

AMHA BOD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

6 p.m. CST

Conducted Via Zoom

1. Called to Order by President, S. Peterson at 6:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call - D. Hopkins - Present: S. Peterson, L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, C. Severson, S. Infante, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris, K. Lunde; L. Perdue joined at 6:50 p.m.
3. President's Message - S. Peterson - Things are looking brighter, staying positive and moving forward is the most important thing for AMHA right now and that's what we are doing. Lots of excitement for Regionals and Worlds and the upcoming launch of the new AMHA website.
4. Financial Report - D. Henrich - Currently have approximately \$55,000 in cash; \$5,000 in outstanding Payables; Revenue is down approximately \$53,000 but due to the office closing, expenses are also down almost equally, so we are in much better financial position than expected.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Rules/Regs Rule Change Proposals - J. Wagner/Chair - Tabled from previous meeting. Board voted to move forward #2042 and #2048. For #2005, C. Severson moved and D. Hopkins seconded to have the AMHA Office (originator) rework/reword based on discussions in the meeting and bring back at July Meeting for a final vote. Specifically, discussion was to change Temporary to Provisional and then define the process for bringing permanent at 5 years of

age. Discussion from the Board included two suggestions - an official measurement at a Show or Approved Event by a carded Measurer without all the requirements of the initial Hardship Inspection/Measurement; or measured by the recorded owner the same as the requirement for horses with full AMHA pedigrees.

- B. Website Launch - S. Peterson. Ready to launch. Still need a few more Farm Directory listings and there are no trainers on the Trainer page yet. Everyone welcome to use the “test” website address to look around, check links, etc. as a “final set of eyes” before launch, but we anticipate the launch by the end of the week!
- C. Get of Sire - As a last effort to increase entries in this historically important class, R. Kachuriak made a motion to change the number of get/horses per entry from 3 to 2 for the 2020 World Show. Motion was seconded by C. Severson, the motion passed unanimously. There was also discussion about the scheduling of the class and the suggestion of holding it at the end of the Futurity classes instead of just before, as many of the Futurity entries could potentially qualify to show in the Get of Sire, but the exhibitors would not want to tire them out before their Futurity classes. This decision will ultimately be left to our World Show Manager, Laura Mullen.
- D. COVID-19 Recovery Fee - D. Henrich made a motion to add a COVID-19 Recovery Fee of \$25 per horse entered at the World Show in 2020. Motion was seconded by C. Severson. Many Board members felt this should have been announced at the same time as the announcement that World Show Qualifying

is being suspended for 2020; others felt the amount was too much, especially for someone bringing multiple horses to the show, in light of overall financial impacts for members/exhibitors in 2020. The motion failed. Yes votes: D. Henrich, C. Severson; No votes: L. Murray, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, S. Infante, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris, K. Lunde.

7. New Business:

- A. Youth Committee Request to extend age-out limit one year due to Covid 19 and its impacts in 2020: On behalf of our Youth Committee Chair, Emily Baker, R. Kachuriak made a motion to extend the youth career of those youth exhibitors who will age-out in 2020 by one year. The reasoning behind this request is that with so many shows being cancelled, along with financial hardships created for many families, this group of Youth will miss their opportunity of their final year as a Youth Exhibitor. Overall the Board felt this would impact younger youth exhibitors the following year, robbing the group that will age-out of Youth in 2021 of their last year of showing without the competition of their older competitors. The motion was seconded by D. Henrich and failed. No votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris. Abstention: K. Lunde.
- B. Limit Class Eligibility at World Show - Laura Mullen. Earlier in the year, the BOD voted to change the eligibility for the Limit Classes at the 2020 World Show. Laura Mullen, the Show Manager for the show, feels this change may reduce the number of eligible participants too much - this decrease will happen gradually over the next few years until there are no participants eligible to enter the

classes. The changes in eligibility would basically change the classes from their initial intent to Novice Only classes, which had been introduced several years ago and did not get enough participation to keep them. D. Henrich made a motion to leave the Limit Class eligibility in 2020 the same as it was in 2019. Seconded by R. Kachuriak, the motion passed. Yes votes: D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, D. Rogers, K. Lunde. No votes: L. Murray, S. Infante, A. Harris.

C. YOTE Stock Classes - R. Kachuriak made a motion to add two classes to the 2020 World Show schedule - YOTE Stock Geldings and YOTE Stock Mares. Laura Mullen agreed that these classes should have enough entries to pay for themselves and that they should run as separate classes the same as the regular Youth Stock classes, not one combined class. Laura also felt she could find room in the AMHyA Show schedule for these two classes. Seconded by D. Henrich, this motion passed unanimously.

D. Open Board positions - D. Henrich moved and L. Perdue seconded to accept the single nominees for Board positions without the cost of mailing and collecting ballots. There are three Board positions/regions open for elections in 2020. The Nomination deadline has passed and there are only one person nominated for each of the three regions. In the By-Laws section of the Rulebook, it simply states that ballots are to be mailed to all members in the region for elections. There is nothing that addresses when there is only one nomination. Since this could be interpreted as “overruling” the governing By-Law, this motion was withdrawn and the question will be sent to our

Parliamentarian for an official opinion before moving forward. It was agreed that the cost savings from the ballots/election would be the right thing for the AMHA right now.

E. Regional, year-end High Point Amateur Awards - D. Rogers asked the question for a member whether these were suspended along with the Honor Roll Awards? After discussion, it was found that these awards are comprised of a Certificate (2 for each of the 13 regions - Level 1 & Level 2) and the Amateur Committee has been funding an embroidered halter as well, so the cost to the AMHA is minimal. It was recommended that we ask the Amateur Committee Chair(s) for their opinion on these awards and find out if they have a sponsor for the halters this year or not. Then we will decide if we need to pay Quintin to pull the data for the awards and

F. B. Kelly asked if we had scheduled a Measuring Clinic? L. Perdue mentioned the LOC is planning a measuring clinic at the Annual Meetings in 2020. We will be working with the local club to provide a few horses for the Clinic.

C. Severson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. CST. D. Hopkins seconded.