

AMHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 17, 2026 7pm CST Via Zoom

The March 2026 Meeting of the AMHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02pm CST by Sheryl Peterson, President.

Roll Call by Secretary, Julie Good: **BOD Members Present** (by Region): Julie Good, John Mullen, Donna Lavery, Shanna Crowe, Betsi Faulkner, Jerred Bridges, Shawn Hester, Clair Severson, Sheryl Peterson, Jon Zucker, Kaycee Lunde, Donna Terry, Chris Barnes. **Absent:** Kristina Slobody

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the AMHA BOD Meeting held December 16, 2025 were presented to the board members prior to the meeting. Jerred Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Chris Barnes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Report: President Sheryl Peterson is looking forward to a good show season. She expressed thanks to the office staff for their hard work and dedication especially during the busy end of the year/beginning of the year paperwork.

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Clair Severson reported that 2025 ended well and we have had a favorable start to 2026. He presented the budget for 2026 as prepared by the finance committee.

Approval of the 2026 Budget: Jerred Bridges made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget as presented by the finance committee, Betsi Faulkner seconded the motion. The 2026 budget was passed unanimously.

Office Report: Valerie Shingledecker said the accounting and registration departments are caught up after the rush at the end/beginning of the year and are working on current incoming items. The Rulebooks have been mailed for those in the US who ordered and International orders will be shipped this week. Honor Roll buckles have been mailed and Honor Roll Certificates are being prepared. World Show Program front and back covers have been reserved and the inside covers are still available.

Hub Committee/Committee Reports: Jerred Bridges reported that several committee reports were submitted and those reports are attached at the end of these minutes.

1. Jerred Bridges noted that the **International Committee** Chair, Karen Hamilton-Smith, sent a report and the report is attached. Members were very thankful for the Honor Roll Recognition. They included a photo of their Honor Roll Award.
2. **Show Rules Committee:** Sherry Crowe reported that the committee is working through several rule changes and that the committee has gone through the rule book to check that all cross references are accurate.
3. **Youth Committee:** Shanna Crowe and the Youth Committee are working on quite a few items. See detailed committee report attached.

- 4. Regional and World Show:** Laura Mullen reported that they are busy prepping for the upcoming shows. She will be making a trip to the Will Rogers Memorial Center to tour the new facilities and meet with the staff there. Awards have been ordered. Sponsorships are currently being accepted for classes at the shows.
- 5. Promotions Committee:** Chris Barnes spoke of some of the upcoming plans to help promote AMHA, create excitement among members and attract new members. See attached report.

Old Business:

- 1. Performance Jackpot Payback Proposal.** Erin Petrilli has been working with the Performance Committee on a proposal for a Performance Jackpot Payback Program. This program would replace our current Performance Futurity Classes which have been phasing out. Please see Revised Proposal with details of several options. The current futurity program will be transitioned to the proposed jackpot program within the next year only if all members who have nominated horses for the current program are in agreement to make this change. Otherwise the proposal will be effective only after the current futurity program is complete in 2028.

Clair Severson made a motion to Choose Option 1 of the Proposal to transition the Performance Futurity Program to the Performance Jackpot pending approval from current futurity nominees and the world show committee, Seconded by Jerred Bridges. The board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

New Business:

- 1. Swedish International Director Position.** This item was moved to closed session.
- 2. Revision to 2nd Member in Household Fee and necessary adjustments.** The membership voted at the 2025 Annual Membership Meeting in November to charge a fee of \$20 for the second member in household. However, the bylaws state that there is no charge for the second member in household which would require a bylaw change. After consulting with our parliamentarian, it was decided to rescind the vote by membership since a bylaw change proposal is necessary before those fees can be added to the fee schedule. Those who paid the fee already have been contacted with the option to have a refund or credit to their account.
- 3. Equine Need Assessment Survey Request.** A student from Penn State University asked the AMHA office to send a survey to members in several states for a study they are conducting. Board approval was needed to allow this. Clair made a motion to allow the survey to be sent out to the requested members, seconded by Chris Barnes. The board voted unanimously to approve and requested that the office prepare a letter inviting members to participate with the link to the survey.
- 4. Server for AMHA Database.** Valerie is currently gathering information looking at options for our AMHA Database Web hosting platform.

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the AMHA Board of Directors and move into closed session of the Board of Directors was made by Jerred Bridges and a second by Clair Severson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm CST

