

**AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016**

Call To Order

President Joe Kahre

The meeting (teleconference) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. CST.

Roll Call

Secretary Laura Mullen

Present: Gene Baynham, Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Bob Kane, Laura Mullen, Julianna Myers, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Clair Seversen, Laurie Slobody, Heather Ward, Jason Warrenfeltz. Absent: Leigh Murray. Guest: Randy Perdue. Staff: Randy Peacock.

Determination Of Quorum

President Joe Kahre

It was determined we had a quorum to conduct business.

President's Report

President Joe Kahre

President Kahre visited office last week. He reported that we are fortunate to have such great staff at our office. He is working on the following World Show ideas: Stall decorating contest, getting coupons for restaurants for exhibitors, and a way to welcome to first time exhibitors. He will be getting each director a membership list for their region and who needs to be renewed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Heather Ward

Registration is looking positive thus far as compared to last year. A report is forthcoming in Miniature Horse World.

Ratification of Minutes – February 21, 2016 Sunday Board Meeting

Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to approve as printed. 2nd Joanne Ross. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Rocky Mountain Shetland Pony Miniature Horse Club

Harry Elder made a motion to accept. 2nd Al Bulgawicz. All in favor.

LOC Senior Status Rule

Harry Elder made a motion to accept changes to LO-020 C b as follows:

“Approved judges may apply for Senior Classification after they have adjudicated at three (3) or more AMHA sanctioned shows in which 65 or more horses were exhibited at each show or Approved Judges may apply after they have adjudicated at a minimum of fifteen (15) AMHA sanctioned shows during the previous 6 years.”

2nd Sid Hutchcraft. All in favor.

World Show Sponsorship Program

Laura Mullen referenced a sponsorship form proposed by the World Show Committee for class sponsorship for the 2016 AMHA World Show. She is seeking approval of the board for this program so that the committee can proceed with marketing sponsorship. Julianna Myers made a motion to accept sponsorship program. Allison Rosauer 2nd. All in favor.

Hardship

Harry Elder presented the concerns of the By-Law Committee regarding instituting Hardship as a standing rule in 2016. AMHA has received a letter from our attorney stating that creating the standing rule was within the powers of the Board of Directors. The By-Laws Committee disagrees with the attorney, but realize they are not attorneys themselves. The attorney states the decision can be made for “expedient and necessary reasons that are in the best interest of AMHA.” Al Bulgawicz stated that we do need to make some changes to the hardship rule. Heather Ward felt they were housekeeping. Clair Severson feels we need to move forward with the hardship for financial reasons regardless of whether it may be overstated in the budget. Heather Ward made a motion that we have sought, received and reviewed legal opinion and are satisfied that we can proceed with hardship and non-member fees and, in addition, we agree to the housekeeping changes to the rule as presented by Al Bulgawicz. 2nd Clair Severson. Passed with one no vote – Harry Elder.

Standing Rules

We reviewed standing rules for Hardship:

193A Item 4 - Change to: “The owner must submit with the application a request and payment for an AMHA approved DNA test (with the exception of geldings).”

193B Application - Change the order: #6 becomes #2, and #2 to #5 and move down #3 to #6.

193D Item 3 Inspection – Change to: “Inspector is required to personally pull hair or witness the owner pulling hair from the horse being measured and inspected. The inspector will then send the sample directly to the lab.”

193I Pedigree on Registration Certificate of Hardshipped Horses - Change to: “First generation parentage of the horse being Hardshipped shall now show on the registration certificate and indicate if AMHA or AMHR registered. Any corresponding DNA for parent qualification acknowledgement shall also be included.”

Al Bulgawicz presented the non-member fees for temp to perm, gelding and transfers. The fees were discussed. Forms will need to be updated in the office.

Jason Warrenfeltz made a motion to accept changes to standing rules. 2nd Sid Hutchcraft. All in favor.

Committee Assignments

Vice President Al Bulgawicz has provided a committee list in your agenda items. Two committees have not confirmed—membership and local clubs. There were adjustments to a few

committee assignments. Sid made a motion that all these committees be approved with changes made at this meeting. Jason Warrenfeltz 2nd. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

International Buckskin Horse Association

President Kahre has been in communication with the International Buckskin Horse Association and is encouraging local exhibitors to attend the Buckskin World Show. AMHA will have a booth and membership applications there and horses exhibiting. IBHA will be sending a booth to the AMHA World Show.

Membership Discount Program

Randy Perdue presented a membership rewards program for AMHA that solicits businesses that would like to offer our members a benefit/discount. He began in March and has approached 111 companies. He has several companies that have indicated interest in signing on—Star Lake Tack, Gist Silversmith, All Things Equine, Smart Pak, Farnam, For Minis Only, Nutrena, Eukele Equine. Randy Perdue has also been communicating with Kelly Charpentier who would be interested in seeking corporate sponsorship for us at a 15% commission. He would like to come up with a name for the benefit program. Heather Ward suggested “Fabulous 34.” The requested the send to Randy Perdue the names of businesses he can canvas at perrandy@gmail.com. Laura Mullen made a motion to ask Randy Perdue to seek a contract from Kelly Charpentier to seek sponsorship at a 15% discount for the board to review. 2nd Sid Hutchcraft. All in favor.

GR-040-1 – Drugs and artificial Appliances

Laurie Slobody made a motion to implement changes to GR-040-1 voted in by the membership at the Annual Meeting as a standing rule in 2016. 2nd Sid Hutchcraft. Harry Elder expressed concern about moving voted items into standing rules rather than having them follow the flow chart as stated in our By-Laws, particularly if there is not an expedient and necessary reason. Discussion ensued. Motion failed. The changes to GR-040-1 will become effective in 2017.

Temp to Perm After Six Months

Bob Kane suggested we come up with a way to help members bring horses to permanent more easily and affordably when the registration papers have exceeded the 6 months allowed without penalty. Bob will write up suggestions and email them to the Board. We will have another Board call in May and put this item on the agenda.

Miniature Horse World

Heather Ward brought up Melissa Powell’s email regarding the Miniature Horse World magazine and not being able to sell the back cover. There was discussion as to how we might be able to market those spots and whether we should market to other than breeders (i.e. businesses).

Laura Mullen made a motion to adjourn. 2nd Sid Hutchcraft. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. CST.