

AMHA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING September 10, 2019

Roll Call: Present: Bobby Briggs, Ashley Harris, Rebecca Kachuriak', Clair Severson, Joanne Ross, Becky Kelly, Beverly Pearson, Gene Baynham, and Jane Ramshaw. Absent: Debra Hopkins, Dawn Henrich, Lonnie Perdue, Leigh Murray

Presidents Report: Sheryl Peterson stated that the World Show ran very smoothly, few if any complaints and a lot of positive feedback.

Laura Mullin gave a brief report on the World Show. The probationary driving classes of Limit, 30" & under and carriage classes were successful. The carriage class entries were light, but felt that was because it was brand new and many drivers were unfamiliar with them. They are expected to grow in 2020. Sharing the veterinarian with the quarter horse show worked well. The veterinarians had an extensive array of machines, like ultrasound and X-ray available for diagnosis. The hospitality room next to the entry office was very welcomed for its air conditioned area, seating and tables to fill out forms.

There were 433 horses entered with seven horses measuring out. This is less than 2018 but entries per horse were up. It is too early for a financial report until the invoice from Will Rogers and All Things Equine (ribbons vendor) are received. Amateur classes were up; Youth and Open classes were down a little. The Obstacle practice course for youth (26) and amateurs (36) was very popular with the amateurs going until midnight. A big Thank You to Kim Sweat which set up, supervised and took down these courses. It was suggested to find a different time/place for the Amateurs to practice as it was at the same time the Youth were receiving their end of show awards. A thank you letter is being sent to sponsors. All sponsors should have received a World Sponsor pin in their show bag or sent to them by the office.

A further discussion ensued about low entry classes that need to be combined by age, height, etc., or put in moratorium. It takes 7 youth entries, 6 Amateur entries or 5 open entries to pay for the awards per class. This does not take into account the staff and arena costs for each class. It was suggested to look into youth level 1 & 2, golden hunter for future classes. The futurity had the poorest turnout for a category. The Halter & Driving Futurity committee will be asked to meet with the board to talk about combining and/or eliminating classes. It was suggested to think out of the box on solutions.. Maybe take the futurity to the regionals only or have a futurity class(es) at Regionals that would pay back on the entries received to help promote the futurity program.

Dawn Henrich, Treasurer, will email a treasurer's report after her return from the AMHR show.

Sales Row appeared to be successful with 16 horses consigned and at least 6 of those horses sold.

Rebecca will get a full report before our next board meeting.

The only issue with the Quarter Horse show was their participants stalled in Cattle Barn 3 using the arena in Cattle Barn 2 reserved for AMHA. That was soon resolved with communication.

It was noted that Ohio has closed its borders to horses from any VS infected state for the time being.

Electronic Elections will be sent out September 13, closing Friday September 20. *Dawn will send out the electronic form.* An option of snail mail ballot is available to members who request it.

New Business:

The AMHA Annual Meeting will start October 31, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be a Judges Seminar held the same weekend at the hotel with John Wolf presenting to renewal candidates. Lonnie Perdue will email activities available for the week. *Please note that the A Award nomination form is on the website. Submissions need to be made in the next few weeks.* Here is a reminder of the joyous Amateur fund raising event that happens after the annual awards dinner. *Please bring items that would help raise money for the Amateur committee.*

Two things brought up for discussion that would warrant further investigation would be Honor Roll running from World Show to World Show instead of end of year. The date and location of the AMHA Annual meeting. November date has some major issues i.e. an extremely busy time for our office especially with the reduced staff. It is a struggle for them. And no year-end financial statement available on which to base our economic decisions has led to unwise financial decisions. The argument of changing the date from January to November to increase participation did not work.

The new website proposal submitted by D & M will be brought to the National Meeting.

The new computers, phone and software is going forward. *A report by Dawn Henrich will be made at the National Meeting.*

A discussion of the Regional and Championship shows ensued. Should we only have an Eastern & Western Regional Show instead of three since the World Show is in the Central Region?? The location of the Central Show (Ardmore) was a big concern as being a miserable place to show in July. What about different places for the Western Championship show.. Should we consider the new facility in Idaho or perhaps Utah? Perhaps Regional Show committees should be formed to enhance the activities and experience of the Regional Shows.

A discussion of the World Show Qualifying system was discussed. There appeared to be confusion by the exhibitors as to what was needed since now 0 qualifying must meet the criteria of the 2 shows or Regional class entries. Is the new system the reason Regional Shows were down in numbers and entries? Since this is a three year trial, we will reevaluate next year.

Sheryl Peterson asked *all board members to think about changes that need to be made and to have a list of bylaw, rule, or show rule changes for discussion by the next meeting October 8th*. These need to be sent to the office before the Annual meeting so that an impact assessment can be made to see if anything needs tweaked before submitting. Office Manager, Val Shingledecker, will have the forms displayed in an easy to locate area on the AMHA website. A reminder that Rules need **no** cosigners, Show Rules need **6** co-signers, By-Laws need **12** co-signers. These can be faxed or emailed for collection. Co-signers must put their AMHA membership number and print and sign their name.

This is a reminder that Rebecca has corporate sponsor packages. Please contact her if you have a possible sponsor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Ross

For Leigh Murray, Secretary