

AMHA Annual Meeting – Reno NV – November 15, 2024

General Meeting

Call to Order: President Andrew Mueller, presiding

Invocation: Tony Greaves

Roll Call: PRESENT – Andrew Mueller, Ailene Tarap, Harry Elder, Kristina Slobody, Betsi Faulkner, Shanna Crowe, Shawn Hester, Sheryl Peterson, Bob Kane, Kaycee Lunde.

ABSENT- Mallory Grayson, Gene Baynham, Clair Severson, Sid Hutchcraft

Quorum Determination: Quorum attained

Sargeant at Arms: Paul Tarap, with assistance from Mary-Lou Elder.

Ratification of minutes from 2023 annual meeting – Harry Elder made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Tony Greaves seconded – Hearing no objections, minutes were accepted as presented.

President's Report: Andrew Mueller – Big thank you to the Board and EC for their work this year and thank you to the members for their continued support.

Treasurers Report: Ailene Tarap – Lots of expenses this year - \$3,400 in Plumbing, \$9,363 in HVAC, \$2,250 in Team Builder, \$2,000 in Brush Removal/ fence line clean up.

Income is at \$37,000. Hit a bump with the Texas grant for the World Show and working through it. Finance working on 2025 budget.

Office is operating with one less full time employee with no plan to replace.

Worlds/Regionals – Decrease in entries and increase in costs. Eastern broke even, Central made money, Western was only profitable due to arena benefactor. Exploring more cost cutting options – 1 Judge, Local show manager for westerns. Dates have not been determined for 2025 Regionals yet

November and December are expected to be the best revenue months.

Finance committee and the office are proposing fee increases for 2025 – DNA Test - \$45 to \$50 – costs went up in lab. Show Results Fee - \$1 per horse to \$3 per horse per judge to program manually.

Non-Member fees Increases: Gelding Registration - \$10 to \$20. Mare Late Temp to Perm - \$50 to \$100. Stud Late Temp to Perm - \$120 to \$240. Gelding Late Temp to Perm - \$20 to \$40. Stallion breeding Report - \$10 to \$50. Expedite - \$40 to \$80.

Pay To Play – Successful – Each club got \$650 AMHA retains 5%. Finance proposes raise of price from \$300 to \$500 per show.

World Show webcast – Huge expense - \$18,000 plus a couple extra grand to expand broadband – Would members pay to watch? Discussion leaned towards members supporting a fee to watch webcast.

Committee – Executive – Formal complaints that were filed at the World Show were in the pipeline and being reviewed.

HUB – Harry Elder – Had a productive get together prior to the meeting and covered every job as committee chairs.

LOC – Laura Mullen and Paul Tarap – Met and had a quorum .Ambitious goals for 2025, moving education seminars to Zoom with required attendance, Same for stewards and protest procedures with plan to loop show managers in.

2 Positions were open for LOC elections. Elaine Sulser won the judges seat. Jerred Bridges won the other open seat.

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSALS –

2423 – Director can be removed vby a majority vote of the board for failure to abide by Rules – REMOVED

RULES AND REGULATIONS PROPOSAL -

2425 – Hardship of Yearlings - Large discussion that ended with a call to question – FAILED – DID NOT PASS

Show Rules- Sherry Crowe – Had first “Town Hall” meeting via zoom for anyone to attend. Would like to continue with those in 2025 and get going sooner with surveys for member involvement.

Election Year for Show Rules – 8 signed up for 6 positions – Members elected – John Bennett, Erin Petrilli, Paul Tarap, Jerred Bridges, Clinton Jury, Elaine Sulser – joining returning members - Laura Mullen, Kristina Slobody , Donna Lavery, Sherry Crowe and Jessie Skerjanec

SHOW RULES PROPOSALS –

2401 – Fair/Stock/Exhibitions Shows and Honor roll Points – PASSED

2402 – Accompanying rule to 2401 – PASSED

2403 – 7& Under mentor requirement in cart – Discussion regarding wording – FAILED, back to Committee

2404 A – Open Golden Halter Obstacle for Points/Awards/Titles – Passed. Marie Powell will sponsor for 5 years. Mary Morrison offered to Sponsor Belt Buckle.

2404 B – Open Golden Halter Obstacle for World Show – FAILED

2405 – Adding Pattern 10 for Showmanship – PASSED

2406 – Adding Pattern 11 for Showmanship - PASSED

2407 – Stock Horse Grand Champion – First and second place horses from preliminary eligible - PASSED

2408 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Points for Stock horses – PASSED

2409 – Stock horse Grands – 1st and 2nd place horse must show back or be excused – PASSED

2410 – New Stock Horse Drawing – PASSED

2413 – Permanent Measuring card – International – PASSED

2414 – Adding Youth Grand Champion Stock, Halter Mare and Halter Gelding to regionals and Worlds - PASSED

2415 – Judges staying at fairgrounds/facility – PASSED

2416 – Judges Score sheets must be turned into Management - PASSED

2418 – Show rules member requirements – PASSED

2420 – AOTE Violations and Disciplinary Action – PASSED

2421 – YOTE Rules - PASSED

2422 – AOTE – removing Clipping from guidelines – FAILED

Harry Elder motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ailene Tarap Seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 4:51 PST

AMHA Annual Meeting – November 16th, 2024 – 9 AM

Reno Nevada - General Meeting (Continued)

Called to Order at 9:10 AM - President Andrew Mueller presiding

Roll Call: Roll Call: PRESENT: Andrew Mueller, Harry Elder, Ailene Tarap , Kristina Slobody, Betsi Falkner, Shanna Crowe, Shawn Hester, Sheryl Peterson, Kaycee Lunde, Jerred Bridges

Absent: Mallory Grayson, Clair Severson, Sid Hutchcraft, Gene Baynham

Quorum – 49 Voting members in attendance – Quorum attained

President Andrew Mueller started the meeting by recognizing Tracey Slagle for all of her hard work during the World show this year. Tracey thanked everyone for their support

Committee Reports –

*AOTE and Amateur – Thanked Jerred and Kristina for help during the amateur auction at the Annual meeting dinner – raised \$3,515.

Report - The amateur committee awarded 3 - \$1000 gift certificates from Star Lakes Tack to each of the 3 Regions High Point Amateur for the 2023 Calendar year.

We would like to thank our 2024 Sponsors World Super Amateur- DVM Farms, Boomer and Nicole Pearsall. World Super AOTE- Becky Kelly. World AOTE Giveaway Sponsors- Lisa Brostad and DSB Farms. Western Championship AOTE High Point Performance- Lisa Brostad. Western Championship AOTE High Point Halter – Diane Sundusky Dorigan. Central Championship AOTE High Point Halter – Marie Powell. Central Championship AOTE High Point Performance – Leigh Murray. Eastern Championship AOTE High Point Halter- Amateur Committee. Eastern Championship AOTE High Point Performance- Amateur Committee. 3 Championship High Point Amateur- Amateur Committee. Amateur Committee sponsored a pizza lunch for the exhibitors and staff at the Eastern Championship Show. The committee sponsored lunch at the World Show for everyone and purchased T shirts and phone pop sockets for the Amateurs

*Halter Futurity – John Bennett – Thank You to the 2024 sponsors – Azariah Miniatures, DVM Farms. Indian Peaks Miniatures, Me-He Miniatures, Jon and Charmayne Zucker, Scott Creek Farm, The Stewart Ranch, and Winning Streak Miniatures.

There will be no changes to the Futurity program for 2025.

*International Committee – Sheryl Peterson and Deb Rogers, with assistance from Joanne Ross. The Gamblers Choice International class at the World show was a success. There were 10 participants. International Honor Roll – This program is run internationally with approval from the board. They asked for funds – was not approved.

International Committee Report 2024

Returning Members will be:

Shery Peterson co-chair (USA director) Deb Rogers co-chair (UK) Emma Roberts (UK) Joanne Ross (USA) Margareta Lindahl (SWEDEN) Mimmi Jakobsson (SWEDEN) Karen Hamilton-Smith (UK)

1. Gambler's choice: Sheryl and Joanne kindly organized at Worlds. Several Farms mention how much fun it was to get to know the person they donated their horse to. That's exactly what we were hoping for comradery and community.
2. International honor role: This program was updated and more classes added to enhance the program. The International committee will run this program with approval from board when needed.
3. Committee looking into what other first place gifts could be offered as belt buckles need to be ordered from USA and not cost effective for international community. Members in UK and Europe asked regarding this and many would like to see item of clothing with Amha logo on. Still waiting input from Australia. The financial committee will be sent a request for funds to help cover the costs. Then committee will present to board.
4. Shows: 2024 was a great year for shows. 1 Australia, 3 in UK, 4 in Europe including a successful show in Sweden for the first time. The numbers in Europe and UK were consistent with approx. 30 – 40 horses at each show.
5. 2025 The Miniature Horse club of great Britian will add 2 shows to the schedule for next year after taking a break.
6. At least one or 2 members of the international committee have been present at all shows except Australia due to geographical location.
7. A successful measuring clinic was held in France and Deb is working with Filipe (Amha director France & Amh France director) to arrange 2 approved shows for 2025
8. There were 14 Hardships completed for 2024 in UK and Europe
9. The committee would like to thank Wayne Hipsley for his continued support and the USLGE program. - The international committee is looking forward to a successful 2025

*Local Clubs – Not much to report. It is believed that the “Pay to Play” program hurt the local shows. Also concern on the local level about some of the Show Rules and regulations being geared towards the World level and not applicable on the local level.

No Formal Report

*Performance Committee – Clinton Jury. Not much to report from 2024. Passing the reins over to Erin Petrilli but will remain on the committee.

No Formal Report

*Promotions – Besti Faulkner – Not much to report from 2024. Planning to establish a social media account and aid with local clubs and promotion online/ bigger presence on social media in general.

No Formal Report

*Rules and Regulations – Harry Elder -Report was done in first session – *****

*Stock Horse- Ailene Tarap – All new Stock Rules passed. Great participation in the Stock division this year. Also presented new photo for the Stock standard horse in the rule book.

Report: AMHA STOCK COMMITTEE REPORT

2024-The stock committee met at last year's AM. Discussion was of creating rule changes to benefit our stock horses. We all will be voting on #2407, 2408, 2409 and 2410. The first three deal with awarding the stock grand and reserve points. We feel our stock horses should equally receive the same points as in our 'Standard of perfection' classes. Lastly, we were luckily able to procure the James Walls drawing for our stock picture. Once again, the stock classes were well attended at this year's WS. Our committee will meet this AM to discuss how we can further our division and increase participation. We were very happy to see an overall improvement in our exhibitors attire due to previous rule changes. Now any spectator can observe our classes and immediately know this is a stock class.

*Youth – Shanna Crowe –

AMHA Youth Committee - 2024 Year in Review Committee meetings were held monthly from January through August for the AMHA Youth Committee. The Youth Executive Committee also met monthly with a Youth Committee adult present at each meeting to

answer questions and give guidance. We had a really exciting and positive year with our proudest moments being our Welcome Party/Calcutta at the 2024 World Show, the addition of Show Scholarships and offering an additional award of engraved chairs for each World Champion in a youth class at the 2024 World Show. The energy and camaraderie continued from the party right into the youth classes at World Show. We are very proud of all the sponsorships we secured and how many people and businesses showed up to support the youth — Farnam came on this year to add to Kensington's continued support on the corporate horse product level. As a committee we're very excited for next year and plan to continue the Welcome Party/Calcutta and hopefully build on our exciting additions of more scholarships and awards. Youth Sponsorships, Scholarships & Awards: -Regionals Award Buckles-World Show High Point Buckles-Youth Executive Committee Hat Cans - Youth Classes for the World Show Sponsored-World Show Youth Team Tshirts-High Point Team Awards for Top 3 teams-Liberty Awards -Wacky Tacky Showmanship -Sponsored Hot Dog Lunch -Welcome bags with goodies from Farnam, Kensington, and individual donors.- Chuck a Duck Fundraiser at all 3 Regionals -2 Academic Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded at the AMHA World show -Horse Show Scholarships - 2 per region -Engraved Chair for each of the 50 World Show Youth Classes 1 Friday, October 25, 2024 List of sponsors: 2 Friday, October 25, 2024 Youth Fundraisers: -Chuck A Duck - held at all 3 Regional Championships \$235 West, \$180 East, \$320 Central — \$735 Raised -Pie in the Face Trainer Edition, held at the World Show \$459 Raised -Youth Calcutta at World Show \$8,400 raised — \$5,460 went to the youth / \$2,940 distributed to the purchasers of the top 3 teams. **\$6,654 raised for the youth through fundraisers** New for 2024: -The Youth EC started a Mentorship Program to teach younger youth about the executive committee program and hopefully prepare kids to join in the future - they connected with the kids the '24 World Show-We introduced 2 Horse Show Scholarships per region (total of 6) - and got a great response and feedback to the program. -We were able to offer an engraved chair for each of our 50 AMHyA World Champions Financials: Starting balance: \$51,346.42 Ending balance: \$48,367.43 2024 Youth Committee & AMHyA Executive Committee Members: Chairs: Aimee Davis & Shanna Crowe BOD Liason: Kristina Slobody Betsi Faulkner Beth Richardson Liz Nowacki Schlick Elaine Sulser Traci Wright Kyla Petkanics Christina Head Abi Lauria Mary Gullet 3 Friday, October 25, 2024 23/24 AMHyA Youth EC: President: Isabella Seng Vice President - Evan Manning Secretary - Ruby Faulkner Treasurer - Addyson Head Eastern VP - Jordan Henrich Central VP - Kylie Chambers Western VP - Benjamin Hanson — elected but did not participate Director At Large: Faith Bowen Director At Large: Victoria Kirchman — elected but did not participate Newly Elected 24/25 AMHyA Youth EC: President: Isabella Seng Vice President - Evan Manning Secretary - Faith Bowen Treasurer - Isabelle Middleton Eastern VP - Jordan Henrich Central VP - Addy Head Western VP - OPEN Director At Large: Paige Schepers Director At Large: Colin Schepers Director At Large:

Kadyn Gates. Goal's for 2024 -Touch local clubs & Regional Shows -Continue scholarships and Incentives at the Regional level-Brainstorm other incentives for kids to show at a local show, regionals, and world show.-Utilize/Expand our social media AMHyA presence - Continue to strengthen our relationship and involvement with Youth EC -We did a better job on Sunday night for award announcements in the arena, but still could do better on this front.

Thank you to our 2024 Sponsors and supporters – The AMHA Staff, Vall Shingledecker and Tracey Slagle, All Wright Ranch – Michael and Traci Wright, ALR Miniatures – Abigail Lauria, Betsi and Ruby Faulkner, American Vending LLC, Balmy Breeze Training Center – Elaine Sulser, Cedar Creek Miniatures, Debbie Emery, Clark Real Estate – Michael Wright, DSB Farms- Shanna Crowe, DVM Farms – Boomer and Nicole Pearsall, Elegant Art Miniatures – Kelsie Sherman, Farnam, First Knight Miniatures – Stephani Pappas, Frost Hill Farm - Christy Johnson, Kensington Protective Products, Kentucky Miniature Horse Breeders Club, Kerri Postlethweight (in memory of Larry Krack), Mini Horse Sales, Oak Bay Acres – Shery; Peterson, Painted H Ranch – Dustin, Aimee, and Hensley Davis, Rockin Z Miniatures – Jon and Charmayne Zucker, Scott Creek Miniatures – Joanne Ross, Southwestern Miniature Horse Club, Star Lake Tack – Cathy Waxler, Sunday Grace Farm – The Kirchman Family, Sunset Mountain Miniatures – Daniel and Carla Crider, and Top Shelf Farm – Taryn and Travis Murphy

*Annual Meeting Site Selection Committee – Jerred Bridges –

AMHA ANNUAL MEETING SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

November 2024

Committee Members – Judy Howard, Val Shingledecker, AMHA Office, Jerred Bridges

Val Shingledecker let committee know that the site of the 2025 Annual Meeting needs to be located in the central region, area between Rocky Mountains and Mississippi. Val Shingledecker also requested hotel locations be within a six (6) hour drive of the AMHA Office in order to save on costs.

The committee decided on the following three locations to research for the site of the 2025 AMHA Annual Meeting.

1. Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
2. Houston, TX
3. San Antonio, TX

Jerred Bridges sourced the annual meeting criteria to hotels in Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston areas with response back from one hotel in Fort Worth and two in Houston. Judy Howard called four hotels near San Antonio airport asking for annual meeting proposals from each of the hotels.

Committee members will review the hotel proposals received and select the hotel sites to present to membership at annual meeting.

**Based on the report and presentation of potential meeting sites, Sheryl Peterson made a motion to accept the Double Tree Hilton IAH(Houston TX) for the Annual meeting site in 2026. Aaron Raffaelli seconded. Motion passed.

Outgoing directors: Andrew Mueller and Mallory Grayson were recognized for their terms of service.

New Directors for 2025: Welcoming Julie Good, John Mullen, Donna Lavery, and Donna Terry.

Returning directors for 2025: Kristina Slobody

*** Quick Break for a closed session board chat***

Meeting reconvened at 11:02 with Quorum count off – 49 members counted off; Quorum attained.

Executive Committee Election –

President – John Mullen nominated Sheryl Peterson. Paul Tarap nominated Bob Kane. No additional candidates. Harry Elder motioned to close nominations. Ailene Tarap seconded. Votes were taken by private ballot. Sheryl Peterson won the presidency.

Vice President – Sheryl Peterson nominated Bob Kane. Paul Tarap nominated Harry Elder. Bob Kane declined nomination. Jerred Bridges made a motion to accept Harry Elder as Vice President. Ailene Tarap seconded. Harry Elder won the Vice President position

Secretary – Betsi Faulkner nominated Jerred Bridges. Sheryl Peterson made a motion to accept Jerred Bridges as secretary. Ailene Tarap seconded. Jerred Bridges won the Secretary position.

Treasurer – Mary-Lou Elder nominated Ailene Tarap. Kristina Slobody made a motion to accept Ailene Tarap as treasurer. Jerred Bridges seconded. Ailene Tarap won the Treasurer's position.

Director at Large – Betsi Faulkner nominated Kristina Slobody. Sheryl Peterson made a motion to accept Kristina Slobody as Director at Large. Ailene Tarap seconded. Kristina Slobody won the Director at Large seat, concluding the EC Elections.

Jerred Bridges made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:34. Kaycee Lunde seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34

***COOL Committee chair, Cammie Truesdall was not in attendance but submitted a report –

In 2024 the committee discussed rule proposal changes and ideas for division classes. Participants in the division, not on the committee, expressed desire to split regular halter and stock halter. There is also on-going conversation about a new performance class. Details are being researched and collected. From looking at show results over the year, it appears participation in the division has increased. This is important, as the committee realizes many changes rely on division participation levels. The committee welcomes any fundraising and outreach ideas.