

AMHA BOD Meeting  
9/8/2015 7pm Central Time

Members Present: Gene Baynham, Darlene Bridges, Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Bob Kane, Frank Lupton, Julianna Myers, Gary Owen, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Clair Severson, Laurie Slowbody, Heather Ward

Also in attendance: Randy Peacock, Laura Mullen, Deb Hopkins, Mike Griggs

- 1) Ratify minutes of the June 6, 2015 BOD Meeting. Bob Kane moved to approve the June 6, 2015 BOD Meeting Minutes as written. Al Bulgawicz 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) Financial Report ~ Frank Lupton and Randy Peacock. Frank Lupton reported that the current entries and stalls for the world show are down. This will put us under our projected budget. The 3 regional shows showed profits this year. At this time registration, Miniature Horse World and membership are all below projected numbers. The BOD will need to discuss different ways to increase revenue and decrease cost.
- 3) 2017-2019 World Show Dates ~ The dates offered to AMHA by Will Rogers are
  - a. August 21-September 3
  - b. October 2 – 15There was a quite lengthy discussion surrounding both dates, temperatures, pluses and minuses of each date, different location options, and the impact of the differences between contracts offered for each date.

Straw vote was taken to pole the BOD to get an overview of preliminary thoughts after the discussion during this meeting. The results are:

Gene Baynham ~ August  
Darlene Bridges ~ August  
Al Bulgawicz ~ August  
Harry Elder ~ August  
Julie Good ~ August  
Sid Hutchcraft ~ August  
Joe Kahre ~ August  
Bob Kane ~ August  
Frank Lupton ~ August  
Julianna Myers ~ August  
Gary Owen ~ August  
Allison Rosauer ~ October  
Clair Severson ~ August

Laurie Slobody ~ Abstain  
Heather Ward ~ August

I did not know Joanne Ross was in attendance and did not call for her vote.

Results of the preliminary vote ~ 13 August  
1 October  
1 Abstain

It was decided to go back to Will Rogers and make the following requests:

- One-year contract with two to three one-year extension options – this is to guard against attendance being insufficient to warrant the show the first few years using the new dates
- Use of the John Justin Arena, Richardson-Bass stalls, Moncrief stalls, Burnett stalls and outside warm-up pavilion.
- Although seemingly unlikely for now, should overflow stalls be required, the cattle barns are preferred to the Multi-purpose building
- Continuation of the facility discount

Randy will send these requested changes to the contract we have been offered by Will Rogers.

- 4) International Honorary Director application was received for Egbert Tiemann.  
Laurie Slobody moved to accept Egbert Tiemann from German as an International Honorary Director. Clair Severson 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board agreed unanimously.  
Egbert Tiemann will be advised of this decision.
- 5) Regional Director Elections are approaching for Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 12. Currently there are three nominations, but members have one more week to submit nominations.
- 6) Use of “AMHA” on social media sites ~ The disclaimer that was written by our attorney should be posted on all such pages where it is visible to all who visit.  
Joanne Ross moved to adopt the recommendations regarding disclaimers stated in the letter from our attorney as an AMHA Policy. Bob Kane 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Unanimously approved by BOD

- 7) 2016 AMHA Annual Membership Meeting in Tampa Florida is approaching quickly. Board members and members are encouraged to submit ideas for educational seminars. The best time to offer seminars was discussed.
- 8) Committee Reports
- a) Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
- Broadcasting the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Meetings during the Annual Meeting was discussed. Al Bulgawicz moved that the BOD authorize LRPC to investigate the entire cost of this broadcasting project and possible sponsorship. Julianna Myers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved by the BOD. LRPC will report the results of this to the BOD at the December Board Meeting.
  - It was suggested that the Directors Biographies and photo be posted on the website, in Miniature Horse World Magazine and in Show Programs. There was a discussion about possibly having directors information and photos posted at the World Show.
  - The idea of purchasing a subscription to Survey Monkey for AMHA use was discussed. Mike Griggs will gather more information about Survey Monkey and report back to the BOD
  - LRPC reported that a local company has offered AMHA a free evaluation of our office efficiency. Mike Griggs and Randy Peacock will work on this and gather more information before this evaluation takes place.
- b) Promotions Committee ~ Mike Griggs gave a brief report and also informed the BOD that Kerri Griggs has resigned as Chair of this committee.
- c) Performance Committee
- There has been concern that the rulebook does not specify that on a light harness bridle the reins must be connected to the bit, not the noseband ~ this item will need to be added to the rule book. This will be brought through the proper process.
- 9) It was noted that the information for the 2016 AMHA Annual Membership Meeting is not readily available on our website. This

will be updated. The dates for the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting in Tampa, Florida are Thursday February 18 through Sunday February 21, 2016

- 10) Julianna Myers thanked those who have helped sponsor the youth and encouraged everyone to get involved in the youth events at the World Show.
- 11) Bob Kane asked that the office staff be reminded that shows may now be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June since the BOD Meeting is now held via teleconference.
- 12) Randy Peacock asked if International Honorary Directors are able to measure horses for AMHA ~ the Show Rules Committee and LOC need to address this.

Bob Kane moved to adjourn the meeting, Gene Baynham 2<sup>nd</sup> . The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm Central Time