

AMHA BOD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Conducted Via Zoom

1. Call to Order - D. Hopkins will serve as Secretary for this meeting and S. Peterson will serve as Mediator. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. CST.
2. Roll Call - D. Hopkins: Present - D. Hopkins, S. Peterson, S. Hutchcraft, B. Kelly, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, J. Rutledge, K. Slobody, A. Mueller, M. Grayson; K. Lunde was not present during Roll Call, but joined 6 minutes later and was present for all voting items.
3. President's Report - D. Hopkins/S. Peterson: Finalizing Year in Review Magazine; working to support Office Staff during this busy time and with one employee out on maternity leave.
4. Finance Report - C. Severson/V. Shingledecker: Current Operating balance is \$202,694, with outstanding Payables of \$3,069 (\$25,542 if Mark Anderson) and Receivables of approximately \$46,000 and change, which includes over \$41,000 of Texas Grant money. This represents the largest Texas Grant we have qualified for in the last several years and is a good indicator that we may get the same/similar amount in 2023. The Finance Committee met and revised the 2022 Budget Projections which will be shared in an email with the Board for review/questions/vote to approve. The net income projected is \$38,984 and the Treasurer feels this number is conservative based on performance in 2021.
5. Office Update- V. Shingledecker: Office paperwork currently working approximately 4 weeks behind, which is understandable with one employee on maternity leave and many end of year priorities in play currently. Staff is working hard to continue to increase efficiency with the new computer system and support each other within the Office. Support from the Directors with fielding simple member questions is much appreciated and Val will continue to divert many of these requests to Directors as needed. M. Grayson offered suggestions for expanding and making

the FAQ portion of our website more accessible for members and Val invited the Board to review the current FAQ section, identify topics that are not currently included, and create brief Q/A's to add.

6. Old Business:

A. Year in Review Magazine/Mailing List Update - S. Peterson/V. Shingledecker:

Magazine is beautiful and nearing final revisions/updates; holding for a few more days from sending to printer in order to include Honor Roll. There are 4 pages available to include Honor Roll standings and the staff, Mark Anderson, Laura Mullen & Dawn Henrich have been working every day to work out all the bugs of the new Show Program to generate accurate and complete data before publishing.

B. World Show Award Update - L. Mullen: Vendor(s) for the World Show awards have identified increases in the costs of sashes and trophies for 2022 due to current shortages of materials, shipping delays, etc. In order to reduce costs for Regional Awards, we will utilize wood plaques left over from past years and replace the engraved plates for 2022. Laura Mullen and our Treasurer have also recommended increasing the World Show Office Fee per horse from \$20 to \$30 in 2022 to offset the additional costs and increasing Regional Office Fee and Stall fee by \$5 per horse/stall as well. In 2023, there will be not left-over plaques to utilize, so the cost of awards will continue to increase and these incremental increases over time will allow us to continue to provide beautiful awards worthy of Championship Shows that are much appreciated by our exhibitors. Laura Mullen and our Finance Committee will continue to look for cost-saving ideas for the future - i.e., using acrylic plaques instead of wooden, which are lighter (saving shipping costs), more durable (not susceptible to moisture damage) and less expensive. Clair Severson requested on behalf of the Finance Committee to increase the Office Fee per horse at the 2022 World Show from \$20 to \$30 (\$10 increase) and to increase the Office fee per horse and stall fee by \$5 each at the 2022 Regional Championship Shows. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

C. Open Director Positions/Nominations - D. Hopkins: The following candidates were introduced at the meeting. S. Peterson moved to approve the five (5) candidates for the open Regional Director positions; seconded by S. Hutchcraft, the motion passed unanimously. Welcome to the Board!

1. Region 4 - Chandler Marks
2. Region 5 - Kim Audet
3. Region 6 - Shana Fuchs
4. Region 9 - Julianna Myers
5. Region 11 - Gene Baynham

7. New Business:

A. Honorary International Directors - S. Hutchcraft; the International Committee has requested approval to add three (3) new International Directors and reinstate eight (8) existing Directors as follows:

New appointments 3Yr Term 2022

Czech Veronika Pazourkova loadr004@seznam.cz

France Filipe Freitas djfilipefreitas@gmail.com

Germany Christina Zeitelhack tini-nbg@gmx.de

Reappoint Current Directors 3yr term 2022

Australia Zoe Taylor taylorfarm@live.com.au

Belgium Sandra Van Malderen sandra.vanmalderen@telenet.be

Czech Marcela Filip filip@tikitano.cz

Denmark Annemette Fesner emir@paradis.dk

England Jill Robinson jrnewclose@aol.com

England Karen Hamilton-Smith karen.hamilton.smith@hotmail.com.uk

Netherlands Stephanie Van Schie stephanie@icamh.com

Sweden Margareta Lindahl margaretalindahl@telia.com

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Honorary International Directors as presented.

B. Special Awards - S. Peterson: The Special Awards Committee has submitted a Rule Change Proposal in an attempt to re-invigorate some of the special awards that have not been utilized to a large degree by members. It is felt that re-inventing these awards and encouraging new participation will be helpful to attendance for our local shows and give exhibitors who do not attend the World Show some larger awards to strive for with points at local/Regional shows. The

Committee is requesting the Board to create a Standing Rule to implement the new programs for the 2022 show season while the Rule Change Proposal is worked through our process and brought to the membership for an official vote at the 2022 Annual Meetings. A. Mueller moved to create a Standing Rule based on the Rule Change Proposal presented by the Special Awards Committee; seconded by C. Severson, the motion passed. Yes votes: S. Peterson, S. Hutchcraft, B. Kelly, L. Perdue, C. Severson, J. Rutledge, K. Slobody, A. Mueller, M. Grayson, K. Lunde; No vote: S. Infante.

- C. Carriage Driving Subcommittee - S. Peterson: At the request of several members/exhibitors, and working with the Chair of the Performance Committee, Austin Van Wyck, a new Subcommittee has been created for the new Carriage Driving Division. The Subcommittee will report to the Performance Committee, bringing suggestions and questions they feel are important to the success of the this new, growing driving division. Co-Chairs will be Dorothy Whiteman and Tammy Osgood with years of combined carriage driving experience and a good working relationship with the Performance chair already in place. Members of the Committee to date are Martha Duchnowski and Bonnie Forgacs (also with years of experience and success in carriage/pleasure driving between them). Thank you to everyone for your passion and support for the new division.
- D. Stock Division Junior classes - B. Kelly: Show Rules Chair B. Kelly has received requests from members to bring some of the Junior Stock Horse classes out of moratorium for 2022 to gauge participation. The Board has debated this step several times and concerns about the number of entries in the Junior Classes has always been the reason for not moving forward to date. With the increased participating and class sizes overall in the Stock Division over the last 2 years, the Board felt it is time to offer them and see if they can sustain the cost of the classes at the 2022 World Show. A. Mueller moved to bring the Junior Stock Horse classes out of moratorium and offer 2-3 combined sex (mare/gelding/ stallions together in one class) at the Show Manager's recommendation/ discretion with regard to time in the World Show schedule in 2022. Seconded by S. Peterson, this motion passed unanimously.

E. Secretary Position on the Executive Committee: With the recent resignation of our Region 11 Director, Debbie Rogers, the Secretary position is also vacant. S. Peterson moved to approve Andrew Mueller as new Secretary; seconded by S. Hutchcraft, this motion passed unanimously. Thank you Andrew and welcome to the EC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. CST