

Board of Directors Meeting November 15, 2016

The AMHA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Kahre on November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. CST.

Directors Present: Gene Baynham, Bobbie Briggs, Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Bob Kane, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Julianna Myers, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Clair Seversen, Heather Ward, Jason Warrenfeltz. **Staff Present:** Randy Peacock.

Determination of a Quorum

It was determined that we had a quorum to do business.

Bobbie Briggs was welcomed to the Board as the director for Region 1.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2016 Meeting

Al Bulgawicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Joanne Ross. Motion passed.

President's Report: Joe Kahre

President Kahre reported that the World Show was a success. It was great fun for all attending. The Executive Committee just traveled to Alvarado and that will be covered in the EC Report. President Kahre met with Kevin Kemp regarding acquiring the Burnett Building for the 2017 World Show. He will be getting a confirmation call on that within the next couple of days. Rebecca Clark of the Show Department will be retiring at the end of 2017. Randy Peacock will be retiring in the spring of 2017. President Kahre requested that if he sends an email, he would appreciate a response.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Ward

Heather Ward reported that the office is very well organized as far as the accounting is concerned. Our loss for the first ten months is \$45,828. The World Show contributed greatly to the finances of the organization. The Texas Grant increased this year and was \$59,352 which also made a major contribution to the bottom line. However, this did not solve the problems in Miniature Horse World, membership and registration. The Executive Committee is examining ways to further cut costs to be able to maintain the magazine. Hardship has not generated much in the way of revenue thus far. Some items were referred to the Finance Committee for recommendations.

Executive Committee Report: Joe Kahre

The Executive Committee met for three days in Alvarado. The Executive Committee did lay off two employees of the AMHA (Carolyn Groves and Earlene Tidwell). The office had a staff meeting on Monday to redistribute the duties of those staff. We are going to look into becoming a 501C-3 corporation. This would allow us to receive tax deductible donations if it is possible.

World Show Report: Laura Mullen

Laura Mullen reported that the World Show had a net income of approximately \$50,000.00. In addition our Texas Grant increased to \$59,352.00. She also stated that there should be additional revenue coming in from I Equine. The Finance Committee had mandated cuts of \$30,000.00 and the overall World Show budget reduction was met. World Show Committee sold about \$7900.00 in class sponsorship.

Old Business:

Hardship Rewrite

All directors were sent a rewrite of the hardship rule submitted by Bob Kane. The By-Laws Committee feels this should not be printed to be voted on in February as it has not gone through the proper channels. However, he cautioned that this opens the hardship up to all miniature horses, not AMHA ones. Joanne Ross was not in favor of bringing this rule forward. Allison Rosauer was concerned about how we would verify age. Al Bulgawicz would like to see it limited to AMHA horses. Bob Kane rescinded the rewrite. Bob Kane made a motion that the president create a committee to rewrite the hardship rule to assist in getting them accomplished and come up with the best procedures. Seconded by Sid Hutchcraft. All in favor. Laura Mullen asked the board to consider letting horses who hardship receive a show letter for the event they are measured at. Joe Kahre will check with registration on whether this is possible.

New Business:

Miniature Horse World: The online magazine has not been profitable. The EC recommends that these be suspended. Jason Warrenfeltz made a motion to discontinue the additional issues of the online magazine. Julianna Myers seconded. All in favor. The magazine will now be quarterly (seasonal). Joe Kahre will contact Melissa Powell and get her to remind members of the new deadlines due to the earlier World Show date. We will also try to reach members via our Facebook page.

Central Regional Location for 2017: Laura Mullen asked the Central directors to make a choice between Stephens County Fairgrounds and Hardy Murphy Coliseum. The consensus was to try for Stephens County Fairgrounds as our first choice; Ardmore as our second choice. Laura Mullen will let everyone know when we get a signed contract.

Special Needs: Joe Kahre would like to see the name changed to Unique Abilities. Diane Harris, Lisa Schmidt, Jasmine Schlick and the Kennedys felt that this was a good choice. They would also like to re-establish the Special Needs Committee. Jasmine Schlick would be glad to be chairperson. Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to appoint a Unique Abilities Committee. Jason Warrenfeltz seconded. All in favor.

2018 Annual Meeting: We will have it in Florida as voted by the membership.

One Show Requirement for Regional Championship Shows: Joe Kahre proposed that we drop the one show requirement for horses to be able to attend a Regional Show for

2017. Sid made a motion to drop the one show requirement for Regionals. Jason Warrenfeltz seconded the motion. Motion passed. In favor: Hutchcraft, Kahre, Mullen, Myers, Rosauer, Ross, Briggs, Ward, Warrenfeltz. Opposed: Elder, Kane, Murray, Severson. Abstention: Bulgawicz. Allison Rosauer suggested we put a list of how you can qualify on the AMHA website. Bob Kane/Show Rules will make a list, to be posted on the website, of the ways a horse can be qualified for the World Championship Show.

Regional Measurements: Jason Warrenfeltz made a motion that we allow the Regional measurements to be good for World for yearlings, two-year-olds and senior horses for 2017. Heather Ward seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Elder abstained; Kane voted no; Baynham had left call.

World Show Judges: LOC made a motion to change the 60-day clause in the World Show judges contract to 30 days. All in favor.

Joanne Ross made a motion that we reinstate Mary Lou Elder's proposal as submitted at last year's annual meeting with a 36" height limit with Joanne as author. Clair Severson seconded. Motion passed. Voting no—Elder, Kahre, Kane, Mullen. Baynham left call. Randy Peacock was instructed to put the applicable rule proposals in the upcoming magazine. Joe Kahre stated that the proposals needed to be in Melissa's inbox by 8:00 a.m. as we have a magazine publication deadline to make.

Joe Kahre made a motion to adjourn. Joanne Ross seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.