

AMHA Board of Directors Meeting
12/15/2015
7pm Central Time

Roll Call ~ Julie Good

Members Present: Gene Baynham, Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Bob Kane, Julianna Myers, Gary Owen, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Clair Severson, Laurie Slobody and Heather Ward

Absent: Darlene Bridges

Also Present: Randy Peacock and Laura Mullen

- 1) **Approval of December 2, 2015 BOD Meeting Minutes.**
Al Bulgawicz moved to approve the 12/2/15 minutes as printed and distributed to the BOD for review. Harry Elder seconded the motion. There were no additions or corrections.
Approved unanimously.
- 2) **The Minutes of the 12/8/15 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were reviewed.**
The current situation with JoAnn Anderson's letter of complaint, received 12/3/15, was discussed. In response to her complaint, a letter was sent to JoAnn on 12/9/15 from President Sid Hutchcraft. This letter was sent return receipt requested. As of the time of this meeting the receipt has not been returned to the AMHA office. The BOD discussed the reasons behind the five (5) changes to the original proposal due to specific contradictions to our bylaws.
President Hutchcraft asked the BOD if there were any objections to the action taken and whether they were in support of the recommendations of the Executive Committee. There was no opposition to the decision of the EC, therefore, this item will move forward for a vote at the AMHA Annual Membership Meeting in February of 2016 as presented in the MHW magazine
- 3) **World Show Committee Report** . After a visit to Tunica Mississippi, by Laura Mullen and Julie Good on 12/7/2015, Laura Mullen brought a recommendation from the World Show Committee (WSC) about the suitability of Tunica Mississippi for our 2017 World Show. There were several major concerns about this facility and how exhibitors would accept these changes.
 - Approximately 600 stalls would have matted floors (though the mats were not in the best condition. The remaining approximately 300 stalls would be temporary stalls that we would rent. They would have dirt floors with dirt isles (part of the one warm up arena).

- The original quote did not provide electric to the temporary stalls. The estimate of the additional fee is \$7700.
- If additional stalls were needed, over what is written in the contract, an additional truck load of stalls would have to be rented. (we could not rent small numbers) This would result in quite a price increase.
- The immediate area around the show facility has no suitable hotels and only a few small restaurants. Several hotels and restaurants are at least 15 minutes from the show grounds, but most hotels and restaurants are 30 minutes from the facility.

The World Show Committee does not recommend AMHA to hold the 2017 World Show in Tunica. Their recommendation would be to hold the 2017 World show at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in August of 2017. This will allow the WSC to continue their search for a suitable facility for future world shows. Laura explained that if we hold the 2017 World Show in Fort Worth, Tx at WRMC, we would have the opportunity to use several buildings for stabling, including the buildings we have been using for the past several years as well as the newly renovated Cattle Barns.

Laurie Slobody moved and Clair Severson seconded that the board vote to NOT hold the 2017 AMHA World Show in Tunica Mississippi.

The Board voted unanimously NOT to hold the AMHA World Show in Tunica in 2017.

4) **AMHA World Show**

- A) 2017 AMHA World Show ~ There was a lengthy discussion about options and possibilities for the 2017 World Show based on the research the WSC has done so far. At this time there have been no suitable facilities located based on the needs of AMHA.

Joanne Ross moved that the BOD make a decision to hold the 2017 World Championship Show at The Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth Texas in August of 2017. This would be a One (1) year contract for 2017 with the option to renew the contract for 2018 and 2019.

Julianna Myers seconded.

The discussion continued until Sid Hutchcraft called for the question.

This passed with a majority vote.

Laurie Slobody voted no

Clair Severson and Gary Owen abstained

B) During the Dec 2, 2015, Board Meeting, the BOD voted to decrease the length of the World Show by one day and hire 3 instead of 5 judges (2017 and beyond)

Laura Mullen would like to discuss how this will affect the youth show, and how it will affect the office staff before a final decision is made. There are additional classes being added to our show (Stock Horse Classes) and these added classes may affect the length of the show. For 2017 it has been suggested to go from 5 judges to 3 judges. This cannot be done in 2016 since the judges have already been contracted.

Laura reported approximately \$10,000 would be saved by eliminating one day of the show, and approximately \$5000 would be saved by using three judges instead of five.

Laurie Slobody suggested we table the discussion about length of world show until the February BOD meeting.

5) **AMHA Treasurer**

Last week Frank Lupton resigned as the Treasurer of AMHA. He also resigned from the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee, of which he was chairman.

Clair Severson suggested that we have co-chairs from the current committee to complete the term that Frank vacated.

The bylaws state that we need an officially appointed treasurer (page 27 ~ check and balance system)

Al Bulgawicz moved that Clair Severson be appointed Treasurer of AMHA until the 2016 annual meeting when a new Treasurer will be elected, and Bob Kane be appointed to the finance committee for until February 2016 when new committees will be formed. Bob would also act as co-chair of the committee with Clair .

Joanne Ross seconded

Approved by majority vote

Harry Elder abstained from the vote.

Clair Severson spoke of his desire to consider several items that could be helpful while the Finance Committee looks at creative ideas to balance the 2016 budget that will be presented to the board in February.

6) **Additional Discussion**

- Laurie Slobody suggested that the future Annual Membership Meetings be held in a location close to the AMHA offices, not in vacation destinations. This would be more affordable for AMHA and

members would be traveling to the Annual Meetings to do the business associated with being a member of AMHA, not a vacation.

- There will be an eblast sent out to members announcing the 2017 World Show location and the appointment of Clair Severson to the position of Treasurer until the February 2016 meeting.
- Laura Mullen expressed the desire of the World Show Committee to let the membership know the steps they have been taking in the process of searching for a suitable location for future world shows through an eblast letter. This will be prepared and sent out.

Bob Kane moved to adjourn the meeting

Gene Baynham seconded

Unanimous approval to adjourn

8:40 pm Central time