

## **AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (TELECONFERENCE) July 16, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. CST**

President Joe Kahre called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. CST. Roll call was taken.

**Present:** Gene Baynham, Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Bob Kane, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Julianna Myers, Joanne Ross, Clair Seversen, Heather Ward, Jason Warrenfeltz. **Absent:** Allison Rosauer, Laurie Slobody.

**Ratification of the Minutes of May 10, 2016 Meeting:** Sid Hutchcraft made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed and distributed with the following correction “Change dates at Western Regional in Oregon to July 21-23, 2017.” Seconded by Jason Warrenfeltz. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **President’s Report: Joe Kahre**

President Kahre is planning a visit to ASPCA/AMHR to see their offices and embrace our differences and similarities. He would also like to have a round table discussion at each of the Regional events if time permits. He asked all of the Board members to present a positive outlook on the future of AMHA. President Kahre also asked that any Board members with ideas on increasing the effectiveness of the Board to please contact him with their thoughts and ideas. Leigh Murray volunteered to help with the round table discussion at the Central. Al Bulgawicz also offered his assistance. Laura Mullen will check the 2015 schedule for approximate finish times for each day.

### **Treasurer’s & Finance Committee Report: Heather Ward**

Heather Ward stated that the Finance Committee is recommending that AMHA go to 4 printed issues and 2 online issues of Miniature Horse World, rather than 6 printed issues. Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to go to 4 printed and 2 online issues of MHW. Seconded by Bob Kane. All in favor. Motion passed. There was discussion as to which issues should be online issues. Al Bulgawicz asked Randy Peacock to check with Melissa Powell for her recommendations and get back to the Board.

The budget for the Licensed Officials Committee was amended to include the Judges Seminar in Denver and the 2017 LOC budget was presented that includes the Color Breed Seminar. Harry Elder made a motion to approve the proposed Licensed Officials Committee budgets. Seconded by Sid Hutchcraft. All in favor. Motion passed.

Heather Ward asked that the Board consider implementing a hardship rule for all horses 34” and under, not just AMHR horses. At present, only 9 horses have been hardshipped into AMHA under the rule voted in at the last annual meeting. Laura Mullen stated that any hardship decision must be voted on by the membership. Harry Elder answered questions regarding the logistics of implementing a change to the rule voted in at the last annual meeting. Bob Kane volunteered to draft a re-write of the hardship rule. Sid Hutchcraft made a motion that we have Bob Kane re-write the hardship rule and bring it back to the Board. Seconded by Heather Ward. Voting yes: Bulgawicz, Hutchcraft,

Kane, Mullen, Murray, Myers, Severson, Ward, Warrenfeltz. Voting no: Baynham, Elder. Abstention: Ross. Motion passed.

Heather Ward initiated discussion on the 2017 Annual Meeting budget. She suggested reducing travel reimbursements from \$500 to \$350 and reducing the number of staff attending the meeting in Las Vegas. Sid Hutchcraft was not in favor of leaving any staff at home. Discussion ensued on the responsibilities of the staff at the annual meeting. Sid Hutchcraft felt we needed to revisit exactly what we want from our annual meeting, i.e. a business meeting or a convention. Harry Elder suggested moving the 2018 Annual Meeting to Texas. No decisions were made. Heather Ward asked that this item be addressed again at the next Board meeting.

Laura Mullen made a motion to charge \$10.00 for postage and handling to those members requesting to be mailed a rulebook. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **Bylaw Proposals**

Three bylaw proposals were presented to the Board to be sent to the membership for vote in 2017. The first #1630 allows the World Show to be located in other than the Central Region. The second #1632 has to do with allowing non-members to do business with AMHA for certain transactions. This bylaw proposal is different from the standing rule adopted at the annual meeting as it includes leases. Heather Ward asked that we contact Julie Good (the originator) and ask if she intended to include leases in the proposal. Harry Elder indicated that he would follow up on that. The third proposal #1633 gives the President the right to vote on all balloted voting issues.

### **Show Rules**

Bob Kane, Show Rules Chairman, presented a list of show rule changes that have been reviewed by his committee to Board. Rules #1602, #1608, #1613 and #1617 were considered Housekeeping issues and will be corrected. Mention was made that Youth Roadster 8-12 also needs to be fixed. Other rule proposals approved by the Board to be moved forward to the membership were: #1601; #1604, #1605, #1607 (without the roadster picture), #1610 and #1619. Harry Elder made a motion to move them forward to the membership. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. All in favor. Rule proposals not approved or needing revisions were:

#1611 – Sent back to the Youth Committee with a recommendation to changing it to “optional at local, Regional Championship and World Shows.”

#1614 – Recommended that this rule say “Jumper” and not “jumping” so it is not confused with hunter or versatility classes.

#1615 – Recommended that this rule say “Jumper” and not “jumping” so it is not confused with hunter or versatility classes.

#1616 – Sent back with a recommendation that a revision be made that clarifies exactly what the penalty will be should a check not be attached (i.e. a check pops off for the second time in a class).

Bob Kane stated that the hardship application fee for the World Show was approved for \$50.00. Since World and Regional events are both under the WS rules, he would like to know if this \$50.00 hardship fee can be applied to Regional hardship requests. The consensus of the Board was that the fee should apply to Regional hardships as well.

### **Standing Rules**

Al Bulgawicz reviewed the standing rules with the Board of Directors. They were accepted with the following changes:

Annual Meeting 1/1/1985: Change “National” to “World”  
Championship Shows 1/1/2000: Remove – is in rulebook  
Complaints 3/18/2014: Remove – is in rulebook  
Austin Van Wyck Jr. Award 1/1/2005: Remove  
Debi Van Wyck Memorial Award 2/21/2008: Remove

### **Committee Reports**

Al Bulgawicz received reports from seven of our thirteen committees. They will be attached at the end of these minutes.

### **Regional Shows 2017**

Laura Mullen indicated that the following dates are available for our Regional Events in 2017. It was suggested that the location of the Central Regionals might be discussed at the round table session at Ardmore

Eastern June 30 – July 2 – Springfield, OH  
Central July 7-9 – Ardmore, OK  
Western July 21-23 – Eugene, OR

President Kahre would like to have another meeting prior to the World Show. There will be an eblast forthcoming to let the membership know that he will be at each of the three Regional events. Julianna Myers mentioned that she met with Kelly Charpentier last week. She is researching avenues for seeking sponsorship for AMHA. She is planning to be at the World Show on Monday (Amateur).

Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 CST. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

### **Local Club Committee July 2016 Report: Susan Stuart**

We have several ways and options for our local clubs to participate and be recognized at the AMHA 2016 World Show. Some of the activities included:

1. A dessert table celebrating our Local Clubs, location and date pending.
2. Throughout the show we will be making announcements recognizing the dedication of our local clubs.
3. Attached you will find the AMHA 2016 World Show Sponsorship Package and Banner opportunities that we sent to all local clubs.

### **Long Range Planning**

Michael Brandt was present on the call. His committee will be working to develop a 3-5 year plan for AMHA. Factors to be addressed are identity (branding), governance and management, IT improvement, membership relations, marketing, show recognition structure and promotion. They are having their first meeting on July 25.

### **International**

The International Committee would like to see an International class on Friday at the World Show. Laura Mullen asked that they contact her once the Regionals are over to review the details.

### **Youth Committee: Phil Abbott**

The youth committee has secured its World Show High Point sponsors and have their regional activities planned.

### **Show Rules: Bob Kane**

Show rule proposals presented as above.

### **Bylaws Committee: Harry Elder, Bill & Susan Arnold**

Bylaws proposals presented as above.

### **Licensed Officials Committee**

Budget and show rule proposal discussed as above.

### **Amateur:**

No report.

### **Membership:**

No report.