

## **AMHA Mid- Year Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2023**

**Call to Order** @ 7:04pm CST - A. Mueller

**Roll Call:** Present: A. Mueller, H.Elder, A. Tarap, D. Hopkins, M. Grayson, S. Hester, . S Peterson, J. Bridges, J. Elliott, S. Crowe, K. Lunde, C. Severson, G. Baynham, S. Hutchcraft, B. Faulkner, Absent: K. Slobody

**Approval Minutes:** January and March Minutes both sets of minutes are still being worked on and will be approved at the next meeting

**President's Report:** Andrew Mueller No Report Treasurer's Report: Aliene Tarap AMHA is currently running a loss due to early World and Regional show expense items hitting (discount was offered if ordered early). Additionally the home office is having general maintenace items done that were not expected (HVAC, Plumbing, etc). Down in registration by 4k, hardship is also down. Overall down 26k compared to same time last year. On a positive note membership over all is up. By end of calendar year we are anticipated to be in a good spot financially.

**Office Report:** Val Shingledecker All show results are current on the website. Invoices for Worlds and Regional sponsors have been completed. Accounting & Registration is on May 17th. 2025 World Show Judges have been contracted. Tracey Slagle and Val have been working together on the show premium. Val has also been working on revamping the Texas Grant Questionnaire. Other general office duties were reported to be functioning as normal. Val noted that the "A" awards were still pending completion from vendor. Val e mailed the board Director Nominations and elections update. Results of the Director nominations for Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 12. Regions 1 – 4 only had one nomination each, so they don't need an election. Here are the incoming Directors: Region 1: Kristina Slobody Region 2: Julie Good Region 3: John Mullen Region 4 (two seats) : Sid Hutchcraft & Donna Lavery Region 12 – will have an election for the seat: Andrew Mueller vs Donna Terry The elections will be scheduled sometime in June, so they are done before people get busy with Regionals in July. AMHA Mid- Year Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2023

**Hub and Committee Report:** Harry Elder Chairs present for each committee gave updates.

- LOC The Licensed Officials Committee held their annual committee meeting via zoom on February 12, 2024. All members were present, Sid Hutchcraft, Debra Hopkins, Jerred Bridges, Paul Tarap, Laura Mullen, Kristina Slobody, Donna Lavery and John Bennett. A decision was made earlier by LOC to not attend nor participate in the 2024 Color Breed

Seminar activity in Tulsa. We had a few Judges disappointed about AMHA not participating in CBC, in particular PtHA Judges. But most of them did not need a seminar attendance in 2024 and LOC could not justify spending AMHA funds and asking LOC members to attend a session in Tulsa with so few AMHA Judges planning to attend. The registration for the seminar was down for all CBC member breeds. LOC spent much time and work on editing and preparing new score sheets for use by AMHA Judges early in 2024. The LOC and BOD decision to require AMHA Judges to use AMHA score sheets for most individual work classes was met with some concern by many Judges, as well as the requirement for the score sheets to be turned in to Show Mgmt. by Judges at the end of the show. LOC held a webinar, presented by Jon Wolf for Judges only on March 20, to review and further explain the proper use of the AMHA score sheets. This webinar was appreciated by Judges and made it more comfortable for Judges to use the new score sheets. Val Shingledecker worked with LOC to update the 2024 rulebook with the approved show rule changes and also a few changes in certain LOC rules requested and approved by the BOD. LOC has confirmed there will be a Judges' Seminar held at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Reno. Val prepared and has put this seminar notice out to the Judges. This seminar is important to those Judges who need to attend to complete their 2024 seminar requirements. Clubs in Europe (particularly France) expressed interest in AMHA offering a certified measuring clinic in Europe. A suggestion was made that we might ask one of our European/UK AMHA Approved Show Stewards to do a seminar for certified measurers in Europe/UK. LOC has approved moving forward with this. The LOC reviewed the list of potential Judges for the 2025 AMHA World Show. Of the 26 Judges individually listed by the eight LOC members, 4 were dropped from the list. A final list was forwarded to Val. She has contacted the Top 7 to finalize our 2025 WS Judges (6 plus 1 alternate). Contracts have been completed for the 2025 WS Judges and they will be announced during the 2024 WS. LOC was asked to have input in the selection of the 2024 Regional & World Show Steward(s). The list of Stewards was reviewed and recommendations made to the EC and Show Mgrs. It has been a busy but productive year for LOC and the handling of its AMHA responsibilities. AMHA Mid-Year Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2023

- By Law & Show Rules - Mid-Year report to be considered what rule changes will be passed to go to the annual meeting.
- Stock Horse Committee - Rule changes hopefully going forward to our members to vote on at the 2024 annual meeting. If passed by the membership, they will afford our stock horses the ability to earn more points putting us on a more level field with the standard of perfection halter horses.

- We are also submitting a new drawing design for the rulebook that while it may not be everyone's vision, it more closely resembles a miniature stock horse than the Quarter horse that is currently depicted. - Youth age splits are now included in the 2024 rule book, page S-94 allowing for 7/under, 8-12 and 13-18. - Committee would like to see Youth classes split by age for the 2025 World show. The 2024 World Show schedule is already set. The committee would also like to see Amateur classes split Lv1 / Lv2. This will require a rule change that we will be submitting at the 2024 annual meeting. o We have classes in moratorium split by Jr and Senior horses but the above splits would be more conducive to our exhibitors - Below are the previous numbers from 2022 and 2023 World Shows 2022 2023 Youth gelding 18 13 Youth mares 14 14 Ama gelding 17 19 Ama mares 15 19 Ama stallions 5 7 • International Committee - Have had interest from members to join the committee – Mimmi Jacobbson (Sweden) Emma Roberts, Emma Williams (UK) – would like to approve. - International members would like to see microchip number on horse papers due to equine transporting laws etc in Europe. The microchip number can be added to papers. (Sheryl) - Permanent cards – can they be done at regionals for international as no worlds to attend. Can this be done with a proposal temporary/standing rule for international? - France is hoping to put on AMHA show in 2025 if all goes well, French director Filipe looking into this. - Belgium club are running shows, they are also putting a show on in Sweden, regionals in Belgium under Netherlands and helping with UK regionals Shows in UK and Europe have been well attended, more education is needed concerning AMHA rules but in general very well run, international committee is posting AMHA rules on their fb page with reference to the rule book for members to look at, and are available for any questions members might have. - Hardship- approx. 5 horses at last Belgium show – UK is working on a hardship for show in July, 3-4 members have approach international committee, International committee would like to ask board to prolong the discount for hardship until September 1, 2024 when shows AMHA Mid- Year Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2023 are complete. This is due to less shows here so less opportunity to attend AMHA shows and to build our AMHA community, increase revenue for AMHA o Would like to see a steward/measure/ information clinic in UK if possible, more education is needed around AMHA rules to ensure clubs, members following correctly. - Please see new international program for honor roll attached, worked really well here 2023 and members would like to see it continued. ■ International Honor Roll Program was presented, this program would be a continuation of what was in place last year. • Motion to Approve by S. Hutchcraft, Seconded by M. Grayson - All BOD present voted in favor

**Unfinished Business:** World Show Auction: Jessie Skerjanec Jessie provided an update on the World Show Auction. Jessie and Andrew are working through some minor details. Jessie will be the point person on all things auction related. Tracey Slagle volunteered to

help with Auction set up and other items during the World Show. Great response from membership. All tables sold out within 1 hour of being posted. Goal is to consign 20 horses, and 3 stallion breeding services. AMHA will retain 10% of sale, consignment fee, and 50% of stallion breeding services sale (the other 50% will be retained by the ownership). At the current pace all things are in full swing. Jessie noted that everything is at NO cost to AMHA, and if all goes well will volunteer to manage the event next year.

**New Business:** Rule Change Proposals were presented and voted on for the 2024 Annual Meeting as Follows: • All bylaws automatically pass to membership • 2425 Passed with modification • 2401 Passed • 2402 Passed • 2403 Passed • 2404 Passed • 2405 Passed • 2407 Passed • 2408 Passed • 2409 Passed • 2413 Passed • 2414 Withdrawn • 2415 Passed • 2416 Passed • 2418 Passed • 2420 Passed • 2421 Passed • 2422 Passed • Harry Elder, on behalf of the Stock Horse Committee asked 5 Board members to sign off and move forward illustration of the standard of perfection for the Stock Horse. D. Hopkins, K. Lunde, H. Elder, C. Severson, and A. Tarap agreed to sign and approve the illustration move forward to be voted on by membership. • Height Protest Procedure Check List was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Slight modification requested on who will determine the last mane hair. Board had no objections to implement policy. • Virtual Meeting Committee Proposal o M. Grayson shared proposal for virtual annual meeting attendance. After discussion it was decided to go back to committee for further review. Will be exploring an option that would allow discussion and have a moderator for online participants. • Hardship Discount Discussion AMHA Mid- Year Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2023 - Re-open the Hardship Discount through the end of the current quarter ■ J. Elliott Motioned to approve, M. Grayson Seconded • Discussion was others that missed the deadline had already paid full price, and it would not be fair to them. It was agreed that implementing for international members would also be unfair to non-international members and may be very poorly received by those members • J. Elliott withdrew his motion D. Hopkins Motioned to adjourn the meeting, S. Peterson seconded