

AMHA Annual General Meeting – Minutes

11/14/25 – Houston, Tx – 1:08pm

Call to Order-

President Sheryl Peterson

Present: S. Peterson, J. Bridges, S. Crowe, D. Terry, D. Lavery, J. Mullen, A. Tarap, H. Elder, S. Hester, J. Good, K. Lunde, C. Severson

Absent: K. Slobody, B. Faulkner, B. Kane, G. Baynham

Determination of Quorum – 41 voting members present

John Mullen appointed Appoint Sergeant At Arms

Ratify Meeting Minutes

H. Elder Moved to adopt meeting minutes from November 14-16, 2024, A. Tarap Seconded, Passed Unanimously

President's Report

President Sheryl Peterson

S. Peterson welcomed everyone to Houston. Thanked and recognized the Board for their hard work in the 2025 season. Discussed work the board has done with going through the rulebook. Thanked the membership present and presented thank you cards to members present. Gave kudos to the Promotions committee for their hard work this year. Recognized the importance of committees and urged members in attendance to join a committee.

Treasurer's Report & Finance

Treasurer Ailene Tarap

AMHA Finance Committee Report

The AMHA Finance Committee, consisting of Ailene Tarap, Marylou Elder, Dawn Henrich, and Laura Mullen, is pleased to present this report to the general membership for the year 2025.

This past year, the committee's primary focus was on setting a realistic and balanced budget for 2025, ensuring that our financial planning aligns with the association's ongoing goals and commitments. Our aim has been to maintain fiscal responsibility while supporting the programs, shows, and services that define the AMHA experience.

A significant portion of our work centered on achieving financial success for both the Regional and World Shows. These events remain vital to our membership and to the promotion of miniature horses, and we are proud to report that through careful budgeting and collaboration, we were able to uphold the quality and standards that exhibitors expect, while keeping expenses in check.

Like many equine organizations, AMHA continues to face challenges stemming from the decline in miniature horse ownership, breeding, and showing. Despite these broader industry trends, the committee remains optimistic and committed to managing resources wisely to support the association's long-term stability.

After a year of substantial office repairs in 2024, we were fortunate in 2025 to experience fewer maintenance issues with the AMHA office building. This provided some welcome financial relief and allowed us to focus our efforts on other priorities. Additionally, our dedicated office staff has implemented several cost-saving measures that have successfully reduced operational expenses while maintaining a high level of service to our members.

The Finance Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the staff, volunteers, and members who continue to support the association through these times of change. We remain dedicated to ensuring the financial health of AMHA and to making prudent decisions that will benefit our organization for years to come.

Finance Committee met regarding fees. Fees last increased in 2017. Fees for 2026 were set to increase and with set increases were set to generate an additional 35,000 in revenue for AMHA with a \$5.00 increase note on majority of fees.

C. Severson Motioned to accept suggested fee increases from financial committee, seconded by J. Bridges. Passed Unanimously.

Recognizing Outgoing Directors

- o Bob Kane, Region 9
- o Ailene Tarap. Region 9
- o Gene Baynham, Region 11
- o Harry Elder, Region 13

Recognizing Returning and Incoming Directors

- o Sheryl Peterson, Region 8
- o Jon Zucker, Region 9
- o Kaycee Lunde, Region 10
- o Chris Barnes, Region 13

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report

S. Peterson explained how the executive committee works, as well as how to run, and vote. EC Worked really well together and expressed best wishes to K. Slobody on a speedy recovery.

HUB Committee

H. Elder thanked all present chairs at the meeting. Expressed thanks for great participation in 2025.

Bylaws Committee

Members are reviewing some changes that have been discussed at the BOD workshop meetings. During the Annual Meeting, these items may be reviewed to determine if they should go forward to the BOD at the midyear meeting.

BYLAWS RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

Section 10-D page B-19

#2505

Submitted by Ailene Tarap

The Treasurer shall cause to be submitted to the Board of Directors, at the first regular meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting of the Board, a detailed budget of the proposed and anticipated expenditures for the ~~current~~ **following** calendar year of the Association for their approval. Upon approval of the budget, or its modification, it shall become binding upon the Officers of the Association and shall not be exceeded in each item set forth by more than ten (10) percent without prior approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Originator Justification: At the first regular meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting of the Board is in the current year, so the budget needs to be for the subsequent year.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

Article 1X, Officers Section 10-C

page B-18/19

#2506

Submitted by Ailene Tarap

The Treasurer shall cause to be kept complete books of account and shall issue an itemized statement and report at the Annual Meeting and such interim reports as may be ordered by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will also provide the Finance Committee members and Board of Directors with a ~~monthly~~ **quarterly** financial report which includes a balance sheet and profit/loss statement.

No office impact statement.

Motion Passed with Majority

Article XVI Amendment of Rules

page B-23

#2507

Submitted by Mary Lou Elder

A) Requirement of prior notice:

1. Anyone submitting an AMHA Rule Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the proper committee. AMHA Staff may submit Rule Change Proposals. To be eligible for consideration by a standing committee a rule change proposal or amendment must be presented to the AMHA office, in writing and signed by the originator ~~within 30 days after~~ **prior to** the adjournment of the AMHA Annual Meeting. All proposed Show Rule amendments must be presented with five (5) original co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing. When presented ~~at the~~ **prior to the close of the** annual meeting the proposals **can** be presented to the appropriate committee for discussion **at that time**. All proposed amendments will be reviewed by staff, executive director (if applies), **and appropriate committees** ~~then passed on with an impact statement to the appropriate committee(s) for evaluation.~~ **The staff will do an impact statement and send to the appropriate committee prior to April 1.** The affected committees will then evaluate the **Staff impact statements.** ~~proposed changes.~~ The changes will be made in appropriate legal terms. The committees cannot change the intent of the rule as it was received from its original source. **Any changes must be approved by the originator. If the committee votes it down the committee must notify the originator and if the originator gets 2/3 of the current Board Members Signatures to** the change will then be presented for consideration on the agenda of the appropriate committee at the mid-year Board of Directors Meeting. If the rule change proposal is adopted by the committee it will then be voted on and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

(Refer to the AMHA Rule Change Flow Chart for specific time limits)

Office Impact Statement

- 1) *This change to the Bylaws presents several challenges for the AMHA office, making it extremely difficult to validate and properly submit the rule change proposals to the respective committees:*
- 2) *Providing the rule change proposals to the committees before the conclusion of the Annual Meeting does not allow the office sufficient time to verify signatures and membership or to properly log them in the rule change proposals log. The goal should be to streamline the process rather than complicate it. It is much easier for the office to gather all the rule change proposals, issue impact statements, and send them to the committee at once, rather than some at the Annual Meeting and others later.*
- 3) *Sending them to the committees before impact statements can be made may waste committee time as they review a rule change proposal that the Association cannot feasibly implement.*
- 4) *Currently, the committees have roughly 75 days from the March 1st deadline (office to provide them to the committees with impact statements) to the mid-year BOD meeting to review and make recommendations or request changes. This would give them 6 months, which seems too long.*
- 5) *"The changes will be made in appropriate legal terms." What does that mean? Who is responsible for executing it and determining that the terms are "legal"?*
- 6) *If the rule change proposals are given to the committee before the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, it means that the previous year's committee is making the decisions. Committee members (Bylaws, Rules & Regs, some Show Rules, and some LOC) terms expire at the end of the Annual Meeting, and a new committee takes over. This new committee*

should be the one to work on rule change proposals for the following year.

- 7) *April 1st is not a suitable deadline for the AMHA office. As it stands, the committees are slow to submit their decisions to the AMHA office, which must prepare the rule change proposals for the mid-year BOD meeting, currently scheduled for May.*

Motion Failed with Majority

Article XIX Amendment of Bylaws

page B-24/25

#2508

Submitted by Mary Lou Elder

(A) Requirement of prior notice Page

Anyone submitting an AMHA Bylaw Change Proposal must be a current AMHA member in good standing for the proposal to be forwarded on to the Bylaws Committee. All proposed Bylaw changes must be presented with ten (10) co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing or have been submitted and recommended by the Bylaws Committee. AMHA staff may present proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee without (10) co-signatures. To be eligible for consideration by the Bylaws Committee, a proposal or amendment must be presented to the AMHA office in writing and signed by the originator ~~within 30 days after~~ **prior to** the adjournment of the AMHA Annual Convention. **The proposals received at the meeting can be presented to the Bylaws committee at that time for review.** All proposed amendments shall be reviewed by staff, executive director (if applies) and then passed on with an impact statement to the Bylaws Committee **prior to April 1**. The Committee will ~~then~~ review the proposed changes **and the Staff impact statement** and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The Committee cannot change the intent of the Bylaw as it was received from its original source. Only the submitter may make changes to the original proposal prior to or at the mid-year Bylaws Committee meeting. All Bylaw proposals or amendments to be considered for approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting must be published in their finished form on the AMHA website or official correspondence no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual meeting. The amendment will then be placed on the agenda at the proceeding Annual Meeting.

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- 3) *Suggest replacing the word "proceeding" in the last sentence with "upcoming" for clarity.*
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Pulled at the request of the Author

Article VII – Directors, Section 2-B page B-12

#2509

Submitted by Bylaws Committee

B) Condition of Office

Any Director who does not attend a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the regular and special Board of Director's meetings (including conference calls) from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting or a Director who fails to maintain their membership in good standing shall be subject to removal from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors (Amended 02-03, effective 01-04)

1. Throughout his/her tenure, a Director must:
 - a. Remain an AMHA member in good standing
 - b. Attend a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the regular and special Board of Director's meetings (including virtual and/or Zoom calls) from Annual Meeting to Annual meeting.
 - c. Adhere to AMHA rules and regulations pertaining to membership conduct, the social media policy and the Board of Director's Job Description.
 - d. Conduct themselves in an exemplary manner such as to favorably reflect on the Board of Directors and AMHA.
 - e. Maintain strict confidentiality regarding information discussed in closed session.
 - f. Refraining from conduct that is detrimental to the interest of AMHA, it's programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members.
2. A Director's conduct is subject to continual review, and a Director's service on the Board of Directors may be terminated by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors for any violation of the above. If the Director's service on the Board of Directors is terminated by the Board of Directors, or if a resignation in lieu of such termination is accepted, such Director shall be ineligible to be nominated to serve as a Director for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of their termination or resignation.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

Committee Report for Rules and Regulations Committee

Members are reviewing some changes that have been discussed at the BOD workshop meetings. During the Annual Meeting these items may be reviewed to determine if they should go forward to the BOD at the midyear meeting

RULES & REGS RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

174 Publication

page R-14

#2503

Submitted by Harry Elder

Delete ~~Miniature Horse World~~ from line 4 & 5 and replace with **“the AMHA website and all official correspondence.”**

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

162 Hearing Procedure

page R-11

#2511

Submitted by Harry Elder

2nd sentence after “appear in person” Add **via Virtual Meeting.....**

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

170 Right To Take Disciplinary Action

page R-12

#2512

Submitted by Harry Elder

Delete ~~Published in Miniature Horse World~~ from 1st, 2nd, & 3rd offense, replace with **Publish on the AMHA website**

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

2025 SHOW RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

GR-000 SHOWRULES COMMITTEE Page S-3

#2514

Submitted by Mary Lou Elder

Delete entire paragraph and insert the following:

The Show Rules Committee shall consist of eleven (11) Regular members. At each Annual Meeting, the three longest tenured members will rotate off the committee. In the case of more than three members with the same tenure, the Show Rules Committee will vote to determine the members who will rotate off. Three replacements will be elected from the General Membership. The members who rotate off the committee will be eligible to run for the committee again. After the annual meeting the committee will then vote for their committee chair.

All committee members must participate in person or by electronic means as long as all members can hear each other simultaneously at the Show Rules Committee meeting held at the Annual Convention, mid-year Board Meeting and the World Championship Show (with the exception of extreme excused absence) in order to be eligible for the committee the next year. Failure to participate in the three meetings will result in dismissal. If a vacancy arises the committee will fill the vacancy by appointment at the discretion of the committee.

Originator Justification: This is the only committee that does not have a term limit in effect. All officers, BOD and the LOC have that provision. This rule is similar to the LOC Rule (LO-42) Page L-10 in the rulebook. This is a way to keep the continuity of the committee year to year the same way LOC has done successfully.

NOTES from Show Rules Committee: The committee did not recommend this. It was voted down unanimously. The Originator has enough BOD signatures to send this to the membership for vote. This rule was previously amended on -11-24 effective date 1-25.

No office impact statement

Motion did not Pass

GR-020-G-2

Page S-7

#2515

Submitted by Show Rules

Change

Replace:

Owner must request this card prior to measurement at the earlier show by completing a Permanent Measurement Card request form to the AMHA office

With: Owner must print the permanent height card application form from the AMHA website, fill out owner information and follow all directions on form.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

GR-040-H

Page S-20

#2516

Submitted by Show Rules

Housekeeping

Drug testing on a random basis will be mandatory at all the AMHA World Championship Shows Show **will be done in accordance with WS-035C and WS-036-C** and may be required at other shows.

Note: We had this rule in 2 different places and this makes the rule the same in both places.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

GR-045-G

Page S-22

#2517

Submitted by Show Rules

Change

G. Conduct by an exhibitor, trainer, owner, or immediate family member of an unsportsmanlike, abusive, or detrimental nature will not be tolerated by the show management, including but not limited to threatening, abusive, or intimidating conduct, physical, verbal or written, toward any individual or show official. Any person(s) guilty of such conduct should be reported immediately to management by the judge, steward, or show committee member. The show management **may** suspend the offender for the duration of that show. Any person accused of such unseemly behavior may appeal his/her case to the Board of Directors, which shall render a decision. ~~If found guilty, such a person may be barred from future participation in AMHA show activity. The Board's decision will be published in the official AMHA publication.~~

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

GR-050

Page S-22

#2518

Submitted by Show Rules

Addition:

GR-050 PROTESTS

A. All Protests Shall be handled accordingly to the following:

1. All Protests Must be made by an owner/agent of a horse entered in the show and owner must be present or have an agent present at the show.

ADD:

An Owner/Agent, or an owner/agent's family member, may not protest their own horse. All Protests must come from another exhibitor that will be showing within the same division.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

GR-050 clarifications

Page S-24

#2519

Submitted by Show Rules

Change clarifications to Clarifications

ADD:

1. There is only 1 measurement allowed on Protest.

Renumber the other clarification to 2.

Note: We probably won't need this is SRCP #2544 passes.

No office impact statement

Withdrawn by Committee

CL-016

Page S-29

#2520

Submitted by Debbie Meek

Addition

BONES, LEGS AND HOOVES- Flat, strong bones, smooth joints and proper angulations form a leg that is attractive and functional. The hooves are proportionate to overall conformation.

ADD: Legs are structurally straight and parallel when viewed from the front and back with hooves pointing directly ahead.

Motion Passed with Majority

CL-040

Page S-48

#2521

Submitted by Donna Terry

Change:

The exhibitor must wear colors (cap and jacket to match patterned after racing silks. ~~No sequins or glitter~~)

No office impact statement

Motion Failed with Majority

CL-075-B-2

Page S-63

#2523

Submitted by Show Rules –

Change

Golden classes (exhibitor 60 years or older **by Jan 1st of the current show year**) (For classes 1 & 2 see CL-080 for Showmanship Rules)

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

CL-080

Page S-64

#2524

Submitted by LOC

Replace the whole section with the below:

CL-080 SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship classes are judged on the exhibitor's ability to show their horse and execute the posted pattern with precision and smoothness. Only the handler is judged. Judges will use one of the following patterns. Showmanship 7 & under and COOL classes are only to use pattern 1. The judge may discuss the selected pattern prior to class. The exhibitor will show to the presiding steward or judge. The selected pattern must be posted two (2) hours before the start of the class.
2. Appearance of exhibitor: Clothes and person neat and clean. Attire- hat, boots and long-sleeved shirts/blouses or jacket are required. Lack of required attire is cause for disqualification.
3. Appearance of horse: Conformation not to be a factor. Horse to be well-groomed and conditioned. Horse may be shown in full coat.
4. Equipment: Horse to be shown in a western style halter that is clean and in good condition. Chain under chin is allowed. Chain over nose is cause for disqualification.
5. Ring Procedure: All exhibitors may enter the ring and then work individually or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually. Enter ring leading animal at an alert walk. Walk on animal's left side, holding lead shank in right hand near halter. The remaining portion of the lead is held neatly and safely in left hand. Animal should lead readily at a walk. Exhibitor should perform the showmanship pattern as directed by the judge or ring steward. Do not stop showing until the exhibitor has exited the ring.
6. Presentation: The following Quarter System will be used whereby imaginary lines bisect the horse into four equal parts as seen in the illustration (Note: the quadrants are numbered I, II, III, and IV for ease of identification). One line runs across the horse just behind the withers. The other imaginary line runs from head to tail. The exhibitor should lead the horse straight to the judge so the judge can evaluate the horse's front leg movement. Once the horse is safely located in front of the judge, the horse should be squarely set up for inspection and the exhibitor then locates in the proper position in quadrant IV. As the judge moves to quadrant I the exhibitor should stay in quadrant IV. When the judge moves on to quadrant II the exhibitor then moves to the proper position in quadrant I. When the judge moves to quadrant III the exhibitor moves back to quadrant IV. As the judge moves to quadrant IV, the exhibitor once more moves to quadrant I. The exhibitor should never stop in the unsafe location directly in front of the horse. When the judge returns to his position in front of the horse, the exhibitor should await instructions from the judge.

****Illustration depicted here****

8. Scoring Of The Showmanship Exhibitor

a. Each contestant is scored between 0- infinity points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points.

Scale:-3 Extremely Poor,-2 Very Poor,-1 Poor, 0 Correct, +1 Good, +2 Very Good, +3 Excellent.

b. Form and Effectiveness: Excellent (5) Very Good (4) Good (3) Average (0-2)

c. Penalties

1. Three (3) points: Break of gait at a walk or trot up to 2 strides; Over or under turning up to 1/8 turn; after presentation. Ticking or hitting the cone; Sliding a pivot foot; lifting a pivot foot during a pivot and replacing it in the same place; Lifting a foot in a set-up and replacing in the same place after presentation.

2. Five (5) Points: Not performing the specific gait or not stopping within 10 feet (3 meters) of the designated location; Break of gait at a walk or trot for more than 2 strides; Splitting the cone between the horse and the exhibitor; Horse stepping out or moving the hind-end significantly during a pivot or turn; Horse stepping out of set-up after presentation; Horse resting foot or hip in presentation; Over or under turning 1/8 to 1/4 turn.

3. Ten (10) Points: Exhibitor is not in the required position during inspection; Exhibitor touching the horse or kicking or pointing their feet at the horse's feet during the set-up; Standing directly in front of the horse; Loss of lead shank, holding chain, two hands on shank; Blatant disobedience (biting, kicking, rearing, or pawing) horse continually circling the exhibitor.

d. Disqualifications

1. The chain portion of the lead cannot be placed in the horse's mouth or over the horse's nose.

2. Failure to wear proper attire.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

Motion by J. Bridges to Adjourn at 4:30pm, Seconded by D. Lavery

Meeting Adjourned

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Absent: K. Slobody, B. Faulkner, B. Kane, G. Baynham

Determination of Quorum – 40 voting members present

CONTINUATION OF VOTING ITEMS

YD-010-H Page S-72 #2528

Submitted by Youth Committee

Change:

Youth or COOL driving classes requiring an accompanying person for safety, (adult for all youth classes,) requires that the accompanying person remain in the cart at all times until the exhibitor leaves the arena. A separate header will be required for all youth drivers with an accompanying adult. ~~The accompanying adult will not assist the driver verbally or physically.~~

It is optional for 7 & Under and COOL exhibitors to have a Mentor accompany the youth in the cart. Accompanying Mentor is not to assist or interfere with the physical driving of the horse. The touching of the driver by hand will constitute assistance. The accompanying adult's ~~adult's~~ **Mentor's** hands must remain on the seat, on the cart, or in their own lap. Any physical assistance will result in automatic disqualification of that entry. **Verbally Mentoring is reserved for emergency situations in a subdued tone of voice as not to distract other youth. Verbally Mentoring is to be penalized but severity is up to the judges based on the situation.**

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

AM010 Clarifications Page S-86 #2530

ADD under Clarification 1

Any Golden Age AOTE exhibitor may have their horses(s) clipped by a non-family amateur, however, this horse can only be shown by the Golden Age AOTE. No other family member can show this horse during the calendar year that the horse was clipped by a non-family member unless the horse is opted out of AOTE.

Rational: There are some AOTE exhibitors that have no family to help them get their horse(s) clipped.

No office impact statement

Motion Failed with Majority

WS-028-A Page S-103 #2534

Submitted by Show Rules MEASUREMENT OF HORSES

A. Once show officials have followed the rules for measuring the horse (GR-020) and the horse has been measured, the measurement becomes the official height for that show and is not protest able ~~after 7:30 am the day of its first class_ once the horse enters the ring.~~ The height of the horse will be posted ~~three (3) hours prior~~ **the night before the horse enters** enters the ring. If any horse is shown where measurement ~~was~~ not posted (unless through show management error) in accordance with the above, its height can be protested up to one hour after its class is completed. If a protest is filed, the procedures for protest as outlined in GR-050 must be followed.

No office impact statement

Motion Failed with Majority

WS-028-B

Page **S-104**

#2535

Submitted by Show Rules

Housekeeping

Delete:

~~B. If a horse shows in two (2) different height classes during the World qualifying period and at the World Championship Show the horse measures in the taller height class, the horse must have the required number of points of the taller height class to be able to compete at the World Championship Show. Points may be accumulated and combined in all height classes throughout the World qualifying period to qualify for the higher height class, but may not be used to qualify for a lower height class than the class in which the points were earned.~~

~~{Amended 07-02, effective 01-03}~~

~~{Amended 02-07, effective 01-08}~~

Rational: We no longer use points. This should have come out of rule book when we took points out.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

GR-030-A-1

Page **S-15**

#2536

Submitted by Office Addition

ADD:

- A. 1. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of the show manager or chair person. The Show manager or Chairperson must be a current AMHA member. Stock shows and Fair Shows are exempt from this requirement

Motion Passed with Majority

WS-030-B

Page **S-04**

#2537

Submitted by AMHA Staff Addition

B. The Show Manager has the right to combine classes if entries warrant.

Re-letter the rest.

Motion Failed with Majority

CL-037-B-5

Page **S-44**

#2541

Submitted by Martha Duchnowski Change

B. Equipment & Harness:

5. Breeching **or Thimbles are** ~~is~~ required for all vehicles without brakes.

No office impact statement

Motion Failed with Majority

CL-037-D-3 & 4

Page **S-45**

#2542

Submitted by Martha Duchnowski – Change and addition

~~3. Trot-On Strong Trot:~~ **3. Strong Trot:** Clear but not excessive increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Excessive speed will be penalized.

ADD:

4. Slow Trot: While it is going forward freely, it is slower and more collected than the working trot. Horse should indicate a willingness to be driven on the bit while still maintaining a steady cadence

Re-number accordingly.

Rationale: 3. To prevent confusion with the Trot-on in Roadster classes

4. For reinsmanship and/or working classes.

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

PA-030-E

Page **S-99**

#2543

Submitted by Martha Duchnowski Addition

ADD:

60. Amateur Carriage Driving Pleasure

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

GR-050-C-2

Page **S-23**

#2544

Submitted by Show Rules - Addition

2. The horse shall be re measured **with a single measurement** by a show official other than the show official that measured all animals at the show, and in the presence of the original measurer and at least two (2) other show officials

No office impact statement

Motion Passed with Majority

Show Rules Election for 1 Open Seat

Jacob Bennett v. Shanna Crowe

Final Vote 21 for Jacob Bennett, 14 for Shanna Crowe – Jacob Bennett will Assume the Seat

Amateur/AOTE Committee Report

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

High Point Amateur for each Championship show

Eastern, Melissa Shouse

Central

Western

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

Other notes:

Central

Amateur:

Champion : Taryn Wright Murphy \$250

Reserve: Traci Wright \$100

AOTE:

Champion : Jan Nuckolls \$250

Reserve: Connie Kennedy \$100

Eastern

Amateur:

Winners of the Region High Points:

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

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.
Proposal for the 2026 World Show Amateur Team Tournament info is attached

AMHA World Team Tournament

Each Team will consist of 5 different exhibitors and in 4 different divisions. Only one person may compete in a division per team. The team must have at least one Youth Exhibitor, 3 Amateur Exhibitors and 1 Open Exhibitor.

The cost per team is \$100 (\$20 per exhibitor). The winning team will receive 50% payback from the team entries and an award. All funds raised go to the Amateur Committee.

A form must be filled out for each team and turned into the show office with the appropriate funds before the team's youth exhibitor goes into their assigned class. All classes entered must be rated classes (non-rated classes are not eligible for the team tournament)

Divisions:

Youth: Any Youth Class, can be halter or Performance

Amateur: 1- AOTE or Amateur Halter Class

2- AOTE or Amateur performance classes

Open: 1- Open Halter or Performance Class

Points will be tabulated as follows:

10 or more horses in a class

1st – 10 points

2nd – 9 points

3rd – 8 points

4th – 7 points

5th – 6 points

6th – 5 points

7th – 4 points

8th – 3 points

9th - 2 points

10th – 1 point

For classes with less than ten entries, 1st place points will equal the amount of horses exhibited in that class, etc

The team will turn in their placings to the show office by the end of the show, the Amateur committee will verify the placings and tabulations. The winning team will be recognized and receive their award and payback at the Annual meeting.

Please contact Debbie Meek with any questions. 502-550-9762

If you need help putting a team together or don't have a team and would like to be on one, please reach out to the Amateur or AOTE committees

****A person may be on more than one team (maximum of 2 teams), however, the classes cannot be the same****

AMHA World Show Team Tournament

Team Name _____

Team Leader and Phone number _____

Team Member	Back Number	Horse's Name	Division	Class Name	Placing
			Youth		
			AOTE/ Amateur Halter		
			AOTE/ Amateur Performance		
			AOTE/ Amateur Performance		
			Open		

Paid: Cash _____ Check # _____

Office Copy

AMHA World Show Team Tournament

Team Name _____

Team Leader and Phone number _____

Team Member	Back Number	Horse's Name	Division	Class Name	Placing
			Youth		
			AOTE/ Amateur Halter		
			AOTE/ Amateur Performance		
			AOTE/ Amateur Performance		
			Open		

Paid: Cash _____ Check # _____

Team Leader Copy

BOARD APPROVED AMHA WORLD TEAM TOURNAMENTS WITH MAJORITY

Halter Futurity Committee Report

Discussion: Committee reviewed the 2 Yr. Old sustaining fees and considered adding an additional late fee and deadline from close of pre-entries of the World Show to the night before Halter Futurity classes began. The committee voted unanimously to leave the fees and deadlines the same. No late sustaining after close of pre-entries.

Action: See if the office can do an email blast prior to the World Show to remind exhibitors to sustain their 2 yr. olds.

Awards

Discussion: Wade Burns Memorial Trophy

World Show 2025 was the 5th and final year for this award. John contacted Peggy Lloyd the originator of this Memorial award and she is requesting donations to continue this award. More information to follow with amount and the time we can extend this award.

Discussion: Annual Top Ten Sire Awards

We had several ties in the Annual Top Ten sire placings in the last few years and it was decided that we would only award 10 plaques going forward. All placings for ties would absorb the placings behind in order (same as Jumper placings). Example: a 3 way tie for third would absorb 3rd, 4th, & 5th place in the top ten placings.

Passed unanimously.

Discussion: Distribution of the five un-awarded Futurity sheets from the 2025 World Show.

The committee would like to award these to exhibitors lower than 1st or 2nd place randomly. Classes and random placing to be determined by the committee the morning of the 2026 World Show Futurity classes after substitution of entries has closed for Futurity. Passed unanimously.

Discussion: Champion Awards for 2026

The yearling pot is down by over 60% for the 2026 World Show. The suggestion was to use the \$2500 typically budgeted for World Champion awards to increase the yearling pot which spreads the amount across all exhibitors. Passed Unanimously.

Mary Lou offered to donate her AMHA plaques that could be replated as a possible addition for the world champions.

Action: Jennifer will get with Mary Lou to see if we have enough plaques and the cost of replating.

Nominations

Discussion: Should a late stallion nomination be allowed.

It was voted unanimously to add a \$100 late fee on top of the \$150 stallion nomination fee for nominations received after March 1st but by a post marked date of May 1st. All foals by a late nominated stallion would have to be nominated Post Utero and would not be eligible for the \$50 in-utero mare nomination after March 1st. We would like to do this as a 1 yr. test and revisit this policy to see if it was useful/helpful.

Action: Jennifer will work with Val to update forms and fee list with changes.

Sponsors

The committee discussed working to increase our sponsorships for 2026. Each committee member was asked to try and get 1 new sponsor.

Discussion: How to increase Halter Futurity participation

Joanne offered to interview various Halter Futurity participants for a human interest stories with photo and will get the information to Jennifer to post on the Halter Futurity Facebook page.

World Show 2025

Thank you to our Sponsors!

- **2025 Halter Futurity Sponsors**
 - Rocking Z Miniatures – Jon & Charmayne Zucker
 - Azariah Miniatures at Meadowwind Farm, Julie Good Family
 - Stewart Ranch – Paul & Ailene Tarap
 - Winning Streak Miniatures – Donna Lavery
 - Indian Peaks Miniatures – John & Jennifer Bennett

LOC Committee Report

The Licensed Officials Committee has met 4 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. This 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 board passed 3 rule change proposals at the May Midyear Board Meeting that allow us to move to an online platform for judges education.

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.

Our committee has followed up on any complaints we may have received regarding licensed officials of AMHA. At this Annual Meeting, we will be going into closed session to review the green cards and show manager's evaluations that have been received throughout the 2025 show season. We will be working on a new rule update seminar for 2026 for our judges, stewards and show managers based on what rules are passed this week. We will also be offering a certified measurers clinic for any new directors or interested attendees.

Our committee will have 3 open positions up for vote. Two positions will be for 4-years to expire at the end of 2029 and one one-year position to expire at the end of 2026. At least one of these available positions must be filled by a judge.

2025 LOC RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

LO-040-A JUDGES SEMINARS

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Submitted by Laura Mullen

The Licensed Officials Committee will coordinate judge seminars ~~at various locations each year~~ **online via Zoom**. It is the responsibility of each judge and judge candidate to arrange and attend those seminars that are necessary to maintain his/her status.

No office impact statement

Approved with Majority

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Submitted by Laura Mullen

All classifications of judges must successfully complete an AMHA judge's seminar ~~at least once every three (3) calendar years~~ **annually**. New applications and applications for renewal will not be considered until the applicant has completed this requirement.

No office impact statement

Approved with Majority

LO-039-A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGES

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Submitted by Laura Mullen

Beginning in 2009, an AMHA approved judge must have completed the required six (6) year review by the Licensed Official Committee ~~while in attendance of an AMHA Approved Seminar~~ **either in person or via a zoom call**. Be an AMHA Senior or Approved Judge who has judged a minimum of four (4) AMHA approved shows.

No office impact statement

Approved with Majority

LOC Elections 3 Seats Available (1 MUST BE A JUDGE)

1 Seat @ 1 Year Term

2 Seats @ 4 Year Term

Nominations: Al Bulgawicz, Jon Wolf, Harry Elder, Donna Lavery, Kristina Slobody, Jenny Groen

Multiple Run off Elections

Final Results:

Jenny Groen – 1 Year Term

Kristina Slobody – 4 Year Term

Jon Wolf – 4 Year Term

Performance Committee Report

The performance committee has met formally via zoom every other month 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.

- 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 were as follows:
 - Clinton Jury/Kristina Slobody- Hunter Futurity
 - Erin Duffy Petrilli, Brenda Sellwood- Driving Futurities (rosettes and frames were made by EquiRibbon Designs, Jenny Zonghetti)
 - Casey McBride Photography
 - Star Lake Tack
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Consideration to open these pay-back/jackpot classes to horses of any age (3 and over) to increase participation and incentive after 2026/2027 phase out.
 - Opening up the entry to all horses would bring in more money with % coming back to performance committee and % going to larger jackpot payouts for winners.
 - Increase class fees for jackpot classes from \$50/60 to \$80/100 and pay back 1-6... example only
 - 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.
 - Driving classes were brought back for world show and appeared to be success.
 - Looking forward to feedback at annual meeting and discussion for future

- 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.
- Additional Ideas and suggestions for social media recognitions of local show high point performance winners with potential end of year awards ongoing.
- Suggestions for increasing participation and potentially including trials of ranch trail courses at some local club events to bring in new exhibitors was briefly discussed and will be further investigated for upcoming discussions.

This concludes the discussion of the Performance Committee for 2025.

Thank you,
 Erin Duffy-Petrilli
 Performance Committee Chair

AMHA Stock Committee Report

The AMHA Stock Committee will meet during the 2025 Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. The committee continues to play a vital role in supporting and promoting the Stock Division, which remains the fastest-growing division within the association.

Current Committee Members

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|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| ● Ailene Tarap Co-Chair | ● Jennifer Bynum | ● Judy Howard |
| ● Harry Elder Co-Chair | ● Shanna Crowe | ● Abi Lauria |
| ● Lisa Brostad | ● Betsi Faulkner | ● Donna Terry |

Focus for 2024–2025

The primary focus for the committee during the 2024–2025 term was to actively support and promote the Stock Division. This was accomplished through both direct participation and consistent verbal encouragement of exhibitors, helping to foster a welcoming and enthusiastic environment

Achievements

- At the 2025 World Show, the Stock Division once again recorded the highest number of entries among the halter divisions.
- This continued growth clearly demonstrates the division’s appeal and accessibility, encouraging more exhibitors to participate and showcase their horses.

Future Plans

The committee will be meeting again this year to explore additional ideas and initiatives aimed at further expanding and strengthening the Stock Division. These discussions will focus on maintaining momentum and ensuring continued support for both new and returning exhibitors.

Conclusion

The AMHA Stock Committee remains committed to the development and visibility of the Stock Division. With strong participation and enthusiasm from members and exhibitors alike, the division continues to thrive and lead the way in growth within the association.

AMHA REGIONAL & WORLD SHOW REPORT

REGIONALS

The Central Regional Championship Show was held on June 13-15, 2025 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Ft. Worth, TX. The show had 120 horses exhibited and a total of 541 class entries for an average of 4.5 classes per horse. The Central Show generated the most class entries of all three Regionals. The Central Regional had a profit of \$8190.55 as compared to a profit of \$13678.48 in 2024 in Belton, TX. The show was moved from Belton because the facility cost was increasing \$10,000 for 2025 which would impact our ability to make a profit. We received a very reasonable rate for the Sheep Barn Arena at Will Rogers which allowed us to show a profit again in 2025. If the Sheep Barn Arena is not available in 2026, we will have to move the Central Show to a more expensive facility. We do have a possible facility on hold, but based on arena, stall usage and hotel discounts from 2025 our expenses would increase by \$6830 thereby reducing our potential profit for 2026 to \$1360.55.

The Eastern Regional Championship Show was held on July 11-13, 2025 at the Champions Center in Springfield, OH. The show had 142 horses exhibited and a total of 519 class entries for an average of 3.65 entries per horse. The Eastern had the largest number of horses in attendance of all three Regionals. The Eastern Regional had a profit of \$7356.47 as compared to a profit of \$731.97 for 2024 at the same facility. The Board's decision to go to one judge and award three times the points made a big difference in creating a profitable picture for the Eastern event.

The Western Regional Championship Show was held on July 27-29, 2025 at Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center in Rancho Murieta, CA. The show had 69 horses exhibited in a total of 300 classes for an average of 4.34 entries per horse. The Western Regional generated a profit of \$3133.47 as compared to a profit of \$2264.97 in 2024 at Rancho Murieta. However, the profitability of the Western was largely due to the sponsorship of the arena by Aimee Davis of Painted H Ranch. Aimee Davis donated \$7500 to cover the arena and manure disposal expenses. Without that contribution, the show would have shown a loss of -\$4366.53. Aimee also sponsored the Western arena in 2024 and we owe her a great deal of gratitude for her support of our Western event.

WORLD

The AMHA World Show was held on September 19-27, 2025 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Ft. Worth, TX. The show had 400 horses entered and a total of 1819 paid entries for an average of 4.54 classes per horse. This figure of 1819 entries does not include horses who qualify for grand classes (i.e. non-paid classes). The class entry breakdowns were as follows: Open 644; Amateur/COOL 665; Youth 453; Futurity 57. Our 2024 World Show, if you base your accounting on actual income not to include the Texas Grant, showed an unprecedented loss of -\$63,263.68 which our grant amount of \$19881.00 did not begin to cover. Major steps were taken this year to make sure that did not happen again. Our final accounting for the 2025 World Show is not yet complete, however, we can report the following **approximations**:

Revenue:

Open Entries:	Up \$6600
Amateur/Cool Entries:	Up \$2400
Youth Entries:	Up \$4400
Stall Revenue:	Up \$14000
Added Class Fees:	Up \$2000
Sponsorship:	Up \$11000
Hospitality Sponsorship:	Up \$3600

Expenses:

World Show Award Cost:	Decreased \$11000
World Show Hotel:	Decreased \$7478
World Staff:	Decreased \$5000
World Show Management:	Decreased \$4000
World Travel Expenses:	Decreased \$4000
World Webcast:	Decreased \$5500
World Program Production:	Decreased \$5000
World Facility Cost:	Decrease of Approximately \$12000 (Invoice not received yet)

Barring any unforeseen expenses, my estimate is that the World Show will show a profit of approximately \$25,000 without including the Texas Grant. This will be an approximate \$85,000 turnaround from our 2024 loss at the World Show. That being said, next year we will be returning to the Coliseum and have to allow for the higher rental fees associated with it compared to the fees we will be charged for the Sheep Barn arena.

I would like to thank the Board and members for approaching this temporary change of venue with a spirit of positivity and cooperation. I was very appreciative of all those members who helped make the show a success through their sponsorship and hope you will consider sponsorship again in 2026. It was very rewarding to see not only our "regular" attendees, but new and returning attendees as well and everyone's willingness to embrace our AMHA Proud movement. Let's move forward into 2026 with the same spirit of positivity and camaraderie and offer our members another successful World Show

AMHA Youth Committee Report

Committee meetings were held as the committee was available, we aimed for monthly, and the Youth Executive Committee also met monthly, as available, with a Youth Committee adult present at each meeting to answer questions and give guidance.

We had a really exciting and positive year with our committee embracing AMHA Proud and putting our own spin on it with AMHyA Proud. The logo was part of our Calcutta T-shirts this year for the kids and their team leaders.

Our proudest moments were our Welcome Party/Calcutta at the 2025 World Show which honored Tony Greaves and our theme was in true Little America fashion utilizing red, white and blue throughout the evening.

We had an exceptional year this year with businesses coming through for the kids making donations towards our welcome bags- the bags were so full we had to add a 2nd bag for each kid. This was also the 2nd year of us offering regional Show Scholarships and offering an additional award of leather halters with name plates for each World Champion in a youth class at the 2025 World Show. The energy and camaraderie continued from the party right into the youth classes at World Show.

This year was the first year of the addition of the Youth World Grand Champion halter classes and Becky Kelley graciously donated gorgeous neck sashes to compliment the trophies. I think the classes were very well received and built a lot of excitement.

Mini clinics replaced Wacky Tacky Showmanship at the 2025 World Show put on by Elaine Sulser focusing on hunter/jumper classes. The kids really enjoyed the opportunity to bring their own horses and receive instruction and guidance by Elaine. Each child made visible improvement. We plan to continue these clinics with broader focus next year.

As a committee we're very excited for next year and plan to continue the Welcome Party/Calcutta in the new venue we used this year and get the youth ambassador program off the ground that will embrace 8-12 year old youth interested in eventually joining the executive committee.

Youth Sponsorships, Scholarships, Fundraisers & Awards:

- almost all Regionals Award Buckles sponsored
- almost all World Show High Point Buckles sponsored
- all youth Grands fully sponsored
- Youth Executive Committee thank you gifts were Kensington Bridle Bags at cost and stuffed with donated goodies.
- almost all Youth Classes for the World Show sponsored
- World Show Youth Team T-shirts- AMHyA Proud were fully sponsored.
- High Point Team Awards for Top 2 teams- Kensington Bridle Bags & Grooming Totes at cost. Bags were stuffed with donated goodies.
- Liberty Awards- hay bags fully sponsored
- Sponsored Hot Dog Lunch
- Welcome bags fully sponsored by our generous donors.
- Dunk Tank fundraiser at World Show.
- 2 Academic Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded at the AMHA World show
- \$250 Horse Show Scholarships- 2 per region, random draw to all youth who met criteria.
- Leather halter with brass plate for champion of each of the 50 World Show Youth Classes- purchased by youth committee

List of sponsors:



Financials:

Starting balance: \$39,014.43 Ending balance: \$33,788.30

Does not reflect the 2025 World Show

Youth Fundraisers:

-Youth Calcutta at World Show **\$8,850 raised — \$4,425 went to the youth** / \$4,425 distributed to the purchasers of the top 3 teams.

-Live Auction at Calcutta — **\$3,650**

-Dunk Tank/Raffle Horse/shirts sold income — \$1,037 minus cost of tank \$428.89 =

\$608.11

\$13,018.11 total raised, minus Calcutta payouts: ****\$8,683.11 raised for the youth****

24/25 Youth Committee & AMHyA Executive Committee Members:

Shanna Crowe- co-chair & BOD liaison Aimee Davis- co-chair

Mary Gullett Christina Head Taylor Hudson Kathy LeBaron Breanne Loesch

Mary Morrison-Bundy Kyla Petkanics

Beth Richardson Elaine Sulser

AMHyA Youth EC:

President: Isabella Seng

Vice President- Evan Manning Secretary- Faith Bowen Treasurer- Isabelle Middleton Eastern VP- Jordan Henrich Central VP- Addy Head

Western VP- **OPEN**

Director At Large: Paige Schepers Director At Large: Colin Schepers Director At Large: Kady Gates

Newly Elected 25/26 AMHyA Youth EC:

President: Isabella Seng Vice President- Addy Head Secretary- Kailey Munster Treasurer- Zoey Jordan Eastern VP- Jordan Henrich Central VP- Paige Schepers

Western VP- Lillie Jo Nichols Director At Large: Kady Gates Director At Large: Colin Schepers Director At Large: Jasper Middleton

Goal's for Next Year

-Touch local clubs & Regional Shows

-Continue scholarships and Incentives at the Regional level

-Brainstorm other incentives for kids to show at a local show, regionals, and world show.

-Utilize/Expand our social media AMHyA presence

-Continue to strengthen our relationship and involvement with Youth EC

AMHA INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

I was asked to compile this report at the last minute as the co-chairman who had all of the information and was scheduled to compile it was not able to fulfil her obligation, therefore I have done my best in the short time available with the information I have been able to ascertain to enlighten you on our year.

2025 started with the results from our second international honour roll, this is considered to be of great importance for our international members giving them their opportunity to come forward and shine, the successful winners were given a choice of a belt buckle or an Embroidered jacket, these were presented to successful European and Australian members.

The first affiliated AMHA show in 2025 was hosted by Miniature Horse Club of Great Britain (MHCGB) and was judged by Wayne Hipsley, there were many entries, and the standard was high with many Quality horses brought forward.

The second UK affiliated show was on the 24th May hosted by The United Kingdom Miniature Horse Society (UKAMHS) this British Open Spring show was judged by Chris Bickford, it was very well attended with top quality horses coming forward. Hard shipping was also done at this show.

UKAMHS also hosted the UK Regional show on 9th and 10th of August this was judged by Margo Shallcross, Marti Soper Lockward and James Rutledge. The Judges all commented on the high quality of the horses forward; this was a show with a mixture of very serious competition and an atmosphere of fun after which it was followed by a party with an ABBA tribute band everyone was on their feet dancing and proudly waving their AMHA PROUD banners. This show also had Hardship carried out.

The Imperial Miniature Horse Club of Europe (IMHC) organised four AMHA approved shows. Two in Belgium in April and May these shows had a great number of Horses forward far more than is usual.

A show was held in Sweden this also had a clinic which was free to participants this was a great success and introduced many more new people to the wonderful American Miniature Horses, although this event was conducted solely in Swedish it was very successful and was attended by many nations, Hard shipping was also carried out.

The European regionals were held by IMHC in Belgium during August this unfortunately had less horses as NMPRS held their Mare approval on the same date, so people had to choose it is endeavoured not to allow this to happen again.

The IMHC are organising at least the same number of shows for 2026 with also the possibility of a show in the Netherlands, they are also planning a clinic during the winter.

It was truly wonderful to see the French AMHA Club hold their first affiliated show this was a great success with a few 'teething' problems which were quickly sorted out, and they plan to hold another show in 2026, the members reported that they had great fun and cannot wait for the next show.

Australia has one affiliated AMHA club IMHR but being such a large country, they have many miniature societies, one of these supports AMHA classes and gets far more entries than any other show it is run by excellent people who have contacted the AMHA office with a view to becoming affiliated for 2026.

Some years ago I went out to Finland to judge their very first show there were very few American Miniatures owned in Finland a lot of the competitors had travelled from neighbouring countries, the great news is they have contacted me to say they have now formed an AMHA club in Finland and have asked me to judge and comment on their online show for 2026.

In the United Kingdom UKAMHS have an affiliated open show and a regional show planned for 2026 plus a clinic at the beginning of the season to cover all aspects of showing and production of the AMHA horse at the same time there is to be a dedicated children's clinic.

UKAMHS Lisa Berberich with the support of MHCGB Jill Robinson secured a ring at the internationally famous HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW which is televised throughout the world, here every breed and discipline of horsemanship is shown including the worlds top show jumpers and Dressage riders It has taken twenty years of hard work to get American Miniatures a time slot at this venue. During the years qualifiers were held throughout the uk with the 12 finalists brought forward in front of many thousand of spectators and camera crew from around the globe Wayne Hipsley judged and explained to the audience what an AMHA horse was, the arena was packed with spectators from the 'big' horse world and were amazed at the perfection of the American miniature so much so I was inundated with requests for more information on the UKAMHS trade stand I was manning to promote AMHA it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase to such a large Equine loving community. UKAMHS have been invited back and have been allocated trade stand space for promotion of AMHA in 2026 but this time having 14 horses that have qualified throughout the year.

To sum up it has been a fun, very productive and successful year for our international members, the quality and standard of production of the AMHA horses in the International community has got so high with the breeding of the very top bloodline that have been imported over the years from breeders in America that many of the judges that have come over say they could easily win classes at the worlds.

One of the most important aspects on the international scene is the fact that in these difficult times with many conflicts and hardships through out the world we have brought fun to the shows greatly aided I must say by the AMHA PROUD banners which have gone down very well.

Thankyou to all at AMHA particularly in the office for there unflinching time and expertise in supporting our members and to all the BOD and LOC for keeping it altogether. A special thank you to two wonderful ambassadors for the AMHA and very professional wonderful people they are Sandra Van Maldren (IMHC) and Lisa Berberich (UKAMHS) they have both made remarkable efforts in promoting AMHA. We are very lucky to have the support of many hard-working international members who have the same passion for the future of our AMHA horse they are too numerous to mention but they know who they are THANK YOU

Good luck everyone for 2026

----- LUNCH BREAK @ 11am-----

----- MEETING RESUMED @ 12:05pm-----

2026 Site Selection

J. Bridges presented options to the AMHA Membership for the 2026 Site Selection

- Atlanta, Georgia
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Tampa, Florida
- Asheville, North Carolina

Pros and Cons of each location were discussed based on hotel bids provided.

Membership Voted and Majority were in favor of going to Philadelphia.

2026 Annual Meeting will be in Philadelphia.

2026 Executive Committee Elections

President

J. Bridges Nominated S. Peterson for President, Seconded by D. Meeks

C. Severson Motioned to Close Nominations

S. Peterson ran unopposed and will serve as 2026 President

Vice President

A. Tarap Nominated J. Bridges for Vice President, Seconded by D. Meeks

S. Crowe Motioned to Close Nomination

J. Bridges ran unopposed and will serve as 2026 Vice President

Secretary

K. Lunde Nominated J. Goode for Secretary, D. Meeks Seconded

J. Bridges Motioned to Close Nominations

J. Goode Ran Unopposed and will serve as 2026 Secretary

Treasurer

H. Elder Nominated C. Severson for Treasurer, Seconded by A. Tarap

E. Petrelli Nominated D. Lavery for Treasurer, Seconded by S. Crowe

J. Bridges Motioned to Close Nominations.

Membership Vote was Cast

C. Severson won majority of vote (18-15) and will serve as 2026 Treasurer

Director at Large

J. Bridges Nominated K. Slobody for Director at Large, A. Tarap Seconded

J. Bennett Motioned to Close Nominations

K. Slobody Ran unopposed and will serve as 2026 Director at Large

J. Bridges Motion to Adjourn the Annual Meeting and Welcome the New Board Members to be Seated, Seconded by A. Tarap

Annual Meeting Adjourned @ 1:46pm