

AMHA Executive Committee Meeting
9/21/2017 8:00 PM CentralTime
Telephone Conference Call

Members Present: Joe Kahre, Jason Warrenfeltz, Laura Mullen, Sid Hutchcraft, and Al Bulgawicz. Alison Stonecypher was also in attendance.

- 1) Joe, AMHA President, called the meeting to order at 8PM.
- 2) Joe brought up the problem of voting items for the Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for October 26-29, 2017. Errors/omissions have occurred in the past weeks and several of the proposed By Law changes/additions, Rules and Regs changes/additions, and Show Rules proposals were not properly presented/published prior to the scheduled Annual Meeting dates in October. After considerable discussion, there was unanimous agreement by members of the EC committee, that only those items which had been properly prepared, published and presented to the membership should be voted on at the Annual Meeting in October 2017. This decision and EC's recommendation of such will be presented to the Board of Directors at their next meeting on September 26, 2017 for their approval. While this means that some important proposals/issues will not be addressed nor voted on at the Oct. 2017 Annual Meeting, the EC feels strongly that we should follow the rules for voting as outlined in the Rulebook.

If the BOD aproves the EC recommendation, the only items that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in October are as follows:

2017 ByLaw Amendments

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Article XI, Section 2

Hardship

#1720A

Submitted by: Pam Pruitt & Valerie Shingledecker

The registry and studbook of the American Miniature 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 the Hardshipping

process, per the guidelines and restrictions of the most current Official Rule Book of the American Miniature Horse Association.

2017 Rules & Regulations Amendments

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193 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.”~~

If this rule passes, we need to remove **Rule 193B #2**. ~~Include a copy of the horse’s AMHR Permanent Registration Certificate together with the Hardship Application form.~~

Rationale: We are requesting #3 be removed and Hardship Registrations be made available to all horses than 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.

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 to 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 \$9800.00. 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 shows, I feel it only makes sense to open the hardship registrations to all horses that qualify.

193 Hardship Offspring

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#10

Submitted by: Harry Elder

Change title of section 193 to **193 Hardship Offspring** ~~Offspring~~

Deemed housekeeping. Section 193 is for senior horses and 193G is for offspring.

Flow Chart Flow Chart

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#1718

Submitted by: Harry Elder/Rules & Regs Committee

Change: FEBRUARY ANNUAL MEETING

Rationale: The Annual Meeting has moved to the Fall.

102 Employee Limitations

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#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.~~

102 Employee Limitations

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#1731

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.**

2017 Show Rules Amendments

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GR-025-D-1

Show Approvals

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#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 AMHA 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.

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.

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).

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” to 34”
- Open Roadster Driving
- Open Country Pleasure Driving 32” & Under
- Open Country Pleasure Driving Over 32” to 34”
- Open Classic Pleasure Driving 32” & Under**

Open Classic Pleasure Driving Over 32” to 34”

1 other performance class (may offer more)

GR-025-P

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#SR1707

Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder

Add new P – renumber remainder. Current standing rule to be placed in rulebook.

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 judge’s cards would result in double points being issued.**
 - b. **If a three or four judge show, the most senior judge’s 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.**
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CL-016 Stock Committee

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#SR1726

Submitted by: Stock Committee

3. Current rules of 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.**
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CL-016 Stock Committee

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#1729

Submitted by: Stock Committee

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.

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- 3) Hearing no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Joe at 8:55PM