

AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 15, 2018—Teleconference.

Meeting called to order by President Kahre at 7:00 PM CST

Roll Call: Board members in attendance were Bobbi Briggs, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Janet Matzner, Marilyn Meyer, Leigh Murray, Laura Mullen, Joanne Ross, Sami Scheuring and Jason Warrenfeltz. Alison Stonecypher was also present. A quorum was present.

Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Warrenfeltz to approve the minutes of the teleconference Board of Director Meeting on December 12, 2017. Motion seconded by Matzner. Motion passed unanimously.

President Report:

Kahre mentioned the communication that some members of the BOD had received from Europe concerning a possible complaint against a member there. There has been no formal complaint/charge received by AMHA at this time so it remains a personal matter between certain club members in Europe.

The MHW continues to be a financial challenge. A complete review and decision concerning the future of the printed MHW may soon need to be made by the BOD.

Preparation of Financial information is still a “work in progress”. It continues to be evident that much of the financial data and information for the early months of 2017 was shredded and destroyed. This is all having to be reconstructed and put into workable meaningful financial information. There continues to be hope that this can be accomplished soon, with the assistance of an outside contract accountant.

Kahre reported on the status of the operation of the office and personnel. He stated there are now only seven staff members working in the office and there is much to be accomplished. Stonecypher commented the staff is cooperating and doing all they can to reduce expenses and increase revenue, while at the same time getting work done. She also mentioned, at this time, they are running only about three weeks behind on work in the office.

International Honorary Directors:

Since the last BOD Mtg., Kahre has been able to contact the International Honorary Directors who were not contacted and approved in December 2017. The four he has since contacted are Annemette Fesner (Denmark), Tertius LeRoux (South Africa), Sarah-Jane Slater (England) and Leanne Williams (Australia). He received favorable comment from all and they each agree to continue to serve.

Scheuring made a motion to accept and appoint these four International Honorary Directors to new three-year terms. This motion was seconded by Hutchcraft and approved unanimously.

Director vacancies:

In recent months, vacancies have occurred in three Regions-10, 11 and 13.

In Region 10, Beverly Pearson submitted a bio for the BOD to consider and expressed a desire to serve and to complete the unexpired term of Heather Ward. Hutchcraft made a motion to accept and appoint Pearson to this position on the BOD. It was seconded by Scheuring and passed unanimously.

In Region 11, Debbie Rogers submitted a bio for the BOD to consider and she too expressed a desire to serve and to complete the unexpired term of Gene Baynham. Warrenfeltz made a motion to accept and appoint Rogers to this position on the BOD. It was seconded by Meyer and passed unanimously.

In Region 13, two good AMHA members sent bios to the BOD for consideration and expressed a desire to serve and to complete the unexpired term of Lisa Hawkins. Both bios from Mary Lou Elder and Jane Ramshaw were reviewed and discussed. Kahre stated, to be fair, the selection of the new director for Region 13 would be done by private email ballot. Each BOD member should submit their vote by 8AM the following morning to Stonecypher. The private email balloting resulted in Jane Ramshaw being elected to the unexpired term in Region 13 on the BOD.

Long Range Planning Survey Proposal:

Michael Brandt, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, was invited to be on the teleconference call for a presentation of the LRPC thoughts/proposal for a membership survey. The LRPC believes such a survey can reap valuable information from members concerning their thoughts and suggestions for making AMHA better for its members and more successful. It can also create a positive

feeling with members who are concerned about “what is AMHA doing for its members?”

The BOD had some positive thoughts about a possible membership survey and also expressed some concerns, especially related to the actual questions that might be included on the survey.

Brandt was asked to prepare a brief series of sample questions and bring that back to the BOD for further review and additional consideration for a possible survey at the next BOD Mtg.

Novice Halter Classes:

Ross submitted a proposal to the BOD for adding three Novice non-rated Halter classes, Novice Stallions, Novice Mares and Novice Geldings, at the AMHA World Show. There was considerable discussion and several questions. Marilyn Meyer offered to sponsor these three classes. Ross was asked to prepare a detailed outline of her proposal and email it to the BOD for further consideration at the next BOD Meeting.

Regional Director’s reports:

Each member on the BOD gave a brief report on the local clubs in their Region and the club activities going on, or scheduled, such as shows, sales, clinics, promotions, etc. As expected there is considerable differences in the activities in each Region. But it was pleasing to learn of all of the planning and scheduling already in place for local AMHA club activities.

Committee Liaison Reports:

At the Annual Meeting when committees were created, a Liaison from the BOD was assigned to each committee. This liaison is to work with their committee and to keep the BOD informed as to what is happening with that committee. Each committee Liaison gave an up-to-date report on the status of their committee and a report of their committee’s activities, problems, concerns and plans for the year ahead. These reports are invaluable to the BOD and serve to keep the BOD informed about plans, ideas, problems, needs, conflicts, etc. that are being addressed by each committee.

Closed Session:

Kahre called for a Closed Session.

After about twenty minutes, the BOD came out of closed session, Kahre announced he would be calling another BOD meeting in a few days.

Adjournment:

Scheuring made a motion to adjourn and Warrenfeltz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.