

AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG

Tuesday June 20, 2017

Conference Phone Call

Called to order at 7:00 PM CST

Roll Call

Present: Gene Baynham, Al Bulgawicz, Bobbi Briggs, Lisa Hawkins, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Sami Scheuring, Clair Severson, Heather Ward, and Jason Warrenfeltz. Alison Stonecypher was also in attendance.

Determination of Quorum: Since everyone was in attendance, it was determined that a quorum was present.

Review and approve minutes:

Bulgawicz made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017 BOD Mtg. minutes as printed and distributed. Seconded by Hutchcraft and approved unanimously.

Severson made a motion to approve the April 17, 2017 BOD Mtg. minutes (closed session) as printed and distributed. Seconded by Briggs and unanimously approved.

Director Elections:

Kahre proposed that AMHA handle the 2017 election of Board Directors electronically. Stonecypher stated handling balloting/election by paper and US mail as in the past costs AMHA over \$5000. She estimated processing the election electronically vis email, etc should not cost over \$2000. Ross made a motion to handle the 2017 Director elections electronically as outlined by Stonecypher. It was seconded by Severson and passed unanimously.

Current Hardshipping Problem:

Presently the registration department is faced with processing a few hardship applications that are in conflict with Rule 193A-3 on page 65 in the Rulebook. This rule refers to the requirement that the AMHA applicant horse must be a permanent registered horse with AMHR and have a measurement of 34 inches or under. After considerable discussion and debate by members of the Board, Severson made a motion to create a new Standing Rule that suspends the reference in 193A-3 of "with a recorded height of 34" or under", effective immediately. This motion was seconded by Hutchcraft and passed unanimously.

Show Rules:

A long list of new Show Rules proposals was presented to the Board. This list is included as an attachment to these minutes. These proposed rules have been reviewed and either approved or denied by the Show Rules committee. The Board reviewed each of these rules and took the following actions:

#SR1701 – Motion made by Ross to deny moving this rule proposal forward to the membership, seconded by Warrenfeltz. The motion passed with one NO vote by Severson.

#SR1702 – Motion by Scheuring seconded by Severson to approve this proposal as housekeeping. Approved unanimously.

#SR1703 – Motion by Hutchcraft, seconded by Severson to move this rule proposal forward to the membership. Passed unanimously.

#SR1704 – Motion made by Severson to approve the proposed rule and move it forward to the membership. Seconded by Ross. Passed with three abstentions – Scheuring, Bulgawicz, and Hawkins.

#SR1705 – Motion made by Mullen to approve and move the rule forward to the membership. Seconded by Rosauer and approved unanimously.

#SR1706 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD.

#SR1707 – Motion made by Severson, seconded by Hutchcraft to move this rule forward to the membership. Passed unanimously.

#SR1708- not approved by Committee so no action was taken by the BOD. Author will probably resubmit next year,

#SRSR1711 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD.

#SRSR1712 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD.

#SR1713, 1714, and 1715 – Severson made a motion to refer these three rule proposals back to the Performance Committee with a request to standardize the “Golden Age” in these three proposals so they are similar in age. Seconded by Hutchcraft and approved unanimously.

#SR1716 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD.

#SR1722 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD.

#SR1723 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD.

#SR1726 – Motion made by Warrenfeltz, seconded by Rosauer to approve this proposal as housekeeping. Passed unanimously.

#SR1727 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD.

#SR1729 -- Motion made by Severson, seconded by Warrenfeltz, to approve as housekeeping. Passed unanimously.

#SR1733 – Failed in Committee. No action taken by BOD

Other Business

Stonecypher reported positive and good things are happening in the office but there have also been some hurdles and roadblocks to overcome. The work load in the office at this time of the year is huge. This has been a problem due to the reduction of two staff positions early this year. And dealing with the change in the accounting program continues to be a challenge. The Amnesty program for Temp to Perm has been an “eye opener” and determining about 35,000 AMHA registered horses have been revoked in recent years. Over 5000 emails have been sent to recorded owners of these revoked horses with mixed results.

Mullen reported we have about 29 Hardship registration requests YTD in 2017 compared to a total of 12 successful hardships in 2016.

Mullen also reported early entry info for the 2017 Eastern and Central Championship shows. It appears the Eastern will have about the same horse numbers as in 2016 and the Central will be up by several horses. It is too early yet to get any idea of the Western Championship numbers.

Kahre reported we have experienced some unexpected problems in the sewage disposal at the office and a water line break behind the office. The good news is Stonecypher has been able to negotiate considerable savings on the electrical/power bill.

Kahre encouraged directors to continue to be positive about AMHA and be a positive ambassador for AMHA.

Adjournment

At 8:45 PM, Kahre announced the meeting will be recessed until next Tuesday evening at which time it will reconvene via phone teleconference at 7 PM CST to discuss additional business items and reports.

CONTINUATION OF AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG

Tuesday June 27, 2017

Conference Phone Call

President Kahre called the meeting back to order at 7:03 PM CST.

Roll Call

Present: Gene Baynham, Al Bulgawicz, Bobbi Briggs, Lisa Hawkins, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Allison Rosauer, Sami Scheuring, Clair Severson,

Heather Ward, and Jason Warrenfeltz. Joanne Ross was absent. Alison Stonecypher was also in attendance.

Determination of Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

President Kahre announced and congratulated Alison Stonecypher for her recent marriage. Best wishes were extended to her and she was congratulated by the entire Board of Directors.

ByLaws

Harry Elder, Chrm. of the Bylaws Committee, reported the committee had met via emails and reviewed all new Bylaw proposals. A complete listing of these proposals is included as a part of these minutes as an attachment. The committee report is as follows:

Report from the Bylaws committee.

Members, Co-Chairman Harry Elder, Co-Chairman Jasmine Schlick & Kevin Lathouwers

The committee agrees that the proposed Bylaws change #2A should go forward to the membership at the Annual meeting. This change was submitted by the Registration department at the request of the Bylaws committee because the Rules & Regulations change #2 that Pam Pruitt submitted needed a Bylaws change to accompany it before the committee could recommend it be forwarded to the membership at the Annual meeting. The committee agrees that the proposed Bylaw change #8 should go forward to the membership at the AMHA Annual meeting. This change was submitted by the Bylaws committee per ART XIX AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS (A). The office staff pointed out during the last election for the Regional Directors that the cost of USPS was not cost effective and the returned ballots were less than 10% of those sent out.

The committee agrees that the proposed Bylaw change #9 should go forward to the membership at the AMHA Annual meeting. This change was submitted by the ByLaws committee per ART XIX AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS (A). This change should have been made when the current Hardship Registration was implemented.

The committee agrees that proposed Bylaw change #1720 A should not be approved by the membership at the AMHA Annual meeting. We did see a possible source of income to the AMHA if members are willing to pay the fee for oversized stock. The question is how many of these horses have already been brought from Temporary to Permanent and are the owners willing to pay another fee for oversized registration papers. Conversely we also see this action as undermining the AMHA Standard of Perfection and question how long would it be before we would see a change requesting classes for oversized stock at the AMHA shows. In our opinion this diminishes the purpose of the founding of the AMHA.

The committee agrees that proposed Bylaw change #1725 should not go forward to the membership at the AMHA Annual meeting, the required 15 signatures did not come with the suggested change per ART XIX (A). #1719 can only go forward if #1725 is approved by the membership. There was discussion on the matter and after consulting

with the past Chairman of the Bylaws committee who advise us to not send any change forward to the membership that does not have the required 15 signature of the members.

Respectfully Submitted by
Bylaws Committee.

Rules and Regs

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Members, Chairman Harry Elder, Kevin Lathouwers& Jasmine Schick

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Sect. 2, Closed Registry without that we cannot recommend it go forward to the membership.

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The committee agrees that #1730 submitted by Gail Byrnes, is a copy of the #1717 and was not submitted in the proper format. This suggested change will not be considered.

Respectfully submitted by the Rules & Regulations committee

Committee Reports

Committee reports had been received in the office from the Gelding Incentive Fund Comm., the Youth Committee, and the Stock Horse Committee. These written reports are included as attachments to these minutes.

The Youth Committee report is quite lengthy and outlines all of the Youth activities planned for the 2017 World Show plus awards, sponsors, and other important Youth information. Janet King of Limestone Miniatures has offered to sponsor a new special perpetual Youth award in memory of Jim Payne. This award will be known as the Jim Payne Memorial Award Perpetual Trophy, which involves the writing of a 500-800 word paper/essay. Warrenfeltz made a motion to accept this offer from Janet and to move forward with this new perpetual Youth Award. Motion was seconded by Briggs and approved unanimously.

There was considerable discussion concerning the nice report prepared by the Gelding Incentive Fund Comm. and reported to the BOD by Leigh Murray, Committee Chair. This committee has brought some new enthusiasm, excitement and several new proposals to the GIF (see attachment). The new GIF proposal will involve considerable tabulation problems and the need for much personal follow through and time. The GIF committee stated they would provide leadership and do the processing of all procedures involved with calculating the various numbers/reports involved. After this good discussion, Hutchcraft made a motion to permit the GIF committee to move forward with their proposals (except for the Glosser Award) and to complete the details and procedures for administering and proceeding with the program, to the best of their ability, and in the best interests of AMHA. This motion was seconded by Severson and passed unanimously.

(AMHA OFFICE NOTE: This program was voted in to place with the understanding that the GIF Committee will be fully responsible for tabulation and gathering the necessary information to do so. The show staff and show program does not have the ability to do so.)

As a part of the GIF report, there was then discussion on the proposal to create the TW Glosser Ultimate Gelding Award. Debra Glosser has offered to fund this perpetual award for five years and to purchase all of the trophies needed for five-year period now. The

calculations for selecting this gelding annually will require some special tabulating and time commitment. The GIF Committee has volunteered to handle this project. Severson made a motion to accept this offer from Debra Glosser and to move forward with creating the TW Glosser Memorial Award for honoring annually an ultimate gelding award winner. Motion was seconded by Bulgawicz and passed unanimously.

Kahre reported he is going to need to appoint a new Chairman or Co-Chairpersons for the Promotions Committee as the Co-Chairs named earlier have resigned.

There were questions asked about the delay in getting a Finance Committee Report (s). Stonecypher stated she too is very disappointed in the delay and the inability yet to produce financial reports. The change to the new QuickBooks accounting program has not been easy and is still in progress. She reported the office is “playing catch up” and about three and a half months behind in imputing accounting data and the hope is to get this corrected and caught up in the next 10-14 days. Mullen stated, the office is working hard to get caught up. It is not easy right now due to all of the new work coming to the office for Championship and World Shows, plus registration needs, etc. The reduction of two people on the staff certainly has not helped, especially at this time of the year with the peak increase in the work load.

In closing, Kahre mentioned he had a couple other items for discussion but he would handle them with the BOD via email communication.

Severson made a motion to adjourn at 9PM, seconded by Hutchcraft, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Committee Reports

Stock Horse Halter Division Committee Report

The Stock Horse Division Committee met recently to discuss the status of the SHH Division. We met by email exchange and the members of the committee all participated (Darlene Bridges, Ailene Pritchett Tarap and Sid Hutchcraft).

The committee members all felt generally pleased with the acceptance of the SHH Division and the current entry numbers at the local shows they were familiar with. Especially the entry numbers in all of the Open and Amateur Senior Horse Classes. The committee continues to hear comments and criticisms of the baiting that occurs in the classes and the lack of any specific rules concerning proper stock horse attire for exhibitors. The committee continues to believe these issues need to be reviewed/revisited by Show Rules and some new rules created to address these issues and included in the Rulebook for Judges and Exhibitors to review and observe. The Committee will be proposing some new rule changes/additions for this halter division in the near future.



2017 Show Rules AMENDMENTS

The following amendments are for review in 2017.

These will be reviewed by the Board in June.

UPDATED: 06/05/17

Note: All deletions will be ~~striketrough~~ & changes will be indicated by **Bold & underlined** print. The number on the right side of the page is for identification purposes only.

PA-015 **Points** **Page 161** **#SR1701**
Submitted by: Rebecca Kelley

ADD:

E. World Championship Show points are to be used for PA-025 TITLES AND AWARDS, PA-026 YOUTH TITLES AND AWARDS, and PA-027 AMATEUR TITLES AND AWARDS. World Championship points will not be counted towards qualification in Regional Championship and World Championship Shows in the subsequent year.

See attached for entire submission/rationale.

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed Unanimously

GR-025-D-1 **Show Approvals** **Page 88** **#SR1702**
Submitted by: AMHA Show Department

D1:

Hardship Show Approval:

The following entities may apply for Hardship Approval:

- a. **State and County Fairs**
- b. **All-Breed Shows**
- c. **Major Stock Shows**
- d. **Approved AMHA Clubs**
- e. **State or County Districts**

These shows may request a deviation from the MINIMUM class requirements and this request will be considered for show approval by the AHA Show Department. For approval, an Application for

Hardship approval must be sent to the AMHA Show Department and the following classes must be offered.

Remainder of rule remains unchanged.

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed unanimously as Housekeeping.
Board approval only needed.

SN-000 Special Needs Division Page 158 #SR1703
Submitted by: AMHA Special Needs Committee

Amend “Special Needs” to “Unique Abilities.” All other rules and rule language would remain the same.

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed 6-1

WS-030-G World Show Page 180 #SR1704
Submitted by: Kevin Lathouwers

G. International Amateur Qualifying Rule
International Amateur members residing in foreign countries may qualify their horse that is located in the United States, ~~with a trainer~~, for showing in the amateur division at the World Show as follows: (Remainder unchanged).

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed 6-1

GR-025-C Approval for AMHA Shows Page 171 #SR1705
Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder

Effective 1998 Level 1 and 2 Amateur Halter Classes are optional at all local shows and are required at Championship and World Championship Shows.

Performance Classes:

- Open Single Pleasure Driving 32” & Under
- Open Single Pleasure Driving over 32” - 34”
- Open Roadster Driving
- Open Country Pleasure Driving 32” & Under
- Open Country Pleasure Driving over 32 - 34”

Open Classic Pleasure Driving 32" & Under

Open Classic Pleasure Driving over 32-34"

1 other performance class (may offer more)

Show Rules Recommendation – Passed 6-1

Hardship Request Form
Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder

#SR1706

See attached.

Being rewritten and combined by submitter to meet the needs of Committee and Show Department.

No further action needed at this time.

GR-025-P
Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder

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#SR1707

Add new P – renumber remainder. Current Standing Rule to be placed in Rule Book

GR-025-P No Show Judge

1. **When a contracted judge has a last minute emergency situation and cannot meet his/her commitment the show will be allowed to continue and be short one judge.**
2. **The points for exhibitors/horses would be adjusted to compensate for the missing judge as follows:**
 - a. **If it is a two judge show, the one judges cards would result in double points being issued.**
 - b. **If a three or four judge show, the most senior most judges' cards would be double pointed to compensate for the missing judge's card. Senior referring to recognized title or time in service.**
3. **If a suitable replacement judge per GR-030-D-4e cannot be found that meets the show requirements and the budget of the contracted judge the GR-025 P2 will be used.**
 - a. **Rule GR-030-4b and 4c will be waived under this rule.**
 - b. **The manager must notify the office if this rule is used for instructions on how to send in the show results.**

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed unanimously.

GR-025-P
Submitted by: Unknown

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#SR1708

Not on proper form. Submitter unknown.

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed unanimously.

WS-030-G-5 World Show Classes Page 180

#SR1711

Submitted by: Kevin Lathouwers

~~5. All amateur classes are included except the amateur driving classes in this qualifying rule. To qualify in any amateur driving class, the amateur must drive their horse in one show in the USA.~~

5 Amateur driving has to qualify the same as amateur halter.

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed 6-1. Committee felt SRCP, as written, did not insure all safety practices under WS rules.

WS-030-G-2 Driving Class General Rules Page 180

#SR1712

Submitted by: Kevin Lathouwers

~~2. The amateur horse, located in the USA, must be owned by the amateur or the amateur's immediate family in order to be entered at the World Show. Clarification: Said ownership must be in place prior to the horse (in a recognized AMHA Region) being shown/qualified for the World Show.~~

2. Said ownership must be in place prior to the horse being show/qualified for the World Show.

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed Unanimously. This SRCP impacts multiple rules that would require change to meet the authors intent of this rule.

WS-030 Golden 50+

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#SR1713

Submitted by: Performance Committee

Add:

Golden 50+ Hunter (male or female exhibitor 50 years of age or older).

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed 5-2

WS-030 Golden 60+

Page 175

#SR1714

Submitted by: Performance Committee

Add:

Golden 60+ Classic Pleasure Driving

Golden 60+ Country Pleasure Driving

Golden 60+ Single Pleasure Driving

(male or female exhibitor 60 years of age or older).

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed 4-3

CL-075 Other Performance Classes Page 175

#SR1715

Submitted by: Performance Committee

Delete:

~~Golden Showmanship~~

Replace with:

Golden 50+ Showmanship

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed unanimously

CL-030-H-5 Driving Class Rules

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#SR1716

Submitted by: Harry Elder

5. ~~Blinders and overchecks or sidechecks~~ are required.

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed 6-1

GR-025-P Show Approval

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#SR1722

Submitted by: AMHA Show Department

P. Following the show, the results must be entirely complete and returned to the AMHA once within 15 days from the date of the show along with the appropriate AMHA show surcharge per horse per judge (see Fee Schedule). **Also, the original, signed judge's placing cards, a complete list of their registered name, number and height of all the horses.**

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed unanimously. Limit's local clubs etc. from quick access and adds workload to AMHA.

GR-030-A Officials Page 93 #SR1723
Submitted by: AMHA Show Department

8. The show manager shall retain ~~original signed judges placing cards,~~ copy of the show results, receipts for mailing required material to judges, and all entry forms for at least one year so that they may be made available on request by the AMHA office.

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed unanimously – continuation of #SR1722.

CL-016 Stock Committee Page 108 #SR1726
Submitted by: Stock Committee

~~3. Current rules for handler's dress will apply in stock division.~~

3. Hats, boots and long sleeved shirts, blouses or jackets are required. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification in that class.

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed unanimously as Housekeeping leaving in #3. Current rules for handlers dress will apply in Stock Division, adding Clarification of Western Attire to be Hats, Boots, long-sleeved shirts/blouses or jackets are required. Failure will result in disqualification in that class.

CL-016 Stock Committee Page 108 #SR1727
Submitted by: Stock Committee

2. The handler should stand towards the left side of the horse's center line, more or less facing horse. **The use of any type of artificial aid is prohibited.**

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed 6-1 – No Rule Changes can be made per AMHA two year non amendment rule.

CL-016 Stock Committee
Submitted by: Stock Committee

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#SR1729

STANCE - The American Miniature Horse Association's Stock Type Horse normally stands at ease with his legs perpendicular to the ground and parallel with each other. The horse should **shall** exhibit a balanced stance and stand on the corners of his body, as opposed to being spread too far apart or crowded too close together, or parked out. **After the judges warning, stretched horses to be penalized.**

Show Rules Recommendation: Passed unanimously as housekeeping with change of 'Should' to Shall in the second sentence and scratch, (eliminate), the sentence that was added "after the initial judges warning,"

GR-030-C1 Officials
Submitted by: Show Department

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#SR1733

C. All Officials

~~1. It is mandatory that show managers, ring stewards and any paid (excluding reimbursement of actual expenses) employees of that show and their immediate families (spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild, legal ward, in-laws, or solely owned corporations, ranches, or farms) shall not show, or have horses shown that are leased by, leased to, or registered in any of the above persons' names where they are officiating or employed.~~

- 1. It is mandatory that no show personnel being paid/non paid (excluding reimbursements of actual expenses) employees of that show and their immediate families (spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild, legal ward, in-laws, or solely owned corporations, ranches, or farms) shall not show or have horses shown that are leased by, leased to, or registered in any of the above persons' names where they are officiating or employed.**

Show Rules Recommendation: Failed 6-1. This would create a financial burden on many small shows, possibly eliminating these shows, causing negative impact of qualifications, as well as the PA-000 award program.

Report from the ByLaws committee.

Members, Co-Chairman Harry Elder, Co-Chairman Jasmine Schlick & Kevin Lathouwers

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ByLaws Committee.

Report from the Rules & Regulations Committee. Members, Chairman Harry Elder, Kevin Lathouwers & Jasmine Schick

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Article XI, Section 2 Hardship Page 29 #2
Submitted by: Pam Pruitt & Valerie Shingledecker

The registry and stud book of the American Miniatures Horse Association shall be closed effective January 1, 2017, after which all newly registered horses shall consist of those horses with previously registered AMHA sires and dams, with the exception that any Miniature Horse (over sixty (60) months of age), which has been officially measured to be 34" or under, **is currently registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry**, and has been duly processed and accepted as an American Miniature Horse in accordance with all the associated rules and regulations as set forth and accepted by Hardshipping process, per the guidelines and restrictions of the most currently Official Rule Book of the American Miniature Horse Association.

Article VII, Section 4, B Electronic Ballots Page 14 #8
Submitted by: Harry Elder

Returned to Harry Elder as per his request at Annual Meeting

Article XI, Section 2 Hardship Page 29 #9
Submitted by: Harry Elder

Returned to Harry Elder as per his request at Annual Meeting

Article IV, Section 3 Dues Page 14 #1725
Submitted by: Laura Mullen

Membership for spouses of Regular and Lifetime Members shall be allowed by payment of ~~a single fee, but not more than two (2) memberships per fee shall be allowed.~~ **an additional fee.**

Article IV, Section 3 Dues

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#1719

Submitted by: Bob Kane/Clair Severson - Finance

Membership for spouses of Regular and Lifetime Members shall be allowed by payment of ~~a single fee, but not more than two (2) memberships per fee shall be allowed.~~ **an additional \$20 fee.**



2017 Rules & Regulations AMENDMENTS

The following amendments are for review in 2017.

These will be reviewed by the Board in June.

UPDATED: 06/05/17

Note: All deletions will be ~~strikerough~~ & changes will be indicated by **Bold & underlined** print. The number on the right side of the page is for identification purposes only.

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Hardship

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#2

Submitted by: Pam Pruitt

The Registration Department would like an amendment to **Rule 193A, #3.**

“Currently be registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry as “Permanent” status with a recorded height of 34” or under.” We are requesting #3 be removed and Hardship Registrations be made available to all horses that can meet the height requirement of 34” or under. They would have to pass inspection using the AMHA Standard of Perfection as a guide and meet any other items that might disqualify it from an AMHA approved show.

If this rule change passes I feel we need to remove **Rule 193B #2, “Include a Copy of the horse’s AMHR Permanent Registration Certificate together with the Hardship Application Form”.**

Our reasoning is: When the AMHR Hardship Registering was put in place everyone was expecting a fair amount of Hardship Applications to be submitted which would have generated a decent amount of revenue for AMHA. This just did not happen. For 2016 there were only 17 hardship applications submitted and 2 of those had to be cancelled. So we generated funds from only 15 submissions, which netted us only \$9,800.00. And we received that many or more inquiries about Hardship Registering horses with unknown parentage. So if our main concern is revenue and getting our numbers up at the shows I feel it only makes sense to open the hardship registrations to all horses that qualify.

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Hardship Offspring

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#10

Submitted by: Harry Elder

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193 **Hardship** **Page 64** **#1717**
Submitted by: Harry Elder/Clair Severson

See pdf link for full write up.

Flow Chart **Flow Chart** **Page 62-63** **#1718**
Submitted by: Harry Elder

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184 **Hardship** **Page 53** **#1720**
Submitted by: Joanne Ross

Please note: If proposed change to Article XI, Section 4 fails, this proposal is null and void.

See pdf link for full write up.

193 **Hardship** **Page 64** **#1721**
Submitted by: Finance

See pdf link for full write up.

102 **Employee Limitations** **Page 64** **#1724**
Submitted by: Rules & Regs

~~All individuals employed by the Association (and their immediate families) shall not be allowed to train or show, act as an agent for buying or selling, or own (either individually or in partnerships) any registered American Miniature Horse.~~

193 **Hardship** **Page 64** **#1730**
Submitted by: Gail Byrnes

See pdf link for full write up.

102 **Employee Limitations** **Page 64** **#1731**

Submitted by: Rules & Regs

All individuals employed by the Association ~~(and their immediate families)~~ shall not be allowed to ~~train or show, act as an agent for buying or selling, or own (either individually or in partnerships)~~ own any ~~registered American Miniature Horse.~~ horses registered with the AMHA.

AMHYA AGENDA/Minutes May 16 2017

New Conf Call Number 1-712-770-8020 code 186829

5:15 PST, 6:15, 7:15 and 8:15 EST

****The Dale Lutke Harness Fundraiser will NOT be happening Sherry said to check with her next year, she has just had too much on her plate with her dads passing.****

Call to order 5:20 pm attendance, Bobbie Briggs, Jason Warrnfeltz, Sharon Housley, Julianna Myers, Sherry Crowe ,Ashley Harris (Kerri Griggs) had a quorum,

*Youth EC Haley Carsten, Margo & May Maluek, Rebecca Myers, Shelby warrenfeltz, Emily Baker
Special Guest AMHA Pres Joe Kahre, Lana Greive*

*** Joe Kahre AMHA Pres. Spoke**

(Janet King wants to sponsor a new Perpetual Youth award)

Jim Payne Memorial Award (include \$1.00) Perpetual Trophy

"Making the Best Better" 2year member in good standing;10 & over

Write an 500-800 words Paper on how you would try to promote the miniature horse industry and make it better place or how would you reach out to attract interest in the miniature horse to new youth or what roll have you displayed in being a good sport and what do you think it means to have good sportsmanship. What types of Community Service are you involved in?

One letter of recommendation

Winning youth can only receive this award once

exhibited throughout his life – a strong will, a passion for horses and a desire to succeed and learn.

Criteria

how do these kids treat their horse their parents

Do you do the Work training and grooming your own horses, or do you help your trainer out? (have people watch across country ask Laura)

The above are some thoughts I have had in talking to a few people do you have some thoughts for poss criteria as to what is expected from the youth and what is should be judge on this, This award would be selected by the youth committee with poss influence from a couple other people are my thoughts.

Ashley Harris Made a Motion to Move forward for 2017 with the New Jim Payne Perpetual Youth award, Sharon Housley 2nd. Pass unanimously

A subcommittee to be named to finalize the criteria for the youth of this was suggested by Joe Karhe to include Ashely Harris, Sarah Theiss and Shanna Crowe will be formed and finalized in the next couple of weeks so that this can be offered at this year world show. Joe is in contact with Janet to insure that the award is as she intended it to be.

A selection committee to determine the winner of this award TBA

It was suggested this committee be small in number and equal representation from each region.

Regional's-

Western Regional Activities/ Fund Raiser(*Julianna, Sharon if goes*)

Central Regional Activities/ Fund Raiser (*Emily Baker*)

Eastern Regional Activities/Fund Raiser (*Jason & Ashley*)

World Show Activities- Who to Oversee these Activities

Post&Make flyer/Poster listing all World Show Youth Activities & Times _____

Lana Grieve -Shankless Showmanship & Hunter- Showmanship videos/demo. Is willing to judge for shankless.

joined our conference call told us a little about herself, and would love to put on a demo and hand out her DVD as awards to winners of Shankless Showmanship and give a couple others for our silent auction. She will also be available for Q & A during the Hot Dog Fun at Sharon's on Friday following the Shankless.

Friday Shankless Showmanship & Hunter

10-12 am, Cost \$10 Age 12 under and 13-18 Group

Haley & Theresa Carsten to Oversee and McBride's Sponsor awards

50% cash back to winner and 50% to youth fund. Placing 1 to 3rd and Best Runaway,

Becky Kelly will make to 2 Jumps & 2 Flower boxes for us she will need to be reimbursed (Not more than \$50 for paint), Water bottles T-

shirts, Crystal award and flower ribbon for Showmanship, these are some of the things done in the past. Probably need 3-4 volunteers Collect money and hand out numbers and to make up class lists

Sharon's Barn for Hot Dogs & Q & A with Lana Grieve

Starpoint horsemanship

12-1pm Following Shankless

Liberty Julianna Myers

1:30-3:30

Horse and/or youth Can Only Receive ONE Special Award

10 specialty awards

Best Buck, Best Handlers Costume, Best Music, Best Tail Flag, Crowd Favorite, Hardest catch, Easiest Catch, Best Chase, Most Original Handler Costume, *Spunkiest Horse*

The Youth EC decided to eliminate Most Original Music and Add Spunkiest Horse

Judges 3 needed hopefully 2 carded _____

Gate person/Barn announcer-Jason Warrenfeltz & Phil Abbott

Announcer Pepper

Person to Pass Out Awards poss Taylor if not showing

Sherry Will Order Awards

Pictures? Casey McBride or someone else

WHILE WAITING FOR LIBETY RESULTS, NEW RUNNING OFFICERS CAN SPEAK

Youth Party Scavenger Hunt, Music, Karaoke & Games
30 min after Liberty approx 3:30-4
(Youth EC Taylor & Haley oversee)

Hand Out T-shirts if Sherri Doing them again this year

Possible Otter pops popsicle

3:30-4 Right After Youth Liberty

Deadline for Turning In items for Other Contests 4pm- usually
office oversee

Photo Contest- Judge Casey McBride

Essay Contest-Judge Sherry to ask Jasmine Schlick

Art Contest- Judge Lisa Hawkins

Above Awards Receive:

Best Of Show Trophy,

1st Ribbon, Certificate & \$50.; 2nd Ribbon, Certificate & \$20. ;

3rd Ribbon, Certificate & \$10. and Honorable Mention Certificate

Age Groups, 7 & under, 8-12, 13-18

Coloring Contest 1/2 cup trophy- Judge Joe Kahre?

8 & under

9-13

Awards: 1st place Ribbon & Trophy, 2nd & 3rd Ribbon

Sherry to Order Awards

Saturday

Donut & Water Sponsors \$125 Need to Ask Kim Sweatt, & Circle D,

Ask Office where to Order Phil Abbott to pick up and Put out

Painted H Ranch Aimee & Dustin Davis

Azariah Miniatures Julie Good

Junior Bear Ranch Kerri & Mike Griggs

Sunday- Lunch Break

Root beer Float Party Fantasia Farm

Sharon & Bob Housley Lunch Break **Vote for Officers**

Announce Contest Winners During Hunter/Jumper

In Past awards are placed and then youth are asked to go to office for cash

Parade & Awards 1 hour following last class approx

Parade Pizza Party -Malek Miniatures Robert Malek \$ what was cost last year? 15-20 pizzas?

T-Shirts- (Julianna ask Sherri Lyken sponsor Sherri Lyken)

Buckets with Goodies Sponsor Janet King Limestone Miniatures

Need someone to Assemble

Team Champion (Cooler or Sweatshirts)

Team Res. Champion (Possible Duffle bags)

3rd Place Team (Julianna Ask Tioga baseball caps)

Who Orders Medallions for Teams- sherry Crowe

NEED SPONSORS FOR THESE

10 Team Leaders-Ashley Harris Oversee

Teams come in by Order of placing low-high

1. Theresa Carsten & Tracy Wood

2. Rebecca Kachuriack

3.

4.

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10.

IDEA: Introduce teams in order of winning, could we sale team online at show in 50/50 payback, 50% goes to youth fund: post team on-line cost \$150 per team, up to 3 people can purchase a team- or one person can buy the team for \$450, then pay back are split between the 3 buyers if there is more than 1 purchaser. Only the Top 3 Teams pay out. First getting 50% of fund in pool, 2nd place 35% 3rd place 15%. Example: all team sale with 3 buyers for \$450x10 = \$4,500..1/2 \$2,250 goes to AMHyA; 1/2 Divided into Payback Prize Money 1st place \$1,125 (3 buyer \$375. ea) 2nd \$787.50 (3 buyers \$262. ea) 3rd 337.50 (3 buyers \$112.50). Just a thought please give feedback. We are not out anything if this does not work. We could sale team up to noon on Saturday even after the show started. *NOT FOR THIS YEAR*

World Highpoint Awards- Champion & Res for Each

Champ Buckle & Res Leather Halter & Lead no cash

High Point Champion (Buckle & Certificate) & **Res Champion**

(Leather Halter & Lead & Certificate) \$250 for both (No cash)(\$100 less this yr)

Sponsors receive: Mention listed under the highpoint they sponsored in the Program and in the MHW magazine, and may hand out the award to the youth winner and be in the picture that goes in the MHW

Multi Horse Girl *Theresa & Haley Carsten And Tracy & Brooke Wood*

Multi Horse Boy- Coci Ranch Cindy McPike & Cameron Nelson, (NC per Phil)

YOTE _____

One Horse One Handler

13-18 Girl Sleepy Hollow Ranch Debra & Brooke Glosser

8-12 Girl OZ Miniatures Jeff & Kim Osborne (Heather Bolton)

7&under Girl Circle B Miniatures (only name on sponsor bill Phil Abott

13-18 Boy Double E Ranch Richard Erikson & Jacob Elliott

8-12 Boy _____

7& under Boy Junior Bear Ranch Kerri & Mike Griggs

(waiting for reply from, Kelsie Sherman, Lynn Burnham, Kathy Courtney, Phil checking with Patty Deihl and Debra Hopkins)

YOUTH SPECIAL AWARDS

Special needs Youth & Adult Sponsored by Painted H Ranch

Alvadar/Pine Ridge Future of the Industry

Reece Family

Ross Cearley Youth Sportsmanship
Jim Payne-Perpetual NEW (Sponsor Janet King)

Jackets -To Outgoing EC Sponsor JSW, Whitt's Family Introduce NEW 2017/2018 Youth EC

Pizza Fundraiser PreSALE

Saturday & Mon or Tues Depending on what Laura Says
Little Caesars Della \$4,25 sale \$10

New Exciting for World Show-Random Prizes

Cathy Waxler of Star Lake Tack Place drawn for 3rd-10th
For the Following Classes;

7&under Driving, Sr, Mare, Sr Gelding, Showmanship

8-12 Sr Gelding, Halter Obstacle, Versatility, Roadster

13-18 Sr Gelding, Halter Obstacle, Versatility, Roadster

YOTE Country & Classic Pleasure Driving & Sr. Mare & Sr Gelding

Voucher/Certificate for Barn Onlay Halter SLT 209 or Fancy Number Clip

Cathy mentioned she might donate up to 20 items the last 4 could be
random name

****Thank You Cards Given Out at World to be sent to
sponsor****

Silent Auction Item Jason/Julianna

Trip to Belgium need to get specifics

Dr Burgin Chiropractor Treatment yes

Casey McBride-Photos 3-8x10 photos-yes

Wine 2-3 bottle (Taylor)

Carriage House Harness Bag and Vanity Bag

What do we want Embroided on it? AMHA 2017 World Show?

Training?

Lisa Brostard (waiting to hear)

Lisa Hawking (Horse Item)

Ask Mike Herron

Ask Ozark Mountain

Ask Supreme Equine Design

Ask Dr Howell to Donate Ulcer guard

Ask Tioga

REMINDER WE DO HAVE

GOLD \$500 SILVER \$300 AND BRONZE \$150 SPONSORSHIPS

Region Highpoint Youth Awards

Ozark Mountain Has agreed to discount Leather Halters

12 & under & 13-18 One Horse One Handler Combo(like Ammy)

Region 1 Azariah Miniatures Julie Good

CT, Maine, Mass, New Hampshire, NJ, NY, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region 2 JCB Stables Jason & Valerie Warrenfeltz

Ohio, Penn, Mich

Region 3 KKMC Miniature Kristy Pruett

Delware, Marland, NC, SC, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 4 Patti Funakoshi

FL, Alambama, Georgia, TM, Miss, Lousiana

Region 5

Illinois, Indiana, KY, Missouri, Wisc

Region 6

TX

Region 7

Iowa, Minn, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Wy

Region 8 Double E Ranch Richard Elliott & Jacob Erikson

Wash, Ore, Montana, Idaho, Alaska

Region 9 Fantasia Training Center Sharon & Bob Housley

Cali, AZ, NV, UT, Hawaii

Region 10

West Canada

Region 11

East Canada

Region 12 Winning Ways Training Center Tammi Nuttall

OKlahoma, Ark

Region 13 Junior Bear Ranch Kerri & Mike Griggs

NM, Colo, Kansas

Confirmed Sponsors Need to Billed (2 more from west can remember who)

Sherry to Order Youth Contest & Liberty Awards,

New Business

New Youth Member Packet & Youth EC Responsibilities - For Next Meeting

GELDING INCENTIVE FUND GIF

The GIF committee has been working hard since February 2017 to make this program great again. We have conducted surveys, talked with many members and worked diligently with some select BOD members and some AMHA staff to try and implement changes to this program in a positive and productive manner.

Below please find an outline of proposed changes and steps taken to help make those changes come to fruition:

1. The GIF conducted an online survey in March 2017 to determine what changes members would like to see in the program.
 1. #1 The program only offers halter classes (27) to qualify for any payout
 2. #2 Regional Championships offer all classes to qualify for Gelding belt buckles, EXCEPT Stallion, Mare, Color, Draft, and Liberty.
 3. #3 Not worth the money to pay in because there was not much \$ distributed
2. Only 24 geldings total were nominated in 2016 (this includes geldings nominated at Regional Championships that did not necessarily participate at the World Show)
3. There are MANY gelding owners who would be excited about a broader program with more opportunities to win some \$\$.
4. Several members have already expressed that they will enter more classes in order to earn some \$\$, will enter geldings in Youth, Amateur & Open

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

- We propose the GIF be changed to reflect the following at the **2017 World Show**:
 - There will be 5 categories in which to nominate a gelding:
 - Youth/YOTE
 - Amateur/AOTE
 - Open
 - Junior Halter
 - Senior Halter
 - Nomination costs are as follows: \$50/horse for 1 category; \$45/horse for 2 categories; \$40/horse for 3+ categories. No penalties for entering prior to the start of the first class at the World Show.
 - The TOP TEN geldings in each category will be awarded a cash distribution based on the amount of \$ in the GIF. *10 payouts: 1) 25%, 2) 20%, 3) 15%, 4) 11%, 5) 9%, 6) 6%, 7) 5%, 8) 4%, 9) 3%, 10) 2%*
 - We propose to include all of the same classes that are used in Regional Championships to accumulate points.
 - These cash awards and rankings will be award after the completion of the World show (similar to Futurity checks). This is per Laura Mullens request based on the time it takes to calculate points.
 - This requires NO CHANGES to any schedules, any classes, any entry forms, etc.
 - Question about Youth/YOTE. Can geldings be entered in YOUTH/YOTE category if they are owned by non-family members? If yes, this would see an increase in geldings being shown by youth at the World Show. \$\$ will be distributed to owner of gelding

HOW TO GET ADDITIONAL FUNDS INTO GIF?

- There is currently about \$5000 in the GIF
- Primary source is GIF nominations
- The GIF committee has been working on gathering donors for an on-line auction since March 2017
- We currently have OVER 30 items donated
- The GIF committee is entirely responsible for marketing and conduction the online auction
- Paula in the AMHA office has NO time to bill for auction items. She has agreed that she can run credit cards if the GIF provides all of the information. The GIF has agreed to do so
- We would like to run the auction from 7/3 - 7/7

WHAT TIME IS REQUIRED FROM AMHA OFFICE

The committee members on the GIF are very appreciative and aware of the time constraints placed on the heavy workload of AMHA staff members. We are trying to minimize any staff members involvement. We only require the following:

- Update the web site with new information about the GIF
- Update the link to the new GIF nomination form
- Update the World Show premium
- Run credit card information for winning bidders

TW GLOSSER ULTIMATE GELDING AWARD

Debra Glosser has generously offered to fund this perpetual award. There will be a trophy that remains in the AMHA office and each year's winner will be given a smaller trophy at the World Show. She is ready to fund 5 years of this award and will buy all the trophies now.

We propose this award be given to the gelding at the World Show with the highest number of total points. There is no cash award, just a trophy. This will require points tabulation. Members of the GIF committee are prepared to help in any way necessary to minimize the burden on the AMHA staff at the World Show.

We are asking to understand how these points can be tabulated. We know that there is a High Point Driving Horse and a High Point All Around Horse awarded each year at the World Show. How are these points tabulated? Could we not use the same method?

In case of a tie, I do believe the accepted AMHA method for breaking ties for "all arounds" is a coin toss?