

AMHA Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 2, 2019
8:30 am CST
conducted in Kansas City, MO

- I. Call to order - S. Peterson
- II. Invocation - L. Murray
- III. Introduction of Parliamentarian
- IV. Roll Call - L. Murray
 - A. Present - L. Murray, G. Baynham, C. Severson, D. Hopkins, D. Henrich, J. Ramshaw, R. Kachuriak, B. Kelly, A. Harris, L. Perdue, J. Ross. Absent: B. Pearson, B. Briggs
- V. Determination of Quorum - L. Murray
 - A. Quorum is reached
- VI. President's Message - S. Peterson
- VII. Treasurer's Report - D. Henrich (get copy of presentation)
- VIII. Office Report - V. Shingledecker (get copy of presentation)
- IX. Committee Report
 - A. Executive - S. Peterson
 - B. HUB - J. Ross
 - C. Finance - D. Henrich
 - D. Bylaws - H. Elder
 - 1. Stepping down as chair
 - 2. Staying on committee
 - 3. Worked on review of entire by-law section of AMHA Rule Book
 - 4. Will have suggestions for by-law changes at 2020 meeting

E. Rules & Regs - H. Elder

1. All Rule/Regs changes will be automatically resubmitted for 2020 meeting

F. Show Rules - B. Kane

1. The AMHA Show Rules Committee met at the AMHA Convention on November 1, 2019 at 1PM. In attendance: Chair Bob Kane, Sid Hutchcraft, Debra Hopkins, Sherry Crowe, Rebecca Kelley, Clair Severson, Ashley Harris, Paul Harris. Absent: Sharon Housley, Amanda Benton.
2. There was no review of Show Rules scheduled for presentation to the membership at the Convention because notice to membership was not met and SRCP's could not be voted on.
3. Orientation of Committee Responsibilities was communicated to AMHA membership in Attendance.
4. Announced, no 2019 SRCP's were being presented to the Membership as the AMHA failed to notice the entire Membership per time lines of the AMHA Bylaws.
5. First Review of 2020 SRCP's conducted. Noted: SRCP's not due until the end of the Convention therefore, no minutes recorded of them until they are officially logged.
6. November 2: Show Rules Presentation at the AMHA Convention:
7. It was announced no SRCP's could be voted on and the only action for the membership was to elect one additional Show Rules Member to fill a vacancy created in 2019. Laura Mullin was elected to that position.
8. No other official business conducted.

G. AOTE - B. Kelly

Attendance: John Bennett, Sherry Crowe, Becky Kelley, Marilyn Meyer, Ailene Tarap
Absent: Julie Good, Janet Matzner, Karen Rudolph

- Approved 2018 minutes
- Old Business
 - ♣ Rule Change proposals –
 - Add AOTE Versatility and Level 1 & 2 AOTE Classic and Country Driving.....approved to go to members for vote
 - Add the Amateur and Open Grand Champion Stock Horse
 - Review of Opt out proposal from Show Rules during the year and all members voted to not recommend this proposal.
 - ♣ Change of go of AOTE/Amateur Halter classes at Regional and World Championships
 - ♣ Added AOTE Stock classes to Regional Championships
 - ♣ We had several eligibility inquiries
 - ♣ All 19 classes were sponsored at Worlds
 - ♣ Take a Seat always a success, thank you to John & Kim Sweatt
 - ♣ AOTE pins a success!
 - ♣ AOTE FB page a success!
 - ♣ Super AOTE Allyson Waites
- New Business
 - ♣ 2020 Sponsors for High Point Awards are all in place.
 - ⌘ European Championship-John & Jennifer Bennett
 - ⌘ Eastern Championship-Joe & Amanda Benton
 - ⌘ Central Championship-Marilyn Myer and Leigh Murray
 - ⌘ Western Championship-Paul & Ailene Tarap
 - ⌘ World Show-Marie Powell
 - ♣ WS Classes will send out sponsor forms once available
 - ♣ Take a Seat....need new sponsor, or also change this to something else, several new ideas and we will research and then look for sponsors.
 - ♣ Proposal for AOTE Halter Obstacles, AOTE Hunter classes were passed and submitted

Discussion

- Clipping.....we received a Rule Proposal from Show Rules to add into the AOTE description to allow Golden age, 60+ being exempt from clipping and let anyone clip their horse. It was discussed and voted on, committee is not recommending this proposal. It has been returned to Show Rules.
- Trainer at barn, boarding facilities, horse not under the trainer, can member participate as AOTE/YOTE? As the rule is written they can not. It was suggested that they do a rule proposal to make changes to this section.
- Housekeeping items need to be done in the Clarification section of AOTE. The footnote numbers were missed, so show rules will get these items.
- Discussions regarding the stock division, pulling out of moratorium the Jr. Stock Horses. We worked on a Rule Proposal that was submitted to be logged in and to go to Show Rules.

H. Amateur - D. Rogers

1. D. Rogers made the following motion: Move to increase the cost of the Amateur card fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 with \$5 of that fee going to the Amateur Committee fund.

Marilyn Meyers seconded this motion.

2. A standing vote was done by show of hands. The motion has passed.

X. Election of Officers

A. President:

1. Sheryl Peterson. Nominated by: D. Henrich
2. Motion that nominations cease - J. Bennet; 2nd - H. Elder
3. Elected by vote of acclamation

B. Vice President

1. Leigh Murray. Nominated by: R. Kachuriak
2. Motion Nominations cease - C. Severson; 2nd - B. Kelly
3. Elected by vote of Acclamation

C. Secretary

1. Debra Hopkins. Nominated by: L. Murray

2. Motion Nominations cease - C. Severson; 2nd - L. Murray

3. Elected by vote of Acclamation

D. Treasurer

1. Dawn Henrich. Nominated by: J. Ross.

2. Motion Nominations cease - C. Severson; 2nd - R. Kachuriak

3. Elected by Acclamation

E. Director At Large

1. Becky Kelly. Nominated by: D. Hopkins

2. Motion that Nominations cease - C. Severson; 2nd - G. Baynham

3. Elected by Acclamation

XI. Continuation of Committee Reports

A. Show Rules Committee Election

1. Donna Laverò

2. Laura Mullens

3. Laura Mullens has been elected by ballot

B. Halter Futurity - J. Bennet

**2019 Halter Futurity Committee Meeting
Thursday October 31, 2019 3:00 PM**

Roll call was taken. Committee members present: John Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Mary Lou Elder, Joanne Ross

Members absent: Stephani Papps

World Show Items

The Committee consulted with Laura Mullen on the possibility of moving the Jr. Mare classes from the Wednesday morning schedule to give them an equal performance chance in the Futurity classes as the other Jr. horses have.

The certificate issue for Tioga at the World Show was discussed and a new Jacket coupon will be used in 2020 for Futurity Champions to claim their jackets.

Awards

We currently have only approximately 23 sashes left. It was decided to change over to Rosettes going forward for 3rd – 10th place.

Committee will review the Grand/Reserve trophies.

Display checks worked well with the 10% reduced calculation and we will use that method going forward.

Halter Futurity Promotion

Discussion on the idea of a Regional Futurity. The Futurity committee thought this should be a separate program, and suggest that a Stakes class be offered at the Regional Championship shows. Joanne Ross suggested that Futurity Nomination could be required to participate in the Regional Sweepstakes class.

Discussion of how to grow the 2 Yr. Old Futurity classes:

Donna Lavery suggested that the Futurity ask sponsors to offer an extra fee to boost the 2 Yr. Old pot. She volunteered to join the committee to help get sponsors for 2020.

Joanne Ross made a motion that breeders who have not nominated any stallions in the last 3 years are invited to nominate a stallion for ½ price (\$75.00). John seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Follow up Questions for the Office

- Stallion Owner Payment – Office is still paying to the Stallion Owner of Record versus the Stallion Nominator. Allison looked into it and we reviewed the process. We will continue to pay the Nominator the stallion owner percentage. Follow up –The new software should make this more easy to track through the system rather than going back to paper forms and we will revisit this process next year with the office.
- Yearling Futurity Form – A member requested in 2018 that the committee find out if it would be possible to add a check box to the weanling Registration Application to replace the current Yearling Futurity Form. This would simplify the Registration process and getting certificates stamped as Yearling Futurity Nominated.
 - Action Item - Jennifer spoke with Allison, and the office will be adding a Futurity Nominated check box to the Registration Form which will simplify Futurity foal registrations! UPDATE: Val will work with Quintin on a way to add the Futurity Yes/No check box in 2020.

World Show 2019

Thank you to our Sponsors!

- **2019 Halter Futurity Sponsors**
 - Rocking Z Miniatures – Jon & Charmayne Zucker
 - Azariah Miniatures – Julie Good & Family
 - Double E Ranch - Richard Erickson & Jacob Elliott

- Indian Peaks Miniatures – John & Jennifer Bennett
- Pecan Grove - Jere E. Olson, Peggy Lloyd & Denny Mounce
- First Knight Miniature – KC & Stephani Pappas
- HoWil Stables – Holly Whyte & William Clark
- Fine Art by First Knight - Stephani Papps
- Purina Mills
- **Champagne Sponsor:**
 - Fountain Miniatures - Barb Hibbard

C. International - J. Ross

D. Gelding Incentive - R. Kachuriak

1. Did not meet
2. Sarah Murray and Rebecca Kachuriak co-chairs
3. Sarah is going to run the auction this year
4. GIF took over Ultimate Gelding for regionals, we gave out embroidered sheets to the winners of
5. Youth/Amateur/Open for each region. The winners also got a check.

E. LOC - L. Perdue

1. Elections - S. Hutchcraft is only qualified candidate. L. Perdue nominates.
2. Sid Hutchcraft elected by default

F. Affiliated Clubs - D. Rogers (no longer chairperson)

1. NO MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE

G. Performance - D. Hopkins

1. Committee members present:
 - a) Ashley Harris
 - b) Kathy Howard
 - c) Debbie Emery (by phone)

- d) Did not have a quorum, so discussion only.
- 2. **Carriage Driving Division:** To many exhibitors it seemed the judges were not judging the same and when asked, one judge said they were not provided with judging criteria. Judging criteria is clearly defined in the proposal, so we discussed ways in which to promote the new Division and its judging criteria better both to judges and to exhibitors.
- 3. Becky Kelley was present and reviewed three Rule Change Proposals that
- 4. were submitted:
 - a) 1. Golden Hunter class - with less number of jumps than the Amateur and Open Hunter classes.
 - b) AOTE Halter Obstacle class
 - c) AOTE Hunter class
- 5. Discussion about creating either a Green Hunter (horses entering the Hunter classes for the first year (would apply to the entire year - local, Regional, and/or World Show); OR a Limited Hunter Class - exhibitor/horse combo never won a World Title. Suggestions were to offer Green Hunter classes at the local shows only and offer the Limited Hunter class at Championship shows only.
- 6. Suggested making the Youth Liberty class a rated class. However, Laura Mullen has already informed us that the Youth Show is completely full. Since the Youth Liberty Class is held the day before the official start of the show and does not use the official World Show Judges, it would need to be moved in the schedule, so this probably won't happen. Suggested sending this to the Youth Committee Chair.

7. Performance logo - we have a logo with Tioga that they created for us a couple years ago at the request of Austin Van Wyck. Also believe that Amanda Benton has been talking to someone about creating a new Performance logo for us to use on awards, etc.
8. The question of combining the Three Year Old driving class with the Three Year Old Futurity class and combining the Four Year Old driving class with the Four Year Old Futurity Driving class at Worlds. In a straw vote taken of all present at the Performance committee meeting (approximately 15 of us) was no. Reasoning is that those young driving horses could have a very different drive in one of those two classes when run separately, but if they have a blow-up or bad run in the combined class, it counts for both classes.
9. Ashley Harris mentioned that there is no Four Year Old Hunter Futurity class. We believe this was an oversight and it was always intended to be added with the Three Year Old Hunter Futurity class, but got lost somewhere along the way.
10. Discussion on how to better promote/market participation in the Performance Futurity program. The information on fees is different on the website from what is currently in the RuleBook and what is in the RuleBook is currently incorrect. The Performance committee would like to see the age cut-offs changed to: \$25 until December 31st of foal/weanling year; \$50 until December 31st of yearling year; \$100 until December 31st of 2 year old year; \$200 until World Show entry deadline of 3 year old year
11. Debbie Emery has purchased a Lutke Driving Harness to raffle as a fundraiser for the Performance Futurity program. Discussed how to promote and implement this and suggest we speak with Rebecca Kachuriak; she is familiar with how/when raffles can be used for the AMHA as a 501-C-5.

12. Two sponsors for 2020 were identified during the meeting:

- a) Cedar Creek Miniatures - Debbie Emery
- b) Hopkins Heavensent Miniatures - Brad/Debra Hopkins

H. Drug - R. Scheuring

1. NO MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE/MEETING NOT HELD

I. Promotion - R. Kachuriak

1. Members present: Lonnie Perdue, Susan Infante, Rebecca Kachuriak

2. New co-chairs: Rebecca Kachuriak and Deb Rogers

3. ● Marketing

(1) ○ New marketing materials

b) ○ News/PR

c) ○ Facebook

4. ○ Sales Row

5. ● MHW

a) ○ We decided to do a survey to the members about MHW

b) ○ Possibility of an annual/yearbook mailed

c) ○ Possibility of quarterly newsletters mailed to members

6. ● Corporate Partnerships

a) ○ Develop and maintain relationships

b) ○ Sarah Murray to head up this “division” of the committee

7. ● New Memberships

a) ○ Programs to develop new members

b) ○ Membership drive?

8. ● New Registrations

a) ○ Promos

- b) ○ How-tos
- c) ○ Programs

9. Sales Row

- a) ● 16 horses this year, profit of almost \$3K
- b) ● Poor location last year
- c) ● Stall cleaning an issue
- d) ● Next year: use stalls near arena entrance
- e) ● 15 stalls, \$250, 75 brochures \$250, 30 bags of shavings \$210, stall signage \$135, stall
- f) cleaning \$600 (\$5/stall/day), brochure/sign design \$500
- g) ● Revenue from 15 horses @\$300/horse, \$4500, \$2555 profit

10. Some ideas:

- a) ● Exhibitor of the month, horse of the month
- b) ○ Push on FB
- c) ● Relationships with other breed registries
- d) ● Lots of discussion about how to reach the therapy horse people

J. Special Needs - Sheryl Pritchard

1. NO MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE/MEETING NOT HELD

K. Mini Hours - Susie Gunther

- a) Members:
- b) Catherine Albert Tennessee
- c) Sheri Dingman Washington
- d) Jane Arrowood North Carolina
- e) Rebecca Warrellow Novia Scotia
- f) Jacob Elliot California

- g) Susie Gunther Washington
 - h) Joanne Ross BOD Liaison
2. To help the AMHA office with duties of the Hours Program a committee was formed in 2019 with approval of the BOD. This committee is currently working to understand and expand the program. The current focus is working to increase member involvement and create more attractive rewards.
 3. Current awards for the program are;
 - a) 100 Hours Certificate
 - b) 500 Hours Sticker
 - c) TBD at 1000 and each 1000 hour plateau thereafter.
 - d) To be recognized in April/May MHW.
 4. One of the awards not yet taken advantage of is the Gift Certificates graciously offered by Chimacum Tack.
 - a) These certificates are offered at;
 - (1) 500 hours \$10.00
 - (2) 750 hours \$20.00
 - (3) 1000 hours \$25.00
 - (4) 2000 hours \$50.00
 - (5) 2500 hours \$75.00
 5. \$100.00 for the Mini Hours Therapy Horse of the Year (this is to be awarded in December 2019). This particular award is proving difficult to track as there is at this time no separate enrollment form for just Therapy. This committee recommends that this not be implemented until proper records can be created and tracked.

6. At this time no awards have been given out as the information received from the office is proving difficult to access due to newer programs not playing well with old programs. Our hope is to be sending out awards by end of 2019.

7. Additions at completion of 2019 Annual Membership Meeting

a) New BOD Liaison Susan Watson Infante

b) New members approved by BOD are;

(1) Kelly and Judy Harding

(2) Sherry Crowe

(3) Becky Kelley Larrison

L. World Show - L. Mullen

M. Youth - R. Kachuriak

1. -Did not meet

2. -New committee co-chairs, Jennifer Welma and Michelle Baker

XII. New Business

A. Motion: Move to change the number of World Show judges from 3 to 5 beginning in 2020. J. Bennet. A. Harris seconded.

1. Advisory vote to BOD. Motion passed.

B. Motion by A. Bulgawicz: Move that all Carriage driving classes be added to the World Show as rated classes beginning in 2020. D. Hopkins seconded.

1. Motion has been withdrawn by A. Bulgawicz

C. Motion by D. Henrich from Finance Committee: Move to decrease stallion hardship fee from \$1200 to \$800. Does not require second if from committee.

1. Vote taken by show of hands. Motion passed

D. Motion made by D. Henrich from Finance Committee: Move to decrease mare hardship fee from \$600 to \$500. Does not require second if from committee.

1. Vote taken by show of hands. Motion passed

E. B. Kane: Motion to that the 2020 AMHA Annual Meeting be held in Portland, Oregon.

Seconded: K. Howard.

1. Motion withdrawn by B. Kane

F. Motion made by J. Ross: Move that the membership attending the 2019 Annual Meeting give approval to the BOD to make a decision for the location for the 2020 AMHA Annual Meeting between Portland, Oregon or Irving, Texas. B. Kane seconded.

1. Vote taken by show of hands. Motion passed.

XIII. Adjournment

A. S. Bulgawicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Hopkins seconded

B. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m. CST