

AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 8, 2018—Mid Year Teleconference Part 2 of 2.

Meeting called to order by President Kahre at 7:00 PM CST. This meeting is to resume and complete the 2018 Mid Year Mtg of the BOD.

Roll Call: Board members in attendance were Bobbi Briggs, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Janet Matzner, Marilyn Meyer, Laura Mullen, Leigh Murray, Beverly Pearson, Jane Ramshaw, Debbie Rogers, Joanne Ross, Sami Scheuring and Jason Warrenfeltz. Alison Stonecypher, Debra Hopkins, and Harry Elder were also in attendance. A quorum was present.

President Report:

Kahre gave a brief President's report and mentioned there are some false and unwarranted reports circulating that things are not well in the AMHA office. This is strictly false as everything is good in the AMHA office under Stonecypher's leadership. It is a "new time" in the AMHA office and things are being handled differently. The old sayings, "in the past we have not done it that way and that just won't work" are gone. We are doing things in a new positive mode/manner and Directors should report such with every opportunity.

Treasurer/Financial Report:

Stonecypher reported that Steve Weatherly, the contract accountant, has financial statements for January thru June 2017 completed and plans to have all of 2017 wrapped up and ready for distribution to Directors in a couple weeks. We are working to get all necessary tax reports for 2017 completed and submitted in a timely fashion. She stated 2018 reports will go rapidly as our accounting system is now caught up and working well on Quick Books.

Mullen reported AMHA has about \$313,000 cash on hand, with about \$273,000 of it in operating cash. Payables are very few except for normal monthly utilities, etc., plus the \$5000 deposit due Will Rogers Memorial Center for the World Show.

Show Rules Report:

Kahre then introduced Debra Hopkins. Acting Chair of the Show Rules Committee, to present the Show Rules Report. Due to a personal emergency, Hopkins was not able to complete this report at the last BOD Meeting.

Hopkins began to again go through the list of proposed Show Rules that had been reviewed and SR Committee action taken on each at their meeting on February 20, 2018. Below are the SRCP's discussed and voted on by the BOD with the clarifications/minor changes suggested and voted on.

SRCP 002, CL-060, Obstacle Classes Halter/Driving. (Adding E. #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. - BOD voted unanimously yes to moving forward to the membership.

SRCP 004, GR-045-C Ring Procedures, This SRCP passed with one vote against: Sherry Crowe. There were changes in the wording which was initially approved by the Author, one sentence added for clarification that does not change the intent of the Rule. Rule to be presented as is in Bold Black: Add to existing GR-045-C : 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. BOD voted yes (with one NO vote from Hutchcraft) to moving forward to the membership

SRCP 005, CL-030-H-5 Safety: add: 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 (ie: string, wire, rubber band), it is to be considered attached. BOD voted yes unanimously to moving forward to the membership.

SRCP 006, GR-045, New L: Failure to comply with the American Miniature Horse Association Show Rules will result in disqualification from that class unless otherwise specified. This SRCP was reviewed and edited by the LOC. It unanimously passed the Show Rules Committee. BOD voted unanimously yes to moving forward to the membership.

SRCP 007, CL-030 B Driving Class General Rules - WITHDRAWN BY LOC
PER MICHELLE MEACHUM

SRCP 008, GR-020-E This is a one word change that Show Rules voted unanimously to be housekeeping at this meeting and not rule change: In the sentence: If after the first or second measurement it is obvious the animal needs to be trimmed, the handler (change should to MUST) be advised the third measurement is final. THIS SRCP WAS OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN BY THE LOC AT LAURA MULLEN'S DIRECTION.

SRCP 010, CL-030-H-2 Safety; Last sentence, change driver should return to the rail to MUST return to rail. Add sentence: Failure to do so must be penalized. - BOD voted unanimously yes to moving forward to the membership.

SRCP 017, CL-040-C Show Rules Committee voted unanimously to approve the changes as written in this SRCP and forwarding to the Board for the Convention. **In the seventh sentence: "Performance at all three (3) gaits should be considered." Replace "should" with "MUST" and add immediately following this sentence: "Failure to demonstrate all three (3) gaits must be penalized." - BOD voted unanimously yes to moving forward to the membership.

SRCP 018, WS-030, PA-030 B The Show Rules Committee voted unanimously to approve the changes as written in the SRCP and forwarding to the Board for the Convention.

**Add in appropriate place and renumber 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; Golden (exhibitor 60 years or older) Hunter - BOD voted unanimously yes to moving forward to the membership.

SRCP 028, CL-034-A, CL-035-A, CL-036-A, CL-040-A The Show Rules committee determined the last sentence of the SRCP change was not needed to define the directional intent of the change. Removal of the last sentence was approved by the Performance representatives. Show Rules voted to move this SRCP to the membership via the Board with one opposed: Clair Severson.

**The SRCP change should read: Following 'from the bit to the saddle' and must remain attached until all judge's cards have been submitted. End of change. - BOD voted unanimously yes to moving forward to the membership.

SRCP 029, CL-075-B-2 (Golden Showmanship), The Show Rules Committee voted unanimously to send this SRCP to the Membership via the Board as written and submitted at the 2017 Convention. **Replace "50" with "sixty (60)". - BOD voted unanimously yes to moving forward to the membership.

Hopkins noted she had removed all proposals that did not need BOD discussion/action or had already been tabled or withdrawn by the SR committee.

By Law Report:

Harry Elder, Chr. of the By Laws Committee gave his By Law Committee report at the April 24 meeting. Nothing new to add to that By Laws report for proposals #19 and #32A.

Rules and Regs Report:

Kahre then asked Harry Elder, Chr of Rules and Regs Committee, to address some issues and questions that have arisen since the April 24 meeting.

On April 24, Elder reported the Rules and Regs Committee proposed that Rules & Regulations changes #001, 025, & 032 could NOT go forward as these changes deal with a rule that had not been in force for at least two (2) years--REF.

ARTICLE XVI-AMENDMENT OF RULES (D) Period of Non-Amendment. This Article reads as follows:

(D) Period of Non-Amendment: A rule or regulation is not subject to amendment by change, addition or repeal, until it has been in force for at least two (2) calendar years, which limitation can be waived by the Board of Directors upon finding of exceptional circumstances which (1) concern the safety, health, or well-being of the horse and/or exhibitor, (2) materially benefits AMHA's programs or its financial stability, or (3) involves other compelling circumstances.

There was much discussion by Directors and staff about this Article, the exact two-year time period for a rule to be in force, and the need AMHA has for the new benefits and revenue that Rules and Regs #001, 025 and 032 might create if they could be submitted and approved at this year's Annual Meeting.

After all of the discussion, Hutchcraft made a motion, due to the material benefits to AMHA programs and AMHA's financial stability, for the AMHA BOD to direct the Rules and Regs Committee to move proposals #001, 025 and 032 forward in 2018 for the membership to consider and vote for approval at the Annual Meeting. Motion was seconded by Scheuring and passed, with Ross voting NO.

A bit later additional consideration was given to Rule proposal #025 included in the last motion. It was determined this rule was not complete nor specific enough to move forward. Hutchcraft amended his proposal to remove proposal 025 from his motion. Scheuring agreed with this amendment and the BOD voted unanimously to accept the amendment.

Elder reminded everyone that this action by the BOD will be undone if By Law proposal #32A fails to be passed and approved first.

The following written Committee Reports were sent to the BOD and Kahre mentioned they should all be read and considered by the BOD members.

Amateur Committee Report:

1. 2019 Amateur Clinic Form needs to be updated on the AMHA Website. Our Local Clubs need to be able to access the application and requirements to apply for the approved funds (4 clinics @ \$500.00 each was approved for 2018). Our goal is to have these forms implemented on the website within the next few months for the 2019 calendar year. Once implemented the Clinics can be advertised on Amateur Facebook page, AMHA Magazine, E-magazine and Facebook page.
2. Amateur Regional Highpoint Final Standing were calculated with a total of 26 winners throughout 13 Regions were calculated. All 2017 winners received embroidered halters.
3. Sponsorship's for Western, Central and Eastern Regional belt buckles have been secured and buckles are ordered. Invoices will be going out next week.
4. World Super Amateur Awards are being finalized with the 2018 sponsor.
5. Amateur Grand Driving Awards are being finalized with the 2018 sponsors.
6. Plans are in place for the 2018 Wine and Cheese Event for the World Show and a discussion is taking place on how to expand on the fundraising capabilities.
7. No discussion has taken place regarding a lunch/dinner/foodie event specifically for our Amateurs. Will have to check with Local Club Committee to see if they are to continue the Dessert Bar for 2018.
8. Need to expand our social media and website access for our Amateur members. The 2018 Facebook page was not created.
9. Reviewing gift items to give out to all Amateur participants at the World.

10. All committee members are to reach out to at least 5 Amateurs and ask for sponsorships and/ or donation items, as well as, explain what our committee is and does.

Talking Points to Amateurs:

The Amateur Fund covers the **Annual Region High Point Embroidered Halters, Regional Belt Buckles, Supper and Reserve Amateur Awards, High Point Driving**. Local Club Clinics which plan to be offered for 2019. Also, this year all Amateur World Show Participants will receive a gift. If money is not in their budget there are our fundraising opportunities, The Winetasting event at the World Show and the Annual Meeting Live Auction is provided by the Amateur Committee and any donation of raffle items, auction items, wine or appetizers are appreciated. Please note! A dollar amount is not requested for the general sponsorship. Exposure and Knowledge is our friend!

AOTE Committee Report:

The AOTE has had no major issues this year.

We addressed only 2 clarifications on one of the rules.

The AOTE Committee would like to thank the BOD for the AOTE Stock Horse Classes. We are super excited for these added classes. Thank you.

The AOTE Committee

Gelding Incentive Fund Report:

Written by Rebecca Kachuriak, submitted by Leigh Murray

1. Annual Auction 1. The annual auction was conducted March 2018. The GIF was able to generate \$8500. We are still waiting for a few payments at this time.

2. It is now time to concentrate on GIF Nominations. 1. Social Media 2. Horse Shows (forms available from committee members)

3. Can AMHA send out Email blitz?

4. We will utilize our free 1/2 page ad in MHW magazine 3. We will also begin promotion of the TW Glosser Ideal Gelding award 4. We would like to be able to generate approximately \$18,000 each year in nominations and auction items. At this time we are only around \$9000.

5. We will need information from AMHA office on what the donation to the GIF is for 2018 from the stallion fees.

Special Needs Report:

I am excited to be writing on behalf of the Special Needs Committee. The Special Needs Committee has added additional members to the committee and through

these members have some very exciting new ideas to further the Special Needs division.

Specifically we have discussed the following items/concerns: • Re-adding a stallion SN halter class to the World Championship show • Adding additional rules to assist those who require special accommodations in the showring. • Changing the name of the division • The fee for SN classes at the World Championship show.

The committee has currently been communicating through emails but hope to hold a telephonic meeting soon to discuss and get these concerns and ideas into motion.

Please feel free to contact myself with any comments or concerns. Thanks, Jasmine Schlick, J.D. SN Committee, Chair

Youth Committee Report:

The youth will be doing 4, 20 minute clinics before liberty on Friday. Driving, halter, hunter & clipping. We will also have a get together after Liberty with food and t-shirt and team assignments.

Working on several other things for the youth.

We will be doing away with reserve high point.

Working on sponsors for high point among other things.

Phil Abbott, Co-Chr

Closed Session:

The BOD went into closed session to get a report from Kahre on the status of a unique Hardship issue and the new proposal from the Promotion Committee.

After coming out of Closed Session, Kahre mentioned the following:

Therapy Horse Proposal:

Melissa Powell, MHW Editor, has suggested an award be created and presented annually to recognize and honor an outstanding registered AMHA horse that is serving as a therapy horse. The BOD felt this was a good suggestion and should be pursued with a proper recognition program established. Kahre asked Debbie Rogers to work with Stonecypher and Powell to create this new program for the BOD to review. Once this program is created, Kahre stated we will probably review it and vote on it by email.

Regional Director Election:

Stonecypher reported nominations are coming into the office for the election of BOD members in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 12. Each region has at least one nominee so far and most have more than one. There appears to be good interest in this election and nominations don't close until July 1.

World Show Booth:

Kahre reported he has asked Bobbi Briggs to set up a special AMHA Booth at the World Show with a display of annual meeting voting issues, Rules and Regs, By Laws, Registration info, and other items of interest to AMHA members and exhibitors who might be attending the WS.

Measuring Clinic:

Kahre reported he also plans to have a measuring clinic at the WS for those who need or want to attend and possibly get approval as an AMHA Approved Measuring Official. This will be valuable also to Directors who want to get their Measuring Card.

Adjournment:

Having no other business to handle at this meeting, Kahre suggested we adjourn. Matzner made a motion to adjourn and Meyer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.