

AMHA Annual Membership Meeting

2/20/15 1pm

Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA

Session 1

Call to order

President Sid Hutchcraft

Invocation

Secretary Julie Good

Roll Call

Secretary Julie Good

Members Present: Darlene Bridges, Al Bulgawicz, Sherry Crowe, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Sid Hutchcraft, Polly Hyde, Bob Kane, Frank Lupton, Julianna Myers, Gary Owen, Laurie Slobody

Members Absent: Bill Arnold, Jim Barenklau, Gene Baynham, Ed Sisk, Heather Ward

Determination of Quorum

President Sid Hutchcraft

It was determined that there was a quorum with 12 out of 17 board members present.

Appoint Sergeant of Arms

President Sid Hutchcraft

Clair Severson and Mike Griggs were appointed as Sergeant of Arms for this membership meeting in its entirety.

Convention Rules

President Sid Hutchcraft

The Convention Rules were presented to the membership.

Frank Lupton moved to accept the rules presented for this meeting.
Al Bulgawicz seconded.

Unanimously approved

Determination of Membership Quorum

A count of voting members was taken by showing voting ballots. There were 57 voting members present and the quorum was met.

All votes, during this meeting requiring a paper ballot, will be counted by a team consisting of Richard Sievert, Randy Peacock and Rebecca Clark.

Ratify Meeting Minutes

- The membership was asked to Ratify the February 2014 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes (General Membership).
Harry Elder moved to accept the minutes as presented.
Laurie Slobody seconded

Passed Unanimously by the membership

Officers Reports

- President's Report

President Sid Hutchcraft

President Sid Hutchcraft thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as president of the AMHA. He was very thankful for a good year with an EC that worked together very well, the committee chairs who are working to find ways to help AMHA to grow and the office staff of AMHA who have been working very hard to keep things moving smoothly by being flexible and having a positive attitude. President Hutchcraft reported that AMHA and AMHR have agreed to work together on a Judges Seminar. As we move ahead in 2015 we will need to be looking "outside the box" for ways to continue to help our association to grow.

- Treasures Report

Treasurer Frank Lupton

Treasurer Frank Lupton reported that we finished 2014 in the black largely due to the payment of \$48,000 by Bill Humphries after his Vermilyea Farms Dispersal sale. All Regional Shows and the World Show were profitable this year.

Frank Lupton asked the membership to vote on a proposal from the Finance Committee to increase registration fees by \$5.00 for foals 0-4 months, foals 4-8 months and all transfer of ownership fees.

The membership vote was taken by a raised ballot and this increase in fees passed unanimously

Office Manager Report

Randy Peacock

Randy Peacock reported that 2014 proved to be a challenging year for the office staff of AMHA. At the beginning of the year they were preparing for two office employees to be leaving, so the staff worked together to adjust to those changes. Later in the year there were 2 employees that departed unexpectedly. Mr. Peacock commended the office staff who pulled together and completed tasks with a positive attitude. This was a group effort by a dedicated staff and they went above and beyond their duties to cover all areas of the office. Two new employees have joined the office staff. At the end of December Heidi Sian and in the beginning of January Earlene Tidwell joined the AMHA office staff.

Committee Reports

- HUB Committee

Vice President Al Bulgawicz

All Committees were represented with exception of Gelding Incentive and LOC (LOC had met at Color Breed Congress a few weeks ago)

In 2015 the Committee Chairmen will be working on submitting guidelines and responsibilities for each committee. This will make it easier for each committee chair to know what the committee does and what they have been working on.

There was a need expressed for a Local club section on Website.

- The Local Club Committee

Susan Stuart tried to reach each local club's contact person to find out if there are some specific needs that AMHA could help them with. She found that some of the email addresses were not correct. She will be working with the office staff to update this list of emails.

There was discussion about each committee having a board liaison assigned to report to the board activities the committee is currently working toward or needs of each committee.

Establish a quorum

President Sid Hutchcraft

Again, a count of voting members was taken with a raised ballot. 59 voting members were present.

Continuation of Committee Reports

- Bylaws ~ Richard Sievert had nothing to report other than the proposed Bylaw Changes.
(the Proposed Bylaw changes and results of votes will be posted following the minutes)
- Rules and Regs ~ proposed changes were discussed and voted on.
(Proposed Rules and Regs changes are posted following the minutes)
- Show Rules deferred to Saturday, February 21, during the membership meeting. Bob Kane reminded the membership that a vote will be taken to appoint 6 new members of the show rules committee and 1 new member of LOC at that time.
- Amateur Committee~ See attached report by Debbie Hopkins
- AOTE Committee ~ See attached report by John Bennett
- Gelding Incentive ~ Clair Severson talked about the need to continue Gelding Incentive Committee. The position of Chairman is open. There was no report submitted.
- Halter Futurity ~ See attached report by John Bennett
- Local Club ~ See attached report by Susan Stuart
- International Committee ~ See attached report by Joanne Ross

- LOC ~ See attached report by Lonnie Purdue
- Membership ~ See attached report by Julie Good

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 until 9 AM Saturday, February 21, 2015

AMHA Annual Membership Meeting

Session 2

2/21/14 9 AM

Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA

Call to order

President Sid Hutchcraft

Invocation

Secretary Julie Good

Roll Call

Secretary Julie Good

Members Present: Darlene Bridges, Al Bulgawicz, Sherry Crowe, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Sid Hutchcraft, Polly Hyde, Bob Kane, Frank Lupton, Julianna Myers, Gary Owen, Laurie Slobody

Members Absent: Bill Arnold, Jim Barneklau, Gene Bayham, Ed Sisk, Heather Ward

Determination of Quorum

President Sid Hutchcraft

It was determined that there was a quorum with 12 out of 17 board members present

Sid Hutchcraft noted that Convention Rules addressed during session one of this meeting are also in effect for today.

A count of voting members was taken by showing voting ballots. There were 57 voting members present and it was determined a quorum was met.

Continuation of Committee Reports

- Stock Type Division ~ See attached report by Darlene Bridges
- Performance Committee ~ See attached report by Darlene Bridges
- Youth ~ See attached report by Julianna Myers
- Long Range Planning ~ See report by Mike Griggs
- Promotion Committee ~ See report by Kerri Griggs
In addition, there was an offer to AMHA from Minihorsesales.com to participate in exclusive advertising on their website. AMHA Members in attendance volunteered to cover this expense.

There was a 5-minute break taken at this time.

Upon the reassembly of members, a count was taken of voting members by a show of ballots. There was a quorum with 57 voting members present.

- Show Rules Committee
Election of Show Rules Committee
The Show Rules Committee consists of 11 members. Every 3 years, 5 members are retained and 6 members are added by majority vote taken during the annual membership meeting..
Running for the Show Rules Committee in 2015 are Ruth Owen, Debra Hopkins, Darlene Bridges, Michael Griggs, Al Bulgawicz, Joseph Benton, Amanda Benton, Sherry Crowe, Bill Schmidt and Rick Pearsall

Show Rules Voting Items are as follows. These will take effect January 1, 2016 if the membership votes to add them as rules.

1. 1402 GR-025-Q Page 87
Vote taken by membership passed unanimous
An additional voting member entered the meeting at this point bringing the count of voting members to 58
2. 1403 PA-1-015-A page 152
Vote taken by membership passed
3. 1404 CL-021 Page 103-104
Vote taken by membership passed
4. 1406 CL-065-C1-c page 124
Vote taken by membership passed
5. 1408 WS-030 page 166
Vote taken by membership passed unanimous
6. 1409 WS-030-G New section page 171
Author withdrew this item from the floor to be sent back to committees
7. 1410 PA-030-D pg 161 Was not able to be voted upon because it was omitted from the MHW magazine announcing it to the membership at least 60 days prior to the 2015 meeting.
8. 1417 Stock Type Division Was not able to be voted upon because it was omitted from the MHW magazine announcing it to the membership at least 60 days prior to the 2015 meeting.

Following the Minutes the Proposed Rules are posted with the results of the membership vote.

The results of the ballot vote for the Show Rules Committee were announced The 6 new Show Rules Committee Members beginning their term in 2015 and serving a 3-year term are:

- Ruth Owen
- Debra Hopkins
- Mike Griggs, Jr
- Al Bulgawicz
- Amanda Benton
- Sherry Crowe

Manager of AMHA Shows Report

Laura Mullen, Manager

See report submitted by Laura Mullen

During her report, Laura invited Allison Rosauer to bring a proposal to the membership. The Heritage Grand Champion Halter Horse Class was introduced and explained to the membership by Allison.

World Supreme Halter Class

There was discussion surrounding the possibility of placing the World Supreme Halter Class in moratorium. Many opinions were expressed and it was felt that all of the World Grand Champions should be showcased and honored. There were several ideas as to how we could present the Grand Champions to the audience. This would be discussed further if the membership chooses to move in this direction.

Laurie Slobody moved to place the World Supreme Halter Class, Class 181 of the World show, in moratorium for 2 years.

Harry Elder Seconded

Passed by the board of directors 11 to 1.

Special Thanks

Laura Mullen was thanked for the effort she puts forth to make the AMHA Championship and World Shows run smoothly and for all of her work and dedication to AMHA. The membership expressed their appreciation.

The question was raised regarding how the board will proceed with the idea of the non-rated Heritage Grand Champion Horse Class that was proposed by Allison Rosauer. It was determined this would be discussed during the Board Meeting on Sunday, February 22 for the new board of directors to discuss and vote on this item.

Count of Voting Members

Prior to voting for the LOC a count of voting members was taken with 57 voting members present.

Election of LOC Member

One position is open on the Licensed Official's Committee. Harry Elder and Bob Kane both expressed interest and availability to run for that position. Harry and Bob were each invited to speak.

There was a vote, by ballot, of the membership resulting in an invitation to Harry Elder to serve as the newly elected LOC member.

World Show Video Coverage

Laura Mullen is currently negotiating with I Equine on a package for video coverage at the World Show. There have been concerns with our coverage the past few years and an upgrade of services offered and quality will be welcomed.

Upgrade of Show Pro

The Finance Committee has approved an upgrade of our Show Pro Computer program to work with Windows and current printers.

Recognize Outgoing Directors

The directors no longer serving on the Board of Directors after this annual membership meeting were thanked for their years of service to AMHA. A gift was presented to the outgoing board member who was attending the meeting.

- Sherry Crowe ~ Region 5
- Bill Arnold ~ Region 5
- Ed Sisk ~ Region 6
- Jim Barenklau ~ Region 7

Recognize Returning Director

- Al Bulgawicz ~ Region 6 ~ Al is currently serving as AMHA Vice President and has accepted another term as Director of Region 6

Recognize In-Coming Directors

President Sid Hutchcraft introduced the newest members of the Board of Directors who will begin their term on 2/22/15.

- Joe Kahre ~ Region 5
- Allison Rosauer ~ Region 6
- Clair Severson ~ Region 7

Lunch Recess from 11:50 am-1:30 pm

Determination of Quorum

A count of voting members by raised ballots was taken with 56 voting members present, confirming a quorum of members in attendance.

Special Orders

- Election of Officers

1. PRESIDENT

President Hutchcraft turned this portion of the elections over to Vice President, Al Bulgawicz. Al asked for nominations for the election of the AMHA president . Gary Owens spoke highly of current President Sid Hutchcraft and nominated Sid as a candidate for AMHA President for 2015. There were no further nominations presented.

Bob Kane moved that nominations be closed and recommended that the membership accept Sid Hutchcraft as 2015 AMHA President by acclamation.

Regis Hartnett seconded the motion.

A vote of the membership was taken with unanimous approval.

2. VICE PRESIDENT

Sami Scheuring nominated current AMHA Vice President Al Bulgawicz to the office of AMHA Vice President for 2015.

Bob Kane moved that nominations be closed and recommended the membership accept Al Bugawicz as 2015 AMHA Vice President by acclamation

Regis Hartnett seconded the motion.

A vote of the membership was taken with unanimous approval.

3. TREASURER

Julie Good nominated current AMHA Treasurer Frank Lupton to the office of AMHA Treasurer for 2015.

Bob Kane moved that nominations be closed and recommended the membership accept Frank Lupton as the 2015 AMHA Treasurer by acclamation.

Second by Sherry Crowe

A vote of the membership was taken with unanimous approval.

4. SECRETARY

Lonnie Purdue nominated current AMHA Secretary Julie Good for the office of AMHA Secretary for 2015.

Bob Kane moved that nominations be closed and recommended the membership accept Julie Good as 2015 AMHA Secretary by acclimation.

Second by Sherry Crowe

A vote of the membership was taken with unanimous approval.

5. MEMBER AT LARGE [

Mike Griggs nominated Clair Severson for Director at Large of the Executive Committee for 2015

John Bennett nominated Harry Elder for Director at Large of the Executive Committee for 2015.

Bob Kane moved that nominations for Director at Large be closed

Seconded by Regis Hartnett

A vote of the membership to close the nominations passed.

Each of the two candidates had the opportunity to speak to the membership.

The membership voted, by ballot, for the position of Member at Large of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for 2015.

The membership vote resulted in Harry Elder's election as Member at Large for 2015.

Unfinished Business

1. CROSS REGISTRATION IDEA

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, Frank Lupton addressed the membership about accepting cross registration of AMHR registered horses who meet the breed standards of AMHA. This was proposed for a limited time period (2 years was discussed) since it would allow the possibility for increased revenue for AMHA.

Many members stepped forward to give their thoughts and opinion on this idea. There was some discussion of how we could allow more of the membership than was present at this meeting to give input. Mike Griggs stated that the Long Range Planning Committee will be working on a system to poll members and possibly recent past members on their thoughts on items such as this. At this point it was felt this particular proposal needed more clarification and specifications prior to coming to the membership for a vote.

2. RATIFY EC AND BOD DECISIONS by Membership

Al Bulgawicz moved for the membership to vote to ratify all of the decisions made by the EC and BOD of AMHA in the past year.
Regis Hartnett Seconded

Passed by vote of raised ballot

New Business

1. 2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sid Hutchcraft made a presentation introducing the membership to Tampa Marriot West Shore in the Tampa Bay Area of Florida, the host of the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting and Convention. Sid showed slides and described the many features that this particular hotel had to offer our membership. During the search for our meeting place, Tampa Marriot West Shore seemed to offer the best amenities and features at the most reasonable rates.

Sami Scheuring also presented a fun excursion being planned after the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting. Sami is in the process of planning a cruise to offer our members, departing from Tampa for a one week excursion with Holland America Lines.

2. 2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

a. Al Bulgawicz made a presentation to the membership on La Torretta Lake Resort in Montgomery Texas (45 miles above Houston)

b. Julianna Myers made a presentation to the membership about Phoenix, Arizona. Features of the area were presented.
There has not been one specific resort chosen at this point.

c. Regis Hartnett spoke about possibly looking at Las Vega. He felt the prices for rooms are very reasonable and located near many top restaurants.

Clair Severson spoke about Las Vegas historically being our largest annual Meetings. He felt this should seriously be considered as a location for our 2017 meeting. And Sami Scheuring also felt it would be beneficial to consider Las Vegas.

d. Lisa Hawkins made a presentation about Albuquerque, New Mexico to the membership.

A written vote by the membership was taken. Each person was invited to list their first, second and third choices.

While votes were being counted, first time attendees to this years annual meeting were introduced to the membership and thanked for attending.

Mike Griggs announced that the Bahia hotel provides free tickets to a boat ride on the Mission Bay departing behind the hotel every hour each evening.

The membership vote determined the first three choices for the 2017 AMHA Annual Membership Meeting are:

1. Las Vegas
2. Phoenix, Arizona
3. Albuquerque, New Mexico

Las Vegas will be pursued and if those rates and availability are not reasonable or available the second option will be researched.

Regis Hartnett moved to adjourn Terry George second
Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

AMHA Bylaw Committee Proposals and action taken by AMHA Membership

AMHA Rules & Regulations Committee Proposals and Action taken by AMHA Membership

AMHA Show Rules Committee Proposals and Action Taken by Membership

BYLAWS

Article XVI (A) page 32

#1431

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee (Susan Arnold)

If the committee does not approve the proposal it can be considered at the Annual Meeting provided that the supporters can garner a petition **with no changes to the original proposal** signed by a minimum of ten (10) members of the Board of Directors and meet the timeliness requirements for publishing the proposal in the Miniature Horse World or official correspondence.

(Amended 6-7-03, effective 01-04)

PASSED

Article IX Sec. 7 (F) page 25-26

#1432

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee (Susan Arnold)

Travel Reimbursement Requests: All staff/director travel reimbursement requests will be reviewed and signed off as approved/disapproved by the AMHA President prior to any payment. This will be conducted on a monthly basis. The only exception will be travel reimbursement for the President; this reimbursement request will be reviewed and signed off as approved/disapproved by the AMHA Treasurer prior to any payment. The AMHA Secretary **or Board Designee** will audit all travel reimbursements bi-annually, once during the Board of Directors meeting and once during the General Membership Meeting. The Secretary will report to the Board of Directors the results of the audit. (Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)

PASSED

Article VIII Section 2-C page 24

#1433

Submitted by: Jim Barenklau (as recommended by attorney)

All actions except personnel or formal complaint matters of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors within fourteen (14) days of such action. The report can be either written or verbal. All actions of the Executive Committee are subject to ratification, revision or amendment by the directors at any regular or special meeting of the directors.

FAILED

Article XVI-A-1 pages 31-32

#1434

Submitted by: Amateur Committee (Lynn Barenklau)

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 in writing and signed by the originator prior to the adjournment of the AMHA National Convention. All proposed Show Rule amendments must be presented with five (5) original co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing. All proposed amendments will be reviewed by staff, Executive Director (if applies), and then passed on with an impact statement to the appropriate committee(s) for evaluation. The affected committees will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The committees cannot change the intent of the rule as it was received from its original source. The change will then be presented for consideration on the agenda of the appropriate committee at the mid-year Board of Directors Meeting. **Rule Proposals shall be submitted with the appropriate committee recommendation** ~~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).
(Amended 02-02, effective 01-03) (Amended 02-04, effective 01-05)
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07) (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)
(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

FAILED

Article XI Sec. 2

#1435

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee (Susan Arnold)

Note: This revision will be necessary in order to avoid a conflict with the Bylaws if Rules & Regulations proposal #1451 is passed. If the proposal fails, this revision is not necessary.

The registry and stud book of The American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed, **with the exception of geldings and spayed mares**, effective December 31, 2013, after which all newly registered horses, **with the exception of geldings and spayed mares**, shall consist only of those horses with previously registered sires and dams. (Amended 02-08, effective 01/09)

Due to item #1451 being removed from Rules & Regulations, item #1435 is not necessary.

RULES & REGULATIONS

193 Hardship (Geldings and Spayed Mares)

#1451

Submitted by: Pam Pruitt

The following procedures outline the steps which must be completed prior to the registration of a ~~horse~~ gelding and/or spayed mare through the Association's Hardship procedure.

193A. Application for Geldings and Spayed Mares Only

An AMHA Application for Registration, along with a letter requesting Hardship Registration must be submitted to the AMHA office. This request must be accompanied by four (4) current color unaltered photographs (effective on a voluntary basis January 1, 1998 and required by June 1, 1998) of the horse showing all identifiable markings and the proper fees for Hardship Registration. For Hardship registration a horse must be three (3) years of age or older. All Hardship horses ~~except geldings~~ must be DNA tested, effective January 1, 1998. **A veterinarian's statement (on letterhead) is required to prove the horse has been gelded or spayed.**

(Amended 12-6-03, effective 01-04) (Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

193B. Inspection

1. The AMHA office will contact a current or former AMHA Regional Director nearest the applicant when possible. This current or former AMHA Director must possess a current AMHA certified measurer's card. This Director will arrange for and perform an inspection of the animal at a time mutually agreeable to both parties.

(Amended 02-09, effective 01-10)

(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

2. The Inspector shall inspect the horse, noting in his/her report:
-the height of the animal
-major conformation faults, if any, using the AMHA Standard of Perfection as a guide, and other items that could disqualify a horse from an AMHA-approved show.

3. Certificates of Registration will be held by the AMHA office until all expenses are paid in full. The expenses related to inspection shall constitute a "non-refundable" fee for inspection and will be the responsibility of the applicant.

4. Inspection Fees

- a. Expenses of the Inspector shall constitute a “nonrefundable” fee for inspection.
 - b. Expenses for this inspection shall be submitted to, and be reimbursed from the AMHA office upon the submission of an invoice, including all receipts. A list of applicable inspection fees may be obtained from the AMHA office.
5. Appeal
- a. A horse may be appealed once.
Clarification: Effective January 1, 2011, appeals are not retroactive, but are only effective from the date of passing the rule forward.
 - b. File shall be submitted to Executive Committee who will appoint a different inspector than the first.
 - c. Expenses shall be reimbursed at the same rate as the first inspection.
 - d. Decision of second inspector shall be final.

Office Reason:

*It is being requested by the AMHA Registration Department that the Hardship Registration procedure be re-opened for Geldings and spayed Mares only. The previously used registration process to hardship register would remain in place and still be required but allowing only Geldings and Spayed Mares (a report from the veterinarian would be required). And the requirement to DNA all Hardship horses would remain in place, but also include geldings and spayed mares with those records kept on file for identification purposes if needed.

The registration department wishes to re-instate the Hardship process to help offset at least a portion of the lost income generated by the Hardship registered mares and stallions and to accommodate the many new miniature horse owners who want to register their unknown parentage horses and are anxious to become involved in the AMHA. These horses would be allowed to show at all AMHA recognized shows and their owners could enjoy the perks of AMHA membership with a registered horse.

Case in point, here is a small excerpt from an email that was recently received:
Hello, I have recently purchased a miniature horse and am just looking to see what potential is out there for him. I have been competing in Hunter/Jumpers for years, but have in inkling to learn something new. I was wondering if he has to be a registered miniature with a breeding back ground in order to become a part of AMHA, or to even show. I adopted him from a rescue agency and am sure he won't have papers. Also, are there clinics in BC for Miniature horses that you know of?

This is one of the many, many inquiries the AMHA receives and if we do not offer some way of reaching out to these “would be members”, they will only have the option of going to AMHR. Keep in mind these entry level horses are the way we attract hundreds of new members- they become involved and buy more and better horses. Throughout our history that process is repeated again and again.

Note: If passed, Article XI – Registry and Stud Book, section 2 must be revised.

Bob Kane moved to remove item # 1451 due to the fact that hardship registration was closed as of December 31, 2013 and not enough time has passed to allow this item to be considered for a vote.

Rules & Regs – 150A (new)

#1452

Submitted by: Harry Elder

American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA) policy for a complaint filed with the AMHA Office against an AMHA member.

The following steps will be followed to maintain the protection of all parties concerned and applies to all AMHA members. A flow chart will be used in conjunction with the following guide lines.

1. When a formal complaint is received at the AMHA office, the complaint must be in the form of a letter that is dated, signed and a \$100.00 filing fee attached by the individual filing the complaint. If a telephone, email, or faxed complaint is received, the office manager will notify the individual that a dated letter with the original signature of the member filing the complaint must be mailed to the AMHA office with a \$100.00 fee for any action to proceed. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
2. The office manager will forward the complaint to the President. If the complaint is against the President it will be forwarded to the Vice President. The complaint will be handled as sensitive information and will only be discussed with the Executive Committee (EC) during closed meeting, excluding any EC member that the complaint may be against.
3. The President or Vice President will review the complaint with the EC as outlined in #2. If the complaint is found to be a matter that AMHA has no control over or is outside the jurisdiction of the AMHA it will be sent back to the person filing the complaint with an explanation within 30 days and the \$100.00 filing fee will be returned.
4. During the review, the EC will appoint an EC member

to represent the person filing the complaint and another EC member to represent the individual who the complaint was filed against. In the event that there is a conflict of interest with an EC member fulfilling these duties a member of the Board of Directors (BOD) will be appointed.

5. Each appointed EC/BOD member will conduct an investigation to
6. include an interview only with their appointed party. They will take statements concerning the complaint and will report back to the EC with their findings. If one or both parties want to present their side of the complaint to the EC another meeting will be scheduled. The President or Vice President will determine if both parties may be on the same call.
7. Once the investigation starts and while it is ongoing, the Complainant and the party which the complaint is filed against will be notified to not have any communication with each other until the EC completes its investigative processes.
8. During the final meeting every attempt will be made to protect individual rights and satisfactorily resolve the complaint between the parties involved. Every attempt will be made to keep this complaint from going forward to a Hearing Board however all information that has been gathered during the initial investigation will be forwarded to the Hearing Board if one is necessary.
9. The EC will decide if the Complaint has been resolved or whether a Notice of Charge should be issued. If a Notice of Charge is issued, the \$100 filing fee will be returned to the member filing the complaint. Both parties will be notified of the decision.

PASSED

SHOW RULES

GR-025-Q; pg. 87
Submitted by: EC/BOARD

#1402

Q.

If the results are approved, the AMHA office will issue a statement of acceptance. ~~If not, the show chairman will be notified with the option to correct the errors, or appeal to the Board of Directors. Show managers will be assessed a \$10.00 penalty for each violation of the show rules when show results are submitted and this penalty must be paid within 30 days of notification or result in forfeiture of rights to hold future shows. If a show chairman fails to file the results correctly, within the proper time, it may result in the withdrawal of the approval of that show and any future shows of that manager or organization, as well as the withholding of the points that horses would be entitled to as a result of their placement in the show.~~

Add : The AMHA office will verify all show results. If there are discrepancies in results, the Show Manager will be contacted in order to allow for corrections and/or explanation. If the Show Manager does not reply within 15 business days, excluding Holidays, the results will be accepted with the office's corrections. NOTE For example; if the person listed in an Amateur class is not eligible to show in that class; their entry will be disqualified. The intention is to allow the Show Managers a chance to verify with the exhibitors. Should they exhibit Gross Negligence in reporting correct show results, their status as an AMHA Show Manager could be in jeopardy and their actions would be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

PASSED

PA-015 –A page 152
Submitted by: Suzanne Flint

#1403

A. Points shall be awarded on the following basis to qualifying horses entered and exhibited in AMHA shows.

No. of Horses in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1 – 2	1/2					
3 – 5	1	<u>1/2</u>				
6 – 8	2	1	<u>1/2</u>			
9 – 11	3	2	1	<u>1/2</u>		
12 – 14	4	3	2	1	<u>1/2</u>	
15 – 17	5	4	3	2	1	<u>1/2</u>
18 & Over	6	5	4	3	2	1

1/2 Point effective 1-2006

PASSED

CL-021 Versatility Classes (page 103 - 104)

#1404

Proposed: Amateur Versatility Class

Submitted by: Darlene Bridges

For your consideration:

Below are 2 new Amateur/Performance rule change proposals. Please review and advise. We would like to get them both submitted with the blessings of *both* the Performance Committee and Amateur Committee.

~~VERSATILITY and YOUTH VERSATILITY~~ **VERSATILITY: Open, Amateur & Youth**

A. The horse will perform three (3) disciplines in ONE (1) Class.

Harness Driving

Halter

Hunter (Abbreviated Course)

All three (3) disciplines to be judged equally and combined for final placing. Any horse disqualified from one (1) division is disqualified from the class.

1. There will be one (1) class: Stallion, Geldings and Mares.
2. Each division will be subject to the Open class rule for that division unless otherwise stated in class description.
3. Horse must be three (3) years of age or older.

4. No Youth twelve (12) & under may show a Stallion.
5. One (1) Assistant or Header (MUST BE AN ADULT) will be allowed in the arena only for the heading and un-harnessing of the horse.
Reference Header Rule: CL-030-H-4 and YD-010-H.
6. Exhibitor and assistant must be properly attired.
7. Class Procedure:
 - A. Horses will enter the arena at a pleasure trot or a country pleasure trot* then perform a working trot and walk in both directions of the arena. Headers will be asked to enter the arena. Horses will be asked to rein back.
 - B. The call judge will blow a whistle signaling the driver and header, as a team, to remove cart and harness from horse and do any grooming or halter changes. Each horse and handler will go to the rail in order of completion. After a two (2) minute time limit the call judge will blow the whistle for time. Any horse not removed from cart or harness will be disqualified. Headers will be asked to exit the arena with cart and harness, in an orderly manner.
 - C. HORSES ARE TO REMAIN IN THE SAME ORDER FOR THE REST OF THE CLASS AS THEY GO ON THE RAIL, BOTH FOR THE HALTER AND HUNTER PORTIONS
 - D. Horses will be judged at halter. No teeth will be checked. Horses will line up head to tail for inspection. Horses will not be asked to move.
 - E. Horses will jump a course of three (3) jumps. One (1) left turn to the inside may be demonstrated. Course is to demonstrate horses' style, manner and way of going.
*Cross-over rule CL-035-E does not apply to Versatility
This class will be optional at Local Shows and mandatory at Championship Shows and the World Show.
Youth Versatility is optional and may be combined at Local Shows, but is mandatory at the Regional Championship and the World Shows as 12 & Under and 13 & over.
(Amended 02-06, effective 01-07)
(Amended 12-07, effective 01-08)
(Amended 02-12, effective 01-13)

Office Questions:

- 1.) Qualifying Points? If so how many? _____
- 2.) Is class to be considered an Honor Roll Class? _____
- 3.) Will Amateur Versatility be broken down by levels? _____

NOTE: There is a class moratorium.

Passed

CL-065-C-1-c page 124

#1406

Submitted by: Laura Mullen & Diana Morgan-Stasiak

Jump Offs: Jump-offs are to occur for first place between horse that tied for first place only. The jump-offs will be held over the original course. The number and location of the jumps are to remain the same as well as the path of the course to be taken by the horse (pattern). No jumps are to be eliminated or lowered. Individual jumps will be increased not less than one inch and not more than six inches in height for each jump-off. If the situation arises where none of the horses involved in the jump-off can complete the course without disqualification, first place will be awarded to the horse that got the furthest through the course before being disqualified. Should this still result in a tie, show management will have the option to lower and/or reduce the number of fences in the course. If this fails to break the tie, the winner will be determined by a coin flip. At Championship and World Championship Shows a jump-off will be held to determine the Reserve Championship/World Champions in all jumper classes as well as the Champions.

PASSED

WS-030 pg 166

#1408

Submitted by: Ed Sisk

Revise Classes as following:

#8 Weanling Mares 27" & Under Qualifying Points – 0

#9 Weanling Mares Over 27" to 30" Qualifying Points- 0

#16 Weanling Stallions 27" & Under Qualifying Points- 0

#17 Weanling Stallions Over 27" to 30" Qualifying Points- 0

Reason

This change would balance out the size indifference in the weanling classes. It makes it a 3" gap instead of a 4" gap.

PASSED

WS-030-G (New Section) pg 171
Submitted by: Sami Scheuring

#1409

At the World Show only, any horse receiving a World Grand Championship in driving will automatically be qualified for the following World Show in the Grand Champion Class where the Grand Championship was awarded. All other entry issues will apply.

Impact: This approval will heighten the honor of a Grand Champion and allow the horse the honor it deserves.

Note (from author only): This exemplary horse may be off the local show circuit allowing other horses to compete and earn points to qualify yearly.

Withdrawn by author to be sent back to the committee for further review and revision.

PA-030-D pg 161
Submitted by: Youth Committee (Mollie Burgin)

#1410

Add: YOTE Versatility 18 & Under

Show Office:

Would this also need to be added to WS-030?

Would this be a Honor Roll Class?

Qualifying Points?

Unable to be voted on due to omission from the MHW magazine announcing items to be voted on at least 60 days prior to the 2015

meeting. This item will be discussed and voted on when proper notice has been given to the membership.

Stock Type Division

#1417

Standards of Conformation and Movement

GENERAL IMPRESSION – An attractive horse where everything is proportionate and all parts tie in smoothly. All gaits are smooth and purposeful exhibiting natural athleticism. Horses are judged on balance, structural correctness and sex characteristics. Of these, balance is the most important.

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 should 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.

HEAD - The head of an AMHA Stock Type Horse reflects inquisitive intelligence. He has a short, broad head that is straight or slightly dished topped by small to medium ears hooked towards the center line at the tips; kind wide-set eyes; large nostrils; small muzzle, and firm mouth. A domed forehead is a fault.

BITE – When viewed from the side, the meeting point of the center incisor teeth should be equal and even. A deviation of no more than half the width of the tooth's surface is permissible without fault.

NECK - The head of the AMHA Stock Type Horse joins the neck at a roughly 45-degree angle, with a slender throatlatch allowing him to move easily in any direction while maintaining his balance. The medium to long neck should be slightly arched and blend smoothly into sloping shoulders.

SHOULDERS - The AMHA Stock Type Horse's short strong back is created by deep sloping shoulders tying in well back.

CHEST AND FORELEGS - As demonstrated by the heart girth and relatively wide-set forelegs, the AMHA Stock Type Horse is deep and broad in the chest. Smooth joints and short cannon bones are set on clean fetlocks and medium length pasterns are supported by healthy hooves. The forearm tapers to the knee, whether viewed from the front or back.

BAC K - The short back of the AMHA Stock Type Horse is full and strong across the loins. The barrel is formed by deep, well sprung ribs which extend to the hip joints. The underline, or abdominal area, should rise cleanly to the flank. The point of the croup should be no higher than the top of the withers. The tail is set off a long, rounded croup.

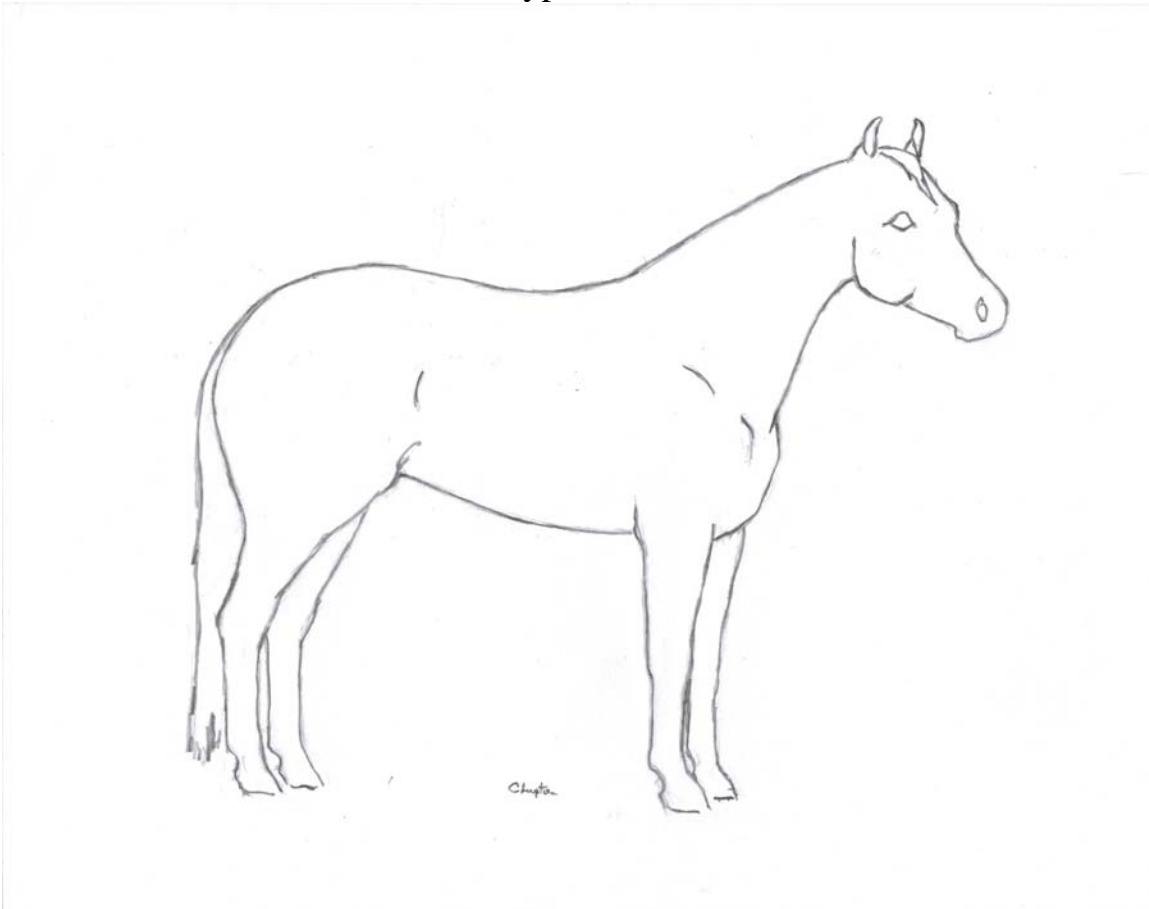
HINDQUARTERS - Viewed from either side or the rear, the hindquarters are broad, deep and adequately muscled through the thigh, stifle and gaskin down to the hock. When viewed from the rear, there is adequate width extending evenly from the top of the thigh to the gaskin. The hocks are wide set, deep and straight.

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

MUSCLING -The AMHA Stock Type Horse should have muscling adequate to function, but is not a heavily muscled breed. Overly heavy muscling is a fault.

MOTION- Stock Type horses track straight and true. At all times they should appear confident, balanced and athletic, demonstrating a low flat stride with minimal knee and hock action.

Stock Type Illustration



Standards and Style

1. Stock Type division horses will be shown in a stock horse manner with the horse standing still, calm and square.
2. The handler should stand towards the left side of the horse's center line, more or less facing horse.

3. Stock type/western show halters will be the accepted standard. At local shows a nylon halter will suffice. An Arabian type halter is unacceptable and will result in disqualification.
4. Leads may have chains, but chains may only go under chin and not over the nose or in the mouth.
5. Razoring of heads will be heavily penalized. Clipping is permitted.
6. Banding or braiding of manes is prohibited.
7. Manes should be natural looking and of moderate length
8. Pulled, overcut or undercut manes are acceptable.
9. Tails should be off the ground.

Requirements

1. A horse may not show in more than one halter division at any show **with the exception of color and/or Special Needs classes.** Versatility is considered a performance class and this does not apply.
2. There will be no instances of halter competition between horses representing Stock Type and the other division such as supreme champion classes.
3. Current rules for handler's dress will apply in stock division.
4. Current halter ring pattern will be used for stock division.

Approved Classes

AMATEUR	ST Senior	Mares
AMATEUR	ST Senior	Stallions
AMATEUR	ST Senior	Champion
OPEN	ST Senior	Mares
OPENH	ST Junior	Mares
OPENH	ST Junior	Stallions
OPENH	ST Senior	Mares
OPENH	ST Senior	Geldings
OPEN	ST Senior	Mares
OPEN	ST Junior	Geldings
AOTE	ST Junior	Stallions
AOTE	ST Senior	Mares
AOTE	ST Senior	Geldings
AOTE	ST Senior	Stallions
AMATEUR	ST Junior	Mares
AMATEUR	ST Junior	Geldings
AMATEUR	ST Junior	Stallions
AMATEUR	ST Senior	Mares

Unable to be voted on due to omission from the MHW magazine announcing items to be voted on at least 60 days prior to the 2015 meeting. This item will be discussed and voted on when proper notice has been given to the membership.

Committee Reports:

AMATEUR COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 18, 2015

Attendance:

Debra Hopkins, Chair

Becky Kelley

Debbie Meek

Joanne Ross

Kim Sweatt

Marilyn Meyer

Susan Stuart

Amanda Benton

Quorum established for voting purposes.

Regional Championship Show High Point Awards: Amanda Benton moved to provide embroidered vests to the high point amateurs at each of the three regional championship shows in 2015. Motion was seconded by Debbie Meek and passed.

Super Amateur Awards at 2015 World Show: Joanne Ross moved to keep these awards the same as in 2014, as they were well received and appreciated. Motion was seconded by Becky Kelley and passed.

Amateur Photo Contest: This was not supported by participation to merit continuing at this time. Marilyn Meyer moved to table discussion at this time. Motion was seconded by Kim Sweatt and passed.

High Point Awards for each of the 13 regions (2 per region; 1 halter, 1 performance): Committee supported implementation of motion passed in 2014 to add an award of an embroidered halter to the certificates currently being provided. Dianna Peffley has already volunteered to sponsor a portion of the cost. Debra will contact office to see when these certificates are mailed, get prices on halters, and contact Ms. Peffley.

World Show Event - Wine/cheese party during Futurity classes. Debra Hopkins moved to host again in 2015. Motion was seconded by Debbie Meek and passed.

Amateur Clinic Grant Program: The Committee voted to make up to four grants available to local clubs in 2015. Joanne Ross moved to provide up to four grants of \$400 each to local clubs to offset the cost of hosting amateur clinics in 2016. Debbie Meek seconded and the motion passed.

Amateur Grand Driving class at Worlds: Committee received printed copies of the current proposal being reviewed by the Show Rules Committee. The Amateur Committee supports this proposal unanimously.

Discussion about Amateur Committee sponsors: Overwhelming support from the Committee to find \$300 sponsorships for 2015. The sponsorships will cover various awards and events for our Amateurs. We talked at length about possible ways to thank and promote those sponsors. During the discussion, Amanda Benton volunteered to serve as a liaison with the AMHA staff to provide content for the Magazine and Website not only for this purpose but also to promote other programs, efforts, and events of the Amateur Committee on behalf of our amateurs.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

2015 AOTE Committee Meeting □

Thursday February 19, 2015 1:00 PM

John Bennett, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Roll Call was taken. Committee members present: John Bennett, Jennifer

Bennett, Marilyn Meyer, Polly Hyde, Sherry Crowe and Kim Sweat.

Members Absent: Kandi Griffith,

Discussions:

Trainer in the Household

A member had emailed with a question concerning a trainer in the household. The information was discussed and the rule reviewed. The committee agreed unanimously that the member was not eligible to show AOTE under these circumstances. Kim Sweat moved that John Bennett notify the person of the decision of ineligibility and note the section of the rule book. Marilyn Meyer seconded. Passed Unanimously. Email sent 2/25/15

Lease 11/2014-11/2015

A member had emailed with a question concerning a lease in effect from 11/2014-11/2015. They wanted to buy the horse and were concerned this would change their AOTE status in 2015. The AOTE committee consulted with Pam in registrations on how to handle this situation.

- The owner can send in the paperwork for ownership transfer. The transfer must have the date the member took possession of the horse, and they will remain eligible to show AOTE, if possession was taken prior to 1/1/15. Keep the lease paperwork for their records. John Bennett sent an email to the member 2/25/15 regarding this and told the member to consult with Pam if they had any questions.

Problem with late Registration for International Member

A member sent an email regarding a registration that started in October 2014 and was not completed until 1/2/15 due to issues with stallion reports and DNA testing. Pam from registrations was consulted on this issue. International members are encouraged to send Registration paperwork, pictures etc by email as regular mail can delay processing. Pam will do everything she can to help individuals get their registrations done in a timely manner.

AOTE Highpoint Awards

Thank you to the 2014 Sponsors: Sherry Crowe & Debby Meek – DSB Farms, Marie Powell – Nehi Ranch

Discussion for providing high point awards for the 2015 year. The High points for the Regional and World Show will be the same as those ordered by the Amateur

Committee. They were willing to order the AOTE High Points if we could get sponsors for them.

2015 AOTE High Point Sponsor up to \$200:

- Eastern Regionals: Sherry Crowe & Debbie Meek – DSB Farm
- Western Regionals: Kim Sweat
- Central Regionals: Marilyn & Eric Meyer – World of Miniatures
- World Show: John will contact Marie Powel to see if she is interested in sponsoring this award again

AOTE of the Year

Kim Sweat brought up discussion of offering this award in 2015. She volunteered to write up a guideline for nominating a member. Discussion followed: possibly nominate by region, post information on the AMHA Face book page to get the word out once we have established guidelines.

Recognition: Suggested if there is any money left over from the High Point sponsors we might be able to apply it to this award, or get another sponsor.

Co-Chair for AOTE Committee

Kim Sweat agreed to Co-Chair the AOTE committee with John Bennett for 2015

Meeting Adjourned

2015 Halter Futurity Committee Meeting □

Thursday February 19, 2015 8:30 AM

Roll call was taken. Committee members present: Polly Weisberg, Allison Rosauer, John Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Joanne Ross

Members absent: Tuffy Acton, Wade Burns, Jason Warrenfeltz, Craig Westergaard, Kristy Pruett

Awards

- Year-end Overall Top Ten Awards:

Should we continue to offer plaques for these awards? Many horses are on this list for several years. Suggestions: Offer a plaque each year the horse earns a different placing. Have the office send out a notification to the stallion owner asking if they would like to receive a plaque. If we don't hear back, we would assume they would prefer a certificate of recognition.

- o **Action:** Check with Randy on handling this for 2015.

- Hat & T-shirt awards:

The committee discussed with Laura different ways to get these awards to the participants, rather than handing them out at center ring. Laura suggested that the show office could put an F on the exhibitor envelopes and a coupon listing the number of halter futurity entries would be included. Exhibitors would then go to the AMHA booth to pick up their hat or T-shirt (one per halter futurity entry) any time during the show. This would help with getting the T-shirt size they want as well.

Committee needs to get a count of hats and remaining T-shirts that were banked from the 2014 World Show.

- o **Action:** Check with Rebecca to get a count of the remaining hats and T-shirts so that we can place our order for 2015.
Email sent 2/27/15
- o **Action:** Allison will get with Sheri Lykken to find out the total we ordered in 2014. Hats and T-shirts come in multiples of 12; cost is approximately \$10 each.
- o **Action:** Committee will announce where Futurity exhibitors can pick up their hats & t-shirts on Facebook and possibly on an AMHA email blast.

- Grand & Reserve Champion Trophies for Open, Amateur and AOTE:

The cost of the buckles last year was \$637.50 for the six awards.

The committee decided it would be nice to change the award in 2015. Laura suggested we look at the trophies offered by All Things Equine as an alternative. Barbara Hibbard has agreed to sponsor the champagne again for these classes in 2015

- o **Action:** Committee members will take a look at what trophies are available and send their decision to Laura to order with the rest of the AMHA trophies.

2015 Halter Futurity Sponsors:

- Polly Weisberg & Ann Dwyer (Los Arboles)
- Wade Burns & Jon Woodring (Lucky Four Farms)
- Janet King (Limestone Miniatures)
- Charlene Eisenmenger (CoverGirl Miniatures)
- Sheryl Peterson (Oak Bay Acres)
- Bob Padula (Libertymere Farms)
- Eric Meyer (World Of Miniatures)
- Craig Westergaard & Bryan Hall (Ravenwood Miniatures)
- Toni Reece (Reece Family Miniatures)
- Karl & Elsje Holtapples (HT Miniatures)
- Jennifer Rowland (Hunterberry Hill)
- Debbie Jones (Roseland Miniatures)
- Jacob Elliot (Double E Ranch)
- Pat Proctor (Poco de Oro)
- Leigh & Jamie Murray (JoVon Miniatures)
- Dianna Peffly (Eleven Acres Miniatures)
- Donna Lavery (Winning Streak Miniatures)
- Marija Shields (Carmelites Mini Corral)
- Lori Walker (SkyMac Ranch)
- Barbara Hibbard (Fountain Miniatures)

The committee estimated conservatively that of the 19 sponsors that signed up, 17 would pay for 2015 which gives a total of \$7,500 for Futurity Awards. In 2014, the 19 Jackets for 1st place cost \$3,952 which leaves approximately \$3,548 remaining to cover Hats, T-shirts, Grand/Reserve awards, and ribbon costs above \$10 class credit.

Weanling Sweepstakes Classes

- The Weanling Sweepstakes classes had nice entries in 2014. With the \$10 entry fee applied to the ribbons it was about break even for cost.
- Allison mentioned we should add the Geldings to the Weanling Sweepstakes classes. We asked Laura to add the Geldings to two of the existing classes on the World Show Class List. The classes for 2015 will be:
 - o Open Weanling Mares 30" & Under
 - o Open Weanling Stallions & Geldings 30" & Under
 - o Amateur Weanling Mares, Stallion & Geldings 30" & Under
- Class fee + \$100 fee for payout. No cross entering will be allowed between open and amateur. We will not be giving display checks in 2015 since the amounts were so small. It was also suggested to change the payout so that the prize money would be bigger. This would mean fewer horses would receive a cash payout. It was decided that every 3 horses would pay one placing. For example: a class of 9 horses would payout to horses receiving 1st - 3rd place.
- Awards: We had sashes for 3-10th place and many exhibitors walked out carrying the ribbon since the weanlings don't like to have them put on. We will continue with sashes for 1st & 2nd place for the win pictures and change to Top Ten ribbons for the 3-10 places. We will order the silver plates for the 1st & 2nd places & ribbons again through Laura as well.

Change in Judges

- Exhibitors were not happy with using 5 Open Judges to judge the Halter Futurity Classes. The committee consulted with Laura and came up with the following alternative:
 - o Use 3 judges to judge the Halter Futurity Classes – 2 Open judges and 1 Amateur judge to be retained from the Amateur Judges, with the day fee, meal per diem

and hotel to be covered by the Futurity. Approximate cost of \$500

- o The show program can use the Regional judging software for these classes without a problem. All judges placing will count in the final placings (no throw outs for high and low).
- o It was suggested we could switch off using 2 Amateur and 1 Open judge in the even year to mix things up, depending on the overall cost to the Futurity.

The committee felt this was a good compromise for all of the exhibitors, as those competing in Amateur, Futurity and Open will have 3 different sets of judges for each division!

Meeting adjourned

Local Club Committee Report

We sent a brief survey out to the local clubs in the US, Canada and Europe. The following was the survey:

Hello Local Club Officers,

The AMHA Local Club Committee would like you to think of what AMHA could do to help your local club continue to be successful.

1. Would you like to see officers come to your local shows if geographically feasible?
2. Would you like to see more correspondence between AMHA LC committee and the local clubs?
3. Do Local clubs need to have help from AMHA so shows are not on the same weekend. Therefore, which decreases numbers of participants and hurts

profits?

4. Would you like there to be a page on the new website where local clubs can share their successes and concerns?

Any other feedback would be appreciated ...We want to help you to get all the support you might need.

Thank you for your time,

Susan Stuart/Chairman Local Clubs

I was up against several obstacles due to the fact that the local clubs are not up to date in the magazine or website. Some clubs no longer exist which I was able to figure out when their websites were no longer active. Many of the officers have changed and there is no longer a current active email listed. Many of my emails were returned due to this issue. I truly only received about 10 responses. My committee must have current club officers to have open communication with the clubs in order to try to make a difference.

Regarding survey question 1, a majority of the clubs that responded did not see a need for officers or AMHA representatives necessary. Though others would like them to be on hand to answer questions regarding how to run a show and show requirements and qualifying. This could be accomplished with a webpage for Local Clubs.

Question 2: Most clubs would see open communication as very desirable. Not feeling they have had a committee to go to that cares about their questions or feedback makes them disgruntle. Some of my feedback was not very cordial but defiant since they have never been asked their opinion before.

Question 3: Some areas are dealing with a lot of shows on the same weekend thus reducing the number of horses. Therefore, profit, barely breaking even and

not enough horses in each class. They find that even when there are rules regarding this sometimes they are not being enforced. Also neighboring local club officials are not working together to reduce this from happening. In other areas this doesn't seem to be a problem. Other clubs do not put on shows due to small participation, aging out with no youth coming up in the ranks and securing judges in their area is cost prohibited.

Question 4: An overwhelming feeling is that a page on our new website should be dedicated to local clubs so they can share what they are doing. "Club Happenings" page to add exposure out there regarding miniature horses. Some clubs do not put on shows but are active in rescue, therapy and other interesting services for their community. There is a need that local clubs can learn new fund raising techniques from each other, sponsorships, about how to put on a successful shows, operations, promotions and other beneficial knowledge.

The Local Club committees has not been active in sometime and from my responses I have received it is an important that we must continue to extend our hand, communication and gain trust with our clubs.

Susan Stuart

Chairman Local Clubs

International Committee Report

Present at the committee: chair, Joanne Ross, Sammy Scheuring, Marilyn Meyere

The committee consists of seven members. A quorum was not present to conduct business. But we did have a fruitful discussion as noted below.

A discussion was held with Pam in the registration department. She had several great suggestions to help our international members with registrations.

1. for new registrations and transfers, do it electronically. Spell the month instead of using number designations because the USA uses different configuration on the numbers for month and day

2. If a registration or transfer is necessary for a show or AOTE qualification, include a note in large writing. An expedite fee can be paid if it is needed immediately. Or after the seven day work time they will give the document high-priority if requested.

3. The office reads and answers other languages with Google translate and also in English. International Members are encouraged to email the AMHA if there are any questions about the registration process.

The committee has requested to have amateur and AOTE spotlight articles in the world magazine featuring our international members. The committee will facilitate identifying some of those individuals for spotlighting.

Sami Scheuring has volunteered to compose a letter to be sent to the international directors and international clubs informing them of the requirements to have an approved AMHA international show as stated on page 84 of the rulebook. The international committee will seek sponsors for funding the ribbons for the required seven classes.

Committee members will be assigned a country to work with the international director and affiliated clubs on achieving these goals.

General goals for 2015 will be to increase communication with international members and facilitate promotion of international judges. Revisit the financial support AMHA gives to existing European championship show through USLGE funding.

Joanne Ross, recorder

License Official Committee 2015 Tulsa Oklahoma

License Official Committee met at the CBC, Color Breed Conference in Tulsa Oklahoma this year in lieu of meeting at the Annual AMHA Meeting in San Diego, California.

All committee members were present: Sid Hutchcraft, Bob Kane, Jim Congleton, Tom Roberts, Sami Scheuring, Laura Mullen, Lonnie Perdue, Al Bulgawicz

A subcommittee was formed to investigate the possibility of having an AMHR/AMHA judges seminar in 2015 as a joint venture. This weekend Judges

Seminar is expected to be a stand- alone seminar w/o asking for funds from the EC to make money having consideration with hotel close to airport.

International Judges, USLGE Funds: The Judges, Internationally were being referred to as Temporary Judges. It was decided that those judges should be referred to as International Judges. USLGE has no extra money for continuing seminars in internationally.

The Stewardship program: renewals were every 3 years. It was decided it should be every 6 years.

We discussed updating the videos and material used for the Judges Seminar being presented by Jon Wolfe. It was agreed we need to update that material. The need is very important but at this time there are no extra funds to purse at this time. We thought updating these materials should be done every 3-5 years. We are looking into other options that are less cost effective to do the updating.

The Stock classes were shelved because they were not advertised in a timely manner. As this discussion will not be discussed at the AMHA Annual meeting because of lack of notification.

AMHA Membership Committee Meeting 2/19/2015

There was not a quorum for this meeting. The committee had discussed items during an email discussion prior to the annual meeting.

We were happy to welcome several new people to the committee meeting and hope they will be joining as committee members for 2015.

We finalized some ideas for the newly revised AMHA "A" Award Program that will be presented to the board for their discussion and vote.

There was discussion about the Mini Hours Program and ways that we can strengthen the program. Currently this is a free program but we discussed possibly charging a small fee to be able to supply more interesting prizes for goals reached.

The Membership Committee would like to keep our eyes open for important events in our members lives and try to acknowledge to our members that we are interested in them. Possibly by sending a card or note when our members experience a wedding, have a baby, or have a loss.

The Membership Committee and Local Clubs Committee should be working closely together

We discussed that our special needs program should be advertised more and that we should try to increase interest by possibly inviting special needs groups, therapeutic riding groups, nursing homes to the world show on a day that there will be some special needs youth classes. We should offer barn tours so that people can ask questions, and see horses personally.

We talked about possibly having some demonstrational events for those attending the World Show... Driving Derby Demo, Driven Dressage, In Hand

Dressage etc. Something that can showcase some of the different events that we can be involved with our AMHA horses.

The idea was addressed that we could possibly increase the youth membership fee per year and also offer a "lifetime" youth membership for a youth's entire youth career (until their 18th year)

Ideas were discussed as to how to retain members by sending reminders when membership is about to expire.

Respectfully Submitted

Julie Good Membership Committee Chair

AMHA Show Rules Committee

February 19,2015

San Diego, CA AMHA Convention

The AMHA Show Rules Committee meeting was called to order at 1 PM on February 19, 2015 at the AMHA Convention in San Diego, Ca. by Bob Kane, Committee Chair. Present for Roll call: Bob Kane, Clair Severson, Sami Scheuring, Debra Hopkins, Lonnie Purdue, Darlene Bridges, Sharon Housley, Mary Lou Elder. Absent: Austin Van Wyke, Ed Sisk, Patty Cloke.

There were numerous AMHA Convention Attendees present. A brief orientation was presented to the attendees explaining the duties of the Committee, the Rules governing the Committee, and the Flow Chart. It was also explained this was an election year and five would be retained by the Committee from which a chair would be elected and six positions would go to the Floor of the General Assembly to be elected to this Committee for the next three years, 2015-2017.

Sixteen new Show Rule Change proposals were presented to the Committee.

SRCP 1501: Submitted by Mary Lou Elder, has required Signatures, GR-020 This Show Rule Change proposal is contingent upon a change in Height governed under AMHA Rules and Regs number 184. Moved for review in June pending Rules and Regs Committee action.

SRCP 1502: Submitted by Mary Lou Elder, has required Signatures CL-005 This Show Rule Change Proposal is contingent upon change in Height governed under AMHA Rules and Regs number 184. Moved for review in June pending Rules and Regs Committee action.

SRCP 1503: Submitted by performance Committee, affecting PA-020 Grand and Reserve Halter Championships. Request is to delete all references to driving. Committee moves forward

SRCP 1504: Submitted by Performance Committee, create new PA-021 Grand Champion Driving, (Single Country, Classic, Roadster) and Reserves Committee moves forward.

SRCP 1505: Submitted by Mary Lou Elder, affecting LO-005 in regards to CL-010-E Committee sent to LOC for review and correction

SRCP 1506: Submitted by Youth Committee Affects YD010 B PA030 D, WS030 A. Committee sent to Performance for review and impact statement.

SRCP 1507: Submitted by Youth Committee, PA030 D contingent upon passing of SRCP 1506

SRCP 1508: Submitted by Youth Committee, AM010A5c Committee referred to Show Department for impact statement and Amateur Committee.

SRCP: 1509: Submitted by Show Rules and Performance committees affects CL030 H adding a new #13. For Safety while reversing at the Walk horses must initiate the direction change to the left only. SRCP 1510: to 'must'.

SRCP 1511: to 'must'

SRCP 1512: 1510.

Submitted by Show Rules and performance committees affects CL034 change one word 'is'

Submitted by Show Rules and Performance Committees affects CL035 change one word 'is'

Submitted by Show Rules and Performance Committees, affects CL036 (same as 1511 and

Submitted by Debra Hopkins via Amateur Committee, affects AM010 A raise Amateur Points. Committee moves this SRCP forward for further discussion.

SRCP 1514: Submitted by Laura Mullen via the AMHA Board. Affects WS030 proposal to lower qualifying points. Committee moves forward for further review and discussion.

SRCP 1515: removed by author after number assigned and initial discussion.

SRCP: 1516: submitted by Performance Committee, New section in WS036 Creating Amateur Reserve and Grands for Championship and World Shows.

The Show Rules Committee opened the floor for discussion during each and every presentation of SRCPs. At the end of SECP 1516 the floor was opened for any and all discussion prior to going into closed session for elections.

During closed session with the presence of Rebecca Clark as the Monitor and Teller, five of the eligible members were retained by the committee. Those Retained were Bok Kane, Clair Severson, Sharon Housley, Mary Lou Elder, and Lonnie Purdue. Those five then voted for a Show Rules Chair. Bob Kane was re-elected as the Chair of the AMHA Show Rules Committee. Six members will be elected on the floor of the General Assembly by the membership on February 21, 2015, for a three year term.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 PM. February 19, 2015.

Bob Kane, Chair AMHA Show Rules Committee

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT FROM AMHA SHOW MANAGER:

2014 was a very positive year for the 3 AMHA Regional Championship Shows and the World Show.

The 2014 Western Regional was held in Reno, NV and had 168 horses in attendance as compared to 170 in 2015. This is a very consistent horse count. More importantly, our total entries were up with 889 class entries. Youth and amateur entries were lower than in Oregon, but open entries were up. The Western averaged 5 entries per horse—a great figure for any event. The Western had the largest number of youth in attendance (41). The show ran late into the evening each day. This was largely due to the tremendous number of entries in hunter (84) and halter obstacle (78). The Western made a profit of approximately \$9000. Many thanks to Sharon Housley for hosting a root beer float party and to Bob & Brenda Kane, Mike & Kerri Griggs and Lori Barile for hosting the youth pizza party.

The 2014 Central Regional was held in Ardmore, OK. We had 152 horses in attendance as compared to 122 in 2013. The show had 688 total entries, up 217 classes from 2013. The Central averaged 4.5 entries per horse and entries were up in all divisions—open, amateur and youth. There were 34 youth participants at the Central. The facility was accommodating and the weather was very cooperative. We only needed air conditioning 2 of the 3 days. Many thanks to Stars Miniatures and JoVon Miniatures for hosting a barbeque for all exhibitors. Thanks also to Lori Walker, SkyMac Ranch for hosting the youth pizza party! Profit on the Central was approximately \$4500.

The 2014 Eastern Regional was held in Springfield, OH. Once again, the Eastern had the distinction of being the largest regional with 237 horses exhibited. The number of horses exhibited at the Eastern has increased every year for the past 3 years. We had 834 total entries as compared to 796 in 2013. All divisions were up and the Eastern had the largest number of Amateur entries of any of the regionals. Many thanks to Brian & Danielle Hill, Danielle Hill Training Center, for hosting an exhibitor dinner party and karaoke on Saturday night. Approximately \$180 was collected from various exhibitors to defray the costs of our youth pizza party. Profit on the Eastern was approximately \$17,000.

The AMHA World Show was up slightly on horses and up almost 8% on entries. Our total revenue was up about 3.7% due to a decline in sponsorship and vendors. Many thanks to the staff of AMHA for stepping up and making our World Show a success in spite of staff changes prior to our event. AMHA made a profit of approximately \$39,000 without including the Texas grant monies. AMHA will be looking into a new videographer for the AMHA World Show. IEquine will be forwarding a proposal to AMHA to provide these services. Although this would require that we pay for video services, the proposed contract will provide AMHA with a percentage of the banner ad revenue. IEquine did provide AMHA with webcast viewing statistics for the 2014 World Show. The

webcast had approximately 65,000 viewers of which approximately 17,000 were “first-time” viewers of the event. Our webcast was viewed in 88 countries. IEquine’s proposal will offer both a “free” and “pay-per-view” option for the 2015 World Show webcast.

Laura Mullen informed the board that she had received comments about whether we should continue to offer the World Supreme Champion class. Her contacts had indicated that they felt that the Supreme Halter class diminished the honor of being a Grand Champion for all of those horses who were not chosen. She asked the Board to consider this issue and think about whether they might possibly prefer a parade of grands rather than offering the Supreme class. In addition, Laura invited Alison Rosauer to speak on her idea of offering a non-rated Heritage Grand class for those miniatures 30” & Under.