

# **AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

**Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Kansas City, MO**

**Saturday November 3, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Joe Kahre called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M. and gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Janet Matzner, Marilyn Meyer, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Jane Ramshaw, Debbie Rogers, Joanne Ross, and Sami Scheuring. Absent: Bobbi Briggs, Beverly Pearson, and Jason Warrenfeltz. Alison Stonecypher was also in attendance.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:** 10 of 13 Directors were present. It was determined that we had a quorum to do business.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Joe Benton was appointed Sergeant At Arms for this Annual Meeting.

**CONVENTION RULES:** President Kahre informed the Board and membership of the rules of this Annual Meeting

**CONVENTION TELLERS:** President Kahre stated that Joe Benton, Harry Elder, and Cheryl Pritchard would serve as Convention Tellers.

**RATIFY MEETING MINUTES:** Amanda Benton made a motion to ratify the meeting minutes of the October 28, 2017 Annual Membership Meeting held in Kansas City, MO. Seconded by Michelle Meacham. Motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** President Kahre reported there was no unfinished business to discuss.

**ROLL Call was taken with 45 voting members present.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Kahre reviewed the activities of his presidency since the last Annual meeting. He commented on several issues. He stated he had learned a lot about people, their desires, wants, feelings, likes and dislikes. He suggested there are some changes he believes need to be made in AMHA's Rules and Regs and even some Bylaws. He suggested a study should be made of the length of terms for EC members. He commented about the need to welcome new members and to evaluate why more members do not attend the Annual Meeting.

Kahre reported there will be a Quarter Horse Select Show going on at WRMC while AMHA holds their World Show. He pointed out the opportunity for AMHA horses to have great exposure to other horse minded people that don't yet have miniatures.

Kahre closed his remarks by suggesting everyone be positive about AMHA and fellow AMHA members and to make "we decisions not me decisions".

**OUTGOING DIRECTORS:** President Kahre recognized and expressed sincere appreciation to outgoing directors: Jason Warrenfeltz, Region 2; Laura Mullen, Region 3; and Sid Hutchcraft, Region 4. Each retiring Director was presented a very nice commemorative plaque.

**TREASURER'S and FINANCIAL REPORT:** Laura Mullen

The Finance Committee met and did have a quorum. As of 10/29/18, AMHA had a total cash position of \$278918.29. Of that amount, \$229649.17 is operating cash. As a point of reference, in January 2017, we had total cash of \$362K of which \$277 was operating cash. We have approximately \$20883.00 in receivables on the books and \$863987.00 in payables.

Finance started their meeting in closed session to discuss some personnel items which we will forward to the incoming Executive Committee.

The Committee discussed the fact that MHW is losing \$3000 per issue not including the salary of the editor. It was recommended that MHW become an online only magazine and that we implement a bi-monthly newsletter (as the Pinto Association does) to keep the membership informed in a timely fashion of deadlines to be met and such.

We also discussed the need for building maintenance and repairs and our options there.

Our committee was asked to come up with a way that the World Show could acquire the funds to go back to the 5 judge system. The cost to go from 6 to 10 is approximately \$13K. The suggestion of Finance, should the members wish to have 10 judges (5 each panel) was to increase the office fee to \$25 from \$20 and add \$5 to each class fee. Our only other option would be to have less expensive awards. Our present awards have been bid out and are already at the lowest cost, so we would have to go with smaller trophies and lesser sashes. The consensus of the members present at our meeting is that they would rather pay the extra \$5 per class.

There was much discussion regarding drug testing and the costs associated with it. We also discussed charging \$10 to change a stallion to a gelding in the fee schedule. At present this service is free, but does cost staff time and postage. Our recommendation is to charge \$10.

Finance also touched on additional classes to the World Show to increase revenue. Honor Roll buckles were discussed and Finance made a motion to have the look into offering an alternative award that is less costly (i.e. plaques). There was also discussion on promoting our other awards such as Superior Event Horse.

The Finance Committee recommended passing the Hardship proposal presented by Show Rules from the AMHA Office. Finance recommended that the AMHA Office hire a bookkeeping person to handle our accounting to remove this responsibility from our Director of Operations.

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW REPORT**

**The Central Regional Championship Show** was held on July 6-8 in Ardmore, OK. The Central Show had **150 horses and 750 class entries for an average of 5 entries per horse.** The Central Show had the largest number of youth performance class entries of all 3 Regionals. Youth and amateur entries were up for the Central from 2017. The Central generated a profit of approximately \$9299.00.

**The Eastern Regional Championship Show** was held on July 13-15 in Springfield, OH. The Eastern Show had **173 horses and 719 class entries for an average of 4.15 entries per horse.** The Eastern had the largest number of amateur entries overall of all 3 Regionals. The Eastern generated a profit of approximately \$11561.00.

**The Western Regional Championship Show** was held on July 20-22 in Reno, NV. The Western Show had **174 horses and 977 class entries for an average of 5.61 entries per horse.** The Eastern Regional has been the largest for several years, but this year Western had the largest number of horses and the highest number of entries of all 3 Regionals. The Western generated a profit of approximately \$15523.00.

Overall the Regional Shows generated a profit of approximately \$36,384.00. This was down about \$1700.00 from 2017 and largely due to a decreased number of horses at the Eastern.

Mullen thanked everyone who attended and those who sponsored our AOTE awards and encouraged those present to encourage members to participate in 2019.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Joe Kahre

President Kahre stated that the present Executive Committee has been busy and held several meetings throughout the year. Unfortunately, many of them were held in Closed Session due to various legal, personnel and confidential issues. All EC reports, when appropriate, are posted on the AMHA website.

**HUB COMMITTEE REPORT:** Joe Kahre

In the absence of the Vice President, Kahre handled the two Hub Committee Meetings. Each meeting was well attended by Committee Chairs and good exchange of information occurred.

**ROLL Call was taken with 41 voting members present.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AOTE REPORT:**

Members present: John Bennett, Becky Kelly, Janet Matzner, Marilyn Meyer

- Old Business
- ❖ Clarifications of rules
  - 2 that went through show rules as housekeeping

- Discussion on headers for AOTE horses in versatility classes, what can a non-family member can do to assist, we will start a rule change for clarifications
- ❖ How to get the word out to members
  - Possible Facebook page
  - More Question/Answer articles in MHW
  - Updating some items on the AMHA website
- ❖ AOTE Stock classes were a success
  - New Business
- ❖ 2019 Sponsors
  - High Point Awards, we have most of these in place now for the championships and World Show
  - Discussion on getting members to sponsor the classes at World Show, once forms are available to get them to members
  - Take a Chair, Mirage Miniatures, Kim & John Sweatt
  - Super AOTE Award was brought up by Ailene Tarap and she would sponsor. We need to find out how we can implement this and set up some parameters, would be awarded at World Show or ?
- ❖ Class proposals, discussions
  - AOTE Versatility, a show rules proposal was sent to Performance Committee
  - Amateur Grand Championship Stock class to be proposed, pulled out of moratorium. It would have the stallions, geldings and mares in this class. Some local shows have already been doing this with great success and enthusiasm
  - Changing the placement of AOTE Halter classes so they are after the Amateur Halter classes at World Show
  - Adding split levels for all the AOTE driving classes, would put the Pleasure and Roadster driving in moratorium as the numbers are not there at this time, so a show rules proposal is being done
- ❖ Honor system within the AOTE program
  - Violations how do we report these and to whom
  - An article for MHW is being prepared that goes over the AOTE rules and what a member can do to report a violation at a show
- ❖ Opt-out of AOTE program
  - Discussion about Honor roll points staying with you when you opt-out. No changes to this.

**AMATEUR COMMITTEE:** Marilyn Meyer

The Amateur Committee had a meeting on Friday, November 2, 2018

Members that attended the meeting were: Marilyn Meyer, Janet Matzner, Leigh Murray, and Susan Stewart (by phone). Rebecca Kuturiak and Deb Rogers (new members of our Committee were also present). We had a Quorum plus several AMHA members sat in on the meeting. Marilyn Meyer, co-chair, headed the meeting with Susan Stewart on the phone. We reviewed the Amateur Balance sheet for 2016, 2017 and 2018 that we finally got a couple of weeks ago. A big thanks to Alison in the AMHA Office for working with us to finally get an accurate total of the Amateur Funds. The amount we have in the account as of October 15, 2018 is \$14,269.73.

We discussed the Wine and Cheese Fund Raiser that we have at the World Show during the Futurity Classes every year. We were not aware that the Will Rogers had charged our Committee \$225 to have this Party in 2017 and 2018. In 2018 we lost \$79.00 (not to mention the cost of the cheese, wine, etc. that was donated). We only collected \$146.00 and had to pay the \$225.00. Later in the meeting, John Bennett from the Futurity Committee asked us to continue with the Wine and Cheese and the Futurity Committee would pay the \$225.00. We all agreed to continue with this in 2019.

We talked about the Grants for the Amateur Clinics. We agreed to have 4 Clinics of \$500.00 each offered to the Local Clubs in 2019. The deadline for the request will be March 31, 2019.

We also discussed all the Awards that the Amateur Committee is responsible for every year. We think that the Membership is not aware that this is paid for by the Amateur Funds. A Sign-up sheet was recommended to pass around at the Annual Banquet and Meeting to get sponsors to help donate some of the awards.

We also decided that every Member of our Committee would take on a different task to help spread around the duties of our Club.

Tammi Nuttall agreed to help set up a Facebook Page for the Amateur Committee to reach out to all AMHA members. We think this will be so helpful!

We are looking forward to the New Members that signed up for the Amateur Committee. We plan on having another Meetings throughout the year by Conference Calls. The meeting was adjourned.

We had a very successful Auction at the Annual Banquet. We collected \$2,470.00. That money will all go to purchasing the Amateur Awards and Grants for the Amateur Clinics in 2019. A huge thanks for all the Beautiful Donated Items, Bob Ramshaw for being a Super Auctioneer and Janet Matzner for bringing a lot of flare while walking the items around for bids. Thanks to all our AMHA friends who purchased items. It was a fun evening spend with wonder friends!!!

**HALTER FUTURITY COMMITTEE:** John Bennett

**2018 Halter Futurity Committee Meeting**

**Friday November 2, 2018 1:00 PM**

Roll call was taken. Committee members present: John Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Mary Lou Elder, Joanne Ross

Members absent: Marianne Packard, Polly Weisberg

### **Stallion Percentage Payout**

- Discussion – Should the Stallion Owner % Payout be reduced from 15% back to 10% to increase the Yearling Futurity Payouts. Passed Unanimously.
  - Action Item – Work with the office to update the Stallion Nomination Form. Change will be effective going forward with the new Nominations received 3/1/19 for the 2020 Yearling Show year.

Discussion – Remove the Stallion Owner % Payout on the 2 Yr. Old Sustaining Nominations to increase the 2 Yr. Old payouts. – It was felt that, since the stallion owner does not contribute to the 2 yr. old pot, they shouldn't get a portion of the payouts. Payouts will be distributed 100% to the 2yr Old exhibiting horses. Passed Unanimously.

- Action Item - Let office know of this change. The Committee would like it to go into effect as soon as possible to increase the 2 yr. old payout, but we need to review the Stallion Nomination Form's statement to determine when we can implement this.

### **Questions for the Office**

- Stallion Owner Payment – Office is still paying to the Stallion Owner of Record versus the Stallion Nominator. Allison looked into it and we reviewed the process. We will continue to pay the Nominator the stallion owner percentage.
- Yearling Futurity Form – A member requested that the committee find out if it would be possible to add a check box to the weanling Registration Application to replace the current Yearling Futurity Form. This would simplify the Registration process and getting certificates stamped as Yearling Futurity Nominated.
  - Action Item - Jennifer spoke with Allison, and the office will be adding a Futurity Nominated check box to the Registration Form which will simplify Futurity foal registrations!

### **Late Entries**

Discussion: Review the situations we approved with Late Fees in the past year.

- Mare Nominations received by the March 1<sup>st</sup> Due Date when the Stallion Nomination hasn't been received by the deadline. Stallion Nominations will be accepted if they are received in the office by April 1<sup>st</sup> with a \$50 Late Fee. Passed Unanimously.
- 2 Yr. Old Sustaining Forms
  - Forms received by March 1<sup>st</sup> have a nomination amount of \$150
  - NEW: Forms will be accepted through the close of World Show Entries with an additional Late Fee of \$75

### **Budget Review**

- Hats & T-shirts – We will discontinue the hats & T-shirts for the 2019 World Show. The committee concluded that this program had run its course.
- Grand/Reserve Grand Trophies – Reviewed options available.
  - Action – Jennifer will send the committee a few options that will be considered and get the final decision to Laura for ordering.

- We are waiting on the cost of the Top Ten Sires plaques awarded at the annual meeting and the revenue from hat & T-shirt sales from 2018 World Show to finalize the Budget going into 2019.

### **World Show 2019**

- World Show Futurity Table – It was decided to continue with the Halter Futurity Table to promote our sponsors. Volunteers were requested for setup and tear down. Joanne suggested we use Facebook Group Messaging to get the committee together for this.
- Judge panel for 2019 – Committee will continue to pay for 1 Open judge on a 3 judge panel. If AMHA goes to 5 judges, the committee will discuss paying for a 2<sup>nd</sup> judge.
- Wine & Cheese Party – The committee will be looking for a sponsor to cover the \$225 fee charged to the Amateur Committee to have this event.

### ***Thank you to our Sponsors!***

- **2018 Halter Futurity Sponsors**

- Los Arboles – Polly Weisberg & Ann Dwyer
- ME-HE Miniatures – Harry and Mary Lou Elder
- Indian Peaks Miniatures – John & Jennifer Bennett
- Pecan Grove - Jere E. Olson, Peggy Lloyd & Denny Mounce
- Rocking Z Miniatures – Jon & Charmayne Zucker
- The Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club
- Azariah Miniatures – Julie Good & Family
- First Knight Miniature – KC & Stephanie Pappas
- HolWil Stables – Holly Whyte & William Clark
- Purina Mills

- **Champagne Sponsor:**

- Barb Hibbard – Fountain Miniatures

### **2019 Sponsors**

- Mary Lou will check with her contact at Purina Mills to see if they will sponsor Feed coupons for 2019
- Sponsor List for 2019:
  - Rocking Z Miniatures - Jon and Charmayne Zucker
  - Azariah Miniatures - Julie Good & Family

**GELDING INCENTIVE FUND COMMITTEE:** Leigh Murray

Gelding Incentive Fund Co-chairs: Leigh Murray & Rebecca Kachuriak Members: Karen

Rudolph, Sarah Murray, Jennifer Williams Present at meeting: Leigh Murray and Rebecca Kachuriak. We did NOT have a quorum at the 2018 Annual meeting Results: Nominated geldings: 2017 2018 51 horses 46 horses 67 nominations 85 nominations 179 GELDINGS PARTICIPATED AT THE WORLD SHOW \$\$ Awarded: 2017 2018 \$16, 685.00 \$13, 712.00 Auction Funds: 2017 2018 \$6,000+ \$8500+ Stallion Temp to Perm: 2017 2018 \$3900 \$1300 Top Ten Results: Youth Performance: 3 of top ten pointed geldings were NOT nominated AOTE/Amateur Performance: 2 of the top ten pointed geldings were NOT nominated Open Performance: 4 of the top ten pointed geldings were NOT nominated Youth/Ammy/AOTE/Open Junior Halter: 5 of the top ten pointed geldings were NOT nominated Youth/Ammy/AOTE/ Open Senior Halter: 4 of the top ten pointed geldings were NOT nominated GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2019 These items are to be presented to the committee for voting as we did not have a quorum at the 2018 Annual meeting: 1. Change the name from Gelding Incentive Fund to WORLD SHOW GELDING INCENTIVE 2. Public Education about the program: 1. Group Email Blast to all gelding owners. This will summarize the program and include personalized information for those owners that did not nominate his/her gelding that would have won money from the WSGI in 2018. 2. Add the word "Performance" to the Youth, AOTE/ Amateur, and Open Category. The NEW Category name will now read: Youth Performance, AOTE/Amateur Performance, and Open Performance. 3. Add the word(s) Youth, AOTE/Amateur and Open to the Halter Categories. The NEWcategory name(s) will now read: Youth/AOTE/Amateur/Open Junior Halter; and Youth/AOTE/Amateur/Open Senior Halter 4. Put together a pamphlet/brochure explaining the program AND the TW Glosser Ideal Gelding Award 5. Put WSGI nomination forms in the World Show Exhibitor Packet 6. "Gelding Walk of Fame" Exhibit at the World Show 7. Get a list of all AMHA local clubs and send an information packet to the president of said club 8. Publish the point spread(s) for each category. Include the point spread for the TW Glosser Ideal Gelding Award. 3. Regional Championship Ultimate Gelding Award 1. The World Show Gelding Incentive Committee would like to manage this award beginning in 2019. This has been agreed to by Laura Mullen. 2. All nomination fees will be part of the World Show Gelding Incentive account 3. The WSGI committee will be responsible for financing the 6 awards at each Regional Championship. These include: Champion Youth/YOTE, Amateur/AOTE and Open awards. In addition, Reserve Champion Youth/YOTE, Amateur/AOTE and Open awards. 4. The cost of nomination for Ultimate Gelding Award will not change. 4. Financial Goals for 2019 1. Distribute of minimum of \$16,000 in award money 2. Retain 20% of overall funds in account 3. \$ previously received from Stallion temp to perm account that will cease in 2019. We recommend that AMHA charge a \$10 stallion to gelding registration fee. The WSGI will retain \$5 of the fee. 4. Add line on World Show Entry Form for WSGI total 5. Attach nomination form for WSGI to online World Show Entry form 6. Continue online auction (donated gelding?) 7. Increase nominations?

**2018 Futurity Budget**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2018 Revenue Received</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Incom</b>			
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Balance Forward from 2017	(8,804.51)
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2018 \$10 Class Fee Credit - Futurity	(660.00)
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Hat & T-shirt sales	?
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**Sponsors in 2018**

Jere Olson	(500.00)	*
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Polly Weisberg	(500.00)	*
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John & Jennifer Bennett	(500.00)	*
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Harry & Mary Lou Elder	(500.00)	*
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Charmane & John Zucker	(500.00)	*
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Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club	(500.00)	*
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Julie Good	(500.00)	*
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Cindy McPike - Coci Ranch - donation	(250.00)	*
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First Knight Miniatures	(500.00)	*
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Holwil Stables	(500.00)	*
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(4,750.00)
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<b>Total Income</b>	(14,214.51)
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**Expenses**

**2018 Expenses**

22 Champion Sashes @ \$9.02	198.40	*
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22 Reserve Champion Sashes @ \$9.02	198.40	*
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3 Grand Champion Sashes @ \$12.95	38.85	*
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3 12.5" Trophy Cups @ \$120.00	360.00	*
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3 13.5" Trophy Cups @ \$135.00	405.00	*
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<b>Total Awards Expense for 2018</b>	1,239.50
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1 day of Open Judge Fee	400.00	*
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1 Night Hotel for Open Judge	112.61	*	
1 Day per diem Open Judge	25.00	*	
<b>Total Judge Costs</b>			537.61
World Show Jackets @ \$135 - 15 jackets - Tioga Email dated 9/4/18	2,025.00		
<b>Total Jacket Expense</b>			2,025.00
Short View T-Shirt Invoice 2016	1,200.00		
Short View T-Shirt Invoice 2017	1,200.00		
Short View T-Shirt Invoice 2018	1,020.00		
<b>Total Hats &amp; T-shirts Expense</b>			3,420.00
Annual Meeting Awards	?		?
<b>Total Expenses</b>			7,222.11
<b>Profit/Loss</b>			(6,992.40)

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:** Joanne Ross

Members present: Marilyn Meyers, Sid Hutchcraft, Chair: Joanne Ross. Absent: Karen Rudolf, Kevin Lathouwers.

The committee had a quorum to do business.

Marilyn Meyers will purchase additional country flags for our International Gambler Choice class at the World Show for 2019.

The committee recommends that AMHA implement a high point system for our international members that attend AMHA recognized shows outside the USA. We will put together a program and present it to the board at a later date.

We have been asked about the designation of other Regional Championship shows besides

the one now held in Europe. A UK club has asked about the possibility because of the difficulty and expense of traveling to Europe for the existing show. Sid will research and write up a proposal for the board.

Sid stated that an international measuring clinic is being considered in the UK. More information will come out later.

The committee is requesting that we receive a copy of the ULSGE grant and fund distribution from the office or grant administrator, Mr. Wayne Hipsley.

The International Gamblers Choice class will be offered again on Friday, International Day. The Friday Root Beer Float Social will again be hosted by Scott Creek Farm and Howard Stables. Any fun classes will be listed in the show program.

Sid Hutchcraft authored an article in the European mini magazine, EUROPA on the quality of the European AMHA horses and shows.

**LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE:** Lonnie Perdue

Committee Members: Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Sami Scheuring, Michelle Meacham, Laura Mullen, Lonnie Perdue

We had a quorum

Discussion: Continuing judging education  
Review of 2018 October Denver Clinic  
Continuing in 2019, June, Florida Judges Seminar  
New video for education  
Continue with Color Breed Council, 2019

Committee has 3 positions to fill

8 year term

3 year term

2 year term

The 3 and 2 year term are fulfilling a term from 2 members of their 8 year term

New Business will be discussed possibly later on November 3, 2018

LOC Comm Election: Elections for the three open positions on the LOC occurred at the conclusion of Perdue's LOC Committee report. A sign-up sheet was available throughout the meeting for those interested in serving on LOC. Elected to the eight year term was Lonnie Perdue. John Bennett was elected to the three year term and Cheryl Pritchard was elected to the two year term on the LOC Committee.

**PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE:** Debra Hopkins

Committee Members in Attendance:

Debra Hopkins, Ashley Harris, Sharon Housley, Tammi Nuttall-Carshall, Kathy Howard and Clair Severson

Members Absent:

Kim Audet, Becky Kelley, and Jennifer Williamson

Having a quorum, the meeting proceeded. Committee discussed the Facebook group page AMHA Performance Committee and the need for all Committee members to add/suggest appropriate content to keep the page fresh and up to date. Ideas were to post/celebrate the winners for the Performance Futurity Classes in 2018; thank/promote our 2019 Sponsors; educate exhibitors/members on how the Performance Futurity works and how to participate at any time from foaling through 3 year old year, etc. We also agreed that the information and explanation for the program needs to be updated and made easier to find on the AMHA website. Currently we do not believe the program is clearly explained anywhere on the site.

2019 Performance Futurity Sponsors identified during the meetings are:

Hopkins Heavensent Miniatures (\$300)

Fantasia Farm Training Center (\$300)

Cedar Creek Miniatures (\$300)

Paul/Aileen Tarap (\$300)

Star Lake Tack (award coolers)

Committee reviewed and discussed sketches to be considered for the Rulebook for each of the driving class divisions. The artist has offered to revise the pics as needed and will charge \$100 for each pic. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Show Rules Committee to add the Roadster pic to the Rulebook; and voted unanimously to recommend replacing the current pics for the Classic, Country, and Single Pleasure Driving Divisions with the new sketches. It was requested that the artist remove the shading from the pics and clearly add an overcheck or side check to the three Pleasure Driving pics.

The Committee was presented with a proposed Carriage Driving Division which was very well received by the entire group in attendance. Kathy Howard moved and Tammi Nuttall-Carshall seconded the motion to recommend this new driving division proposal to move forward to the Show Rules Committee for further discussion and review. The Committee also requests that the Board and the EC consider offering two of these driving classes as non-rated at the Championship Shows in 2019 as a test for levels of participation. The awards/ribbons for these classes would be covered with entry fees for the classes.

A suggest was made to create 30 & under driving classes to include in our "Heritage" program at the World Show - consisting of 3 Open classes (Classic, Country, Single). The Committee is identifying sponsors for these classes.

At the request of the Show Rules Committee, discussion was self on the possibility of reducing the minimum running feet between horses (this distance is used to decide whether driving classes, including the driving portion of Versatility classes must be split). The Performance Committee felt quite adamantly and unanimously that this was unacceptable and a safety issues. If anything, we would like to see the running feet made slightly longer to reduce the number of horses in each split to reduce the safety issues that currently exist.

Amateur Versatility - the Committee reviewed an SRCP that would add an AOTE Versatility class under PA-030 Recognized Point Classes and under WS-030 Classes and voted to send this rule change proposal forward to the Show Rules Committee for further discussion and review. The Committee also discussed and drafted a Rule Change Proposal to split the Amateur Versatility class at the World Show into Amateur Level 1 Versatility and Amateur Level 2 Versatility classes. The reasoning was that the Amateur Versatility class at the World Show was very large and the driving portion had to be split in 2018. We agreed that splitting the driving portion of a Versatility Class makes it very difficult from a judging perspective. It was also felt that the proposed new AOTE Versatility class may reduce the numbers enough but if not the Level 1 and Level 2 split may be necessary as

well. If approved, the Level 1 & 2 split classes could be held in Moratorium until they are deemed necessary.

The last item for discussion was a request to add clarification to page 116 of the Rule Book under acceptable bridle and rein positions for Myler-type bits. It had been observed by several members at the shows in 2018 that these bits are being attached in a way that creates a "gag bit" which is unacceptable in our organization. We will be working on a good drawing to demonstrate the correct positions to recommend to the Show Rules Committee to be added as a Housekeeping clarification in the 2019 Rule Book.

**LUNCH BREAK: President Kahre called a recess for a lunch break at 11:50 A.M.**

**MEETING RESUMED: President Kahre called the meeting back to order at 1:20 PM**

**ROLL CALL was taken with 41 voting members present.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:**

President Kahre called for nominations for President. Amanda Benton nominated Joe Kahre. Bob Kane was recognized and stated this nomination was a violation of the Bylaws since Kahre had finished serving his third year term. Harry Elder, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, was recognized and agreed with Kane's statement and stated Kahre was not eligible to be reelected. Elder also read and quoted several references to Roberts Rules of Order concerning such a situation.

After some discussion, Sharon Housley made a motion to eliminate the meeting rule that restricts discussion on a subject to two minutes. Motion seconded Sheryl Peterson and passed

Since there was no eligible member of the current AMHA Board of Directors who was willing to accept and serve as the President, there was a lengthy discussion about the eligibility of other members to be nominated for President. Joanne Ross made a motion to permit any present or former member of the Board of Directors to be nominated for the one year (2018-2019) term of AMHA President. This motion was seconded by Sami Scheuring. The motion passed.

The following were nominated for President, Joe Kahre, Sid Hutchcraft, Debra Emery and Sheryl Peterson.

At this time Laura Mullen acted as Chairman since Joe Kahre and Secretary Sid Hutchcraft were both nominated and the Vice President was absent.

The President election resulted in the need for a runoff ballot and Sheryl Peterson was then elected the new President.

Nominations for Vice President were then called for by President Kahre. Joanne Ross was nominated. Sami Scheuring was nominated and declined the nomination. There were no other nominations. Joanne Ross was then declared the new Vice President by acclamation.

Nominations for Secretary were then called for by President Kahre. Leigh Murray was the

only member nominated and was declared the new Secretary by acclimation.

Nominations for Treasurer were then called for by President Kahre and Dawn Heinrich was the only nominee. She was then declared the new Treasurer by acclimation.

President Kahre called for nominations for the Director at Large position. Kahre, as the outgoing President, was eligible to serve in this position but declined the nomination. Sami Scheuring was nominated and declined. Debbie Rogers was the only other nominee. She agreed to serve, and was elected by acclimation.

During the election process, Show Rule proposals were presented to the membership for review and action as follow:

**SHOW RULES COMMITTEE** Bob Kane

2018 Proposals – Show Rules

Note: All deletions will be ~~strike thru~~ & changes will be indicated by Bold & underlined print. The number on the right side of the page is for identification purposes only. NOTE; APPROVED OR NOT APPROVED WILL BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

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CL-060-E Obstacle Classes Halter/Driving – SRCP 002 #129 APPROVED

**6. Spacing and height for walk/trot over poles shall be:**

**- Walkovers must be a minimum of twelve (12) inches up to a maximum of sixteen (16) inches apart.**

**- Trot overs must be a minimum sixteen (16) inches up to a maximum twenty-four (24) inches apart.**

**- Walk/trot over poles must be no more than six (6) inches in height from the ground to top of the pole.**

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GR-045-C Ring Procedures - SRCP 004 #98 NOT APPROVED

(Add to existing) **Failure to display the horse entry number as described will result in disqualification for that class. Side numbers are optional but must be correct if displayed.**

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CL-030-I-5 Safety – SRCP 005 #114 APPROVED

5. Blinders and overchecks or sidechecks are required. **The overcheck/sidecheck must be attached to the saddle at all times. If it becomes unattached a second time in the same class (after utilizing a timeout to reattach the first time), it is an automatic disqualification. For Clarification: If the check loop comes off the saddle but is still being held attached to the saddle by any form (i.e., string, wire, rubber band), it is considered to be attached.**

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GR-045 Ring Procedure – SRCP 006 #100 APPROVED

(Add to existing) **L. Failure to comply with the American Miniature Horse Association Show Rules will result in disqualification from that class unless otherwise specified.**

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CL-030-I-2 Safety – SRCP 010 #114 APPROVED

All rules of the road should be observed unless officials direct otherwise. Drivers must drive on the rail at a safe distance behind horse and cart in front. Passing is permissible but the driver ~~should~~ **MUST** return to the rail as soon as possible. **Failure to do so must be penalized.**

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CL-040-C – SRCP 017 #123

APPROVED

Judging procedure: Roadsters must enter the ring clockwise at a Jog Trot, then show at the Road Gait, turn counterclockwise at the Jog Trot, show at the Road Gait and Drive On Trot. Roadster horses should have animation, brilliance, and show ring presence. At all speeds they should work in form with head set and legs working beneath them. At speed the trot should be in balance with long reaching action in front with straight true movement. Pacey or mixed gaited horses that pace or rack will be penalized. Horses should be shown on the rail at all times except when passing. Performance at all three (3) gaits ~~should~~ **MUST** be considered. **Failure to demonstrate all three (3) gaits must be penalized.** When horses are lined up, driver shall not leave his/her vehicle except for necessary adjustments. The driver may, however, uncheck and stand at horse's head when left in center of the ring while part of the class is on the rail for a workout.

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WS-030 PA-030 B – SRCP 018

APPROVED

\*\*Add in appropriate place and renumber remaining as necessary:

**Open Golden (exhibitor 60 years or older) Classic Pleasure Driving**

**Open Golden (exhibitor 60 years or older) Country Pleasure Driving**

**Open Golden (exhibitor 60 years or older) Single Pleasure Driving**

**Open Golden (exhibitor 60 years or older) Hunter**

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CL-034-A – SRCP 028 #117

APPROVED

A. Classic Pleasure Driving is a single horse driving class, hitched to show cart with either wooden or metal spoke wheels. A Basket is mandatory, a boot is optional. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson.-The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle **and must remain attached until all judge's cards have been submitted.** A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.

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CL-035-A 118

APPROVED

A. Country Pleasure Driving is a single horse driving class, hitched to a two wheel show cart with either wooden or metal spoke wheels. A basket and side check or over check are mandatory, a boot is optional. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle **and must remain attached until all judge's cards have been submitted.** A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.

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CL-036-A 120

APPROVED

A. Single Pleasure Driving is a single horse driving class, hitched to a show cart with metal

spoke wheels. A basket, boot and side check or over check are mandatory. To be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlash and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the saddle **and must remain attached until all judge's cards have been submitted.** A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.

CL-040-A

APPROVED

A. Roadsters shall be shown to a Bike (a two-wheeled cart with stirrups and no basket). Wheel covers are permitted. Shall be shown in Light Harness which consists of a bridle with reins attached to the bit only and passed through the saddle terrets and martingale if used. Also required, are blinders, a throatlatch and a noseband or cavesson. The bridle must have an overcheck or sidecheck attached from the bit to the **saddle and must remain attached until all judge's cards have been submitted.** A martingale and/or separate check bit are optional.

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CL-075-B-2 Golden Showmanship - SRCP 029 #137

APPROVED

2. Golden Showmanship (male or female exhibitor ~~50~~ **60** years old or older) (For classes 1 & 2 see CL-080 for Showmanship Rules)

Show Rules Comm Election: There were two positions open on the Show Rules Committee. A sign-up sheet was available during the meeting for those interested in serving. The ballot election resulted in Amanda Benton and Paul Tariff being elected to serve on the Show Rules Committee.

**ROLL CALL was taken with 41 voting members present.**

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** Harry Elder

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Article VII-Section 4-B Page 22 #019

APPROVED

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee, Harry Elder/AMHA Office

A. Balloting

The President will then cause ballots to be **sent electronically mailed** to the Regular Members of each region, which ballot shall contain the names of the nominees of their region and the date by which the ballot must be **submitted to received** by the Association or its designee in order to be counted. **A written ballot may be requested by phone.**

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Article XI-Section 6 Page 30 #020

APPROVED

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee, Harry Elder

Horses registered by The American Miniature Horse Association Inc., shall be a breed of



horses known as the American Miniature Horse. Only those horses born in North America or proven to be out of AMHA registered sire and dam or horses hardshipped in North America and meeting all AMHA registration criteria shall be granted a registration certificate.

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Article XI-Section 4 Page 29 #021

NOT APPROVED

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

Permanent certificates of registration shall be issued to qualified Miniature Horses who have attained the actual age of three (3) years, and measure thirty-four (34) inches or less in height, measured at the base of the last hairs of the mane while standing squarely on a level surface, and have met all of the requirements of the Association, **and if over thirty-four (34) inches and not over thirty-six (36) inches a Foundation/Oversized certificate of registration shall be issued to qualified Miniature Horses. (See Rules & Regulations 184 I).**

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Article XIX -A Page 33 #22

APPROVED

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

A. ...All proposed Bylaw changes must be presented with ~~fifteen (15)~~ **ten (10)** co-signatures of AMHA members in good standing or have been submitted and recommended by the Bylaws Committee. AMHA staff may present proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee without ~~(15)~~ co-signatures.

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Article VII-1-A Page 19 #023

NOT APPROVED

Submitted by: Joanne Ross

A. Number of Directors

A region with less than ~~800~~ **400** members shall have one (1) Director; a region with over ~~800~~ **400** members shall have two (2) Directors.

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Article VI – Section 1 Page 17 #031

APPROVED

Submitted by: AMHA Office

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined at the Annual Meeting. Commencing in 1994 the city of the meeting shall be selected by the membership at its Annual Meeting. ~~The annual meeting will rotate between the Eastern half and the Western half of the United States with the Mississippi River as the dividing line beginning in 2008. All odd-numbered years will be held in the Western half and all even-numbered years will be held in the Eastern half.~~

Note: Allows the membership to still control location of meeting, but booking decisions to be based off of financially viable offers.

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Article XI, Section 2 Page 29 #032A

APPROVED

Submitted by: Pam Pruitt & Valerie Shingledecker

The registry and studbook of the American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed effective January 1, 2017, after which all newly registered horses shall consist of those horses with previously registered AMHA sires and dams, with the exception that any Miniature Horse (over sixty (60) months of age), which has been officially measured to be 34” or under, ~~is currently registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry,~~ and has been duly processed and accepted as an American Miniature Horse in accordance with all

the associated rules and regulations as set forth and accepted by the Hardshipping process, per the guidelines and restrictions of the most current Official Rule Book of the American Miniature Horse Association.

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Article VII-Section 4-A Page 21 #036

APPROVED

Submitted by: AMHA Office

Section 4, Regional Elections

(A) Nominations

The Regular Members of each region shall submit the names of those they wish to nominate for a Director to the President or to his designee on form and by date requested. The appropriate Nomination Form will be ~~published in the August/September Miniature Horse World or mailed to current members.~~ **distributed by official AMHA correspondence.**

Note: Includes online, e-news, e-magazine etc.

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Article VI-Section 4-E Page 18 #037

NOT APPROVED

Submitted by: AMHA Office

(E) Special Measures; An affirmative vote of ~~a two thirds~~ **a majority** of the registered Regular Members present and voting at any Annual or special meeting shall be required to: amend a Bylaw; amend the Articles of Incorporation: or dissolve the corporation. Proposals to amend a Bylaw must follow the procedures contained in Article XIX. Proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be proposed at an Annual Meeting and voted upon at the next Annual Meeting. Proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be made by a petition signed by at least five (5) percent of the voting members as of the April 1st preceding the meeting, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, and notice of such proposals shall be published in the Miniature Horse World or by mail to all members, at least sixty (60) days prior to the next Annual Meeting or special meeting.

Requirement for due notice of intent to amend the Articles of Incorporation or dissolve the corporation shall thus be deemed satisfied and at the next Annual Meeting or special meeting may proceed to take final action.

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Article VI-Section 4-E Page 18 #038

APPROVED

Submitted by: AMHA Office

(E) Special Measures; An affirmative vote of two thirds of the registered Regular Members present and voting at any Annual or special meeting shall be required to: amend a Bylaw; amend the Articles of Incorporation: or dissolve the corporation. Proposals to amend a Bylaw must follow the procedures contained in Article XIX. Proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be proposed at an Annual Meeting and voted upon at the next Annual Meeting. Proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be made by a petition signed by at least five (5) percent of the voting members as of the April 1st preceding the meeting, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, and notice of such proposals shall be published in ~~the Miniature Horse World or by mail~~ **official AMHA correspondence** to all members, at least sixty (60) days prior to the next Annual Meeting or special meeting. Requirement for due notice of intent to amend the Articles of Incorporation or dissolve the corporation shall thus be deemed satisfied and at the next Annual Meeting or special meeting may proceed to take

final action.

## **RULES AND REGS COMMITTEE** Harry Elder

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R-193-A-2 Page 65 #001

NOT CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Donna Terry

2. Be ~~60~~ **36** months of age or greater by its actual date of birth prior to hardship measuring.

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193 Hardship Page 64 #032

APPROVED

Submitted by: AMHA Office/Pam Pruitt

The Registration Department would like an amendment to **Rule 193A, #3**. ~~Currently be registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry as “Permanent” status with a recorded height of 34” or under.”~~

If this rule passes, we need to remove **Rule 193B #2**. ~~Include a copy of the horse’s AMHR Permanent Registration Certificate together with the Hardship Application form.~~

Rationale: We are requesting #3 be removed and Hardship Registrations be made available to all horses than can meet the height requirement of 34” or under. They would have to pass inspection using the AMHA Standard of Perfection as a guide and meet any other items that might disqualify it from an AMHA approved show.

When the AMHR Hardship Registering was put in place, everyone was expecting a fair amount of Hardship Applications to be submitted which would have generated a decent amount of revenue to AMHA. This just did not happen. For 2016 there were only 17 hardship applications submitted and 2 of those had to be cancelled. So we generated funds from only 15 submissions, which netted us only \$9800.00. And we received that many or more inquiries about Hardship Registering horses with unknown parentage. So if our main concern is revenue and getting our numbers up at shows, I feel it only makes sense to open the hardship registrations to all horses that qualify.

## **PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE:** Joe Kahre

The registration of VSE (Very Small Equine) is a subsidiary registry under the parent organization of American Miniature Horse Association.

VSE is to include horses, donkeys, and mules under the measurement of either 40” at the withers or 38” at the last mane hair.

Fees will be in line with those fees of an AMHA registration. Membership is NOT required for registration. Initial registration fee is \$25.--

Registration procedure will include the following information: birthdate, sex, height,

ownership, and indication of type of animal all of which will be found on the registration application. One picture of the owner's choice is to be included with registration application.

Auxiliary show options to follow in phase two of the implementation.

Kahre then called for an approval by the membership to move forward with creating the VSE subsidiary registration program and promoting such. There was unanimous support and approval indicated by a hand vote of the membership present.

**SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE:** No Report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** No Report

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** No Report

**LOCAL CLUB COMMITTEE:** No Report

**YOUTH COMMITTEE:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Miniature Horse World:** The printed copy of the MHW is proving to be a real financial drain on AMHA. There was considerable discussion about the problems associated with the printed MHW and the pros and cons of continuing to publish such. Times have changed in the industry and members now rely more on online sources for information, advertising, data, etc.

A motion was made to take a vote of the membership to cease the printed MHW and continue with the online version of the MHW only. A vote was taken and this decision was passed with near unanimous support from the voting members in attendance.

**2019 Annual Meeting Location:** After some brief discussion, it was decided to move this item to the new BOD Mtg on Sunday AM for a decision.

**Judge System at World show:** Since the 2018 World Show there has been much discussion about the three judge system being used currently instead of the five judge system used previously. There have been many requests by exhibitors and owners to return to the five judge system for both the Youth/Amateur and Open sections of the World Show. This change would require considerable additional expense for the World Show.

Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to go back to the five judge system previously used for both the Youth/Amateur and Open show sections of the 2019 World Show. And that the Board of Directors and Show Manager be given the authority and support to work out any financial changes needed in World Show fees, other show expense reductions, etc. to facilitate this change. Motion was seconded by Joe Benton and passed by the membership.

**Ratify and Confirm:** Sid Hutchcraft made a motion for the membership to ratify and

confirm all of the actions of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the past year. Seconded by Sami Scheuring and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michelle Meacham made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Seconded by Joe Benton. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.