

AMHA Annual General Meeting

Friday November 11 and Saturday November 12, 2022

1. Call to Order by President ,D Hopkins at 8:05 am
2. Inovation: Tony Greaves
3. Introduction of the Parliamentarian: Kris Diky
- 4: Roll Call -A. Mueller Present: D. Hopkins, S. Peterson, S. Hutchcraft, A. Mueller, C. Severson, J. Rutledge, K. Slobody, K. Lunde, M. Grayson, S. Hester. Absent: S. Infante, G. Baynham, C. Marks, K. Audet, J. Myers.

A quorum reached as AMHA members present (As per parliamentarian).

Sergeant of Arms : Harry Elder

1. Standing rules addressed, call for a vote to except standing rules. **Escepted.**
2. Convention rules. D. Hopkins
3. Ratify minutes from November 12-13 , 2021

Motion. J. Rutledge: Minutes excepted.

1. Welcome report: D. Hopkins

Approximately 40 members present,

- A. The last year has World Show was down 40 horses ,with the help of Laura and the AMHA staff and the members that collected the data to be able to get the Texas Grant of \$43,000 .
- B. Thank you to EC for all there help.
- C. Thank you to all the Out going board members.

2. **Treasurer report-** C. Serverson.

- A. Total income was down: Registration is up Membership is down about 11,000k(from prorating the renewals this year). World show income was down but the expenses were also down so currently looking like around

\$3,000 profit without the Texas grant money. Texas Grant will be approximately #43,000 Final numbers will be reflected in the budget for 2023 when completed.

- B. The income from the ads for the MWH Year in Review came in 2021, but the expenses for the magazine were in 2022 therefore showing a decrease of \$14,854.79 in revenue that is caused by paying the publication bill in 2022. Professional fees went up (Laura processing show results and world show entries) and we are now beginning to be charged for added items that we ask for in the the new computer program.
- C. Property taxed went up, but that is because we paid the 2021 taxes in early January of 2022 and the invoice for the taxes that we be paid in January of 2022 and the invoice for the taxes that will be paid in January of 2023 have already been entered into the system. I do want to point out that the office expenses, office equipment and building repair/maintenance are all down thanks to the team work by those involved.
- D. Final numbers will be published when the books are closed for 2022 along with the Budget for 2023.
- E. In closing I feel we are moving in the right direction but it will direction but it will take the help of the members and the committees to continue this trend.
- F. Thank you for your Support of AMHA.

Questions comments from the members.

- A. Clair Serverson brought up raising the membership fee by \$10.00 and to include the access to the Stud Book.

Vote taken by show of hands: Passes.

Committee Reports:

E.C. Committee:

- A. Dedicated members thank you for taking care of the business
And all special issues that came up.

Hub:

- A. Amateur auction Friday night, regional high points will figure out and ship out. Would like to have Ladies and Gentlemen's driving added for points.
- B. AOTE Need to get Sponsors.
- C. Show Rules is working on Protest Procedure's Working on Qualifying rules for 2023. Clarifying rules. Points for the World Show , 2 Open spots on the Show Rules committee.
- D. International , Review and organize Jacob Elliot is the new Chair .
- E. Finance Come to the meeting if you requesting any money.
- F. LOC Measuring clinic , Judges seminar 9 judges for the interviews .
LOC Elections Leaving Laura Mullen & Paul Tarap
Up for LOC Deb Hopkins & Paul Tarap
Vote taken by show of hands. Both Elected to the LOC
- G. Special Needs, Raising funds ,Possible adding classes.
- H. Halter Futurity, Need sponsors Want to meet with the Stock committee
- I. Special Awards. Requesting \$900 for Computer awards.

Amateur:

- A. No report :

Stock : Stock Classes continue to be larger at the Regional and World Shows

Planning a 2023 Grand and Reserve Grand Horse as well as the Stock Futurity winners.

AOTE:

- A. Regional Championship High Point Awards
 - 1. All 4 Championship Shows awards were sponsored.
 - European- Jennifer & John Bennett
 - Eastern – Amanda & Joe Benton
 - Western – Ailene & Paul Tarap
 - Central Performance – Leigh Murray

Central Halter- Brandon & Dustie Barnett

B. World Show

Sponsors were

Becky Kelly- Super AOTE Champion Awards

Marie Powell – AOTE High point Halter & Performance Award

Lisa Scholer Brostad- AOTE Class give away, Halter & Harness bags

DSB Farm, Sherry Crow & Debbie Meek- Embroidery on the Halter and Harness bags

C. Rule Change Proposals

One SRCP was submitted by a member at the 2021 Annual meeting regarding allowing an exception for members 60 years and over to allowing anyone to clip their AOTE horse. The Committee voted to Not recommend with a vote of 4 to not recommend and 3 to recommend. This was sent back to Show Rules and it was not approved by that committee.

Halter Futurity:

A. Need to keep and get Sponsor's To be able to get Jackets/Ribbons

B. Test Classes for Jr. Stock Horses.

Show Rules:

A. Show rules Elections .

- Sherry Crowe and Donna Lavery Co Chairs.

B. SRCP reviewed Youth Hardship for world show. World show Qualifying

New Business:

2023 Annual meeting site selection There is a new Committee that will Be looking into finding a new place, Looking at Nashville , Louisville, Atlanta, Charlottee.

2022 AMHA Annual Meeting & Convention Voting Items

Bylaws Amendments

Article XI Section 2 Closed Registry page B-21 #2208

Submitted by Michael Brandt

The registry and stud book of the American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed effective January 1, 2017, after which all newly registered horses shall consist of only those horses with previously registered AMHA sires and dams, with the exception that any Miniature Horse (over **thirty-six (36)** months of age), which has been officially measured to be 34" or under...

Vote taken by show of hands: Passes

Article XIX Amendment of Bylaws page B-25 # 2211

Submitted by Leigh Murray

All AMHA Bylaws, **except Article XI, Section 6**, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the **participating** Regular members or Membership Special Meeting, but only after the specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of prior notice.

Vote take by show of hands: Failed

Article VII, Section 6 Meetings, G page B-14 # 2212

Submitted by Leigh Murray

A written report of each Board of Director's meeting, which at the least shall contain all actions taken by the Board and how each Director voted on each issue, including the votes cast by the president or the Chairman. This report shall be ~~published in the Miniature Horse World or by mail out to all members~~ or posted to the AMHA website within 60 days. Any Current AMHA member may receive a written copy of the this report by contacting the AMHA Office.

Vote taken by show of hands: Passes

Article IX, Section 2 Qualifications, B page B-16 #2213

Submitted by Leigh Murray

Officers shall be elected from the those regional Directors whose term has nor expired and who have served at least one year as Director on the AMHA Board and **newly elected Directors that have had previous AMHA Board experience.** No officer or member of the Executive Committee may serve more then there (3) consecutive years in the same office nor on the Executive Committee for more than five (5) consecutive years. After a year's break the Director can run for the same office or the Executive Committee again. **In the event none of the current Board members want to serve on the Executive Committee the membership shall nominate a past Regional Director from the floor to fill any office on the Executive Committee until all offices are filled. All officers voted to the committee as past Regional Director will have the voting rights on the Executive Committee and on the Board meetings as well.**

Voted taken by show of hands: Passes

Article IX, Section 8 Duties of the VP page B-17-18 # 2214

Submitted by Leigh Murray

The Vice-President shall serve as chairperson on the HUB Committee, assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, or inability to act , of the President, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Vice President will review all Standing Rules **and Polices** prior to each Annual Meeting and solicit input from Committee Chairs regarding whether the Standing Rule **and/or Policy** should be retained, eliminated, or presented as a Rule Change proposal through proper channels. A copy of the current Standing Rules will be published on the AMHA website and made available at the Annual Meeting **to all participating member.**

Voted by show of hands: Passes

Article XIX, Section C page B-26 # 2216

Submitted by Leigh Murray

At the Annual Meeting the Bylaws Committee Chairperson will explain each proposed Bylaw amendment, and the members in attendance will vote “yes” or “no” ~~with no changes permitted at the time.~~ An affirmative vote of two-thirds of ~~registered~~ Regular Members present and voting at the Annual or Special Meeting shall be required to amend a Bylaw.

Voted on by show of Hands: Passes

Article XVI, Section B page B-24 #2217

Submitted by Leigh Murray

At the Annual Meeting Committee Chairperson will explain rule and the members in attendance will vote “yes” or “No” ~~with no changes permitted at that time.~~

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

Article VI, Section 2 Special Meetings A page B-9 # 2225

Submitted by AMHA Staff

Notice of a special meeting shall be given by publishing such notice ~~in the Miniature Horse World or~~ **by AMHA e-newsletter or by email blast to each member with an email address on file with the AMHA, or published on the AMHA website**, at least sixty (60) days prior to such meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting ~~to all members of the Association,~~ Notice of such meeting will indicate briefly the subject or objects ~~there of which shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meeting.~~

Voted on by show of hands: Passes.

Show Rules Amendments

CL -016 Criteria and Style 9 page S-29 # 2204

Submitted by the Stock Committee

#9 Tails ~~should~~ **Must** be off the ground **or be disqualified.**

Voted by show of hands: Passes

Cl-016 requirements,3 page S-29 # 2205

Submitted by the Stock Committee

#3 ~~Current rules for handler's dress will apply in stock division.~~ **Handler's attire must include western hat, long sleeve collared shirt or jacket, and western footwear or be disqualified.**

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

Cl-016 Criteria and Style,5 page S-29 # 2206

Submitted by Stock Committee

#5 Razoring of heads ~~will be heavily penalized~~ is **prohibited and cause for disqualification** . Clipping is permitted.

Voted by show of hands: Passes

CL -016 Criteria and Style,10 page s-19 # 2207

Submitted by the Stock Committee

Add#10

#10 Exhibitor may use and empty hand or the hand holding the lead only to engage the horse's interest or enhance their expression. Stretching, Baiting (enticing horse with any body part, equipment or material) and excessive jerking or harsh use of the lead line to be viewed as a negative towards presentation.

Voted on by show of hands: passes

PA-030 Recognized Point Classes,D page s-96 #2215

Submitted by Donna Terry

D.Youth Division

The Youth classes listed below are those recognized by AMHA for points.

1. Youth 7 years of Age & Under Exhibiting Mare
2. Youth 8 to 12 years of age Exhibiting Mare
3. Youth 13 to 18 years of age Exhibiting Mare
4. Youth 7 year of age &under Exhibiting Gelding
5. Youth 8 to 12 years of age Exhibiting Gelding
6. Youth 13 to 18 years of Age Exhibiting Gelding
(the above classes 1 through 6 may be further divided into junior & senior mares & gelding's)

7.Youth Stock Gelding 7 Years of Age &Under

8.Youth Stock Gelding 8 to 12 years of Age

9.Youth Stock Gelding 13 to 18 Years of age

10. Youth stock Mares 7 Years of age & under

11. Youth Stock Mares 8-12 Years of Age

12. Youth Stock Mares 13 -18 Years of Age

13. YOTE Mares 18 & Under

*Renumber the rest of the classes in the list

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

YD-010 youth Division , H Headers page S-79 #2219

Submitted by Youth Committee.

Headers for the Youth special Need Halter classes (all ages) are optional (except driving) and may enter the ring during the class with the youth. Headers for 7 &

~~Under halter classes are mandatory, and optional in 8-12 and 13-18 classes. Headers for these classes may enter the ring once the judging has been completed and the horses are retired to the rail. For the safety Headers/Mentors are mandatory for 7 & Under halter classes and must enter once the judging is completed and the horses are retired to the rail. It is optional for 7 & under to have a Mentor enter the class with the youth. Mentors will stand at least 4 feet away from the entry at all times and are not to interfere with the presentation of the horse unless a safety issue arises. If a Mentor touches the youth or entry, they are to be penalized but its up to the judges how severely based on the situation. Verbally Mentoring the youth is permitted in a subdued tone of voice as not to distract other youth. If a 7 & under youth has a Mentor , they will also serve as the Header. Headers and Mentors for 7 & Under Halter classes must be 18 years old. Headers are optional for 8-12 and 13-18 and may only enter the ring once the judging is completed and the horses are retired to the rail.~~

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

GR-025-C Approval For AMHA Shows page S-9 # 220

Submitted by Sherry Crowe

Last paragraph before D.

Effective 1999 level 1 and 2 Amateur Single Pleasure Driving, ~~and~~ Amateur Country Pleasure Driving, **and Amateur Classic Pleasure Driving** are optional at all local shows and required at the Championship and World Championship Shows.

Voted on by show of hands: passes

AM-010 Requirements page S-80 # 2221

Submitted by Show Rules Committee

2nd paragraph- Delete:

~~All past professionals, prior to the beginning of their five year waiting period, must be an AMHA member and declare in writing their intent to the AMHA before the waiting period begins (the waiting period being five years). An advertisement will be place in the MHW of the person's declaration. In the last year of the five~~

~~year waiting period, the AMHA will place advertisements of the declaration in the minimum of five MHW editions. Any protest by AMHA members may be made any time during this final year of the waiting period, in writing with a \$100 fee. The protest will be reviewed by the Show Rules Committee with the AMHA Board as the as the Appeal level.~~

Replace with :

All past professionals must wait five years to apply for Amateur Card, must be an AMHA member, and declare in writing six months prior to applying for Amateur Card to the AMHA office. An advertisement will be placed in with the AMHA e-news and /or AMHA website. Any Protest by AMHA member may be made any time during these six months, in writing with a \$100 fee. The protest will be reviewed by Show Rules Committee with the AMHA Board as the Appeal level.

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

PA-030 & WS -030 pages s-95 & S-104-105 #2222

Submitted by Performance Committee

Add:

Open Classic Pleasure Driving , Over 30" to 32"

Open Classic Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under

Open Country Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"

Open Country Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under

Open Single Pleasure Driving, Over 30" to 32"

Open Single Pleasure Driving, 30" & Under

Renumber classes as needed

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

PA-030 & WS 030 pages S-98 & S-103 # 2226

Submitted by AOTE Committee

Add:

AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving level 1

AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving Level 2

AOTE Country Pleasure Driving Level 1

AOTE Country Pleasure Driving Level 2

Renumber as needed

Voted on by show of hands: Failed

PA-010 Show Classifications pages S-87 #2231

Submitted by AMHA Staff

Delete A:

~~Show shall be classified according to the number of horses in all approved classes limited to AMHA registered horses. This includes halter and performance classes. Each group in a group class, or each multiple hitch, will count as one horse.~~

Delete B:

~~Classification of show as to A, B, C, or D shall be made by the number of horses actually exhibited during that show.~~

~~Show Classification D 1 to 19 horses~~

~~Show Classification C 20 to 40 horses~~

~~Show Classification B 41 to 85 horses~~

~~Show Classification A over 85 horses.~~

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

YD-010-D-b Yote Ownership pages S-78 #2232

Submitted by AMHA Staff

b. Any horse exhibited in YOTE classes must be owned or leased (see lease rules) by the youth individually or jointly, the youth's family (spouse, mother , father ,brother, sister, niece, nephew, son, daughter , grandparent, legal ward, in-laws, stepchildren, stepparents, stepsiblings), or family-owned corporation, ranch or farm. ~~The owner or lessee of record must be so recorded in the AMHA office by January 1st of each year in which the YOTE horse is to be shown. If horse is acquired after January 1st, the youth owner/lessee must wait until the following year to enter the YOUTE classes.~~ **The completed lease, registration application, and /or Transfer of Ownership must be postmarked by January 1st of the show year. No incomplete lease, registration application, or owner transfers will be considered as completed: all required documentation and DNA testing must be included in the paperwork that is postmarked by January 1st.**

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

AM-010-A-6-b AOTE Ownership pages s-83 #2233

Submitted by AMHA Staff

b. Ownership

~~The owner or lessee of record must be so recorded on the registration certificate (not postmarked) by January 1st of each year in which the AOTE horse is to be shown. If a horse is acquired or recorded on the registration certificate in the AMHA office after January 1st, the amateur owner/lessee must wait until the following year to enter the AOTE classes.~~ **A completed lease, registration application, and /or Transfer of Ownership must be postmarked by January 1st of the show year. No incomplete lease, registration application, or owner transfers will be considered as complete. All required documentation and DNA testing must be included in the paperwork that is postmarked by January 1st.**

Voted on by show of Hands: Passes

Delete B

Delete C

D becomes the New B. Register of Merit

The purpose of the Register of Merit is to establish a reward of performance. This title may be awarded to any individual stallion, mare, or gelding registered with the Association provided said horse has earned seventy-five (75) or more points in any one open event.

- 1. Horses are awarded a register of Merit when they have won at least ~~twenty (20)~~ seventy-five (75) points in any one open event.**
- 2. For list of classes eligible for ROM see PA-030 A, B, & C. In driving, once class per event per show may count for points. Horses must win at least two driving Grand Championships in an even with competition. In halter, a horse must win at least two grand Championships with competition in addition to earning 75 lifetime points.**
- 3. When the title of "AMHA Register of Merit" is achieved the owner of said horse ~~may request the proper certificate from the AMHA office after verification, the certificate shall be prepared and for awarded to the owner of said horse~~ will be notified of such achievement and the certificate will be forwarded to them. Notification will be sent out after the end of each show season. Additional awards may be offered. The title "ROM" will be added to the horse's registration certificate following his/her name.**

Add:

- 4. It is the owner's responsibility to return the original certificate of registration to the AMHA office and request a new certificate with the title added. There will be no charge for this addition.**
- 5. Horses achieving ROM status will be listed on the AMHA website, in current AMHA publication, and will be recognized at the AMHA Annual Meeting following the show year the award was earned.**
- 6. Points towards ROM shall be earned at local and Regional Shows. WS points not to count.**

7. Points will be calculated as described in PA-0159(A)

Voted on by show of hands: Passes

PA-027 Amateur Titles and Awards pages S92-94 #2230

Delete B

Delete C

Delete D

Add:

New B: Champion and Reserve Amateur of the Year

- 1. The Amateur of the Year shall be awarded each year to the AMHA member who holds an Amateur card that garnishes the most points earned at local land /or Regional shows. WS points not to count.**
- 2. These awards will be presented to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each division, Amateur Level One and Amateur Level Two.**
- 3. Awards will be calculated each year following the last Regional Show. Points earned after that date will apply to the next show year.**
- 4. Each winner will receive a certificate. Any other awards will be optional and determined on a year to year basis by the Amateur Committee.**
- 5. Recognition to the winners will be given on the AMHA website, current AMHA publications, and at eh AMHA Annual Meeting.**

This was With Drawn taken to the Board of Directors to be voted on after some changes.

PA-026 Youth Titles and Awards pages S-91-92 #2229

Delete B

Delete C

Delete D

Add:

New B: Champion and Reserve Youth of the Year

1. The Youth of the Year shall be awarded each year to the a AMHA youth member who garnishes the most points earned at local and /or Regional shows in each of the three regions (Eastern, Central and Western) in the following divisions: 13 to 18 , 12 and under , and YOTE 18 and under. WS points not to count.
2. These awards will be presented to the Champion and Reserve Champion of each age division. A youth is only entitled to win one division. If youth shows in more than one region, they will receive the award in that region they earned the most points .
3. Awards will be calculated at the end of the calendar year. Points earned after that date will apply to the next show year. This is a yearly award.
4. Each winner will receive a certificate. Additional awards will be optional and determined on a year to year basis by the Youth Committee.
5. Recognition to the winners will be give on the AMHA website and current AMHA publications.

Voted on by show of hands: Passes.

Election of Officer:

President:	D. Hopkins	Nominated by S. Peterson	Accepts
Vice President:	S. Peterson	Nominated by D, Hopkins	Accepts
Secretary:	A. Mueller	Nominated by S. Peterson	
	L. Perdue	Nominated by M. Grayson	

A vote by the Membership was taken and A. Mueller was Elected by majority vote.

Treasurer:	C. Severson	Nominated by A.Mueller	Accepts
Director at Large:	S. Hutchcraft	Nominated by C. Serverson	
	L. Perdue	Nominated by K. Lunde	

A vote by eh Membership was taken and S. Hutchcraft was elected by a majority vote.

New Business:

Tony Greaves Brought up a Standard of Perfection when it comes to a Tie breaker , and that the Smallest horse show always when it comes to a tie breaker. Much discussion was had.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 am

S. Peterson made a motion to adjourn

S. Hutchcraft 2nd that motion