

## **AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG**

Tuesday September 26, 2017

Conference Phone Call

Called to order at 7:00 PM CST

### **Roll Call**

Present: Bobbi Briggs, Al Bulgawicz, Lisa Hawkins, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Sami Scheuring, Clair Severson, and Jason Warrenfeltz. Alison Stonecypher, Marilyn Meyer, and Janet Matzner were also in attendance.

**Determination of Quorum:** Since every BOD member was present, it was determined that a quorum was present.

### **President Report:**

Kahre opened the meeting with some comments concerning the success of the 2017 World Show and the positive acceptance of the facility changes made at the Will Rogers Memorial Center for this year's show. He also commented on the positive attitude and good sportsmanship shown by exhibitors and attendees. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show and the fun and good fellowship opportunities provided to them.

Mullen gave some additional positive comments about the World Show and its success. She stated the total number of horses competing was down slightly. But entries were up in the Youth and Amateur shows and the Open entries were only down slightly. The show averaged 4.18 entries per horse exhibited. She stated the facility seemed to work great, with only minimal complaint. Sponsorship revenue met budget. Considering the date and facility changes for 2017, this was a very positive report for the WS.

### **Review and approve minutes:**

After brief discussion concerning the prepared minutes for the July 18, 2017 AMHA Board of Director Meeting, a motion was made by Rosauer that they be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Bulgawicz and unanimously approved.

### **2018 Regional Championship Show measurements for World Show:**

After reviewing the success of the use of 2017 Regional Championship Show measurements for use at the 2017 WS, a motion was made by Warrenfeltz to continue to use this same program for the WS in 2018. The motion was seconded by Rosauer and approved unanimously.

### **2018 Regional Championship Show qualifying:**

The BOD reviewed the rule established in 2017 that there would be no local show requirement for entering a Regional Championship show. This seemed to work well with little or no problems. Scheuring made a motion to retain this same program in 2018 and have no local show requirement for attending/competing at the 2018 Regional Championship Shows. Motion seconded by Warrenfeltz and unanimously approved.

**Financial Accounting Transition:**

There has been a major problem this year in the accounting department with getting proper financial information entered and statements prepared. This has been complicated by the loss of previously entered data, due to computer problems, and the change in accounting programs from FoxPro to Quick Books. Recently an outside accounting person has been contracted to assist in this accounting program change. He and a couple of his associates are now busily trying to resolve this problem and get all data caught up and reportable. This should be accomplished prior to the Annual Meeting in October.

Mullen gave a brief Treasurer's report from the information she has available at this time. She stated the AMHA continues to be financially sound and possibly in better financial condition than last reported in February. The accounts indicate there is about \$511,000 cash in the bank of which about \$466,000 is operating cash. The payables total about \$68,000. She further reported membership continues to be down. Registration and hardship revenue are looking favorable and could possibly make budget by year end. We continue to look for revenue dollars and to reduce or control expenses.

Mullen also commented the three 2017 Regional Championship Shows were profitable and probably met or exceeded budget expectations. The 2017 WS will be profitable but probably not as profitable as in 2016.

**New Business**

Kahre mentioned a decision was made to eliminate one position in the office. The full time accounting position will be replaced with a part time position that can assist in other areas as well.

Kahre mentioned the two vacant Director positions AMHA now has in Canada (Regions 10 and 11). He suggested we wait until the Annual Meeting and see if some member(s) surface and offer to serve. The BOD agreed with this suggestion.

Kahre mentioned the need for any BOD member who desires to serve next year on the Executive Committee, as an officer, to get their bio/resume submitted to Stonecypher ASAP for publishing and distribution.

**Convention/Annual Meeting in October:**

Kahre reported 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. The Executive Committee met on September 21, 2017 to fully discuss this problem. 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 was presented to the Board of Directors

for their approval. Please see a complete list of these voting issues that is attached to these meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Hutchcraft to accept the recommendation of the EC for the Bylaw Article XI, section 2 and to present it to the membership at the Annual Meeting in October for voting. And further that an E blast (and any other timely communication) from the office should include notice of such and be sent immediately to the membership. This motion was seconded by Scheuring. A roll call vote was taken. Voting YES was Briggs, Hutchcraft, Kahre, Mullen, Rosauer, Scheuring and Warrenfeltz. Voting NO was Bulgawicz, Murray, Ross, and Seversen. Hawkins abstained. Motion was passed.

A motion was made by Hutchcraft to accept the recommendation of the EC for the Rules and Regs and Show Rules as outlined in the attachment to these minutes and to present them to the membership at the Annual Meeting in October for voting. And further that an E blast (and any other timely communication) from the office should include notice of such and be sent immediately to the membership. This motion was seconded by Scheuring. A roll call vote was taken. Voting YES was Briggs, Bulgawicz, Hawkins, Hutchcraft, Kahre, Mullen, Murray, Rosauer, Ross, Scheuring and Warrenfeltz. Voting NO was Seversen. Motion was passed.

Concerning the Annual Meeting, Kahre reported consideration is being given to adding an Open Forum for members in attendance in conjunction with the BOD Mtg on Thursday evening or some other convenient time. This session would give attendees an opportunity to opening discuss and share AMHA business, planning, concerns, personal thoughts, etc. This will be announced as a part of the Annual Meeting schedule soon.

There is still time to make sleeping room reservations for the Annual Meeting as the deadline has been extended to October 4. The decision/discussion concerning the location for future AMHA Annual Meetings will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in KC in October.

Kahre encouraged directors to continue to be positive about AMHA and to push to get more members to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting in October.

**Other Old Business:**

Ross mentioned the need to continue to plan and schedule a measuring session for Directors to obtain a measuring approval/card as mentioned in the July 18 meeting minutes.

Severson mentioned the need to prepare a listing, and publish such, of the EC meetings held in Closed Session.

Kahre mentioned he planned to name a new Drug Committee to review and make recommendation of Drug Testing for AMHA.

## **Adjournment**

At 8:55 PM hearing no other business to be discussed, Ross made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Warrenfeltz and meeting was unanimously adjourned.

## **ATTACHMENT OF ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON AT OCTOBER 2017 ANNUAL MEETING:**

### **2017 Bylaw Amendment**

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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.

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### **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.

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**193 Hardship Offspring**                      **Page 64**                                      **#10**  
**Submitted by: Harry Elder**

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

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

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**Flow Chart Flow Chart**                      **Page 63**                                      **#1718**  
**Submitted by: Harry Elder/Rules & Regs Committee**

Change: ~~FEBRUARY~~ ANNUAL MEETING

Rationale: The Annual Meeting has moved to the Fall.

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## 2017 Show Rules Amendments

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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.

Submitted by: AMHA Special Needs Committee

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

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).

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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)

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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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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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**#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.