AMHA Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2026
Via Zoom

1. The August 18, 2026 meeting of the AMHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02 pm CST by President Sheryl Peterson.

2. Roll Call by Julie Good, Secretary ~

Members Present: Kristina Slobody (MAL), Julie Good (Sec), John Mullen, Donna Lavery, Shanna Crowe, Jerred Bridges (VP), Shawn Hester, Clair Severson (Treasurer), Sheryl Peterson (President), Jon Zucker, Donna Terry, Chris Barnes

Absent: Kaycee Lunde

3. Approval of Minutes

a. A motion to approve the May 19, 2026 Mid year AMHA BOD Meeting minutes with some edits (strike through's that did not come through in original transfer of presented rules) was made by Jerred Bridges with a second from Clair Severson. Unanimous board approval.

b. A motion to approve the May 27, 2026 Special Meeting of the AMHA BOD was made by Jerred Bridges, seconded by Donna Terry.

4. President's Report was given by Sheryl Peterson who reported that all is going well with the preparation for 2026 AMHA World Championship Show. Sponsorships are coming in and entries are in.

5. Treasurer's Report was given by Clair Severson. The Regional Championship shows were successful this year and membership and registrations are increased from last year. Early sponsorship of the World Championship Show is helping our budget. There were added expenses that were not budgeted for but we are currently still ahead of projected budget.

6. Office Report was given by Val Shingledecker. In registration and accounting they are currently keeping up well with the increase in registrations, stallion to gelding and transfer paper work. (working about a week behind the current date).
A pipe in the office building broke which was an unplanned expense.
We have a contract for HVAC maintenance which does cost annually, but is a savings when small issues are found early leading to less costly repairs.
The office staff is working diligently to prepare for the World Show with some of the highlights being:

*Amateur Welcome Reception to be held the evening of the youth awards.

*Youth Calcutta ~ encourage members to purchase tickets early as they may sell out

*John Mullen and Clair Severson will sponsor a stall decorating contest with "AMHA Proud" as the theme. Cash prize to be given.

*Webcast banner ads are being sold, which is a great way to reach thousands.

7. Committee Reports ~ Jerred Bridges called on several committees who wanted to share reports. (See Reports Attached)

*Amateur/AOTE Committee reports given by Shanna Crowe

*Youth Committee report given by Shanna Crowe ~ voting for VP of the AMyHA 2027 will be held Monday August 24.

*Stock Horse Committee report given by Shanna Crowe, Proposal to be discussed during old business.

*Gelding Incentive Committee report was read by Jerred Bridges

*International Committee report by Karen Hamilton Smith was reviewed by Jerred Bridges.

8. Old Business

a. Stock Committee Proposal (Attached) was reviewed with the following comments by board members

*consider making Amateur and Open all gender Jr. Stock

*consider making the non rated Jr Stock classes rated

*the question was asked if local shows would add Jr Stock classes, would there possibly be more entries

* John Mullen suggested we review this after world show entries seen at this years show and then bring that information to the annual meeting to make a determination.

* Laura Mullen stated the need to make sure the classes would be large enough to be profitable (needed for profit would be 8 entries in youth classes, 7 entries in Amateur classes and 5 in open classes as the entries need to cover awards)j.

Jerred Bridges made a motion to table the discussion to the annual meeting when more information can be gathered prior to a decision, seconded by Jon Zucker. BOD unanimously approved.

9. New Business

a. International Honorary Director for AMHA France. We received a request from the AMHA club in France to add Nathalie Aube as their honorary director. The board reviewed application submitted by Nathalie as well as B26 in our rule book regarding International Honorary Directors.

Clair Severson made a motion to confirm Nathalie Aube as an honorary director for AMHA France, second by Jerred Bridges. BOD unanimously approved.

Motion to end the meeting by Jerred Bridges, Second by Clair

Amateur/AOTE Report August 2026

-We are doing a silent auction at Worlds to benefit the Amateurs.

-Start creating your teams at Worlds for the Amateur Team Tournament.

-We are having a zoom meeting on Monday, August 24th at 8pm eastern time. We have invited Taylor Davies and Stephani Pappas from the Promotions Committee to discuss what we can do for the Amateurs at Worlds.

Youth Committee Report August 2026

-The 2026 Youth EC will receive a customized Garment or Boot Bag.

-So far, we have 1 person running for Youth President and 2 people running for Youth Vice President.

-We have received several donations for the Youth welcome bags and the live auction.

-We have already started receiving ticket forms for the Calcutta dinner. Forms are on the website along with the Youth Schedule of Events.

-We have started looking for volunteers to judge Youth Liberty.

-We have received 2 Academic Scholarship applications. We still need to get one of those sponsored.

-We have received 1 application for the Reece Award.

-We have completed the Show Scholarships and they have been sent out.

-I have recruited 4 NEW people to be on the Youth Committee for next year!

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT August 2026

Hello all
Thrilled to report Uk and European amha shows are doing well . The European shows run by Sandra Van Malderen (Imperial miniature horse club) have had 78 , 91 , and 78 horses forward .
Uk shows Independence Day show and Ukamhs regional show had 45 and 51 horses forward .
The Independence Day show was their first show and they have reported it will be held again next year ! Great news . Joanne Ross came and visited this show …and competed at it then gave a talk after the show . We presented her with a special award and gift for her many years given to the Amha horse through breeding and her work with Amha.
Joanne kindly flew back with her the awards I have given for the international gamblers choice class at the worlds , she will then bring to the worlds for me. Pictures of these are below first picture Grand and reserve second picture , these are for 3 rd / 6 th place .
We have had done some t-shirts and baseball caps with Amha proud on (with permission. From Amha office) These have kindly been sponsored by Ukamhs
These we are giving as gifts to some people at each show . Then asked for pictures of them wearing them , so at end of season we can put on our friends ofAmha international page the photos to find out how many countries these items can get to .
I shall be taking some to Czech Republic when I judge there this next weekend .
Pictures of these below

At each show the American judges remarked on the high quality of the horses forward . This is so good to hear .

All in all every thing is good over hear and growing well
Warmest regards
Karen

STOCK HORSE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL for review

BOD members,

At the mid-year meeting the stock committee was asked to postpone our requests to your Aug meeting. We have two requests:

-Bring the Jr. stock horse classes out of moratorium, where they have been for 10 years.

- Offer an age splint at the world show for our youth stock exhibitors.

Our reasonings are:

-Breeders need younger classes to get their stock horses out there and not have to compete against an older more mature stock horse. Like the “standard of perfection” horses, the younger (smaller) stock horses can be shown on a level playing field and marketed as such to our every growing stock division. This junior class has been in moratorium since 2016. The WS Junior horse class is a non-rated class that many feel is not worth participating in, especially since the winners (1st and 2nd) are not included in the Grand drive. Local shows will have more to offer their stock breeders and exhibitors.

-Our youth also need a level playing field. Notice how the standard of perfection youth classes are divided by age (class 8,9,10,16,17,18,23,24,25,30,31, and 32) Stock deserves the same treatment and not be seen as the lesser halter class. This would only add 4 classes mares 7/under, mares 8-12 and geldings 7/under and geldings 8-12. Classes #19 and 11 can be the 13-18. At this time AOTE classes will remain the same and be evaluated in the future.

Our stock committee is just trying to get more exposure for AMHA’s largest participating classes in the last 5 years. We hope you will consider our requests.