April 1st~~ immediately preceding such notice.

***Vote taken by show of hands: Passes***

### **Rules & Regulation Amendments**

#### **143A Cosmetic Surgery page 43 #020**

Submitted by: Sherry Crowe

~~**Delete:** Any surgical procedure, other than gelding, which could affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited, except for those surgical procedures performed for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse.~~

**Add:** Members, their employees, and their agents shall not perform surgical procedures, or aid, instruct, or conspire with another to perform surgical procedures, or employ another to perform surgical procedures which conceal genetic defects or undesirable traits, unless such surgery is needed for medical therapeutic reasons as attested to in writing by a qualified veterinarian, in an animal to be shown, used for breeding, or sold as a breeding animal.

**Passed**

#### **102 EMPLOYEE LIMITATIONS page 39 #2003**

Submitted by: AMHA Staff

~~**All individuals employed by the Association (and their immediate families), shall not be allowed to train or show, act as an agent for buying or selling, or own (either individually or in partnerships) any registered American Miniature Horse.**~~ **are allowed to own and enjoy all aspects of ownership (show, breed, etc.) registered AMHA horses. The employee must not use their employment position to solicit sales, training or to influence in any way their personal or professional goals regarding AMHA registered horses.**

**Passed 38-11**

#### **193A-2 Qualification's page 62 #2005**

Submitted by: AMHA Staff

2. Be ~~60~~ 36 months of age or greater by its actual date of birth prior to hardship measuring.

\*\* If passed, there will be Housekeeping changes in other areas of the rule book.

***Withdrawn – need to add to bylaws first***

## **104 ANIMAL CRUELTY OR INHUMANE TREATMENT #2042**

Submitted by: Rules & Regs Committee page 39

**If at any time a member of the AMHA has been convicted in a criminal court of animal cruelty or inhumane treatment, the AMHA has the right to suspend or cancel said member's membership through actions authorized and carried out under the AMHA Disciplinary procedures including, but not limited to, actions authorized by AMHA Rules 150-176. All registration papers of the horse or horses in question are the sole property of the AMHA and may be revoked. Horses which have been removed by city, county, state, or other government official, as a result of the conviction, and placed up for adoption, shall be considered for reinstatement of the original registration papers for the new owners. Positive identification must be proven in accordance with AMHA Rules and Bylaws by the new owner. Any horse subject to this rule will be DNA tested in accordance with AMHA Rules, and will be inspected and measured by a certified past or present Director before the issuance of the registration. Normal transfer fees and any other required fees must be paid by the new owner. (If this passes the membership housekeeping will be required to delete GR-040 – G1 on page 97)**

***Passed***

## **AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart page 66 #2043**

Submitted by: Harry Elder

ANNUAL MEETING

PRECEDING YR OF STUDY

Deadline for submitting

All proposed rule changes to

AMHA Headquarters signed by Originator

Bylaws (~~15 Co-signers~~) to **(10 Co-signers)**

Show Rules (5 Co-signers)

***Passed***

## **193C Measuring, 1. page 63 #2048**

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

1. Measurement for Hardship Application must be performed at a designated time as set forth by the appropriate Show/**Special Event** Representative with advance notification by the applicant for such type measurement, to the respective Show/**Special Event** Manager. Time and date to be provided in the

respective show's premium book or **Special Event Program** at one of these public locations:

- a. AMHA Sanctioned/Approved Show
- b. AMHA Championship Show
- c. AMHA World Show
- d. AMHR **Sanctioned/Approved** Show

**Add: e. AMHA Recognized Special Event**

**1) It must be held by an approved AMHA club**

**2) It can be an approved AMHA Amateur Clinic or AMHA Certified Measuring Clinic**

**3) Any fees charged by the Judge and Director are privately agreed upon by the horse owner(s)**

**4) Both Judge and Director must be appointed by the AMHA Office, not selected by the club. But the club can give recommendations.**

*Passed*

#### **184D Temporary Registration page 54 #2066**

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

Delete 1. And renumber 2.

~~1. Any horse registered temporarily prior to January 1, 1988, shall be eligible for permanent status at age of thirty six (36) months. After June 1, 1988, any horse must be brought to permanent status within six (6) months after becoming eligible. If not brought to permanent status, temporary papers will be revoked.~~

~~2.~~ 1. Any horse applying for temporary registration after December 31, 1987, shall not be eligible for permanent registration until three (3) years of age (thirty- six months). Permanent status must be applied for ~~within six (6) months~~ **by December 31st** after becoming eligible. If not brought to permanent status, temporary papers will be revoked. (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

*Passed*

#### **186F Castration page 57 #2067**

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

After a stallion is castrated the certificate of registration and a "Gelding Certificate" form (provided by the Association) must be submitted to the Association by the recorded owner. ~~A new certificate will be issued at no charge~~

***Passed***

**184I Foundation/Oversized Classification page 55 #2069**

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

~~184I Foundation/Oversize Classification~~

~~Any horse permanently registered prior to February 1, 1987, which has exceeded thirty four (34) inches in height will be classified as Foundation/Oversized if the registration certificate of such horse is submitted to the Association with the correct height. The correct height will be placed on the certificate and the certificate will be stamped "Foundation/Oversized" and foals will be eligible for registration from such horse. No horses may be qualified under the Foundation Clause after December 31, 1990. 184J 184I Foals Over Two Years of Age~~

***Remove from Rule book - Passed***

**139 FALSE STATEMENTS page 42 #2071**

Submitted by: Rules & Regs Committee

**Add: 139A Intent to Commit Fraud No person shall make a misleading or false statement concerning the registration or transfer documents of a horse or marketing material.**

***Withdrawn***

**Licensed Officials Committee**

**LO-042 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP page 78 #005**

***Submitted by: Licensed Officials Committee***

The membership of the Licensed Officials Committee, ~~effective with the February 2009 election will consist of at least four (4) amateur members~~ **will consist of three (3) AMHA Amateur and three (3) AMHA carded judges. The remaining two (2) positions may be filled by AMHA members.** Failure to attend..."

***Approved by Board***

**Show Rules**

**WS-028 MEASUREMENT OF HORSES page 175 #006**

Submitted by: Show Rules Committee

- A.** Once Show Officials have followed the rules for measuring the horse (GR-020) and the horse has been measured, the measurement becomes the official height for that show ~~and is not~~

~~protestable once the horse enters the ring. The height of the horse will be posted three (3) hours prior to the horse entering the ring. If any horse is shown where measurement is not posted (unless through Show Management error), in accordance with above, its height can be protested up to one hour after its class is completed. The horse's height may be protested one time during the show provided the following requirements are met: The protest is filed by an exhibitor, owner, and/or trainer of a horse in the same class or another class in that division qualifying for the same Championship. The horse may be height protested prior to showing in a class and/or protest may be submitted within one hour following any class in which the horse competes. Exception: Division Championship classes are exempt from height protest. If the protest follows a class, the class must be listed, the time the class ended, as well as the time the protest is submitted to the Show Official. The protest measurement of the horse will become the official height measurement for that show and result in adjustment of any and all awards pertaining to height requirements for that horse. If a protest is filed, the procedures for protest as outlined in GR-050 must be followed. If the protest is upheld the owner, trainer and/or exhibitor of the protested horse is responsible for returning all awards and will be responsible for any costs incurred to replace awards.~~

***Withdrawn for re-write***

**WS-030 CLASSES, PA-030 RECOGNIZED POINT CLASSES pages 171 & 176 #012**

Submitted by: Performance Committee

Delete: Amateur Versatility

Add: Amateur Versatility Level 1

Amateur Versatility Level 2

***To be re- submitted as can not be brought back if use word "Delete"***

**WS-030 CLASSES, PA-030 RECOGNIZED POINT CLASSES pages 171 & 176 #013**

Submitted by: AOTE Committee

Add: AOTE Versatility

***Passed***

**WS-030 CLASSES, PA-030 RECOGNIZED POINT CLASSES pages 168-9 & 176 #014**

Submitted by: Performance Committee

Delete: Open Classic Pleasure Driving 32" & Under

Add: Open Classic Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"

Add: Open Classic Pleasure Driving 30" & Under

Delete: Open Country Pleasure Driving, 32 & Under

Add: Open Country Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"

Add: Open Country Pleasure Driving 30" & Under

Delete: Open Single Pleasure Driving, 32" & Under

Add: Open Single Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"

Add: Open Single Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under

***To be re-submitted as can not be brought back if use word "Delete"***

**WS-030 CLASSES, PA-030 RECOGNIZED POINT CLASSES pages 171 & 176 #018**

Submitted by: AOTE Committee

Delete: AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving

Add: AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving Level 1

Add: AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving Level 2

Delete: AOTE Country Pleasure Driving

Add: AOTE Country Pleasure Driving Level 1

Add: AOTE Country Pleasure Driving Level 2

***Withdrawn***

**CL-037 Carriage Driving Division page 121 #019**

Submitted by: Performance Committee

Add:

1. General
  2. Equipment and Harness
  3. Attire
  4. Gaits
  5. AMHA Carriage Driving Pleasure
  6. AMHA Carriage Driving Turnout
  7. AMHA Carriage Driving Working
  8. AMHA Carriage Driving Reinsmanship
  9. AMHA Carriage Driving Obstacle
- 1.General

1.1 To be shown to a suitable two or four wheeled vehicle or four wheeled vehicle for pairs and multiples. Viceroy and racing sulkys are not permitted. If class numbers are not sufficient, singles and pairs/multiples may be combined.

1.2 Passengers/Grooms are allowed but must come from within the carriage.

1.3 Multiple horse turnouts must carry at least one Groom or passenger capable of rendering assistance at all times.

1.4 Only the driver may handle the reins or whip during the competition. The penalty for non-compliance is elimination. Drivers receiving outside assistance after the judging has begun will be disqualified at the judges' discretion unless otherwise specifically allowed (groom/passenger heading the turnout).

1.5 Drivers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult capable of rendering assistance. Rendering of assistance by the adult will result in elimination.

1.6 Any application of artificial hair in the mane or tail is prohibited. Braiding of the mane and tail is optional.

1.7 Excessive use of the voice, shouting or whistling to the animal may be penalized at the judges' discretion. If

necessary, it is permissible to talk to the animal in a subdued voice.

1.8 The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one handed or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one style over another.

1.9 All turnouts will enter the ring in a counter-clockwise direction at a working trot.

1.10 Both stock and non-stock horses exhibiting Pleasure, Country or Classic driving styles are allowed are to be judged according to the appropriateness for the style of the vehicle.

## 2. Equipment and Harness

2.1 It is the drivers' responsibility to see that the harness is in good condition, clean and properly fitted. Harness may be of the light breast collar type or draft type whichever is appropriate for the carriage.

2.2 Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch and cavesson or noseband are mandatory.

2.3 The reins must pass only thru the rein terrets and be attached only to the bit. Bits may be of any type legally recognized in the AMHA Rule Book.

2.4 Martingales and overchecks are prohibited. Side checks are acceptable but discouraged.

2.5 Breeching is required for all vehicles without brakes.

2.6 An appropriate driving whip must be carried, in hand, at all times while driving. The thong on the whip must be long enough to reach the shoulder, but not excessively past, of the farthest animal. A driver not in compliance with this shall be severely penalized.

2.7 The vehicle should be appropriate for the number of horses in the turnout. (i.e. Two wheeled vehicles are not appropriate for pairs (except tandems) and multiples. Draft harness is not appropriate for light carriages.

### 3. Attire

3.1 Drivers and passengers/grooms should be dressed conservatively according to the style of the present day for the turnout. Any attempt to introduce period costumes or gaudy trappings is discouraged. Gentlemen must wear coat or jacket while appearing in any class unless excused from doing so by the judge. Ladies must wear a conservative dress, tailored suit or slacks, with or without a jacket. Floppy or excessively large hats are discouraged. Unless otherwise specified, the driver must wear a hat, lap robe (apron) and gloves. Sandals, flimsy footwear or otherwise inappropriate footwear is not acceptable. Drivers and Passengers/Grooms that are inappropriately attired may be penalized at the judges' discretion. Draft turnouts may be excused from wearing jackets and lap robes in exchange for appropriate attire for the turnout.

### 4. Gaits

For pairs and multiples all animals in the turnout should exhibit the same gait. Failure to do so should be penalized.

4.1 Walk: A free, regular, and unconstrained walk of moderate extension. The animal/s should walk energetically, but calmly, with even and determined pace.

4.2 Working Trot: The animal/s go forward freely, and straight while being balanced and unconstrained. The steps should be as even as possible with the hind feet touching the ground in the footprints of the forefeet. The animal/s should indicate a willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence. The degree of energy and impulsion displayed at the working trot denotes clearly the degree of suppleness and balance of the animal.

4.3 Trot-On: Clear but not excessive increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Excessive speed will be penalized.

4.4 Halt: Animal/s and vehicle should be brought to a complete square stop without abruptness or veering. Sliding stops will be cause for elimination at the discretion of the judge. At the halt, animal/s should stand attentively, motionless and straight with their weight evenly distributed and be ready to move off at the slightest indication from the driver.

4.5 Rein Back: A backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs with the hind legs remaining well in line. To be performed and judged in two parts.

a) The animal/s must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner, without resistance, with head flexed and straight while pushing the cart back evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact.

b) The animal/s should move forward willingly to the former position using the same quiet aids.

### 5. AMHA Carriage Driving Pleasure

5.1 To be judged 70% on performance, manners, movement and style; 30% on conformation. To be judged both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests.

## 6. AMHA Carriage Driving Turnout

6.1 To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression: 30% on performance, manners and way of going. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests.

## 7. AMHA Carriage Driving Working

7.1 A pleasure driving class in which the entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be judged 80% On performance, manners and way of going and 20% on condition and fit of harness, vehicle and neatness of attire. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests.

## 8. AMHA Carriage Driving Reinsmanship

8.1 A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot-on. To stand quietly and attentively while in the lineup and to rein back. Entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent "feel" with the animal's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. In order to evaluate a driver's versatility, the judge may request a test involving driving with one hand. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall appearance of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

9. AMHA Carriage Driving Obstacle (this section is included as a sample and can be greatly modified as needed. This is a timed course but there are several variations).

9.1 Course plan must be announced and posted one hour before competition is to begin. Competitors may walk the course prior to the class until the first competitor has entered the course.

1. To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to

the dimensions of the driving area. Not to exceed 20 obstacles.

2. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle, in order, to the designated finish line.

3. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. Ties for first will be decided by a drive-off (unless otherwise stated in the prize list).

4. Penalties:

a) Exceeding time allowed (every commenced second) 0.5 second

b) Knocking over start or finish marker 5 seconds

c) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle 5 seconds

d) Break in gait

1st break from trot 5 seconds

2nd break from trot 5 seconds

3rd break in trot 5 seconds

4th break from trot Elimination Prolonged canter or walk Elimination

e) Disobedience and/or groom dismounting (cumulative over course) Disobediences are penalized as stated in the individual class specifications. They are defined as follows:

1) A run-out comprises evading or passing an obstacle to be driven or the start/finish line.

2) A refusal comprises stopping or reining back before an obstacle. Stopping in front of an obstacle without dislodging it and without backing up followed immediately by driving clearly through is NOT PENALIZED. If the halt is prolonged or if the animal backs even a single step voluntarily or not, a refusal is incurred. If in the commission of the refusal any part of an obstacle is disturbed and class specifications require repair or resetting, the procedure outlined in Article 113.2.2.6 Item 3 Stopping Time will apply.

3) A circle is any form of a circle which causes the driver to cross the original track between two consecutive obstacles except to retake an obstacle after a refusal or runout.

1st incident 5 seconds

2nd incident 10 seconds

3rd incident Elimination

f) Starting before signal Elimination

g) Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal Elimination

h) Off course Elimination A driver is off course when he deviates from the designated pattern shown on the diagram by consecutive number and drives an obstacle out of order before correcting the deviation. Any disobedience committed while correcting the deviation must be scored. Failure to follow a continuous line in a course diagram will not be considered off course unless an obstacle is taken out of order. The start/finish gate/s are considered dead after the competitor passes thru the start gate and until the competitor passes thru the last obstacle.

i) Exceeding time limit (2X time allowed) Elimination

j) Outside assistance Elimination A driver shall be eliminated if a groom or passenger touches the reins, whip or brake or if he receives assistance from any source.

k) Failure to carry whip in hand Elimination

l) Breakage of harness or vehicle Elimination

9.2 Width of cones. To be determined by the course designer based on the level of competition and carriages entered. Recommendation is 30-40 centimeters wider than the carriage track of the widest carriage.

***Passed***

**WS-043 page 183 #024**

Submitted by: Show Rules Committee

Add: WS-043 DRUG TEST RESULTS

A copy of the official drug test results for each individual horse tested must be provided to the owner(s) of the horse with the drug declaration form which was provided to the Show office at the start of the show.

***Fails: all results on same document from lab***

**PA-025-A-1 TITLES AND AWARDS page 163 #2002**

Submitted by: AMHA Staff

The horse who earns more points during a show year than any other horse has earned in that event will be the year's High Point earner for that event and an appropriate ~~trophy or plaque~~ **award** will be awarded to the horse's owner (example: 1996 Honor Roll Jumping or 1996 Honor Roll Open Roadster Driving). **In the event of a first-place tie, the horse that defeated the most horses will be the winner.**

*Passed*

**WS-012 NOTIFICATION page 173 #2006**

Submitted by: AMHA Staff

The AMHA Office will provide exhibitors with verification of receipt of entries in World Championship Show ~~as well as eligibility within 15 days prior to the World Championship Show.~~ **This may be in the form of a paid receipt.**

*Passed*

**PA-025-A-4 TITLES AND AWARDS page 163-164 #2007**

Submitted by: AMHA Staff

To qualify for any Honor Roll titles, ~~trophies, or certificates listed above,~~ the horse must have **attended at least two (2) shows and** earned at least ten (10) points in the event during the year, except in Adult Special Needs classes where a minimum of six (6) points must be earned.

*Passed*

**GR-020-G-6 HEIGHT VERIFICATION page 85 #2045**

**Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder**

~~Delete: 6. Fee for card to be \$25.00 dollars and fee to replace a lost card to also be \$25.00 dollars.~~

*Passed*

**PA-030 RECOGNIZED POINT CLASSES AND WS-030 CLASSES #2049**

Submitted by: AOTE Committee pages 168 & 175

Delete: (under PA-030-A Halter Division)

Open Stock Gelding

Open Stock Mare

Open Stock Stallion

Add: (PA-030-A Halter Division)

Open Stock Geldings, 5 Years & Younger

Open Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older

Open Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger

Open Stock Mares, 6 Years & Older

Open Stock Stallions, 5 Years & Younger

Open Stock Stallions, 6 Years & Older

Delete: (PA-030-D Youth Division)

Youth Stock Gelding

Youth Stock Mare

Add: (PA-030-D Youth Division)

Youth Stock Geldings, 5 Years & Younger

Youth Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older

Youth Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger

Youth Stock Mares, 6 Years & Older

YOTE Stock Geldings, 5 Years & Younger

YOTE Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older

YOTE Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger

YOTE Stock Mares, 6 Years & Older

Delete: (PA-030-E Amateur Division)

Amateur Stock Gelding

Amateur Stock Mare

Amateur Stock Stallion

Add: (PA-030-E Amateur Division)

AOTE Stock Geldings, 5 Years & Younger

AOTE Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older

AOTE Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger

AOTE Stock Mares, 6 Years & Older

AOTE Stock Stallion, 5 Years & Younger

AOTE Stock Stallion, 6 Years & Older

Amateur Stock Geldings, 5 Years & Younger

Amateur Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older

Amateur Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger

Amateur Stock Mares, 6 Years & Older  
Amateur Stock Stallions, 5 Years & Younger  
Amateur Stock Stallions, 6 Years & Older  
Delete: (WS-030 CLASSES)  
Amateur Stock Gelding  
Amateur Stock Mare  
Amateur Stock Stallion  
AOTE Stock Gelding  
AOTE Stock Mare  
AOTE Stock Stallion  
Open Stock Gelding  
Open Stock Mare  
Open Stock Stallion  
Add: (WS-030 CLASSES)  
Amateur Stock Geldings, 5 Years & Younger  
Amateur Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older  
Amateur Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger  
Amateur Stock Mares, 6 Years & Older  
Amateur Stock Stallions, 5 Years & Younger  
Amateur Stock Stallions, 6 Years & Older  
AOTE Stock Geldings, 5 Years & Younger  
AOTE Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older  
AOTE Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger  
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YOTE Stock Geldings, 6 Years & Older  
YOTE Stock Mares, 5 Years & Younger  
YOTE Stock Mares, 6 Years & Older

**Motion to withdraw – J. Ross**

***Passed***

**PA-030-E Amateur Division AND WS-030 CLASSES pages 170 & 175 #2050**

**Submitted by: AOTE Committee**

**Add:** AOTE Hunter

***Passed***

**PA-030-E Amateur Division AND WS-030 CLASSES pages 170 & 175 #2051**

Submitted by: AOTE Committee

**Add:** AOTE Halter Obstacle

***Passed***

**PA-030-E, RECOGNIZED POINT CLASSES ge 171 #2052**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

**Delete:**

Amateur Junior Mares, 30" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Junior Mares, Over 30-33", Level 1  
Amateur Junior Mares, 30" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Junior Mares, Over 30-33", Level 2  
Amateur Senior Mares, 30" & Under, Level 1

Amateur Senior Mares, Over 30-34", Level 1  
Amateur Senior Mares, 30" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Senior Mares, Over 30-34", Level 2  
Amateur Junior Stallion, 30" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Junior Stallion, Over 30-33", Level 1  
Amateur Junior Stallion, 30" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Junior Stallion, Over 30-33", Level 2  
Amateur Senior Stallion, 30" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Senior Stallion, Over 30-34", Level 1  
Amateur Senior Stallion, 30" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Senior Stallion, Over 30-34", Level 2  
Amateur Senior Gelding, 30" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Senior Gelding, Over 30-34", Level 1  
Amateur Senior Gelding, 30" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Senior Gelding, Over 30-34", Level 2

**Add:**

Amateur Junior Mares, 31" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Junior Mares, Over 31-33", Level 1  
Amateur Junior Mares, 31" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Junior Mares, Over 31-33", Level 2  
Amateur Senior Mares, 31" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Senior Mares, Over 31-34", Level 1  
Amateur Senior Mares, 31" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Senior Mares, Over 31-34", Level 2  
Amateur Junior Stallion, 31" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Junior Stallion, Over 31-33", Level 1  
Amateur Junior Stallion, 31" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Junior Stallion, Over 31-33", Level 2  
Amateur Senior Stallion, 31" & Under, Level 1

Amateur Senior Stallion, Over 31-34", Level 1  
Amateur Senior Stallion, 31" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Senior Stallion, Over 31-34", Level 2  
Amateur Senior Gelding, 31" & Under, Level 1  
Amateur Senior Gelding, Over 31-34", Level 1  
Amateur Senior Gelding, 31" & Under, Level 2  
Amateur Senior Gelding, Over 31-34", Level 2

***Withdrawn***

**PA-027-A-1, AMATEUR TITLES AND AWARDS pages 166-167 #2053**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

Change:

A. Amateur Honor Roll (Established 1998)

The amateur and his/her horse in each Amateur class earning the most points during that show year (from January 1 to December 31) will be the years' High Point winner for that event and an appropriate trophy or plaque award will be awarded given. Amateurs and their horses placing second through tenth will receive an appropriate certificate. A minimum of six (6) fifteen (15) points must be earned to be eligible for this award and/or certificate.

1. Honor Roll points for Amateurs shall be divided into levels and heights for junior and senior horses, regardless of class description; i.e., Amateur Junior Mare Level 1 30" 31" & Under, etc.

***Withdrawn***

**PA-027 AMATEUR TITLES AND AWARDS pages 166-167 #2054**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

Change:

A. Amateur Honor Roll (Established 1998)

The amateur and his/her horse in each Amateur class earning the most points during that show year (from January 1 to December 31) will be the years' High Point winner for that event and an appropriate trophy or plaque award will be awarded given. Amateurs and their horses placing second through tenth will receive an appropriate certificate. A minimum of six (6) fifteen (15) points must be earned to be eligible for this award and/or certificate.

B. Amateur Champion (Established 1998) – (DELETE B. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

C. Amateur Superior Event Horse (Established 1998) – (DELETE C. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

D. Amateur Register of Merit (Established 1998) – (DELETE D. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

**Add:**

B. Amateur Register of Merit

This title shall be awarded to any amateur provided the amateur and his/her horse have earned seventy-five (75) or more points in any one recognized event. When the title “Amateur Register of Merit” is achieved, the amateur may request the proper certificate from the AMHA office; after verification, the certificate shall be prepared and forwarded to that amateur.

***Withdrawn***

**PA-026-B-E, YOUTH TITLES AND AWARDS pages 165-166 #2055**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

**Change:**

B. Youth Honor Roll (Established 1989)

The youth and his/her horse in each age group earning the most points in each youth event during that show year (from January 1 to December 31) will be the years’ High Point earner for that event and an appropriate award will be given. Youths and their horses placing second through tenth will receive an appropriate certificate. A minimum of six (6) fifteen (15) points must be earned to be eligible for this award and/or certificate.

C. Youth Champion (Established 1989) – (DELETE C. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

D. Youth Superior Event Horse (Established 1989) – (DELETE D. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

E. Youth Register of Merit (Established 1989) – (DELETE E. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

**Add:**

C. Youth Register of Merit

This title shall be awarded to any youth provided the youth and his/her horse have earned seventy-five (75) or more points in any one recognized event. When the title “AMHA Youth Register of Merit” is achieved, the youth may request the proper certificate from the AMHA office; after verification, the certificate shall be prepared and forwarded to that youth.

***Withdrawn***

**PA-025-A-E, TITLES AND AWARDS pages 163-164 #2056**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

Change:

A. Honor Roll

4. To qualify for any Honor Roll Titles, trophies or certificates listed above, the horse must have earned at

least ten (10) fifteen (15) points in the event during the year, except in Adult Special Needs classes where

a minimum of six (6) ten (10) points must be earned.

B. AMHA Champions – (DELETE B. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

C. AMHA Superior Event Horse – (DELETE C. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

D. Register of Merit- (DELETE D. IN ITS ENTIRETY)

Add:

B. Register of Merit

This title shall be awarded to any individual horse registered with AMHA that has earned seventyfive (75) or more points in any one recognized event. When the title "Register of Merit" is achieved,

the owner may request the proper certificate from the AMHA office; after verification, the

certificate shall be prepared and forwarded to the owner of the horse.

***Withdrawn***

**WS-028 MEASUREMENT OF HORSES page 175 #2057**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

**Add:** (to paragraph A. at the end)

**The AMHyA World Show and AMHA World Show shall be considered separate events but use the same measurement. A horse entering the AMHyA show must be protested prior to its first youth class. At the conclusion of the AMHyA World Show, all results and placings will be considered final. Any horse showing in the AMHA World Show (i.e. Amateur & Open Divisions) will be protestable even if it showed in Youth, but the protest must be made prior to the horse's first class in the AMHA World Show Amateur/Open Show. Protests made during the Amateur/Open section of the World Show shall not affect placings in the AMHyA youth show.**

***Passed***

**CL-021-7-E. SPECIALTY PERFORMANCE CLASSES page 110 #2058**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

7. Class Procedure:

E. Horses will jump a course of three (3) jumps. One (1) left turn to the inside may must be demonstrated. Course is to demonstrate horses' style manner and way of going. Each horse should trot past the judges for a soundness check after completing the hunter portion.

***Failed – horse already trots after jumping.***

**CL-065-C-2-b. HUNTERS AND JUMPERS page 135 #2059**

***Submitted by: Laura Mullen***

Change:

2. Hunters

b. Jumps must be a minimum height of eighteen (18) inches and maximum of twenty-four (24) inches. Ground poles are required. There will be a minimum of four (4) obstacles and horses are to make a minimum of six (6) jumps and a maximum of eight (8) jumps. **(Exception: Golden Hunter shall have four (4) jumps and one left turn).** Jumps must simulate those found in the hunting field, such as brush, stone wall, gate, white fence, chicken coop, over, and in and out. In and out is considered one obstacle and scored as such.

***Passed***

**CL-065-D-2-a. HUNTERS AND JUMPERS pages 134-135 #2060**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

2. Hunters

a. Hunters are to be judged on style, manners, and way of going with preference given to those horses who cover the course at an even pace, with free flowing strides, as in a brisk trot or canter, but must maintain the same gait throughout the course. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving the ring is permissible. Hunters must demonstrate at least one, but no more than four (4) changes in direction. Sample of courses are provided to show management. Charging fences or not maintaining the same gait throughout the entire course shall be penalized. ~~Upon completion of the entire class over jumps,~~ finalists **Horses** will be trotted past the judge(s) for soundness check **after each horse's individual go**. Horses shall not be required to resume the course. Exhibitor's footwear is optional.

***Passed***

**WS-025 JUDGING SYSTEM page 173 #2061**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

**Delete:**

A. ~~The World Championship Show will have five (5) judges who will pick the Top Ten horses in halter classes,~~

~~using a five (5) judge system wherein both the high and low scores are deleted and the remaining three (3) scores will determine the Top Ten. (Amended 02-07, effective 01-08), (Amended 06-09, effective 01-10).~~

**Add:**

A. **The World Championship Show will use teams of three (3) AMHA carded judges on each panel, all of**

**whom were approved by the Licensed Officials Committee? All three of the judges' cards/scores will be**

**used to determine class winners. If a tie results, the call judge's placing will be used to break all ties. If a**

**tie still results from the first call judge's card, the tabulation moves to the second call judge, then the third until all ties have been broken.**

**Passed**

**WS-015-A JUDGES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW page 173 #2062**

Submitted by: Laura Mullen

**Change:**

- A. The number of judges required to judge the World Championship Show shall be two (2) teams of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) separate judges each. One team will judge all open classes and all performance classes other than youth and amateur. Team 2 will judge all youth and amateur classes. Specialty classes will be divided between the two (2) teams.

**Passed**

**GR-020-E HEIGHT VERIFICATION page 84 #2072**

Submitted by: Kathy Howard

**Change:** E. The height verification of the Miniature Horse shall be determined by measuring the vertical distance from the base of the last hairs of the mane to the ground with the front two (2) legs vertical and in line with or parallel to the measuring device, and the back of the hocks in a vertical line with the horse's ~~buttocks-fetlocks~~. The last hairs of the mane refers to the last coarse (longer) hair of the horse's mane.

**Passed**

**CL-080-4-b-1 SHOWMANSHIP page 139 #2078**

Submitted by: Dawn Henrich

**Change:**

b. Posing: 15 points

1. When posing your horse, stand toward the front facing the horse but always in a position where you can keep your eye on the judge. The following Quarter system will be used whereby imaginary lines bisect the horse into four equal parts as seen in the illustration (Note: the quadrants are numbered I, II, III, IV for ease of identification). One line runs across the horse just behind the withers. The other imaginary line runs from head to tail. The exhibitor should lead the horse straight to the judge so the judge can evaluate the horse's front leg movement. Once the horse is safely located in front of the judge, the horse should be squarely set up for inspection and the exhibitor then locates in the proper position in quadrant IV. As the judge moves to quadrant I the exhibitor should stay in quadrant IV. When the judge moves on to quadrant II the exhibitor then moves to the proper position in quadrant I. When the judge moves to quadrant III the exhibitor moves back to quadrant IV. As the judge moves to quadrant IV, the exhibitor once more moves to quadrant I. The exhibitor should never stop in the unsafe location directly in front of the horse. When the judge returns to his position in front of the horse, the exhibitor should ~~return to quadrant IV and~~ await instructions from the judge. When released by the judge the horse should be pivoted directly in front of the judge and moved away in a straight line so judge can observe the horse's rear leg movement.

***Passed***

***Annual 2021 Bylaw Amendments and voting items***

**Article XVI, Section A, Amendment of Rules page 31 #2106**

Submitted by: AMHA Office

1. Anyone submitting an AMHA Rule Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the proper committee. AMHA Staff may submit Rule Change Proposals. To be eligible for consideration by a standing committee a rule change proposal or amendment must be presented **to the AMHA office**, in writing and signed by the originator within **30 days after** ~~prior to~~ the adjournment of the AMHA Annual Meeting. All proposed Show Rule amendments must be presented with five (5) original co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing. All proposed amendments will be reviewed by staff, Executive Director (if applies), and then passed on with an impact statement to the appropriate committee(s) for evaluation. The affected committees will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The committees cannot change the intent of the rule as it was received from its original source. The change will then be presented for consideration on the agenda of the appropriate committee at the mid-year Board of Directors Meeting. If the rule change proposal is adopted by the committee it will then be voted on and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors (Refer to the AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart for specific

time limits) (Amended 02-02, effective 01-03) (Amended 02-04, effective 01-05) (Amended 02-06, effective 1-07) (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10) (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12) The Board of Directors may amend the rule proposal at the mid-year meeting; however, the amendment must be closely related to or have a direct bearing on the rule. The presiding officer or parliamentarian may choose to accept or refuse an amendment if he or she deems it inappropriate. The amendment must be voted on and accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to being included in the rule. The rule and amendment are then returned to the appropriate committee for rewrites. The committee cannot change the intent of the rule as amended. The proposal will then be placed on the agenda for approval at the Annual Meeting. If the committee does not approve the proposal, it can be considered at the Annual Meeting provided that the supporters can garner a petition with no changes to the original proposal signed by a minimum of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors and meet the timeliness requirements for publishing the proposal in the *Miniature Horse World* or official correspondence. (Amended 06-03, effective 01-04) (Amended 02-14, effective 01-16) (Amended 02-16, effective 01-17)

All rule proposals or amendments to be considered to approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting must be published in their finished form **on the AMHA website** ~~in the *Miniature Horse World*~~ or official correspondence no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual Meeting. (Amended 06-03, effective 01-04) This Bylaw change will also affect the AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart on pages 66-67

### ***Passed***

#### **Article XIX, Section A, Amendment of Bylaws page 33 #2107**

Submitted by: AMHA Office Requirement of prior notice

Anyone of submitting an AMHA Bylaw Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the Bylaws Committee. All proposed Bylaw changes must be presented with ten (10) co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing or have been submitted and recommended by the Bylaws Committee. AMHA staff may present proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee without (10) co-signatures. To be eligible for consideration by Bylaws Committee, a proposal or amendment must be presented **to the AMHA office**, in writing and signed by the originator within **30 days after** ~~prior~~ to the adjournment of the AMHA Annual ~~National~~ Convention. All proposed amendments shall be reviewed by staff, Executive Director (if applies) and then passed on with an impact statement to the Bylaws Committee. The Committee will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The Committee cannot change the intent of the Bylaw as it was received from it's original source. Only the submitter may make changes to the original proposal prior to or at the mid-year Bylaws Committee meeting. All Bylaws proposals or amendments to be considered for approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting must be published in their finished form on the **AMHA website** ~~in the *MHW*~~ or official correspondence no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual Meeting. The amendment will then be placed on the agenda at the proceeding Annual Meeting. (Amended 02-08, effective 01-09) (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12) (Amended 02-13, effective 01-14) (Amended 11-18, effective 01-19) This Bylaw change will also affect the AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart on pages 66-67

### ***Passes***

**Article IV, Section 2 (B) , Lifetime Members page 14 #2108**

Submitted by: AMHA Office

Lifetime Members are those persons who own an undivided or community property interest in and have registered with the Association one or more American Miniature Horses, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the Association, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who have paid their lifetime fee. Lifetime members shall pay no annual dues. For purposes of these Bylaws the term "Regular Member" shall be deemed to include "Lifetime Member", except where otherwise specified. **Lifetime members that are not active with AMHA for a period of three (3) years or more, will be considered inactive. The membership can be reactivated at any time at no charge.**

***Withdrawn***

**Article IV, Section 3 Dues page 14 #2109**

Submitted by: AMHA Office

Each Regular and Associate Member shall pay annual dues and each Lifetime Member shall pay a lifetime fee to the Association, in such amounts as the Annual Meeting may prescribe. Annual dues shall not be prorated (**Proviso: except for in the year of conversion from fiscal year to calendar year.**) Renewals of annual membership fees are due **on January 1st and will expire on December 31st of each calendar year** ~~the first of the month of the anniversary date 12 months from the initiation date of the membership.~~ If not renewed the member shall be automatically dropped from membership in the Association, and thereafter membership may be restored as provided by Section 4 of this Article. Membership for spouses of Regular and Lifetime Members shall be allowed by payment of a single fee, but not more than two (2) memberships per fee shall be allowed. Any person (owner or owners, amateurs, youth, trainers) who is showing at an AMHA Championship or World Show must be an AMHA member in good standing. You must be an AMHA member for your horse to earn AMHA points. (Amended 02-02, effective 01-03) (Amended 02-06, effective 01-07) (Amended 02-07, effective 01-08) (Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

***Passed***

**Article XIX, B Amendment of Bylaws page 34 #2110**

Submitted by: AMHA Office

Insert new B, re-letter existing B-C to C-D

**(B) Any disputes that are a result of interpretation of the content, intent, or implication of a bylaw contained in the current AMHA Rule Book shall be forwarded to the AMHA Attorney for resolution. The AMHA's Attorney's written opinion will be accepted as the final decision.**

***Passes***

**Article IX, Section 10-(F) Duties of the Treasurer page 28 #2111**

Submitted by: Finance Committee

(F) Year End Review Auditing

The Association shall conduct all of its affairs and accounts on the calendar year basis. An annual commercial **compilation auditing** of the Association shall be made by an independent Certified Public Accountant at the close of each calendar year with such compilation audit to be posted on the Official American Miniature Horse Association Website as of April 1st. Such accountant shall be a disinterested person and not a member of the Association. A copy of the **compilation audit** may be requested by calling the AMHA office. (Amended 2-13, effective 01-14)

**Passed**

**Article VI, Section 1 Annual Meeting page 17 #2112a**

Submitted by: Lauren Greaves

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and ~~place~~ **in such a manner** as shall be determined at the Annual Meeting. **Members may participate in the Annual Meeting in person or by electronic means, approved by the Board of Directors, as long as all members can hear each other simultaneously.** ~~Commencing in 1994 the city of the meeting shall be selected by the membership at its Annual Meeting.~~ (Amended 02-03, effective 01-04) (Amended 11-18, effective 01-19)

**Passed**

**Article VI, Section 4, C Voting page 18 #2112b**

Submitted by: Lauren Greaves

(C) Quorum

At any meeting of the members of the Association a quorum to do business shall consist of the majority of the largest number of Regular Members in good standing that have registered for at such meeting.

**Passed**

**Article VII, Section 6, C Telephone Conference Meetings page 23 #2112c**

Submitted by: Lauren Greaves

(C) ~~Electronic Telephone Conference~~ **Meetings**

The Board of Directors may conduct any meeting of the Board **of Directors by electronic means as long as everyone can hear each other simultaneously.** ~~Other than the Annual Meeting, by telephone.~~

**Passed**

**Article VIII, Section 2, B Duties page 24 #2112d**

Submitted by: Lauren Greaves

(B) The Committee **may meet by electronic means as long as all members can hear each other simultaneously** or may act (without conversing in meeting) by written resolution signed by all the members thereof and duly entered in the Association's records. At all meetings of the Committee, four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

***Passed***

***End of voting items.***

**Lunch**

**Gelding Incentive:**

Good, year, \$12,762 handed out to gelding stock Halter. All eligible added to list. Auction at the end of spring – donations please.

**Halter futurity:**

Fees remain the same, top ten sires will be presented at dinner, large classes 193 entries, submitted 5 rule changes for next meeting.

**International:**

Covid limited activity 2020 – 2021, 11 guest judges approved for 2021 only. Good market in Europe for Amha horses.

**LOC:**

Guest judge problems in Canada and Europe, 11 international guest judges, 3 Canadian, LOC to look at program. New training program for Judges by John Wolf.

**Elected to LOC**

Judge: Paul Tarap California

Amateur: Donna Lavery

Kristina Slobody

**Performance:**

D. Emery, thank you to sponsors, 1-5 donations repeated for 2022

To nominate to performance futurity \$25.00

**Promotions:** A huge thank you to Rebecca K. For all her hard work and dedication to Amha, thank you to Deb and Marcia, Year in review magazine will be out approx. middle of January, 22 advertisers so far.

**Show rules:** B. Kelly will be chair of show rules on 3-year term. B. Kane retiring, thank you Bob for your dedication.

7 openings on show rules:

Elected: D. Lavery, J. Bennett, J. Rutledge, Paul Tarap, L. Graves, A. Mueller, K, Slobody,

**Annual Meeting Location 2022**

**Motion:** To move annual to February – **J. Waschel**

**Fails**

Location presented by J. Ross for 2022

Double tree hotel, Irving Texas.

**Motion:** To hold AMHA annual meeting at Double tree Hotel, Irving Texas.

**Passed**

**Election of officers:**

<b>President:</b>	D. Hopkins	Nominated by: D. Henrich	<b>Accepts</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	S. Peterson	Nominated by: D. Henrich	<b>Accepts</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	D. Rogers	Nominated by: D. Henrich	<b>Accepts</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	C. Severson	Nominated by: D. Henrich	<b>Accepts</b>
<b>Director at Large:</b>	S. Hutchcraft	Nominated by: D. Henrich	<b>Accepts</b>

**Passed: voted by members**

**Thank you** to NWMHC for hosting and door prizes. Silent auction raised \$1046.00 toward web broadcast at 2022 Worlds.

**World show overview:** L. Mullen

More horses shown in 2021 since 2009.

New ribbons, board to make decision.

Donate to web cast, please support would like to offer again.

Youth, amateur voted to use different colors on ribbons.

One colour makes them stand out at world show.

Reserve trophy's nice this year

Ribbons colors open to discussion with member input.

**New Business:**

None

**Motion to Adjourn – D. Henrich**

***Passed***