

AMHA Mid- Year Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Call to Order @ 7:03pm CST

S. Peterson

Roll Call

Present: S. Peterson, H. Elder, A. Tarap, J. Bridges, K. Slobody, J. Good, J. Mullen, D. Lavery, S. Crowe, B. Faulkner, S. Hester, C. Severson, B. Kane, G. Baynham,

Absent: K. Lunde, D. Terry

Approval Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes from December 17th, and January 21st meetings made by H. Elder, seconded by A. Tarap, no opposition, motion carried.

President's Report:

S. Peterson

Thanked everyone for joining. The World Show is coming together nicely, office is doing well, and AMHA is moving forward at a good pace for the year.

Treasurer's Report:

A. Tarap

AMHA Is up 15k, expenses are down 65k, Variables on income based on the World/Regional Show Entries. Central Regionals date has changed due to facility availability. Western regionals secured large sponsorship, eastern regionals expected to make a profit. Annual meeting expense should be down due to LOC no longer requiring an in person clinic. 13k in World Show Sponsorships thus far, Texas grant from last year helped keep us up. Registration is slightly down by 1k. Hardships were also slightly down compared to last year.

Office Report:

V. Shingledecker

Registration and accounting on May 10th. Average of 4-5 expedited work orders per day. Hardship paper work still being submitted. Working on a new report that shows sales by location, broke down by state, country, etc. Currently 20% of AMHA Sales are outside of the US/Canada. Outside lights were ordered for the Parking Lot.

Hub and Committee Report:

H. Elder

Chairs present for each committee gave updates.

- **LOC**

The Licensed Officials Committee has met 3 times since the Annual Meeting. Our committee created and implemented a Zoom Seminar for our judges to update them on new rules that were passed for 2025. The was done to make sure they were aware of the new rules in case the rulebooks were not printed before their first show and to give them an opportunity to ask questions. The Zoom Seminar was required viewing for all judges and was hosted twice--once on Tuesday, February 25 @ 7:30 p.m. and once on Saturday, March 1 @ 1:00 p.m. The Zoom Seminar was recorded and posted on the Judges Only page for future reference. On February 5, the judges and stewards were also emailed all the 2025 rule changes that would affect their positions.

The Licensed Officials Committee also met to select the 2026 World Show judges. These judges have been sent contracts and confirmed.

We conducted two 6-year judges' interviews via Zoom, one of which was for one of our International judges.

LOC will be changing our format for judges education from a "once every 3 years in person seminar" to an "annual online seminar." All judges will be required to attend. The fall seminar will be facilitated by Judge Sandra Curl.

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LOC has 3 rule proposals we would like to have passed to allow us to move to an online platform for judges education. They are rule proposals #2538, #2539 & #2540.

- **By Laws Committee**

The ByLaws committee reviewed all of the suggested ByLaws changes submitted and the Office Impact Statements. The office had made a change to #2507 and # 2508 to the Prefix Code & Section after review it was found that the originator's references were the correct. The office needs to ensure that when these are printed for the membership review they are as printed as the original change was printed. The #2509 was reviewed during a zoom meeting because the change had been submitted on 12/2/24 by the 2024 ByLaws committee. That was after the 2025 committee had been formed and needed to be reviewed by the current committee. The current committee approved this change with the exception of the first sentence. The change will read 1. Throughout his/her tenure, a Director must: The rest of #2509 as printed. During the zoom meeting one member was unable to attend. The committee vote was unanimous to move it forward to the membership.

The committee requests that this change be made prior to being posted for the membership. ByLaws #2505,2506,2507,2508 & 2509 will all go forward to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

- **Rules and Regulations Committee**

Rules & Regulation Committee has reviewed the following changes and Office Impact statements submitted on #2503, 2511, 2512 & 2513 and recommend they all go forward to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Val did point out that there was a conflict in #2513 Flow Chart change and #2507 a By Laws change. It was noted by the committee that it was also in conflict with #2508. The originator Mary Lou Elder made the changes to the #2507 & #2508 (both were approved by the BYLaws committee) to a line with the Flow Chart.

- **Show Rules Committee**

December –

Met to go over rule change suggestions from the Open Show Rules meeting held at the Annual Meeting. We submitted several rule changes as a result of this meeting.
Tweaked the Protest Policy for BOD to approve
Worked on Standing rules and forms for 2025
Worked on re-writing Complaint and Appeal forms

January –

We held an Open Zoom meeting for the membership on What's new in AMHA and invited all committee Chairs to be on to talk with the membership. We went over all new Rules for 2025. Several Committees gave reports on what was going on with their committees.

February –

We held the same meeting as above for International members at an easier time for them to attend and anyone who missed the last meeting.

Note: I've asked for topics at each of the open meetings that members wanted to discuss in future meetings. So far, I haven't received any.

We received Show Rule Proposals and the end of February and started working on those.

March – May

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We sent out Show Rule Proposals to appropriate committees for review
And started working on them. We had a meeting each month and worked through
revisions from originators and committees and finally got all of them to Val and Jerred.

Future plans before annual meeting and survey:

Hold open zoom meeting to go over Passed Show Rule Changes going forward to the
membership. We may also go over writing a new Show Rule proposal, tips etc.

- **Stock Horse Committee**

At the conclusion of our 2024 AM committee meeting, it was determined that we had no further
goals at this time other than promotion of the stock horse division for 2025.

We were very pleased with what we have accomplished in the past few years and felt this division
was for the betterment of the association and members.

At this next 2025 AM, we will evaluate if any new goals are needed and where, if any, the stock
division needs improving.

- **Promotions Committee**

Promotions Committee provided a presentation for the #AMHAProud campaign.

- **Performance Committee**

The performance committee has met formally via zoom twice since the annual meeting and
communicated via email as necessary.

The following issues/tasks have been addressed:

- Performance committee discussed and considered 5 rule change proposals sent over by Show Rules:
 - 2502, 2521, 2541, 2542, 2543,
 - 2541 was found to be a duplicate of 2502 and retracted
 - 2502, 2521, 2542 and 2543 were all found to be reasonable and passed back to show rules for acceptance and vote by general membership at 2025 AM.
- The committee is considering several ideas or activities to promote participation in performance classes at local shows and events.
- Performance Futurity Alternatives and Sponsorships for end of program awards (2025/2026)
 - Futurity Sponsors for 2025 Awards so far are as follows:
 - Clinton Jury/Kristina Slobody- Hunter Futurity
 - Erin Duffy Petrilli, Brenda Sellwood- Driving Futurities
 - Casey McBride Photography
 - Star Lake Tack (Pending)
 - Discussion on future once Performance Futurities phase out
 - There is a proposal to replace futurity classes with Jackpot Pay-out classes for 3 and 4 year old performance horses
 - Classes would replace the current slots for futurity, so class numbers would remain the same
 - Age breakdowns would also remain consistent, 3yr and 4yr old separate not combined depending on participation numbers.

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- Committee is working on investigating the best way to solicit sponsorships and working on plan for cost for payout breakdowns
 - Committee members will reach out to current members who have paid into futurity for feedback.
 - Also, consideration to make Liberty a Jackpot event
 - Members would like to find ways to showcase liberty as a fun and prestigious event with payout.
 - Considering offering some crowd involvement and fun awards in addition to judges placings.
 - Still a work in progress for ideas and how to maximize impact while remaining cognizant of show schedule and financials.
- Discussion and Concern regarding 30" and Under Driving Classes
 - Some members expressed concern over 30 and under driving being placed in moratorium. Committee discussed the options with consideration of the financial state of World Show.
 - We were informed that this has also been brought to BOD for discussion so several members are expressing concern. We would like to encourage people with 30 and Under horses to continue to participate but realize that it is unlikely most 30 and under could fairly compete with taller counterparts.
 - Two clubs and other individuals have offered to pay for classes for 2025 and beyond.
 - Potentially >\$1000 has already been pledged
 - Proposal for alternative to bringing back all divisions of 30 and under, offer a Heritage Driving Championship.
 - This would be a championship class, similar to the Heritage Halter Grand, which would be open to all 30 and Under horses who qualified in a 32 and under class.
 - It would be one open driving championship to be judged as the versatility or 7 and Under Open driving classes.
 - Horses would not need to win or place in the qualifying class they would just need to have shown in any of the qualifiers and be officially entered as 30" or less into WS.
 - Sponsorship and awards committed by Erin Petrilli if approved.

- **Youth Committee**

It's been a slow sponsorship year.

Still need 1 or 2 sponsors in each region for High Point Buckles (\$100).

We also have 3 High Point Buckle Sponsorships (\$250) openings for Worlds.

We are also looking for Horse Show Scholarship Sponsors- we're like 2 per region (\$250 each).

We have secured 10 Regionals Sponsors, and approximately 5 World Show Sponsorships including our Youth Scholarships- Jon & Charmayne Zucker will graciously be sponsoring them again.

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- We're working closely with the Youth Executive Committee to dial in details for their Fundraising ideas and World Show Calcutta.
Our theme this year will be Red/White/Blue/America and we have decided on our Guest of Honor.
They would like to continue Chuck-A-Duck at the Regionals but we are pricing a dunk tank to replace Pie-In-The-Face this year at World Show.
- New for 2025
We are working on replacing Wacky Tacky Showmanship this year with some Education- hopefully some trainer clinics for the kids.
We are also considering some online education opportunities for the kids, especially those who can't attend the big shows.

- **Amateur Committee**

Region high points, total of 12

Grand and Reserve Amateur

Grand and Reserve AOTE

Each Grand will receive a \$250 Gift Certificate for the 2024 show season

Each Reserve will receive a \$100 Gift Certificate for the 2024 show season

Team tournament rules were finalized and Sheryl is going to send to the board.

The Amateur/AOTE Committees will be having a silent auction at the World Show

Lisa Brostad is going to work on rules for a jackpot barrel race at the World Show

We are going to sponsor drinks and snacks for one day of the World Show

2025 Sponsorships

High Point AOTE for each

Championship show

Western, sponsored by Lisa Brostad

Eastern, sponsored by Julie Good

Central- TBD

High Point Amateur for each

Championship show

Eastern- Melissa Shouse

Central- TBD

Western- TBD

2025 World Show Sponsors

Super AOTE, sponsored by Joanne

Ross

Super Amateur, sponsored by ALR

Farm

AOTE Class giveaways sponsored by

Lisa Brostad and DSB Farms

Winners of the Region High Points:

Central

Amateur:

Champion : Taryn Wright Murphy

\$250

Reserve: Traci Wright \$100

AOTE:

Champion : Jan Nuckolls \$250

Reserve: Connie Kennedy \$100

Eastern

Amateur:

Champion : Megan

Postlethweight \$250

Reserve: Kristina Slobody \$100

AOTE:

Champion : Dawn Henrich \$250

Reserve: Shanna Crowe \$100

Western

Amateur:

Champion : A J Ericson \$250

Reserve: Kelly Jensen \$100

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AOTE:
Champion : Ashley Raffaelli \$250

Reserve: Jennifer Mclean Rodis
\$100

The Amateur committee pre- approved 4 Clinic Grants for 2025.

Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club

Northwest Miniature Horse Club

Miniature Horse Association of Arizona

Western Canadian Miniature Horse Club

If the Team Tournament is approved by the Board, the Kentucky Miniature Horse Breeders Club is going to add up to \$500 to the pot.

New Business:

Rule Change Proposals were presented and voted on for the 2025 Annual Meeting as Follows:

- All bylaws automatically pass to membership
 - **2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509,**
- Rules and Regulations
 - C. Severson Motioned to Move all Rule and Regulations to Annual Meeting, Seconded by B, Kane
 - Val Noted Office Impact Statement on 2513
 - C. Severson withdrew motion, B. Kane withdrew second
 - C. Severson Motion to Move all forward without 2513, J. Bridges Seconded, motion carried with no opposition.
 - **2503, 2511, 2512** move forward
- All LOC Move Forward
 - 2538, 2539, 2540
- Show Rules
 - 2514 moves forward, received enough board member signatures
 - 2515 moves forward
 - 2516 moves forward
 - 2517 moves forward
 - 2518 moves forward
 - 2519 moves forward
 - 2520 moves forward
 - 2521 moves forward
 - 2523 moves forward
 - 2524 moves forward
 - 2528 moves forward
 - 2530 moves forward
 - 2534 moves forward
 - 2535 moves forward
 - 2536 moves forward
 - 2537 moves forward
 - 2541 moves forward
 - 2542 moves forward
 - 2543 moves forward
 - 2544 moves forward

World Show Auction

J.Skerjanec

2024 World Show Auction went well. Overall well received. Attendees loved having something to do. Jessie wants to provide another world show auction in 2025. Discussed options for the 2025 sale. Possibly doing the sale Monday of Amateur. Jessie is seeking board approval to move forward with plans to host the 2025 World Show Auction.

C. Severson Motioned to allow Jessie to host the world show auction, seconded by H. Elder, motion carried with no opposition.

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30" and Under Driving Classes

S. Hester

S. Hester asked to move the 30" and under driving division out of Moritorium with \$1,000.00 in sponsorship to be split between the classes. C. Severson offered additional 250.00 sponsorship.

C. Severson Motioned to Move them out of Moratorium as rated classes, S. Hester Seconded, Motion Carried

Oversized Junior Horses

J. Mullen

J. Mullen presented a proposal to add Non-Rated oversized Junior horses to the world show schedule. These classes would not offer a championship class.

Height Restrictions:

Weanlings- Over 30" to 31"

Yearlings- Over 32" to 33"

Two-Year-Olds- Over 33" to 34"

Add:

Amateur Junior Halter- Over (Non-Rated)

Amateur Junior Stock Halter- Over (Non-Rated)

Open Halter- Over (Non-Rated)

Open Stock Halter- Over (Non-Rated)

S. Crowe Motioned to accept the proposal as presented, C. Severson Seconded. Motion Carried, and passed.

World and Regional Shows

L. Mullen

Decent numbers for central regionals are in. Everything moving smoothly. Will work with Jessie on the world show auction. Will update premium with the according changes to classes voted at meeting. Happy to be back managing the world show.

Utility Trailer

A. Tarap

Southwest Club trailer is for sale. An anonymous benefactor has offered to contribute \$2,500.00 donation for AMHA to purchase the trailer due to current conditions of existing trailer.

A.Tarap motion to accept the donation and purchase the Southwest Trailer, H. Elder Seconded, Motion carried and passed without opposition.

J. Bridges Motioned to Conclude Meeting, Seconded by J. Mullen

Meeting adjourned @ 9:33pm cst