

AMHA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Tampa, FL

Called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Invocation

Roll Call

Present: Laurie Slobody, Jason Warrenfeltz, Laura Mullen, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Al Bulgawicz, Allison Rosauer, Clair Seversen, Joanne Ross, Bob Kane, Heather Ward, Leigh Murray, Harry Elder. Absent: Julianna Myers, Gene Baynham.

Determination of Quorum: 13 Present. It was determined that we had a quorum.

Recognize New And Returning Directors

A welcome was extended to the following new and returning directors: Jason Warrenfeltz, PA (new), Leigh Murray, OK (new), Laurie Slobody, MA (returning), Laura Mullen, NC (new), Sid Hutchcraft, FL (returning).

Approval of Budget

Mike Griggs presented proposed budget for 2016. Line items discussed were:

- **3-Judge System for World Show**

The Finance Committee proposed 3 three-judge panels for the 2016 AMHA World Show. One for youth, one for amateur and one for open. Bob Kane made a motion to go to a 3-judge system with the youth being 3 separate judges from the amateur and the amateur being 3 separate judges from the open. Seconded by Clair Seversen. There was discussion on WS-015 which calls for 5 judges. It was determined that this change was within the powers of the Board of Directors. We had tried a 4-judge systems several years prior. President Kahre called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Reducing One Ring Steward at the World Show**

Bob Kane made a motion to reduce the number of ring stewards at the World Show from 3 to 2. Clair Seversen seconded the motion. Discussion. For: Clair Seversen, Bob Kane, Al Bulgawicz, Jason Warrenfeltz, Heather Ward, Laurie Slobody. Opposed: Laura Mullen, Sid Hutchcraft, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Leigh Murray, Harry Elder. It was a tie. In cases of a tie, the President breaks the tie. President Kahre voted no. Motion defeated.

- **Drug Testing**

The Finance Committee proposed reducing the drug testing for the World Show. Bob Kane made a motion to reduce the amount of drug testing done at the World Show. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. Discussion. Motion passed with one abstention – Laura Mullen

- **Reduce The World Show By One Day**

Bob Kane made a motion to reduce the 2016 World Show by one day. Seconded by Clair Seversen. Discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Line item reducing trophy expense and hotel expense**

The Finance Committee budget reduced trophy expense by offering an alternate award for reserve for youth and amateur divisions. It also proposed reducing hotel expense by 25%. Bob Kane made a motion to accept the budget line items reducing the 2016 World Show by reducing trophy and hotel expense. Clair Seversen seconded. Discussion ensued. Comment was made by Laura Mullen that the World Show would try to meet the 25% hotel reduction, but could not guarantee it. Comment by Clair Seversen that the budget sets parameters, but can be monitored for adjustments. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Miscellaneous Items**

Miscellaneous budget items were explained by Mike Griggs & Clair Seversen of the Finance Committee. Bob Kane made a motion to accept the miscellaneous section of budget items. Seconded by Clair Seversen. The Board discussed non-member fees for gelding, temp to perm and transfers. The proposal regarding this will be forwarded to legal for confirmation on whether we can proceed. The Board discussed the \$2.00 work order fee. The AMHA Office will not be charging the \$2 fee on membership and amateur cards. The Board discussed that this budget calls for removing the alternative qualifying fee of \$20 and instating a hardship application fee of \$50. President Kahre called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Hardshipping Income**

Harry Elder asked how the Board would get around By Law Article XI, Closed Registry. Discussion ensued and it was suggested to use Article 16D2. Harry Elder made a motion that under the authority of Article 16D the board amends the effective date of the bylaw passed implementing hardship (By Law Proposal 1532 & Rules & Regs Proposal 1545) to effective immediately. Seconded by Jason Warrenfeltz. Motion passed unanimously. Bob Kane made a motion to make a standing rule to implement both rules regarding hardshipping (By Law Proposal 1532 & Rules & Regs Proposal 1545) to go into effect in 2016 rather than 2017. Sid Hutchcraft seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

- **Electronic Magazine**

Three editions proposed for 2016 and projected net revenue is \$26,000. Bob Kane made a motion to pass the budget line item for the electronic magazine proposal. Seconded Harry Elder. Motion passed unanimously.

Clair Seversen made a motion to approve the budget as adjusted. Seconded Bob Kane. Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes for 2/18/16

Harry Elder made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/18/16 meeting. Bob Kane seconded. Discussion. We need to correct the section on the roof repairs to state we

pledged a CD to obtain a line of credit in item #1, not purchased a CD. Motion passed unanimously with aforementioned correction.

Review/Approve Standing Rules

Al Bulgawicz addressed the standing rules and recommendations and a vote was taken to retain or delete.

1. Standing Rules by Monthly Board Meetings – Retain – unanimous.
2. Championship shows Qualifying Requirements – Delete – moved to rulebook
3. Heritage Grand – Retain – unanimous
4. Moratorium on classes – Retain – unanimous
5. Driving Grand clarification – Retain – unanimous
6. Finance – retain – unanimous
7. Horse Sales – retain – unanimous
8. Local Shows & Other Events – retain – unanimous
9. Amateur classes – retain, but amend – Harry Elder made a motion to make this standing rule specific to the Regional Championship and World Shows. Seconded by Jason Warrenfeltz. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Measurement at Regionals to World – retain – unanimous
11. Amateur versatility – delete – moved to rulebook
12. Other breed horse shows – retain – unanimous
13. Judge no show problem – retain – unanimous
14. Reduce qualifying points – delete – new qualification rule implemented in 2016.
15. Reduce qualifying roadster – delete – new qualification rule implemented in 2016
16. Point rule – delete - moved to rulebook.

Vice President Bulgawicz was instructed to add the hardship to standing rules for 2016 to our standing rules (i.e. By Law Proposal 1532 & Rules & Regs Proposal 1545).

Bob Kane made a motion to implement the stock classes in 2016 as a standing rule as printed in Show Rule 1519 making them rated classes for 2016. Allison Rosauer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Eight classes will be held at World Show and Regionals – Stock Youth Mares, Stock Youth Geldings, Stock Amateur Mares, Stock Amateur Stallions, Stock Amateur Geldings, Stock Open Stallions, Stock Open Mares and Stock Open Geldings. All other stock classes will be in moratorium until such a time as the Board votes to implement them at the World and Regional Shows. Most likely these will not be pointed honor roll classes for 2016 due to the fact that we have already started the season. Show Rules was instructed to finalize housekeeping changing “Standards of Conformation and Movement” to “Judging Criteria.”

There was discussion on an addition to the standing rules regarding implementing non-member fee based on same percentage rate increase from the last time published in the rulebook – for temp to perm, transfer and gelding. We are waiting to hear from legal on this.

Bob Kane motion to make a standing rule to implement Amateur Grand Driving Championship classes to World & Regional Championship Shows if Show Management can find time in the show schedule. Jason Warrenfeltz seconded. The trophies are sponsored for both Regionals and World for 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Kane made a motion to make a standing rule to implement Show Rule Proposal 1508 regarding youth point accumulation rule and make it effective for 2016. Sid Hutchcraft seconded. Motion passed with one negative vote – Joanne Ross.

Motion by Laura Mullen to place Mare & Foal class in moratorium for the 2016 World & Regional Shows. Seconded by Allison Rosauer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Laura Mullen to place Adult Special Needs with Stallion & Gelding and Adult Special Needs with a Mare in moratorium for the World & Regional Shows and reinstate Adult Special Needs with a Mare Or Gelding to those events. Seconded by Bob Kane. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Al Bulgawicz will update the standing rules and distribute to the Board for possible corrections and then we will vote on final approval.

Bob Kane recommends considering a June BOD meeting in person. Bob Kane made a motion that if we decide to have a June Board Meeting, we will reimburse airfare only up to \$350 if the meeting is approved. Seconded by Clair Seversen. There was some discussion. Motion passed with 3 abstentions – Laura Mullen, Heather Ward & Joanne Ross.

Approval of Committee Chairpersons

Vice President Al Bulgawicz presented the following list of committee chairpersons:

AOTE – John Bennett & Kim Sweatt
Amateur – Debra Hopkins
ByLaws – Harry Elder
Finance – Heather Ward
Gelding Incentive – Sharon Housley
Halter Futurity – John Bennett & Allison Rosauer
International – Joanne Ross
Local Club – Barbara Hibbard
LOC – Lonnie Perdue
Long Range Planning – Mike Griggs & Michael Brandt
Membership – Julie Good
Performance – Sharon Housley & Austin VanWyck
Promotions – Paul Tarap
Rules & Regs – Bill Arnold & Harry Elder
Stock Division – Darlene Bridges
Youth Committee – Phil & Stephanie Abbott

Harry Elder made a motion to approve the committee chairs. Seconded by Bob Kane. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Kane made a motion to make the new point qualification system (Show Rule 1514) a standing rule for 2016. Seconded by Clair Seversen. Motion passed unanimously. The office will be instructed to notify the membership via e-blast of this change.

New Business

Regis Hartnett would like to address seeking out corporate sponsorship. The Board instructed him to contact Randy Perdue of the Finance Committee who is already working on this to make a coordinated effort. Sue Bulgawicz wants to encourage the Board to make sure our sponsor seekers make sure we know who would be signing any contracts.

President Joe Kahre encouraged directors to become more active in their region. Sid Hutchcraft recommends an eblast to members on items voted on.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Bob Kane at 10:38 a.m. Seconded by Sid Hutchcraft. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Closed Session

A brief closed session meeting was held following Sunday's meeting for the incoming Executive Committee to be brought up to speed on pending issues by the outgoing Executive Committee.

On agenda for next meeting:

Approval of Rocky Mountain Shetland Pony Miniature Horse Club (RMSPHMC)

Approval of LOC Rule Change affecting senior status

Local Club Sponsorship Program & 5 sponsorships gets you a stall program

Adding Amateur Versatility to Rulebook (point section). And what points do we want for qualification.

Membership Perks program of Randy Perdue

Hardship implementation