

AMHA Board of Directors Meeting - MINUTES

December 5th, 2023 – 7 PM CST, Via Zoom

Call to Order - 7:11 PM CST

Present: A. Mueller, H. Elder, A. Tarap, K. Slobody, D. Hopkins, M. Grayson, S. Hester, S. Peterson, J. Bridges, J. Elliott, S. Crowe, K. Lunde, C. Severson, G. Baynham, S. Hutchcraft, C. Marks. **Absent:** K. Audet

Approval of November Minutes: Harry Elder addressed his concern regarding 2337 and 2338 moving to a 1-year trial – 2nd in AOTE Household – Membership voted it down, Can't override membership.

Debra Hopkins pointed out that per the parliamentarian at the annual meeting, it was interpreted that we as a board can institute a 1-year trial. We as a board are voting to ratify the minutes for accuracy of what was discussed.

Vote to ratify minutes as reported -

Yes: K. Slobody, D. Hopkins, s. Hutchcraft, S. Peterson, J. Bridges, K. Lunde, M. Grayson, J. Elliott, S. Hester, S. Crowe, C. Severson

NO: Harry Elder, Ailene Tarap. Abstain: Gene Baynham, Chandler Marks

President's Report: Andrew Mueller – Condolences to the Whitt Family on the passing of longtime AMHA member, John Whitt. Will be contacting the Whitt family about a perpetual trophy in his honor.

Andrew then proposed changing Board meetings to every other month instead of every month Special meetings can be held as needed. Mallory Grayson then asked about the 60 day written notice.

60 day notice is required for a special meetings, not board meetings.

Hearing no objections, Board has decided to hold board meetings every other month, starting in January. Next board meeting is set the 3rd Tuesday in January – January 16th- 2024.

Treasurer's Report – Ailene Tarap -

Cash in Bank – \$173,404 Net Loss of 7,599

Finance Committee reviewed fees and made a recommendation to increase the following:

Youth Card: Currently \$5, Increase to \$20. Permanent Card: Currently \$25, Increase to \$50. Amateur Card: Currently \$15, Increase to \$20. Open Card: Currently \$25, Increase to \$30. Club Renewal: Increase to \$30.

All credit cards will be charged 3.5% regardless of where the cardholder resides.

It was noted that the only fees that cannot be changed are the fees mentioned in the bylaws – Regular, associate and lifetime members.

Hearing no objections from the board, fee changes were approved and will go into effect on 1/1/24.

Office Report: Val Shingledecker -

Accounting was current as of November 25th. Registration was 1 day behind.

Pay to Play checks were being prepared and addresses were being verified. Each club will receive \$564.06

Regional Contracts were signed, and deposits were sent.

Member renewals- Office received great response from the renewal emails that were sent, and office is pushing hard to get invoices done.

Hub and Committee Report – Harry Elder

Committees for 2024:

-Amateur: Debbie Meek and Boomer Pearsall – Co-Chairs. Members: Sarah Murray, Jerred Bridges, Nicole Pearsall, Julie Good, Melissa Shouse, Shanna Crowe.

-AOTE: Debbie Meek and Lisa Brostad – Co-Chairs. Members: Sherry Crowe, Julie Good, Donna Lavery, Joanne Ross, Melissa Shouse

-Annual Meeting Site Selection: Judy Howard – Chair: Member: Jerred Bridges

-By-Law: Leigh Murray – Chair. Members: Harry Elder, Sheryl Peterson.

-Cool: Cammie Truesdell – Chair. Members: Elaine Sulser, Jennifer Welma.

- Drug: Nicole Pearsall – Chair. Member: Jennifer Williams
 - Finance: Ailene Tarap – Chair. Members: Sid Hutchcraft, Mary Lou Elder, Laura Mullen
 - Gelding: Dawn Henrich – Chair: Member: Judy Howard
 - Halter Futurity: John Bennett – Chair: Members: Jennifer Bennett, Nicole Pearsall, Mary Lou Elder, Joanne Ross
 - International: Jacob Elliott – Chair: Members: Margarita Lindahl, Joanne Ross, Stacy Score, Karen Hamilton-Smith, Gitte Bager.
 - LOC: Sid Hutchcraft – Chair. Members: Debra Hopkins, Jerred Bridges, John Bennett, Laura Mullen, Kristina Slobody , Donna Lavery, Paul Tarap.
 - Local Club: Sheryl Peterson – Chair. Members: Jacob Elliott, Jane Wagner
 - Performance: Clinton Jury and Megan Postlethweight – Co-Chairs. Members: Tim Audet, Michele Brauning, Sherry Crowe, Ashley Harris, Leigh Murray, Sheryl Peterson, Elaine Sulser, Jane Wagner.
- Carriage Sub-Committee – Dorothy Whiteman, Tammy Osgood, Martha Duchnowski, Michele Brauning
- Rules & Regulations: Harry Elder – Chair: Members: Paul Tarap, Leigh Murray.
 - Show Rules: Sherry Crowe and Donna Lavery – Chair. Members: John Bennett, Laura Mullen, Kristina Slobody, Sid Hutchcraft, Jessie Skerjanec, James Rutledge, Clinton Jury, Andrew Mueller.
 - Promotions: Betsi Faulkner and Abi Lauria – Co-Chairs
 - Special Awards: NO MEMBERS
 - Stock: Paul Tarap – Chair. Members: Lisa Brostad, Shanna Crowe, Harry Elder, Betsi Faulkner, Judy Howard, Abi Lauria, Ailene Tarap.
 - Youth: Aimee Davis and Shanna Crowe – Chair: Members: Elaine Sulser, Beth Richardson, Kristina Slobody, Liz Nowacki Schlick, Traci Wright, Christina Head, Kyla Petkanics, Betsi Faulkner, Abi Lauria.

-Committee Chairs are to stay in touch with the Vice President.

- Board determined there was no longer a need for committee liaisons.

Unfinished Business – Harry Elder

----- Office Policies: Standing Rules -

1. BOD Social Media Policy – All directors must sign policy, outlining role and expectation. No Objections – Retained for 2024
2. BOD and Annual Meeting Minutes – 30 days to submit Minutes, 10 days to approve. No Objections – Retained for 2024
3. Committees and Serving – A member can serve on no more than 3 committees. No Objections – Retained for 2024, Remove Liaisons so all members can vote.
4. Local Clubs - may use Zoom Account - No Objections – retained for 2024
5. Employee Manual – Approved as Presented. No Objections – retained.
6. Finance – Returned Check Policy – No objections – Retained for 2024 with the addition of a \$50 Inconvenience fee.
7. Local Show, Championship or World – Numerous complaints and procedures against exhibitors. - No Objections – Retained
8. A. Marketing – Office may alter the logo – No Objections – retained.
B. Photographs – Office may use photographs for promotion/marketing with no credit given - NOT Retained
9. Membership – Annual Report – No Objections – Retained
10. A. Official Product – No Objections - Retained
B. Beer Sponsor – No Objections – Retained
11. Protests – Went to Rule Book – Removed from Standing Rules.
12. Registrations
A. Problem Registrations – No Objections – Retained
B. Foal Registrations – recommended to strike out And/Or - No Objections – Retained with the strike out.

C. Dwarf Registration – No Objections – NOT Retained

13. World Show

A. Regional Measurements - Vote to Retain Regional Measurements as World Show Measurements – YES –A. Tarap, K. Slobody, D. Hopkins, S. Hutchcraft, S. Peterson, J. Bridges, K. Lunde, C. Marks, G. Baynham, J. Elliott, S. Hester, S. Crowe, S. Severson. NO – H. Elder, M. Grayson. RETAINED ^Harry Elder suggested this needs to be presented as a Show Rule

B. Perpetual Trophy – No Objection – Retained

C. World Show Special Awards – No Objection - Retained

D. Special Awards from a Committee/ Individual – No Objection - Retained

E. Historical Awards – No Objection - Retained

14. Youth

A. Manual/Guidelines - Scholarship Program – No Objection - Retained

B. Youth Membership Fee – Fee Changed from \$10 to \$20 – No Objection – Retained with Fee Change

C. Replacement cards are \$5 – No Objection - Retained

Office Orientation/Annual Report – Val Shingledecker

Financials and wait times were reported earlier.

All office employees and year that they started at AMHA are now listed on the AMHA website with the exception of Jeannette Torres, part-time employee who comes in twice a week to help out.

Questions were asked regarding the state of the office building.

The roof will need to be addressed at some point in the future and it is not covered under insurance.

There were also reports of the office toilets being out of order and only one working, due to the age of the pipes. Val was going to check the insurance policy and see if those would be covered under insurance.

Show Rules – Sherry Crowe and Donna Lavery

1. Score Sheets – Show Rule Proposal - CL-025- J

- To make it mandatory for judges to turn in AMHA score sheets with their judges cards.

- Passed without objection

2. World Grand Champion Amateur Driving – WS – 036 A

- Rated Driving classes on each respective division will be eligible for Amateur grands. Non-rated classes are ineligible.

*** Housekeeping for 2024 and then added to rulebook

-Passed without objection.

***Debra Hopkins left the call at 9:25 CST

3. Protest and Drug Policy – Tabled until January Meeting.

***Director Gene Baynham left the call – 9:39 CST

Youth Committee – World Show Qualifying -

The Youth committee presented a revised Youth qualifying rule for consideration.

Upon a lengthy decision and concerns regarding discrepancies in international youth qualification, submitted rule was withdrawn by committee and Youth Qualifications for 2024 will be the same as 2023.

NEW BUSINESS -

A. Fair Rule Change Proposal – Kaycee Lunde

D1 Hardship Show Approval

The following entities may apply for hardship approval:

A) All breed shows

B) Approved AMHA Clubs

C) Major stock shows/fairs/exhibitions

Double Point Fair/Exhibition Show

1. Applications for a double honor roll point Fair or Exhibition show are to be submitted to the AMHA Office.

a) Applications must be submitted with the show approval form.

b) The AMHA Office shall award the Fair or Exhibition show for each AMHA Region. Only one double honor roll pointed Fair or Exhibition show will be awarded per Region with the largest fair or exhibition given priority.

2. Any Fair or Exhibition that includes all AMHA classes as required by the GR-025-D1 hardship show approval minimum class list, along with having an AMHA licensed judge for said show, will be awarded one set of double honor roll points per Judge, up to 2 Judges.

Discussion ensued. There was some concern over how this would hurt smaller fair shows attendance, should double points be offered to a fair show with more foot traffic.

-Sid Hutchcraft made the motion to accept the Fair Rule as a Standing Rule.

Ailene Tarap Seconded

In Favor – A. Tarap, K. Slobody, S. Hutchcraft, S. Peterson, J. Bridges, K. Lunde, M. Grayson, C. Marks, J. Elliott, S. Hester, S. Crowe.

Against – H. Elder, C. Severson.

Majority in Favor. Passes to Standing Rule.

**** Due to length of meeting and several members departing early, The World Show manager proposal from Laura Mullen and Val Shingledecker and the World Show Auction Proposal were moved to the January Board Meeting.

-Andrew Mueller made the motion to adjourn the Meeting. Sheryl Peterson seconded.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:44