

**<sup>1</sup>AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Kansas City, MO  
Saturday October 28, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Joe Kahre called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. and gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Al Bulgawicz, Lisa Hawkins, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Alison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Sami Scheuring, Clair Severson, and Jason Warrenfeltz. Absent: Bobbi Briggs. Alison Stonecypher was also in attendance.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:** 11 of 12 Directors were present. It was determined that we had a quorum to do business.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Marilyn Meyer was appointed Sergeant of Arms for this Annual Meeting. Assisting with ballot tabulations, etc. will be Harry Elder and Valeri Lansford

**CONVENTION RULES:** President Kahre informed the Board and membership of the rules of this Annual Meeting

**RATIFY MEETING MINUTES:** Ashley Harris made a motion to ratify the meeting minutes of the February 24-25, 2017 Annual Membership Meeting held in Las Vegas. Seconded by Michelle Meacham. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Kahre reviewed the activities of his presidency since the February Annual meeting. He stated, "it has been a fast and furious pace". He attended all three Regionals (as the gateperson) and the World Show to make himself available to the membership. There have continued to be staffing changes at the AMHA Office and he outlined such (total 7). He reported the office activities and the "body of work" produced is heading in a more positive direction. He complimented and expressed appreciation to Alison Stonecypher and the entire office staff. Joe also expressed appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He urged the membership to be positive and to volunteer and assist in making things happen for AMHA and its membership.

President Kahre outlined the problem experienced in the past couple months with getting Annual Meeting voting items properly communicated to the membership on a timely basis. The Board of Directors reviewed this issue and determined that the voting items included/printed in the member packets at the Annual Meeting would be voted on by the membership.

**ROLL CALL: 42 voting members were present**

**OUTGOING DIRECTORS:** President Kahre recognized and expressed sincere appreciation to outgoing directors: Al Bulgawicz, Region 6; Alison Rosauer, Region 6; and Clair Severson, Region 7. He also stated he was pleased to be reelected and returning as Director from Region 5.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Laura Mullen

As most of you are aware, our prior office manager, Randy Peacock, retired and we welcomed Alison Stonecypher as our new Director of Operations. Shortly after Randy left, our Great Plains accounting system crashed and we were unable to get it operational again. The decision was made to switch to a Quickbooks accounting system. Something that probably should have been done long ago. At present, we are still transitioning from Great Plains to Quickbooks. The crashing of

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<sup>1</sup> \*\* Please note these minutes are subject to Board approval at their next meeting.

the Great Plains system has slowed the conversion down considerably. We had hoped to be able to provide a financial statement at the meeting, but still have transactions to be posted. As of October 12, we are operating out of Quickbooks, but still have earlier transaction data to enter.

Our cash balance as of 10/24/17 is \$418079.30. We have payables of \$32089.95. This leaves us operating cash of \$385989.35. The majority of the \$32K in payables is made up of checks for futurity and gelding incentive. We have not yet received our invoice from Will Rogers for the World Show which we estimate will come in at around \$45K. The plan of the Finance Committee is to supply the Board with a 2018 budget by early December. This budget will be emailed to each BOD member with a detail of any changes from figures in the 2017 budget. We will then vote on approving this budget at a late December or early January BOD teleconference call.

Although we have not been able to finalize the transition to Quickbooks, Alison and I have been taking steps to control expenses. Alison researched our utility charges and was about to cut our utility bills nearly in half. Alison also researched our phone charges and made changes for savings there. I have sought and am seeking bids for Regional and World Show awards and have received bids for considerable savings. The same goes for Regional, World Show and Honor Roll buckles.

The finance committee met and had a quorum. We discussed the trends in membership and registration. As of 10/24, our registrations are down about 10%. This is not surprising as the number of mares bred was down in 2016. The amount of revenue budgeted for Hardship was achieved and was important to our bottom line. The Finance Committee does recommend voting to approve the hardship proposal brought forth by the Registration Department for non-AMHR horses. As we get just as many, if not more, requests for hardship of non-AMHR horses as AMHR registered horses, this would greatly benefit the revenue of AMHA.

The Board has long heard the membership complain about the \$3 work order fee. The Finance Committee recommends that the AMHA membership fee (which covers two adult members in a household) be increased by \$5 and that the \$3 work order fee be removed.

The Finance Committee recommends that the \$10 from Stallion Temp to Perm Revenue that is allocated to Gelding Incentive be reduced to \$5 in 2018 and then eliminated in 2019. This was discussed and agreed to with the Gelding Incentive Committee.

The Finance Committee also supported requiring show managers to be members of AMHA.

AMHA does need to be careful of its finances. From a financial standpoint, this location for our Annual Meeting is hands down the most affordable location for an Annual Meeting. We have all enjoyed the hospitality and the convenience this location offers. The Finance Committee recommends the Board consider returning to this location in 2018.

On a positive note, all three of our Regional Shows were profitable and earned about \$4000 each over the profit budgeted for. Entries at the World Show were up in all divisions. I will provide more details on that later in the Regional/World Show Report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Joe Kahre

President Kahre stated that the present Executive Committee offers a great diversity of thought. He stated that the EC worked hard to communicate and work for the benefit of the membership. All EC reports are posted on the AMHA website.

**HUB COMMITTEE REPORT:** Jason Warrenfeltz

The HUB Committee met twice yesterday, prior to the committee meetings and at the close of all

committee meetings. All committees had either the chairperson or a representative present. More than half of the committees had a quorum present for their meeting. Committee lists have been posted for members to sign up to serve in the coming year.

**ROLL CALL** was taken with 42 voting members present.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** Harry Elder

The Bylaws & the Rules and Regulations Committees did not meet during the Annual Meeting. However Harry Elder did have time and space set aside to answer any question a member would bring to the committees. A few members dropped in and asked about any Bylaws and Rules & Regulation changes that were submitted at the Feb meeting that were not posted or to be voted on at this meeting. Any proposed change not voted on will be resubmitted for a review in the coming months.

Only one Bylaw change was proposed for consideration:

Article XI, Section 2 Hardship #1720A Submitted by: Pam Pruitt & Valerie Shingledecker The registry and studbook of the American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed effective January 1, 2017, after which all newly registered horses shall consist of those horses with previously registered AMHA sires and dams, with the exception that any Miniature Horse (over sixty (60) months of age), which has been officially measured to be 34" or under, is currently registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry, and has been duly processed and accepted as an American Miniature Horse in accordance with all the associated rules and regulations as set forth and accepted by the Hardship process, per the guidelines and restrictions of the most current Official Rule Book of the American Miniature Horse Association.

This proposed change generated considerable discussion with several members commenting both for and against. Two thirds vote is required to amend any Bylaw. The Committee recommended this Bylaw change be approved. A written ballot vote was called for by the Bylaw Committee Chair to accept the change to Bylaw #1720A. The vote tally report was 26 for and 16 against. The Bylaw vote failed for lack of two thirds favorable vote.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Michael Brandt  
No Quorum for meeting.

**AOTE:** John Bennett and Becky Kelly

John stated they had a quorum for their meeting and AOTE has a good working committee. Thanked Kim and John Sweat for sponsoring award chairs last year and have offered to do again for 2018.

**RULES & REGS:** Harry Elder

Harry Elder gave a brief report stating Hardship Rule proposal #2 could not be considered due to the failure of the Hardship Bylaw proposal.

Rules #10 and #1718 are simply housekeeping and do not require voting by the membership.

Proposals number 1724 and 1731 have been withdrawn and do not need to be voted on.

**SHOW RULES COMMITTEE:** Bob Kane

**Meeting began at 9:10 AM** Roll Call taken, Present: Bob Kane, Al Bulgawicz, Mary Lou Elder,

Lonnie Perdue, Debra Hopkins, Sharon Housley, Clair Severson, Austin VanWyck, Sherry Crowe.  
Absent: Darlene Bridges and Mike Griggs

A brief discussion with the AMHA Members in attendance with explanation of this being an election year for the committee, term of election is three years per GR-000, with each committee member who has met GR-000 requirements being eligible for one of the five to be retained by eligible committee members and those not retained are eligible to be re-elected along with new members on the floor of the convention. The five retained members will vote for the Chair of the Show Rules Committee for the next three years.

It was then explained the Show Rules Committee would do an initial review of all 2018 Show Rule Change Proposals that had been submitted to the AMHA up to this time. Those that come in up to the end of the Convention would begin review at the Show Rules first teleconference.

Members were encouraged to participate in the conversation of the SRCP's that were to be reviewed during this meeting.

**Special Note:** The SRCP's that were received prior to this meeting were tentatively assigned numbers that are subject to change. Since this was not an official review as the AMHA had not officially entered and logged these SRCPs, and many would be subject to review by affected committees prior to official review, they are not listed in the minutes, but will be in all future meetings.

Initial review, tentative assignment of SRCP numbers, and discussion of each submission took place with those pertaining to Amateur, Youth, Performance, and LOC being forwarded to committee for comment and recommendation. Much discussion was presented by the authors of some of the proposals as well as the committee members and AMHA Membership present.

Some of the proposals were withdrawn for rewrite, some were forwarded for recording, and some were forwarded to committees for research, etc.

Upon completion of initial review, the AMHA Show Rules Committee went into executive session to begin the election process. Eight of eleven members qualified for retention to the committee. Therefore, an election took place with each of the eligible members voting for five to be retained.

**Retained Members for 2018- 2020:** Austin VanWyck, Debra Hopkins, Sherry Crowe, Sharon Housley, Bob Kane.

**Election of Chair for 2018-2020:** Bob Kane re-elected as Chair

Meeting concluded at 12:30 with election and presentation of 2018 Show Rule Proposals being presented on the floor of the Convention, (October 28, 2017).

On October 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:00 AM Show Rules presented the names and introductions made of those signing up for the six remaining positions of the 2018-2020 Show Rules Committee. Nominees were: Becky Kelly, Ashley Harris, Polly Weisberg, Jason Warrenfeltz, Clair Severson, Michelle Meacham, Sid Hutchcraft, Kathy Howard. Each candidate was given time to speak on their own behalf.

While votes were being counted by officials, two Show Rules were presented to the membership for vote.

**SR1703 SN-000 Special Needs Division,** (Amend name from Special Needs to Unique Abilities), the floor of the Convention Membership voted against the amendment to change the Division Title.

**SR1704 WS-030-G World Show International Qualifying rule.** Current rule as written allows for International Members residing in Foreign Countries to qualify their horse which is located in the United States **with a trainer**, by transferring qualifications from a horse they are showing and qualified internationally. (It was noted to the membership the current rule could not be amended for two years after it went into effect which WS-030-G does not currently go into effect until January 1, 2018. Therefore if they voted in favor it would not go into effect until January 1, 2020. ) The membership voted to pass this proposal.

**ROLL CALL** was taken with 45 voting members present

**Election results of 2018-2020 Show Rules Committee on the floor of the Convention:** Joining

Bob Kane, Chair, Debra Hopkins, Austin Van Wyck, Sherry Crowe, and Sharon Housley are: Becky Kelly, Ashley Harris, Jason Warrenfeltz, Michelle Meacham, Sid Hutchcraft, and Clair Severson.

Show Rules presentation concluded at approximately 11:30 AM.

There were two items concerning the Stock Type Committee that came up for discussion late in the Show Rules presentation. They were not presented by Show Rules as Rule Changes/additions since they were considered and presented by the Stock Type Committee as simply Housekeeping to existing rules. The Rule proposals were as follows in CL-016 Stock Committee:

Page 108 #SR1726 Submitted by: Stock Committee **remove #3**. Current rules of handler's dress will apply in stock division. **And replace with new #3**. Hats, boots and long sleeved shirts, blouses or jackets are required. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification in that class.

Page 107 #1729 Submitted by: Stock Committee STANCE – The American Miniature Horse Association's Stock Type Horse normally stands at ease with his legs perpendicular to the ground and parallel with each other. The horse (**change should to shall**) exhibit a balanced stance and stand on the corners of his body, as opposed to being spread too far apart or crowded too close together, or parked out.

Both of these Stock Type Proposals were voted down by the Membership as Rule Changes and referred back to the Board of Directors to be considered as Housekeeping.

**LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE:** Lonnie Perdue

Committee present: Lonnie Perdue, Sami Scheuring, Michelle Meacham, Laura Mullen, Harry Elder, Al Bulgawicz. Committee had a quorum

Tampa-Judge Seminar October 6-7, 2017

6 apprentice judges. 16 total judges with Ricky Wardlow as the facilitator. Seminar was very well received. Same program will be offered at CBC. May look into offering membership seminar at our next AMHA Annual Meeting.

Suggestion-

Facebook Live could be an option to get seminar to members, or have at Annual Meeting.

Advertise it on Facebook. Laura said to find 3 clubs, one from each region, to host a seminar for the membership.

Should we continue dual clinics with AMHR? Yes, was agreed. Sami will be contacting Denver for 2018 Seminar and hotel contract.

Next year annual meeting could have seminar on Thursday. Would it be better on Sunday? All in agreement to move forward on Thursday seminar for the 2018 Annual AMHA meeting.

Sami presented a suggestion on rule changes she submitted on behalf of LOC to Show Rules. There was discussion on bringing it to committee first.

Approved Extensions for: Black, Sullivan, Murray via email

Sami asked to go on record as saying NO on Black. Al felt those on extension should not judge. Not able to do that, it would be a suspension.

**AMATEUR COMMITTEE:** Susan Stuart

We had a quorum for meeting.

Fund Raisers for 2017:

Live Auction Annual Meeting October raised \$2117.00

Wine Tasting World Show event raised \$453.00

Live Auction Annual Meeting February raised \$4043.00

Total Raised in 2017 not including sponsorships \$6,613.00

Reviewed Bank Account Balance

Discussion on Fund Raising for Amateur Awards, Local Club Clinics and Future Amateur Benefits:

- A. Annual Meeting Live Auction
- B. Online Auction discussed for 2018
- C. Wine Tasting event at 2018 World Show
- D. Sponsorships
  1. Regional Belt Buckles
  2. Super Amateur Awards. Revisit and decide on Awards and Cash value for 2018
  3. Overall sponsorships discussed

Rewrote Amateur Clinic Criteria and will submit new forms to office for update on website.

1. Approved 4 (four) clinics @ \$500.00 each
2. Will work with Local Club Committee to forward information to local clubs

Voted to continue Regional Belt buckles and secure sponsorships. Joanne Ross announced she had secured the western Regional sponsors.

Continue Region Highpoint Halters- Several ties for 2016 and a total of 31 halters were given out vs 26. Still calculating 2017 winners.

Discussed introducing Novice Division in Halter to encourage new AMHA showing participants. Joanne Ross is to research and present to membership/board. Touched on Non-Pro Division and Level 1 limits.

Jason Warrenfeltz is to help create and manage an Amateur Facebook page

Set Goals and Deadlines for 2018

Work with office to send information from our committee directly to AMHA Amateur card holders.

**PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE:** Joe Kahre

This committee came to the convention without a Chair, so President, Joe Kahre took the role of handling the meeting of those assembled, Allison Rosauer, Karen Rudolph, Polly Weisberg and Alison Stonecypher.

The group had excellent discussion with plans of execution.

Topics:

Branding, and getting that brand out to ALL members

Press Releases for shows, and activities

Reaching out to 4-H

Tioga contract

In closing, a great working group assembled.

Karen Rudolph agreed to taking on the Chair position of this committee.

**President Kahre adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM for lunch.**

**The meeting was called back into session at 1:25 PM.**

**ROLL CALL was taken with 44 voting members present.**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:**

Jason Warrenfeltz asked for nominations for President. Joe Kahre was nominated for President by Alison Rosauer. Sid Hutchcraft seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Jason Warrenfeltz asked that Joe Kahre be confirmed as President by acclamation. Approved unanimously.

Joe Kahre asked for nominations for Vice President. Ashley Harris nominated Jason Warrenfeltz for Vice President. Debra Hopkins seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Joe Kahre asked that Jason Warrenfeltz be confirmed as Vice President by acclamation. Approved unanimously.

Joe Kahre asked for nominations for Secretary. John Bennett nominated Sid Hutchcraft as Secretary. Sami Scheuring seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Joe Kahre asked that Sid Hutchcraft be confirmed as Secretary by acclamation. Approved unanimously.

Joe Kahre asked for nominations for Treasurer. Sherry Crowe nominated Laura Mullen for Treasurer. Becky Kelly seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Joe Kahre asked that Laura Mullen be confirmed as Treasurer by acclamation. Approved unanimously.

Joe Kahre asked for nominations for Director At Large. Jason Warrenfeltz nominated Bobbi Briggs. Sherry Crowe seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Joe Kahre asked that Bobbi Briggs be confirmed as Director at Large by acclamation. Approved unanimously.

**HALTER FUTURITY COMMITTEE:** John Bennett

### **October 2, 2017**

Committee members contacted by email: John Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Polly Weisberg, Marianne Packard, Wade Burns

### **Top Ten Overall Sires**

**Discussion** – Change the Over All Top Ten Sire awards given at the Annual Meeting from plaques to certificates for all of the Stallions who maintain their current placings (For Example, Sid's Rebel is still in 1st Place and would receive a Certificate rather than a plaque. Stallions who move up into a placing for the first time would receive a plaque the first year and then the following year, if they are in the same place they would receive a Certificate. This would be true of SMO Bolero De Suerte who just placed 10th place for the first time in the overall Top Ten Sires this year. Bolero would receive a plaque in 2017 and a certificate the following year if he was still in 10th place.

- Votes For this change: Polly, John, Jennifer, Marianne, & Wade - passed unanimously

### **Weanling Sweepstakes Classes**

**Discussion** – Drop the Weanling Sweepstakes classes. We only had 4 weanlings participate in the 3 classes offered this year at the 2017 World Show. This would save us the cost of the Silver plates and the ribbons and sashes since the \$10 entry fee per horse isn't covering the costs and being so early in the year ( August vs. Oct.) people may not bring as many weanlings as they have in prior years.

- Votes For this change: Polly, John, Jennifer, Marianne, & Wade - passed unanimously

## **2 Yr. Old AOTE Halter Futurity Classes**

**Discussion** – If we drop the 3 Weanling Sweepstakes classes, we could potentially have time to add 3 AOTE 2 yr. Old Classes (Stallions, Mares & Geldings) to the Halter Futurity time slot at the World Show. This may increase the overall 2 year-old pot for all participants. We have had many requests for these classes since we brought back the 2 year-old futurity.

- Votes For this change: Polly, John, Jennifer, Marianne, & Wade - passed unanimously

**GELDING INCENTIVE COMMITTEE:** Leigh Murray

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:** Joanne Ross

The committee met in Kansas City with a quorum. Present were Joanne Ross, Marilyn Meyer and Sid Hutchcraft, absent was Jacob Elliot, Gene Baynham and Sheryl Peterson.

The **International Gamblers Choice** class was again held after lunch break on Friday of the World Show. Small flags of different countries were provided by Jacob Elliot and Richard Erickson (**Double E Ranch**) for the audience to cheer on their favorite international exhibitor. The cedar monogrammed curio boxes were donated by **All Things Equine**, Bill and Corky Fairchild. It was filled with small items and gift certificates from **Mikes Tack Box**, **Star Lake Tack**, **First Knight Miniature Horses**, and **AMHA**. We will be sending thank you notes to these supporters.

The scoring of the class came up for discussion. The majority of the committee felt that score should be 50% on the horse and 50% on the handler. No showmanship pattern would be required, just showing like an open class. Motion seconded and passed.

Small items and gift certificates will again be solicited. **All Things Equine** has already committed to providing the prize for 2018.

Karen Rudolf will be joining our committee for 2018. She has agreed to put any information the committee submits on her International Page of **MiniHorseSales.com** which has over 74,000 followers. We will start with a biography and photo of the 2017 winner, Herbert Klumpes, Netherlands.

We discussed the International Farm Visit Exchange that was proposed and implemented by Belgium members, Kevin and Tanja Lathouwers in 2017. It is a working vacation 10-14 days. It could include farm work, horse show and touring in the surrounding area with the hosts. The first farm stay was donated to the Las Vegas Amateur Auction by the Lathouwers. It brought over \$2000 bid by Susan Stuart. Committee members will contact AMHA member farms in U.S. for participation in this exchange. The list of farms willing to host will be posted on MHS.COM International page. An article will be submitted to the MHW compiled by Joanne Ross.

Karen Rudolf will contact Deb Hopkins, Nicole Pearsall. Karen has offered to host in 2018.

Joanne Ross will contact the Rowlands,( Hunterberry Hill), Amie Davis,(Painted H).

Sharon Housley,(Fantasia Farm), and Joanne Ross, (Scott Creek Farm), have offered to host in 2018

Marilyn Meyer has gotten a yes for hosting from Susan Stuart ( Texas Angels), and Leigh Murray. Stars was not able to participate this next year.

Meeting adjourned.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE:** Ashley Harris & Sherry Crowe

Alison is going to be our office contact.

The youth are planning to sell pizzas again at the World Show, Sharon Housley is again sponsoring a hot dog party, and the root beer float party will not be listed in the premium, but will take place in the arena and election of officers will happen then.

We are looking into cutting back the number of high point awards given at the World show, but will be keeping the Regional high points.

We are looking into bringing back the judging competition at World, and possibly bringing in 4-H clubs to also participate. Youth Liberty requires a youth membership, but do not have to qualify, so the 4-H kids could possibly participate in the judging contest and Liberty. We will again do a scavenger hunt.

Other suggestions were possibly having an internship for youth ages 13-18 with the show staff at World. Sell signs of "good luck" or "congratulations" etc to be hung on the walls at World.

**LOCAL CLUB COMMITTEE:** Susan Stuart

Local Clubs Committee Report during the AMHA Annual October Conference

Not a quorum

Handed out and discussed 2018 club renewal and club approval applications,

1. Added space for officers of clubs to show their membership # and must be current for said year.
2. Brought attention to board the need for an increase in the application fee from \$25 to \$50 for new club applications only.
3. Will send updates to office and proposal to board regarding fee increase.

Heard ideas from other club members on how they have increased AMHA participation at their shows. Some suggestions were to give money for certain A classes to increase lay overs from the R portion which is always at the beginning of the show.

Promotion of local clubs by sending out Christmas and Thank You Cards.

Create a set press release to give to our Local Clubs which would be presented as a press kit.

Create procedures for Club approvals and renewals through a check list given to the office for simplification.

Facebook page forum needs to be improved on and managed. Need to find a committee member to manage the page.

Increase reach to clubs who do not show but involved in their community through therapy and social events.

Discussion on how to host a fun show. Carol Hollar will be putting together a list of things to keep in mind. Such as secure a location, insurance, license, volunteers and so on.

Discussions on how clubs can raise money by putting together a club directory and selling ad space.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** No meeting/No report

**PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE:** Sharon Housley

Committee Members Present:

Austin VanWyck, Chair

Debra Hopkins

Sharon Housley

Becky Kelley

Ashley Harris

Michelle Meacham

Committee members present constituted a quorum.

Reviewed awards and sponsorships for the 2017 show season. Committee members felt the awards were appropriate and appreciated. However, there was some discussion about providing a gift certificate for a specific dollar amount for Tioga so that the recipient could use it towards any jacket, vest, etc. rather than paying for the most expensive World Show jackets as in past years. The Co-Chairs will investigate and bring back to the Committee for a vote at a later date.

Chair reminded members that the Committee must be a working committee to ensure programs and initiatives are carried out in a timely fashion and in order to have a quorum whenever a vote is required. The Committee will hold quarterly teleconference calls to review, discuss and vote on important items. Any members who are deemed inactive for 2 consecutive meetings (this includes teleconference calls), will be removed from the Committee by the Chairs.

Chair read the list of 2017 sponsors and during the meeting received confirmation from the following individuals/farms that they would like to serve as sponsors in 2018:

Debra Hopkins, Hopkins Heavensent Miniatures (\$300)  
Austin VanWyck, Victory Lane Training Center (\$300)  
Becky Kelley, B & D Ranch (\$300)  
Sharon Housley, Fantasia Farm (\$300)  
Aimee Davis, Painted H Ranch (\$300)  
Leigh Murray, JoVon Miniatures (\$300)  
Debbie Emery, Cedar Creek Miniatures (\$300)  
Cathy Waxler, Star Lake Tack (7 coolers)

A minimum of 7 additional \$300 sponsors will be needed for the 2018 show season awards. Chair requested that all Committee members identify at least 1 additional sponsor.

There was open discussion of creating a logo specifically for the Performance Futurity that we would own and be able to use vendors other than Tioga for embroidery or silk-screened items in the future. Co-chairs will investigate and bring back to the full Committee for a vote at a later date.

Ashley Harris volunteered to create a Facebook page for the AMHA Performance Committee and each member will be added as administrators. The Page will be used to help promote the Futurity, educate members/judges on rule clarifications and rule changes, and thank our sponsors for their investment in the program.

Some current Rulebook clarifications were discussed. Proposed rule changes from the Show Rules Committee meeting were shared and reviewed for feedback to the Show Rules Committee. These included replacing the word "should" with "MUST" in several places and clarifying the penalty for each instance. Instances included: overchecks coming unhooked during driving classes, incorrect numbers on back of cart, returning to the rail, demonstration of all 3 gaits in Roadster classes, and defining "Golden" as exhibitors 60 years or older. Also discussed the picture needed for the Roadster division

in the Rulebook. Ashley Harris agreed to reach out, through Mike McCabe, to reach the artist that created the pictures for the other 3 divisions.

Lastly, the Chair suggested that our Performance Committee needs to have a closer working relationship with the Licensed Officials Committee as it relates to training/educating our judges. Since the Committee is responsible for reviewing, clarifying, and suggesting appropriate changes to all Rules pertaining to Performance Classes, we feel it would be valuable to have one member of the Performance Committee in attendance at all Judges Clinics to participate in the discussions.

Respectfully submitted by

Austin VanWyck, Co-Chair  
Debra Hopkins, Co-Chair

**STOCK TYPE HALTER COMMITTEE:** Sid Hutchcraft

No meeting No quorum. Hutchcraft reported that the Stock Type Halter Committee is being dissolved and the duties for this halter type committee will be added to the Show Rules Committee to handle.

**SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE:** No meeting/No report

**REGIONAL/WORLD SHOW MANAGER REPORT:** Laura Mullen

**Regionals:**

**Eastern Regionals:** The Eastern Regional hosted the **largest number of horses**—an honor they have held since 2009. The Eastern had **222 horses (up from 2016) and 774 class entries for an average of 3.48 classes per horse.** This was an increase over the number of horses in 2016. The Eastern was budgeted to produce revenue of **\$11071.00.** The Eastern Regional produced **an additional \$4137.00 over budget.**

**Central Regionals:** The Central Regional had the distinction of having the biggest increase in attendance for 2017. The Central had **152 horses (up 32 from 2016) and 703 entries for an average of 4.63 entries per horse.** The Central was budgeted to produce revenue of **\$4250.00.** The Central Regional produced **an additional \$4500.00 over budget.**

**Western Regionals:** The Western Regional had the distinction of having the **largest number of class entries.** The Western Regional had **194 horses (up from 2016) and 984 class entries for an average of 5.07 entries per horse (the highest horse/class average of all three events).** The Western was budgeted to produce revenue of **\$9594.00.** The Western Regional produced **an additional \$4534.00 over budget.**

Overall, all three Regional Shows had increased attendance and overall brought in approximately **\$13000.00 over what was budgeted for in 2017.** We had a tremendous positive response from exhibitors to the new policy of allowing Regional measurements to “count” as World Show measurements for yearlings on up.

**World Show:**

The World Show was down in number of horses from 2016 by **59 horses**. Considering the concerns of exhibitors over the change of date, etc., this was not unexpected. That being said, **all divisions of the World Show experienced an increase in entries. Youth entries were up by 55 classes; amateur entries were up by 73 classes and open classes were up by 119 classes.** The entries per horse was **4.44 classes per horse, up from 2016's 3.65 entries per horse.** Our class entry revenue was higher than 2016; however, our stall revenue was down considerably. Partially because of fewer horses and also because the Burnett Building does not allow for purchasing additional stalls to tear them down for seating/display areas. We also had fewer stalls sold in Priority #1 (former Moncrief/Cattle Barn #2). I am anticipating a drop in revenue of \$15,000 due to this. This may be offset somewhat by decreases on the expense side of the equation.

The new venue was well received and there were numerous social activities for all who attended. Allowing the measurements from Regionals to count for World Show measurements was definitely a positive. We met our sponsorship goals and thank all of those who sponsored classes and activities at the World Show.

#### **WORLD SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT:** Laura Mullen

The World Show Committee met and did have a quorum. The social activities and new venue of the World Show were reviewed and the members in attendance were invited to comment as to any positives or negatives of the World Show and how we might further improve it in 2018. There were many positive comments. It was stated that perhaps we could work on the traffic flow into the arena and that will be looked into. It was suggested that we might look into offering a "fun class" to benefit a charity. No motions were made to bring any voting items to the Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Membership Fee:** The Finance Committee discussed and recommends that the membership fee be increased and the \$3.00 work order fee be eliminated. After some discussion Laura Mullen made a motion that the individual annual AMHA membership fee be increased by \$5.00 to \$70.00 and the \$3.00 work order fee be eliminated, to be effective immediately. Seconded by Becky Kelly and unanimously approved.

**2018 Annual Meeting:** There was near unanimous agreement that the meeting site location for the Annual Meeting in KC was adequate, convenient, affordable and very accommodating. Susan Bulgawicz made a motion to have the Annual Meeting Search/Planning Committee secure a contract proposal to bring the 2018 Annual Meeting back to the Four Point Sheraton at the KC Airport. This contract should be secured and presented to the Board of Directors for review/approval at their December 2017 Meeting. Seconded by Debra Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

**Local Club Fee:** Susan Stuart from the Local Club Committee suggested the fees for Local Clubs should be changed to \$50.00 for the application fee for a new club and \$25.00 annually to renew. After much discussion concerning the fee, it was decided this fee could be determined by the BOD. Kahre stated consideration for this fee change would be discussed at the next BOD Mtg.

**Show managers/AMHA members:** Harry Elder asked for discussion on the decision made by the BOD at their meeting on Thursday evening to require show managers to be AMHA members. Currently they are not required to do such. There was much discussion by the members present both in favor of the decision and opposed. Previous problems were related with show managers and the apparent need for them to be AMHA members. Others felt they were contracted by a local club and needed to deal with accordingly. President Kahre ceased the discussion and stated this item would be revisited by the BOD.

**WS Qualifying:** Clair Severson presented a suggestion/proposal for a new WS qualifying rule that was discussed in the Finance Committee and felt it needed to be brought to the membership for consideration. This new proposal is outlined as follows:

To enter and participate at the World Show, **a horse must be shown under a minimum of six (6) judges at two (2) or more shows held on separate show weekends** during the World Show qualifying period. The qualification period ends 30 days prior to the World Show. A horse does not have to qualify in a particular class or classes to enter a class or classes at the World show with the following exceptions:

1. **Youth Qualification:** To qualify for the World Show, a **youth/horse combination** must have shown together at an AMHA sanctioned show in each division entered at the World Show (i.e. youth halter class or youth driving class) under three (3) judges during the World Show qualification period. Verification of this must be provided by show management on the official AMHA World Show qualification form. This form must be submitted with entries. In addition to this youth qualification, the horse must qualify as in "A" above (i.e. have shown under at least 6 judges at 2 shows in total).
2. **Amateur Qualification:** To qualify for the World Show, an **amateur/horse combination** must have shown together at an AMHA sanctioned show in each division entered at the World Show (i.e. amateur/AOTE halter class or amateur driving class) during the World Show qualification period. Verification of this must be provided by show management on the official AMHA World Show qualification form. This form must be submitted with entries. In addition to this amateur qualification, the horse must qualify as in "A" above (i.e. have shown under at least 6 judges at 2 shows in total).
3. **Open Qualification:** To qualify for entry into **driving classes** at the AMHA World Show, a horse must have shown in a driving class (youth, amateur or open) under at least three (3) judges during the qualification period. Verification of this must be provided by show management on the official AMHA World Show qualification form. This form must be submitted with entries. In addition, the horse must qualify as in "A" above (i.e. have shown under at least 6 judges at 2 shows in total).

All horses placing TOP TEN in their class at one of the AMHA Regional Championship Shows, regardless of the number shown in the same classes as offered at the World Championship Show will AUTOMATICALLY qualify for the same class at the AMHA World Championship Show.

This proposal received much discussion, mostly positive. The proposal was that this be approved as a three-year test. Others thought it should be tried a year as a Standing Rule. There were some questions and concerns offered in the discussion as well. Since this proposal came up quickly with little warning, preparation, and review, President Kahre felt it needed further consideration and determined it would be reviewed and discussed thoroughly by the BOD and various committees prior to any final decision by the BOD. He further stated it would get immediate consideration and thought.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to adjourn at 2:36 p.m. Seconded by Jason Warrenfeltz. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

