

## **AMHA BOD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**6 p.m. CST**

**Conducted Via Zoom**

1. Called to Order at 6:03 p.m. CST - S. Peterson
2. Roll Call - D. Hopkins: Present: S. Peterson, L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, J. Rutledge, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris. Absent: K. Lunde
3. President's Report - S. Peterson: Re-focusing on the new website and working to add new resources for members on a "Members Only" page to include articles and videos by miniature horse practitioners regarding training, clipping, nutrition, breeding, just to name a few.
4. Finance Report - D. Henrich: The end of year finance report is pending and will be emailed to the Board as soon as it is completed.
5. Office Update- V. Shingledecker:
  - A. So far in January, \$25,000 in invoices have been input to Quickbooks;
  - B. Invoices are being input from late last week, so only 2-3 days after receipt to the Office;
  - C. Registration paperwork is still backlogged to time-stamped work in late September/early October due to continued bugs/glitches being worked on each day as a result of the data dump from the old system to the new system, but progress is being made;

D. Staff is pulling and working all paperwork that is not experiencing issues - Temp to Perm, Stallion to Gelding, Owner Transfers;

E. Staff is also pulling all AOTE Registration paperwork in order to get them processed as early in the year as possible.

6. Old Business:

A. Get of Sire Continued Discussion - The change from 3 horses/get per entry to 3 horses/get per entry was a one year trial in 2020 in an attempt to increase the number of entries in this historically important class. Debate continues whether you can truly judge the consistency of a Stallion's get with 2 get versus 3.

Debate also continues whether we can/should continue to hold the class for 2-3 entries per year and this debate applies to the Produce of Dam class as well. It was decided to create a small sub-committee, led by Sarah Murray and Nicole Pearsall, to create recommendations to present to the Board for consideration at the March 9th meeting.

7. New Business:

B. LOC International Guest Judge Program - S. Hutchcraft. Due to the lack of judge's seminars over the last few years, there is now a critical shortage of available, carded judges for International Shows. So much so that several Clubs may not be able to hold their AMHA sanctioned shows in 2021. The LOC is working diligently to develop an on-line Judge's Seminar to assist in granting International Judge's Cards to enough individuals to overcome the current shortage. In the meantime, the LOC is asking the Board to approve the International Guest Judge Program as submitted by the LOC Chair, Sid

Hutchcraft. D. Hopkins moved to implement the International Guest Judge Program with the additional stipulation that participants just meet the criteria of our Rule Book on page 82, GR-010-F. through O. Seconded by L. Perdue, the motion passed. Yes votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, S. Infante, J. Rutledge, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris. C. Severson was temporarily dropped off the Zoom call and did not vote.

F. Virtual AMHA “Fun” Shows - L. Mullen

1. The International community has also requested some type of recognition from the AMHA for Virtual Shows. In 2020, this was primarily the only show venue available to their members. The proposal presented to the Board states these shows would be non-rated and non-pointed, the shows must include a short list of classes, but can include more, along with other specific criteria to be met. The AMHA Office will post the Virtual Shows on the Show Schedule page of the AMHA Website with contact information for the “host” of the show, how/where to submit video entries, and other pertinent information. These Virtual Shows may be judged by AMHA or International Carded judges. Following the show, the “host” may submit a .pdf document to be posted under Show Results on the AMHA Website.
2. C. Severson moved to approve and implement the International AMHA Virtual Show program as submitted for a one year trial during 2021. Seconded by J. Rutledge, the motion passed. Yes votes: L. Murray, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, C. Severson, S. Infante, J. Rutledge, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris. D. Henrich abstained from the vote.

3. D. Rogers moved to implement the same Virtual Show Program for members in the U.S. & Canada, with the change to all judges being AMHA carded judges (not International Judges) for a one year trial in 2021. Seconded by S. Infante, the motion passed unanimously. Yes votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, J. Rutledge, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris.
- G. DNA Discount for Weanling Registrations - V. Shingledecker: In an effort to encourage DNA testing at the time of foal registration, the Office recommends offering a discount on DNA testing of weanlings. D. Hopkins moved to implement a 50% discount on DNA testing for all horses foaled in calendar year 2021 with Registration Applications received no later than 12/31/2021. Seconded by S. Infante, the motion passed unanimously. Yes votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, J. Rutledge, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris.
- H. 2021 Annual Meeting - S. Peterson: The Executive Committee recommends holding our 2021 Annual Meetings at the Portland, Oregon location that could not take place in 2020 but was the last location voted on by the AMHA Membership at the 2019 Annual Meetings. Possible dates proposed include: October 28-31, November 11-14, or November 18-21. D. Hopkins moved to schedule the AMHA Annual Meetings in Portland, Oregon on November 11-14, 2021. Seconded by J. Rutledge, the motion passed unanimously. Yes votes: L. Murray, D. Henrich, B. Kelly, D. Hopkins, L. Perdue, C. Severson, S. Infante, J. Rutledge, S. Murray, D. Rogers, A. Harris.

I. Trailer Purchase for World Show - storage & transport - D. Henrich: The AMHA Treasurer is recommending the purchase of a trailer large enough to store all the supplies that must be transported from the Office to the World Shows and back each year. In recent years, we have rented a box truck, paid to have it loaded with everything currently stored in the warehouse area of the AMHA Offices, transported, unloaded; at the end of the show everything is loaded into another rented box truck and unloaded back into the warehouse with paid help. The purchased trailer would serve to store most of the materials/supplies for the year, parked inside the warehouse, saving box truck rental each way, paid labor to load the truck at the start of the show and unload everything at the conclusion of the show. Staff and Board members would be encouraged to keep an eye open for a good, used trailer or reasonably priced new trailer within reasonable driving distance of the AMHA Offices in Texas. The Board was unanimously in favor of the purchase and will review/approved based on the options presented at a future date.

8. Next BOD Meeting Date: March 9, 2021

9. Closed Session - At approximately 8:05 p.m. CST, the general meeting was adjourned and the Board began a Closed Session.

C. Severson moved to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 8:19 p.m. CST.

Seconded by L. Murray, the meeting adjourned.