

AMHA BOD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

6 p.m. CST

Conducted Via Zoom

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 p.m. CST - S. Peterson
2. Roll Call - D. Hopkins: Present: S. Peterson, L. Murray, B. Kelly, D.Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, D. Rogers; D. Henrich & K. Lunde joined late, but before any voting items; and Ashley Harris joined in time for the last two voting items. A Quorum existed for the entire meeting.
3. President's Message - S. Peterson
4. Financial Report - D. Henrich: Currently showing a \$45,000 loss for the year due to the office closing; cash balance \$47,000, still does not include the \$30,000 World Show grant from the State of Texas which has been delayed due to management/ staff changes prior to the COVID 19 restrictions and now because of the office closings currently.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Review/Ratify 2011 Policies - S. Peterson: Susan Infante, Chair of the Affiliated Clubs Committee requested time to review the policy as it pertains to the process for Clubs to get approved/created and the language from 2011 is now slightly out of date/incorrect. The Board asked Ms. Infante to bring the Committee's recommendations back to the Board at the June meeting.
6. New Business:

- A. Show Rules SRCP's - Bob Kane: The Show Rules Committee received 29 SRCP's during the 2019 Annual Meetings. During the review meeting, 1 was withdrawn by the Author (a member of the committee); 20 were approved/ passed to move forward to the membership for final vote; and 8 were Failed. Mr. Kane, Chair of the Show Rules Committee, reviewed the 8 that failed and gave a synopsis of the reasons. He then presented the 20 SRCP's that passed, one at a time, for discussion by the Board.
- B. Mr. Kane also brought a recommendation from the Show Rules Committee to re-instate the Standing Rule that allows an additional 1/4" on Protest Measurements and to consider increasing it to 1/2". This standing rule has been in place for several years and it is the rule we have continued to operate under even though the Standing Rule has been dropped from the website's official list. After much discussion, D. Henrich made a motion to create a new Standing Rule to allow 1/4" on all protest measurements. Seconded by B. Kelly, the motion passed. Yes votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, K. Lunde. No votes: D. Hopkins, D. Rogers. S. Peterson abstained from voting.
- C. Honor Roll - D. Henrich: Due to the current situation and resulting cancellation of shows in 2020, Ms. Henrich moved to suspend all Honor Roll awards for 2020. Seconded by B. Kelly, the motion passed. Yes votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris, K. Lunde. S. Peterson abstained from voting.

- D. Directors' assistance with Membership communication - V. Shingledecker: Ms. Shingledecker goes into the Office once each week to clear voicemails because our current phone system will only store up to 20 messages before callers receive an automatic message that the voice mailbox is full. Since the office is closed, she cannot respond to the messages but feels it would be good for someone to respond in some way, even if we cannot currently answer all their questions. S. Peterson asked for Directors to volunteer to help manage these contacts and several offered to assist.
- E. Facebook Challenges - D. Rogers manages a FB group specifically targeting owners of 34" & Under Miniature Horses and is working to keep members engaged and active in some way. She proposes utilizing the group to offer contests/challenges with small "prizes" awarded. S. Peterson mentioned that Deb Sims-Boosalis has offered approximately 20 small items to use in this way and the only cost to the AMHA would be to reimburse her for the mailing cost to recipients. Ms. Rogers invited the Board to send her possible challenge questions/answers to use and requested the Board's support in moving forward. The Board wholeheartedly approved.
- F. Support for Affiliated Clubs - S. Peterson presented concerns for the clubs whose annual shows have been cancelled and/or will be cancelled and how this might hurt small clubs that already struggle financially. Whether they are able to re-schedule the show to later this year or skip it and start focusing on next year, they may be financially strapped and need to utilize judges in their area, rather than absorb travel expenses. This could potentially be difficult due to Rules

governing judges - GR-025-M (pg. 90) limiting local shows to one World Show judge at any show; GR-030-D-4-b&c both limit the number of shows a judge can officiate within a certain distance and timeframe and prohibits judges from officiating the same Event two years in a row. D. Rogers made a motion to suspend these three Rules for Clubs whose shows were/will be cancelled due to the COVID 19 restrictions for the balance of 2020 and 2021. Seconded by C. Severson, the motion passed. Yes votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, R. Kachuriak, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris, K. Lunde. S. Peterson abstained from voting.

R. Kachuriak moved and C. Severson seconded to adjourn at 9:07 CST.