

AMHA Annual Membership Meeting  
February 19-20, 2016  
Marriott Westshore, Tampa, Florida

Friday February 19, 2016 1:00 pm

**Call to Order**

President Sid Hutchcraft

**Invocation**

Lisa Hawkins, New Mexico

**Roll Call**

Secretary Julie Good

Board of Directors Members Present: Gene Baynham, Darlene Bridges, Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Bob Kane, Gary Owen, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Clair Severson, Laurie Slobody, Heather Ward

Board of Director Absent: Julianna Myers

**A count of the Members of the Association Present** with voting ballots was taken with 64 of the 77 registered members present.

**Determination of Quorum:** President Hutchcraft determined that a quorum had been met with 14 of 15 Board Members present.

**Appointment of Sergeant of Arms**

President Sid Hutchcraft

Mr. John Bennett and Ms. Sherry Crowe were appointed Sergeant of Arms for this meeting in it's entirety.

**Ratify Meeting Minutes**

- The meeting minutes of the February 2015 Annual Meeting of the General Membership were reviewed and unanimously approved by the membership in attendance.

**President's Report**

President Sid Hutchcraft

Mr. Hutchcraft gave his report to the membership ~ thanking them for the opportunity to serve as President of AMHA for the past two years. Please see attached Report

**Vote Count Committee** was determined for this meeting. Serving during this meeting: Harry Elder with John Bennett, Sherry Crowe and Randy Peacock.

**Convention Rules**

Mr. Bob Kane

Standing Rules

Bob Kane read the following Standing Rules, which apply to this meeting only.

1. No one may speak in debate until he/she has risen and addressed the presiding officer by his proper title and has been recognized by him/her and thus obtained the floor.
2. No one may speak more than twice on a question or longer than two minute each time without permission of the assembly – such permission to be granted by only two-thirds majority without debate.
3. There shall be no audio or video recording of the convention except the official recording for the purpose of preparing the minutes.
4. There shall be no smoking in the meeting hall.

5. Cellular phones and /or pagers must be turned off or set to vibrate while in the meeting hall.
  6. Mr. John Bennett and Ms. Sherry Crowe will serve as Sergeant of Arms for this meeting. Harry Elder was appointed to the Vote Counting Committee with John Bennett, Sherry Crowe and Randy Peacock also assisting with counting votes.
  7. All conversation not formally presented to the President on any issue must be conducted outside of the general assembly
  8. These standing rules may be amended or suspended by a majority vote.
- The membership adopted the above Standing Rules for this meeting only.

### Committee Reports

- **HUB Committee Report:** As the head of the Hub Committee, Al Bulgawicz reported that each committee of the AMHA should have Revenue as a top priority in their thoughts as they move forward this year. See Attached Report
- **Treasure's Report:** Clair Severson reported on this past year's financial information (Please See attached Report). The 2016 Budget will be presented to the 2016 Board of Directors during the first meeting of the BOD on Sunday, Feb 21, 2016. Clair will give an updated report on the proposed 2016 Budget after the membership has an opportunity to vote on voting items during this Membership Meeting as this will affect the proposed 2016 budget.

**A re-count of the Members of the Association Present** with voting ballots was taken prior to beginning voting items with 64 of the 77 registered members present.

**BYLAWS Proposals (NOTE- when a recommendation on a proposal by Bylaws Committee is stated, a motion from the floor is not necessary prior to a vote by the membership)**



### 2015 BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The following amendments are for review in 2015.  
UPDATED: 7.7.15

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**Article XI Sec. 4 Permanent Registration page 29**

**#1520**

**Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder**

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 **and if over 34" and not over thirty-eight (38) inches a Foundation/Oversized certificate of registration shall**

**be issued to qualified Miniature Horses. (see Rules & Regulations #184 I).**

Note: If this Bylaw proposal fails, all of the other related Bylaw and Rules & Regs proposals also fail.

- #1520 ~ The author of this proposed bylaw change, Mary Lou Elder, has withdrawn this item as well as all proposed rule changes that would be affected by the Bylaw change

**Article XI Sec. 6 Breed Name and Size page 29**

**#1521**

**Submitted by: Mary Lou 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 North America and meeting all AMHA registration criteria shall be granted a registration certificate. The American Miniature Horse shall not exceed thirty-four (34) inches in height when measured according to Article XI, Sec. 4 of these Bylaws **to show at a sanctioned show.** ~~The registration of any horse exceeding thirty-four (34) inches shall be void and such horse shall not be considered or designated as an American Miniature Horse.~~ **Horses exceeding thirty-four (34) inches and not over thirty-eight (38) inches can apply for a Foundation/Oversized certificate of registration (See Rules & Regulations # 184I).** All new certificates issued by The American Miniature Horse Association, Inc. shall bear a prominent legend reflecting the content of this Bylaw. ~~Foundation stock registered pursuant to General Rule 184I shall be exempt from this Bylaw.~~

Note: If the proposed change to Article XI, Sec 4 fails, this proposal is null and void.

- #1521 ~ The author of this proposed bylaw change, Mary Lou Elder, has withdrawn this item as well as all proposed rule changes that would be affected by the Bylaw change

**Article XVI Amendment of Rules page 31**

**#1522**

**Submitted by: James Walsh**

All AMHA rules and regulations, including but not limited to general, show, amateur, youth activities, may be amended by a majority vote of the registered Regular Members in good standing ~~present and voting at the Annual Meeting~~ but only after specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of prior notice and approval by the appropriate standing committee(s) and a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

(Amended 2-11, effective 1-12)

The Bylaw Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. The committee questioned how a rule change would ever be passed if it required a majority vote of all Regular Members in good standing considering the total number of AMHA members. Also considered were the time, expense and effort required to prepare and mail copies of every proposal to each member.

- #1522 ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 62 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, 2 opposed **FAILED**

**Article XVI, Sec A Amendment of Rules page 31**

**#1523**

**Submitted by: James Walsh**

All rule proposals or amendments to be considered for approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting must be ~~published~~ **mailed to all Regular Members** in their finished form ~~in the Miniature Horse World or official correspondence,~~ **including Committee impact statements and recommendations** no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual Meeting. **Included will be a ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" on each rule and the date by which the ballot must be received by the Association or its designee in order to be counted. The results of each rule proposal or amendment vote will be placed in separate sealed envelopes to be delivered to the Secretary at the AMHA Annual Meeting.**

Note: If the proposed change to Article XVI fails, this proposal is void.

Bylaw Committee does not recommend passing this proposal.

- **#1523** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: Unanimous vote to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee **FAILED**

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**Article XVI, Sec B Amendment of Rules page 32 #1524**

**Submitted by: James Walsh**

At the Annual Meeting Committee Chairpersons will explain each rule and the members in attendance will vote “Yes” or “No” with no changes permitted at that time. Following the conclusion of each “live” vote the Secretary will open the envelope containing the mailed in ballot results for the corresponding rule amendment and combine the “live” and mailed in votes resulting in a final vote count.

Note: If the proposed change to Article XVI fails, this proposal is void.

Bylaw Committee does not recommend passage.

- **#1524** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 63 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, 1 opposed. **FAILED**

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**Article XIX, Amendment of Bylaws page 33 #1525**

**Submitted by: James Walsh**

All AMHA Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of ~~the registered~~ Regular Members in good standing or present and voting at ~~the Annual Meeting or a~~ Membership Special Meeting, but only after specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of prior notice.

(Amended 02-11, effective 01-12)

Note: If the proposed change to Article XVI fails, this proposal is void.

Bylaw Committee does not recommend passage.

- **#1525** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 63 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, 1 opposed. **FAILED**

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**Article XIX, Sec A Amendment of Bylaws page 33 #1526**

**Submitted by: James Walsh**

All Bylaw proposals or amendments to be considered for approval at the AMHA Annual Meeting must be ~~published in their finished form in the MHW or official correspondence~~ **mailed to all Regular Members in their finished form, including Committee impact statements and recommendations** no less than sixty (60) days prior to the AMHA Annual Meeting. **Included will be a ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" on each rule and the date by which the ballot must be received by the Association or its designee in order to be counted. The results of each rule proposal or amendment vote will be placed in separate sealed envelopes to be delivered to the Secretary at the AMHA Annual Meeting.** The amendment will then be placed on the agenda at the proceeding Annual Meeting.

Note: If the proposed change to Article XIX fails, this proposal is void.  
Bylaw Committee does not recommend passage.

• **#1526** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 64 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, 2 opposed. **FAILED**  
**Article XIX, Sec B Amendment of Bylaws page 34 #1527**  
**Submitted by: James Walsh**

At the Annual Meeting the Bylaws Committee Chairperson will explain each proposed Bylaw amendment, and the members in attendance will vote "Yes" or "No" with no changes permitted at that time. **Following the conclusion of each "live" vote the Secretary will open the envelope containing the mailed in ballot results for the corresponding rule amendment and combine the "live" and mailed in votes resulting in a final vote count.** An affirmative vote of two-thirds of **Regular Members** or the registered Regular Members present and voting at any ~~Annual~~ or special meeting shall be required to amend a Bylaw.

Note: If the proposed change to Article XIX fails, this proposal is void.

Bylaw Committee does not recommend passage.

- **#1527** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 62 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, 2 opposed. **FAILED**

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**Article XI, Sec Permanent Registration page 29**

**#1528**

**Submitted by: Joanne Anderson**

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~~ **wither** while standing squarely on a level surface, and have met all the requirements of the Association.

Bylaw Committee does not recommend.

- **#1528** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 64 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee **FAILED**

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**Article XVI, Sec A Amendment of Rules page 32**

**#1529**

**Submitted by: Joanne Ross**

(Third paragraph)

If the committee does not approve the proposal it can be considered at the Annual Meeting provided that the supporters can garner a petition **with no changes to the original proposal** signed by a minimum of ~~ten (10)~~ **one-third (1/3) of the** members of the Board of Directors and meet the timeliness requirements for publishing the proposal in the Miniature Horse World or official correspondence.

Bylaw Committee recommends this proposal.

- **#1529** ~ The Bylaws Committee recommends this proposal. Joanne Ross spoke to the membership to explain the reasons behind this proposal. Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**

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**Article V, Sec 2 A Corporate Power page 15**

**#1530**

**Submitted by: James Walsh**

The Regular Members ~~at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting provided for in Article VI, Section 4 E hereof,~~ shall have exclusive powers to amend the Bylaws; amend the Articles of Incorporation; and dissolve the corporation.

Bylaw Committee does not recommend.

- **#1530** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 64 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee. **FAILED**

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## Article VI, Sec 4 E Voting - Special Measures page 18

**#1531**

**Submitted by: James Walsh**

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 April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Bylaw Committee does not recommend.

- **#1531** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not recommend passing this proposal. Membership vote: 64 voted to uphold the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee. **FAILED**



The registry and studbook of The American Miniature Horse Association shall be closed effective ~~December 31, 2013~~ **January 1, 2017**, after which all newly registered horses shall consist only 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 Hardshipping process, per the guidelines and restrictions of the most current Official Rule Book of The American Miniature Horse Association.

- **#1532** ~ The Bylaws Committee does not have a recommendation on this proposal. Michael Griggs moved to vote not to pass this proposal, Bob Kane seconded the motion. There was considerable discussion concerning this item. Michael Griggs and Bob Kane withdrew their motion and second and the decision was made to table this vote until after the Rules and Regs vote on item #1545.

**After voting on Rules and Regs Proposal #1545, Voting on Bylaws Continued.**

- **CONTINUED #1532** ~ Austin Van Wyck moved to approve Bylaw Proposal #1532 as written. Gary Owen seconded the motion. With 68 voting AMHA members in attendance and a 2/3 vote needed for this item to pass, there was 1 abstention, 67 votes cast (45 votes is a 2/3 vote) 45 Yes, 22 No **PASSED**

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President (one year only and be eligible per Article IX, Section 2(A) and (B), 3, 4, and 5), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. In the event that the Immediate Past President is elected to the Executive Committee, one Committee Member-At-Large will be elected from the existing Board of Directors. The Committee Member-At-Large qualifications, term, election,

and vacancy in office shall be the same as for Officers as per Article IX, Section 2(A) and (B), 3, 4, and 5.

**RULES and REGULATIONS Proposals (NOTE- when a recommendation on a proposal by Rules and Regs Committee is stated, a motion from the floor is not necessary prior to a vote by the membership)**



## **2015 Rules & Regs AMENDMENTS**

The following amendments are for review in 2015.

These will be reviewed by the Board in June.

UPDATED: 07/07/2015

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**184I Foundation/Oversized Classification Page 53**

**#1540**

**Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder**

Any horse permanently registered prior to ~~February 1, 1987~~, which has exceeded thirty-four (34) inches in height **and not over thirty-eight (38) inches** will be classified as Foundation/Oversized if the registration certificate of such horse is submitted to the Association with the correct height. The correct height will be placed on the certificate and the certificate will be stamped "Foundation /Oversized" and foals will be eligible for registration from such horse. ~~No horses may be qualified under the Foundation Clause after December 31, 1990.~~ **A fee will be charged for this certification and will be listed in the schedule of fees.**

**Note: The fee for the Foundation Certificate will be decided by the board membership.**

**Note: The above Change will cause changes in all the following:**

<b><u>Bylaws</u></b>	<b><u>(2 sections)</u></b>
<b><u>Rules and Regulations</u></b>	<b><u>(4 sections)</u></b>
<b><u>Show Rules</u></b>	<b><u>(5 sections)</u></b>



Note: If the proposed change to Article XI, Sec 4 fails, this proposal is null and void.

- #1542 ~ Void because Bylaw #1520 and 1521 were sent back to the Bylaw Committee by the author.
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**184G Foals of Temporary Registered Parents Page 53 #1543**  
**Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder**

4. If the height of the temporary registered sire or dam exceeds ~~thirty-four~~ (34) **thirty-eight (38)** inches no further foals from such parentage will be eligible for registration. Foals previously registered shall not be affected.

**Note: The above Change will cause changes in all the following:**

**Bylaws (2 sections)**  
**Rules and Regulations (4 sections)**  
**Show Rules (5 sections)**

Note: If the proposed change to Article XI, Sec 4 fails, this proposal is null and void.

- #1543 ~ Void because Bylaw #1520 and 1521 were sent back to the Bylaw Committee by the author.
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**184H Foals of Permanent Registered Parents Page 53 #1544**  
**Submitted by: Mary Lou Elder**

If the height of the permanent registered sire or dam exceeds ~~thirty-four~~ (34) **thirty-eight (38)** inches the registration will be VOID with AMHA and no further foals from such parentage will be eligible for registration. Foals previously registered shall not be affected.

(Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)

**Note: The above Change will cause changes in all the following:**

**Bylaws (2 sections)**  
**Rules and Regulations (4 sections)**  
**Show Rules (5 sections)**

Note: If the proposed change to Article XI, Sec 4 fails, this proposal is null and void.

#1544 ~ Void because Bylaw #1520 and 1521 were sent back to the Bylaw Committee by the author.

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**193 Hardship Offspring      Page 61**  
**Submitted by: Joanne Anderson**

**#1545**

~~Only offspring BORN AFTER postmark of application for Hardship shall be eligible for registration under fee structure. The foal in utero at the time of the Hardship Application will be required to be DNA parentage qualified.~~

**The following procedure outlines the steps and guidelines which must be followed for the hardship registration of a qualifying horse into the American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA) Registry.**

**193A Qualifications**

**The Horse must:**

- 1. Measure 34" or under in height at the current measuring location according to AMHA Show Rules for Height Verification; - (Currently Show Rules GR-020- Height Verification)**
- 2. Be 60 months of age or greater by its actual date of birth prior to hardship measuring.**
- 3. Currently be registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry as "Permanent" status with a recorded height of 34" or under.**

**The owner must:**

- 1. Be a current AMHA member in good standing.**
- 2. Provide the completed Hardship Application form.**
- 3. Submit and pay the appropriate Fee for Hardship Registration and any other applicable fees.**
- 4. Submit with the application, an AMHA approved DNA test results (with the exception of geldings).**

**193B Application**

- 1. Complete the AMHA Hardship Application Form.**
- 2. Applicant must be the owner of record of the horse.**
- 3. Hardship Application Form must be signed by the owner of record of the horse.**
- 4. Submit with the AMHA Hardship Application Form four (4) current unaltered color photographs taken per the guidelines set forth in the most current AMHA rulebook for natural registration.**

5. Hardship Measurement Card and Hardship Inspection Report shall be submitted directly to the AMHA Home Office, Registration Department, after completion and signed by the appropriate persons.
6. Include a copy of the horse's AMHR Permanent Registration Certificate together with the Hardship Application Form.

### 193C Measuring

1. Measurement for Hardship Application must be performed at a designated time as set forth by the appropriate Show Representative with advance notification by the applicant for such type measurement, to the respective Show Manager. Time and date to be provided in the respective show's premium book at one of these public locations:
  - a. AMHA Sanctioned/Approved Show
  - b. AMHA Championship Show
  - c. AMHA World Show
2. Measuring shall be done by a current or former AMHA Director who holds a current measuring card or a current AMHA steward and witnessed by an AMHA judge.
3. A definite set time for hardship measurement shall be specified in the show premium.
4. Measurement shall be performed on the body location of the horse in accordance set forth in the current AMHA Rulebook by the official show measurer and witnessed by a designated measuring observer/witness. (Reference: GR 020 B-C)
5. Measurement of horse applying for hardship must take place in direct view of the measuring witness and the owner or duly assigned agent of the animal. Anyone may guest observe the measurement.
6. The current or former AMHA director or current AMHA steward conducting the measurement, the observing AMHA judge and the owner or duly assigned agent of the animal all must sign the Hardship Measurement Card to be valid.

### 193D Inspection

1. Inspection shall be performed by any AMHA carded Judge. Inspections shall be pre-arranged by the applicant with show management.
2. Inspector shall inspect the horse, noting in his/her report major conformation faults, if any, using the AMHA Standard of Perfection as guide and any other items that could disqualify a horse from an AMHA-approved show.
3. Inspector is required to personally pull hair from the horse being measured and inspected and send the sample directly to the lab.
4. Inspector will take four (4) photos of the horse being inspected to insure that the horse being inspected matches the application photos.

### 193E Fees

Appropriate fees must accompany completed Hardship Application Form to begin processing.

<u>Hardship</u>	
Stallion .....	\$ 1,200.00
Mare .....	\$ 600.00
Gelding .....	\$ 200.00
<u>Hardship Progeny</u>	
Stallion .....	\$ 600.00
Mare .....	\$ 300.00
Gelding .....	\$ 100.00

#### Inspection Fee

Measurement and/or Inspection fee, if any, may be charged by the person performing the service but shall be no greater than \$25.00 unless otherwise agreed upon between the owner and service provider. Fee, if to be charged, must be stated in the show premium.

#### 193F Appeal

1. A horse rejected for hardship registration may appeal one time.
2. An appeal shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee who will provide to allow a second/different than the first Measurer or Inspector, qualified (as described in 193C-D above) to re-measure or inspect the animal, whichever event applies to the rejection of hardship.
3. Any fees charged or incurred will be at the expense of the owner of the hardshipping horse.
4. Decision of the second Measurer or Inspector respectively shall be final.

#### 193G Qualifying Offspring

Only offspring BORN AFTER postmark of application for Hardship shall be eligible for registration under normal registration fee structure. The foal in utero at the time of the Hardship Application, will be required to be DNA parentage qualified.

#### 193H Progeny Hardship

Any prior offspring, two (2) years old or younger of the Hardshipped horse shall be eligible for applying for Hardship Progeny provided both parents are AMHA registered at the time of application for registration. Theses offspring would be eligible for a Hardship discount rate of fifty percent (50%) as described in 193E, would be required to be DNA tested for parentage qualification at the time of application, must meet show height requirements at the time of measurement and any other Hardship requirements as well as regular registration requirements.

#### 193I Pedigree on Registration Certificate of Hardshipped Horses

Parentage of the horse being Hardshipped shall now show on the registration certificate and indicated if AMHA or AMHR registered and their respective registration

number shall be printed on the certificate. Any corresponding DNA for parent qualification acknowledgement shall also be included.

### 193J Miscellaneous

1. Any person that is not directly involved in the individual animal's hardshipping process shall not be allowed to interfere, comment, assist or direct the designated measurer while measuring horses for hardshipping. Directly involved is defined as the Owner or duly assigned Agent, the Measurer, the Witness and/or the Inspector.
2. Any person who is directly involved in the measurement, witness or inspection portion of the hardship process, must be at arm's length to the owner and/or the horse being processed. Arm's length shall be defined as: a) not a relative of the Owner or duly assigned Agent; b) currently have no ownership interest in the horse or its offspring; c) not currently doing business with the Owner or duly assigned Agent of the horse, including but not limited to, training, handling, purchasing offspring, nor currently have horses bred to or have offspring from the horse being hardshipped.
3. Any Horse, its Owner or duly assigned Agent involved in the hardshipping process that is found by conclusive evidence to not be at arm's length, shall be subject to examination and disciplined by the Executive Committee for assessment and potential cancellation of hardship registration certification.
4. Duly assigned Agent shall be defined as: An agent assigned in writing by the owner to have authorization to present the horse for measurement and inspection for the hardship process. A copy of authorization shall accompany the Hardship Application form.
5. Any stated reference within this Rule Change as to a location in the AMHA current Rulebook, shall be considered housekeeping to change respectively when necessary for clarification, and does not require a complete rule change process.

#1545 ~ No recommendation from the Rules and Regs committee on this item. Clair Severson moved to approve Rule #1545 as written, Bob seconded this motion. There was considerable discussion from the floor on this item. Gordon Harris questioned whether it was a conflict with the rulebook to pass a Rule before the Bylaw is voted upon. It was determined this was not in conflict with our rulebook.

A count of the membership present for the vote was again taken by raised ballot. 68 of 77 members registered at this meeting were present.

A membership vote was taken for rule proposal #1545 with a majority needed to pass. 44 Yes, 24 No. **PASSED**

**Prior to voting on further Rules and Regs Proposals, Voting on Bylaw Proposals was continued.**

**RULES and REGULATIONS Proposals CONTINUED ~ (NOTE- when a recommendation on a proposal by Rules and Regs Committee is stated, a motion from the floor is not necessary prior to a vote by the membership)**



## COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued

- **Halter Futurity Committee** ~ Report by John Bennett ~ See attached
- **Gelding Incentive Committee** ~ Report by Sharon Housley ~ See attached
- **Youth Committee** ~ Report by Sharon Housley ~ See attached
- **AOTE Committee** ~ Report by John Bennett ~ See attached
- **International Committee** ~ Report by Joanne Ross ~ See Attached
- **Licensed Officials Committee** ~ Report by Lonnie Purdue ~ See Attached
- **Promotions Committee** ~ Report by Joe Kahre ~ See Attached  
Regis Hartnett shared some ideas on creating partnerships with corporations.
- **Performance Committee** ~ Report by Darlene Bridges ~ See Attached.  
There was some discussion regarding possibly looking into Golden Driving Classes in the future.

At 3:45pm, President Hutchcraft called for a recess of the AMHA Annual Membership Meeting until 8:30am February 20, 2016.

AMHA Annual Membership Meeting Continued

February 19-20, 2016

Marriott Westshore, Tampa, Florida

Saturday February 20, 2016 8:30am

### Call to Order

President Sid Hutchcraft

### Roll Call

Secretary Julie Good

Board of Directors Members Present: Gene Baynham, Darlene Bridges, Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Bob Kane, Gary Owen, Allison Rosauer, Joanne Ross, Clair Severson, Laurie Slobody, Heather Ward

Board of Director Absent: Julianna Myers

**A count of the Members of the Association Present** with voting ballots was taken with 59 of the 77 registered members present.

**Determination of Quorum:** President Hutchcraft determined that a quorum had been met with 14 of 15 Board Members present.

President Sid Hutchcraft addressed a concern by some of the members in attendance regarding the presiding officer casting votes by ballot during this meeting.

Bonnie Harris moved for a re-vote on votes taken by ballot on 2/19/16 according to Article VI, Section 4, G in the Bylaws of the AMHA Rulebook. Seconded by Gordon Harris. This was withdrawn by both Bonnie Harris and Gordon Harris.

According to Roberts Rules, the the recall of a vote must be called for by someone who voted to pass these items. And that the call to re-vote must be held the same day as the original vote was taken.

Tony Greaves then moved to reconsider the vote of Bylaw #1532 voted on by the AMHA Membership present at this meeting, Seconded by Bonnie Harris. (this would require a simple majority of voting members) There were 63 of the 77 registered members in attendance for this meeting. The results of the vote to reconsider Bylaw Proposal #1532 were 19 YES, 44 NO

**COMMITTEE REPORTS continued:**

- **Membership Committee** ~ Report by Julie Good ~ See Attached
- **Long Range Planning Committee** ~ Report by Michael Griggs ~ See Attached
- **Stock Type Halter Committee** ~ Report by Allison Rosauer ~ See Attached
- **World Show Committee** ~ Report by Laura Mullen ~ See Attached

At this time a 10 minute break was called for by President Sid Hutchcraft after which time a presentation on Color **Genetics was presented by Dan Simmons**  
After this presentation, the meeting would be reconvened at 1:00pm

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**Call to Order** after reconvening

President Sid Hutchcraft

**A count of the Members of the Association Present** with voting ballots was taken with 60 of the 77 registered members present.

**SHOW RULES Amendment Proposals** ~ will be presented and voted on between voting for Members of the Executive Committee. Bob Kane introduced the members of the Show Rules Committee and stated that depending upon the membership vote for EC positions, the membership may need to vote on a new Show Rules Committee Member. Current members of the Show Rules Committee: Al Bulgawicz, Sherry Crowe, Mary Lou Elder, Michael Griggs, Deborah Hopkins, Sharon Housley, Ruth Owen, Lonnie Purdue (LOC Chair), Clair Severson.

**The Floor was Opened for Nominations for President of AMHA Board of Directors ~**

Bob Padula Nominated Mr. H. Joe Kahre for the position of President of the AMHA Board of Directors.

Wade Burns Nominated Mr. Clair Severson for the position of President of the AMHA Board of Directors.

Each Nominee had an opportunity to address the membership.

A recount of the voting members present was determined to be 62 of the 77 registered AMHA Members.

After Voting on several Show Rules Proposals the results of the vote for AMHA President of the Board of Directors was delivered. **Mr. H. Joe Kahre** was announced as the 2016 President of the AMHA Board of Directors.

**The Floor was Opened for Nominations for Vice President of AMHA Board of Directors ~**  
Sami Scheuring Nominated Mr. Al Bulgawicz for the position of Vice President of the AMHA Board of Directors.

There were no further nominations for this position. By Acclamation, **Mr. Al Bulgawicz** was unanimously approved by the membership to serve as the 2016 Vice President of the AMHA Board of Directors. He was given an opportunity to address the members.

**The Floor was Opened for Nominations for the Secretary of the AMHA Board of Directors~**

Wade Burns Nominated Mrs. Laura Mullen for the position of Secretary of the AMHA Board of Directors.

Darlene Bridges Nominated Mrs. Joanne Ross for the position of Secretary of the AMHA Board of Directors. (It was determined that Joanne was not eligible for this nomination based on the fact that she had no written biography as required on page 25 of our rulebook)

Al Bulgawicz Nominated Mrs. Allison Rosauer for the position of Secretary of the AMHA Board of Directors ~ She respectfully declined.

There were no further nominations for this position. By Acclamation, **Mrs. Laura Mullen** was unanimously approved by the membership to serve as the 2016 Secretary of the AMHA Board of Directors.

**The Floor was Opened for Nominations for the Treasurer of the AMHA Board of Directors~**

Polly Wisegarver Nominated Mr. Clair Severson for the position of Treasurer of the AMHA Board of Directors ~ He respectfully declined the nomination.

With no further nominations brought to the floor by the membership, it was decided that there would be a recess following several more Show Rules votes to allow some consideration by the Board Members for this position.

**RECESS ~** Called for by President Sid Hutchcraft

Upon reconvening:

**The Floor Was Opened for Nominations for the position of Treasurer of the AMHA Board of Directors~**

Laura Mullen Nominated Mrs. Heather Ward for the position of Treasurer of the AMHA Board of Directors. (This was after a short Bio was passed out to members in attendance).

Heather Ward was given opportunity to address the membership.

By Acclamation, **Mrs. Heather Ward** was unanimously approved by the membership for the position of Treasurer of the Board of Directors for 2016.

**The Floor was Opened for Nominations for the position of Member-at-Large of the AMHA Board of Directors.**

John Bennett Nominated Mr. Harry Elder for the position of Director-at-Large of the AMHA Board of Directors.

Harry Elder was given the opportunity to address the membership.

By Acclamation, **Mr. Harry Elder** was unanimously approved by the membership for the position of Director-at-Large of the Board of Directors for 2016.

The 2016 Executive Committee of the AMHA Board of Directors:

**President ~ Mr. H. Joe Kahre**  
**Vice President ~ Mr. Al Bulgawicz**  
**Secretary ~ Mrs. Laura Mullen**  
**Treasurer ~ Mrs. Heather Ward**  
**Director-at-Large ~ Mr. Harry Elder**



## **2015 Show Rules AMENDMENTS**

The following amendments are to be voted on by the Membership at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

UPDATED: 07/07/2015

Note: All deletions will be ~~striketrough~~ & changes will be indicated by **Bold & underlined** print. The number on the right side of the page is for identification purposes only.

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### **PA 020 Grand and Reserve Halter Champions Page 153 #1503** **Submitted by: Performance Committee**

- A. The grand champion of each junior and senior sex **and** junior and senior gelding, ~~pleasure driving, country driving and roadster driving~~ divisions will receive at least one point more than any other horse in its respective junior **or** senior ~~or driving~~ division, provided at least three (3) horses were exhibited in that junior **or** senior ~~or driving~~ division. If necessary additional points will be added to the points the grand champion won in its age **or** height ~~or driving~~ class to give it this total. The grand champion will always receive a minimum of at least two (2) points in any show where at least six (6) horses have competed in that junior **or** senior ~~or driving~~ division. (Amended 02-07, effective 01-08)
- B. The reserve champion of each junior **or** senior ~~or driving~~ division shall receive as many points as any horse in his division except the champion. The reserve champion will always receive a minimum of at

least one point in any show where at least six (6) horses have competed in the respective junior or senior ~~or driving~~ division.

- #1503 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**

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**PA 021 Grand and Reserve Driving Champions Page 154 #1504**  
**Submitted by: Performance Committee**

- A. The grand champion of each single pleasure driving, country pleasure driving, classic pleasure driving and roadster driving division will receive at least one point more than any other horse in its respective driving division. If necessary, additional points will be added to the points the grand champion won in its driving class to give it this total.**
- B. The reserve champion of each driving division shall receive as many points as any horse in its division except the champion. If necessary, additional points will be awarded to the points it won in its class to bring its total up even with the other horse that had the most points.**

Office Procedure

In order for the points to be awarded, the computer should search for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> placings.

The grand or reserve points will be awarded to the horse placing 6<sup>th</sup> or higher in its qualifying by the judge awarding it grand or reserve grand champion,

Should a horse not place 6<sup>th</sup> or higher in its qualifying class but subsequently places grand or reserve in its driving division, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact show management by submitting the appropriate form before the end of the show designating where the grand or reserve points are to be applied. The horse must have been exhibited in the designated class.

Show management will submit the form with show results.

Our system only retains 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> placings. This will allow driving grand and reserve grand points to be awarded.

As a driving grand class is to be judged as a completely new class. Judges ARE allowed to use a horse grand or reserve regardless of whether or not that judge placed the horse 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in a qualifying class.

- #1504 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**
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**LO-005 The American Miniature Horse Standard of Perfection**  
**Submitted by Mary Lou Elder** **Page 65** **#1505**

General Impression: In judging when characteristics are almost equal, preference must be given to the smaller horse.

Note: wording changed to match CL-010E

- #1505 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**
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**AM010-5-C Requirements** **Page 146** **#1508**  
**Submitted by Youth Committee**

Any points earned or time acquired by a youth in the 13 -1 8 Youth Division **with any horse shown regardless of ownership of horse shall** should carry over into the Amateur Division and will affect the determination of his or her Amateur Level or Level 2 status.

- #1508 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ One opposed, passed by the membership by majority vote. **PASSED**
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**CL030H-13 Driving Class General Rules** **Page 108** **#1509**  
**Submitted by Show Rules / Performance**

**For safety reasons, while reversing at the walk, horses must initiate the direction change to the left.**

- #1509 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**
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**CL034B – Classic Pleasure Driving Division** **Page 110** **# 1510**  
**Submitted by Show Rules/Performance**

Horse to **must** be shown both directions in the arena at the Walk, Pleasure Trot and the Working Trot.

- #1510 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**
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**CL035B – Country Pleasure Driving  
Submitted by Show Rules/Performance**

**Page 111 #1511**

Horse to **must** be shown both directions in the arena at the Walk, Pleasure Trot and the Working Trot.

- #1511 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**
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**CL036B – Single Pleasure Driving  
Submitted by Show Rules/Performance**

**Page 113 #1512**

Horse to **must** be shown both directions in the arena at the Walk, Pleasure Trot and the Working Trot

- #1512 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**
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**AM010-A Requirements  
Submitted by Debra Hopkins, Amateur Committee**

**Page 146 #1513**

5. Amateur Division Level 1 and 2

a. Level One Amateur

2. May have competed in AMHA amateur classes for no more than ~~two~~ **three (3)** calendar years or accumulated no more than ~~50~~ **75** lifetime Honor Roll points (whichever come later).

- #1513 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ This was discussed by the membership after John Bennett gave some statistics. ~ There was one abstention, and 3 Yes Votes, the remaining votes were No. **FAILED**
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**WS030-A Classes  
Submitted by Laura Mullen**

**page 166**

**# 1514**

Attached is a list of proposed changes to the AMHA World Show Qualification Points required to be eligible to participate at the World Show. In addition to lowering qualification points, this proposal also includes the creation of a "World Show Point Qualification" list to be posted monthly on the AMHA website separate from the Honor Roll list.

### **SEE ATTACHED**

- #1514 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ There was one abstention and one opposed to passing this proposal, the remaining votes were in favor.  
**PASSED**

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### **WS036 – World & Championship Grand Champion Driving Classes Submitted by Performance Committee**

**Page 172,173 #1516**

- A. World and Championship Grand Championship classes shall include the Champions & Reserve Champions, from the appropriate driving classes as follows:
1. World and Championship Grand Champion Single Pleasure Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, from classes 134-138) **excluding 136,137,139**
  2. World and Championship Grand Champion Roadster Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, (from classes 103-113) **Excluding 109 & 111**
  3. World and Championship Grand Champion Country Pleasure Driving. (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, (from classes 118-133) **Excluding 121,122,124**
  4. World and Championship Grand Champion Classic Pleasure Driving. (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, (from classes 149-163) **Excluding 136,137,139**

~~B. World and Championship Grand Champion Ribbons and Awards: from the respective driving classes a World and Championship Grand Champion and Reserve will receive an appropriate uniform trophy and ribbon~~

**B. Amateur World and Championship Grand Championship classes shall include the Champions and Reserve Champions, from the appropriate driving classes as follows:**

**1.**



**Amateur World and Championship Grand Champion Single Pleasure Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, (from classes 136,137,139) Or 134,135,138**

**2.**

**Amateur World and Championship Grand Champion Roadster Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, (from classes 109 & 111) Or 107,108,110**

**3.**

**Amateur World and Championship Grand Champion Country Pleasure Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, (from classes 121,122,124) Or 119,120,123**

**4.**

**Amateur World and Championship Grand Champion Classic Pleasure Driving (World and Championship Champions and Reserve, (from classes 136,137,139) Or 151,152,155**

- #1516 The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED** (Note: There is a typo in A. 4. EXCLUDING 153, 154, 156 ~ NOT 136, 137, 139)
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**PA 030D Recognized Point Classes Page 161**  
**Submitted by: Youth Committee**

**#1518**

Add: **YOTE Versatility 18 & under**

Note: This proposal was to have been voted on at the 2015 Annual Meeting but had been erroneously omitted from the December 2014 MHW for the 60 day notice requirement and thus could not be voted on as scheduled.

- #1518 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**
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**CL 016 Stock Division**  
**Submitted by: Frank Lupton**

**#1519**

### Standards of Conformation and Movement

**GENERAL IMPRESSION** - An attractive horse where everything is proportionate and all parts tie in smoothly. All gaits are smooth and purposeful exhibiting natural athleticism. Horses are judged on balance, structural correctness and sex characteristics. Of these, balance is the most important.

**S T A N C E** - The American Miniature Horse Association's Stock Type Horse normally stands at ease with his legs perpendicular to the ground and parallel with each other. The horse should exhibit a balanced stance and stand on the corners of his body, as opposed to being spread too far apart or crowded too close together, or parked out.

**H E A D** - The head of an AMHA Stock Type Horse reflects inquisitive intelligence. He has a short, broad head that is straight or slightly dished topped by small to medium ears hooked towards the center line at the tips; kind wide-set eyes; large nostrils; small muzzle, and firm mouth. A domed forehead is a fault.

**B I T E** - When viewed from the side, the meeting point of the center incisor teeth should be

equal and even. A deviation of no more than half the width of the tooth's surface is permissible without fault.

**N E C K** - The head of the AMHA Stock Type Horse joins the neck at a roughly 45-degree angle, with a slender throatlatch allowing him to move easily in any direction while maintaining his balance. The medium to long neck should be slightly arched and blend smoothly into sloping shoulders.

**S H O U L D E R S** - The AMHA Stock Type Horse's short strong back is created by deep sloping shoulders tying in well back.

**C H E S T A N D F O R E L E G S** - As demonstrated by the heart girth and relatively wide-set forelegs, the AMHA Stock Type Horse is deep and broad in the chest. Smooth joints and short cannon bones are set on clean fetlocks and medium length pasterns are supported by healthy hooves. The forearm tapers to the knee, whether viewed from the front or back.

**B A C K** - The short back of the AMHA Stock Type Horse is full and strong across the loins. The barrel is formed by deep, well sprung ribs which extend to the hip joints. The underline, or abdominal area, should rise cleanly to the flank. The point of the croup should be no higher than the top of the withers. The tail is set off a long, rounded croup.

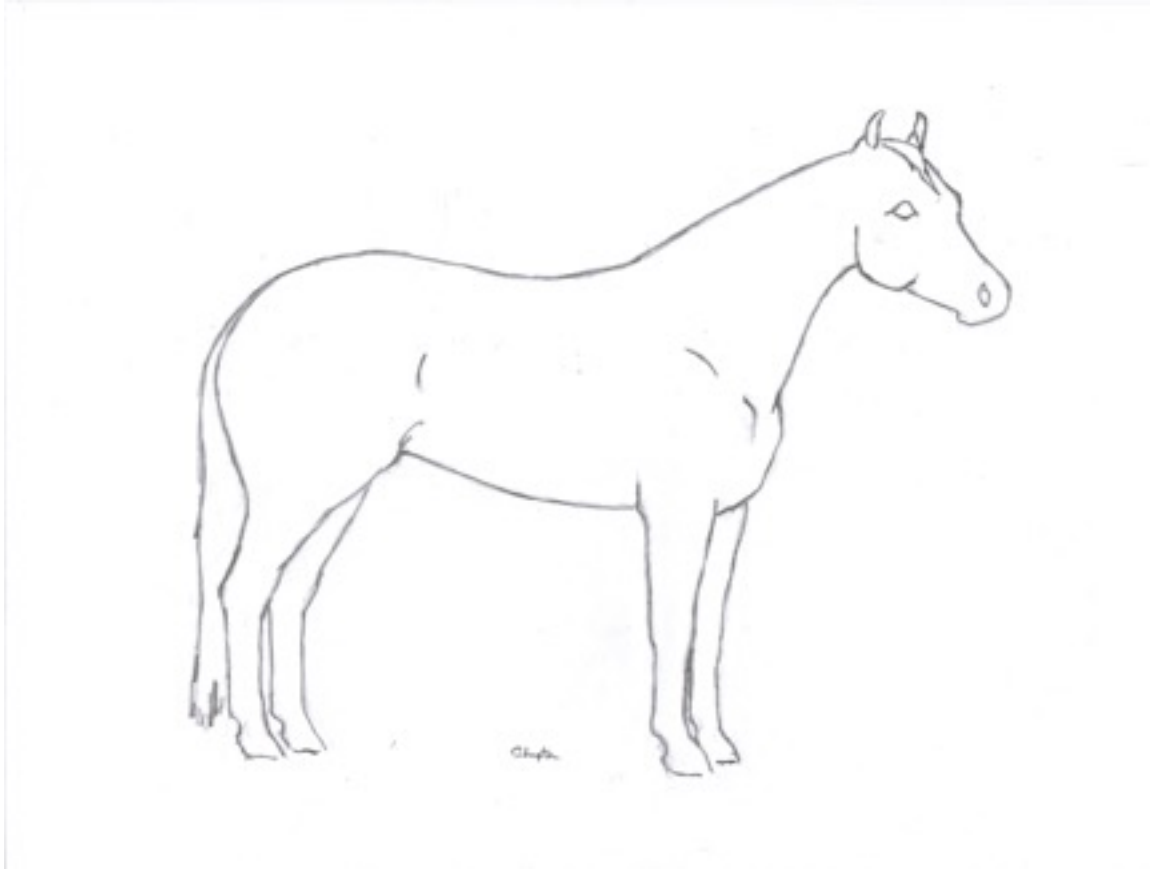
**H I N D Q U A R T E R S** - Viewed from either side or the rear, the hindquarters are broad, deep and adequately muscled through the thigh, stifle and gaskin down to the hock. When viewed from the rear, there is adequate width extending evenly from the top of the thigh to the gaskin. The hocks are wide set, deep and straight.

**B O N E S, L E G S A N D H O O V E S** - Flat, strong bones, smooth joints and proper angulations form a leg that is attractive and functional. The hooves are proportionate to overall conformation

**M U S C L I N G** -The AMHA Stock Type Horse should have muscling adequate to function, but is not a heavily muscled breed. Overly heavy muscling is a fault.

**M O T I O N**- Stock Type horses track straight and true. At all times they should appear confident, balanced and athletic, demonstrating a low flat stride with minimal knee and hock action.

## Stock Type Illustration



### **Standards and Style**

1. Stock Type division horses will be shown in a stock horse manner with the horse standing still, calm and square.
2. The handler should stand towards the left side of the horse's center line, more or less facing horse.
3. Stock type/western show halters will be the accepted standard. At local shows a nylon halter will suffice. An Arabian type halter is unacceptable and will result in disqualification.
4. Leads may have chains, but chains may only go under chin and not over the nose or in the mouth.
5. Razoring of heads will be heavily penalized. Clipping is permitted.
6. Banding or braiding of manes is prohibited.

7. Manes should be natural looking and of moderate length
8. Pulled, overcut or undercut manes are acceptable.
9. Tails should be off the ground.

### **Requirements**

1. A horse may not show in more than one halter division at any show **with the exception of color and/or Special Needs classes.** Versatility is considered a performance class and this does not apply.
2. There will be no instances of halter competition between horses representing Stock Type and the other division such as supreme champion classes.
3. Current rules for handler's dress will apply in stock division.
4. Current halter ring pattern will be used for stock division.

### **Approved Classes**

YOTE	ST Junior	Mares
YOTE	ST Junior	Geldings
YOTE	ST Senior	Mares
YOTE	ST Senior	Geldings
YOUTH	ST Junior	Mares
YOUTH	ST Junior	Geldings
YOUTH	ST Senior	Mares
YOUTH	ST Senior	Geldings
AOTE	ST Junior	Mares
AOTE	ST Junior	Geldings
AOTE	ST Junior	Stallions
AOTE	ST Senior	Mares
AOTE	ST Senior	Geldings
AOTE	ST Senior	Stallions
AMATEUR	ST Junior	Mares
AMATEUR	ST Junior	Geldings
AMATEUR	ST Junior	Stallions

AMATEUR	ST Senior	Mares
AMATEUR	ST Senior	Geldings
AMATEUR	ST Senior	Stallions
AMATEUR	ST Grand	Champion
OPEN	ST Junior	Mares
OPEN	ST Junior	Geldings
OPEN	ST Junior	Stallions
OPEN	ST Senior	Mares
OPEN	ST Senior	Geldings
OPEN	ST Senior	Stallions
OPEN	ST Grand	Champion

Note: This proposal was to have been voted on at the 2015 Annual Meeting but had been erroneously omitted from the December 2014 MHW for the 60 day notice requirement and thus could not be voted on as scheduled.

- #1519 ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ There was quite a bit of discussion, a ballot vote was taken ~ **PASSED** by majority vote.

**GR 040I Drugs and Artificial Appliances,  
Irritants and Inhumane Treatment Pg 93  
Submitted by: Laurie Slobody**

**#1520**

No person shall alter, change, or attempt to hide or enhance the natural color of the body ~~including legs~~ of a horse by dye, bleach, or paint. ~~This rule does not preclude a person from enhancing~~ The natural color of the a horse's mane and tail **can be enhanced** by artificial coloring. Hoofs ~~may~~ **can only** be colored **with black, brown or clear, with the exception of a costume class. Non-permanent coloring** ~~Color enhancements may~~ **can** be used on the **legs and** head of ~~any~~ **a** horse. **White markings must remain white.** Any horse ~~that~~ **which** has been color enhanced beyond the above **show** guidelines must be disqualified for the entire show and all previous trophies, ribbons, and points will be disallowed for that show.

Note: This proposal was rejected by the Show Rules Committee in 2014 and thus was not presented for a vote at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Howev-

er, because it had been submitted with the signatures of ten (10) current directors, per the flow chart, it should have gone forward to the Annual Meeting for a membership vote.

- **#1520** ~ The Show Rules Committee recommends passing this proposal ~ Unanimously passed by the membership **PASSED**

#### **RECOGNITION of OUTGOING Board Members**

- Julie Good ~ Region 1
- Darlene Bridges ~ Region 3
- Gary Owen ~ Region 4
- Frank Lupton ~ Region 12

#### **RECOGNITION of RETURNING Board Members**

- Laurie Slobody ~ Region 1
- Sid Hutchcraft ~ Region 4

#### **RECOGNITION of INCOMING Board Members**

- Jason Warrenfeltz ~ Region 2
- Laura Mullen ~ Region 3
- Leigh Murray ~ Region 12

#### **ELECTION of Licensed Officials Committee (LOC) Member Vacancy**

There were two candidates for the position ~ Laura Mullen and Michelle Meachum ~ Laura Mullen was elected to serve on the LOC for another term.

#### **PROPOSED 2016 Budget**

Clair Severson briefly explained some of the highlights and changes of the 2016 Proposed Budget that will be brought to the Board of Directors for review and approval at their meeting on Sunday 2/21/16.

#### **RATIFICATION of Board of Directors and Executive Committee Decisions in 2015**

Al Bulgawicz moved that the membership ratify the decisions of the BOD and EC in 2015 through this meeting 2/20/16. Bob Kane seconded the motion. The membership **PASSED** with one abstention.

#### **2017 AMHA Annual Membership Meeting**

Plans are underway for the meeting to be held February 22-26, 2017 at the South Point Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. There was a brief presentation showing the amenities of the Resort. The Room rates are excellent, \$65 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights and \$100 a night for Friday and Saturday nights.

#### **2018 AMHA Annual Membership Meeting**

The 2018 Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the Eastern US and the following locations were offered to the membership: Atlanta, Georgia, Charlotte, NC, Orlando, FL, St. Louis, MO

and Washington DC. Each member was asked to write their top three picks on a ballot. The top three picks will be considered in the order that they were chosen.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- There was concern expressed that there is no notification that a Studbook subscription is about to expire, and that there is no way to renew online. Mike Griggs stated that the Long Range Planning Committee is looking into this problem.
- Raffle Tickets will be available to purchase to enter a drawing for 4 nights and 3 days, including dinner at the steakhouse and buffet at the SouthPoint Resort for our 2017 meeting. The proceeds from this will be donated to the Amateur Committee. Members should be looking for more information on this in the near future.

Al Bulgawicz moved to adjourn the meeting and Jason Warrenfeltz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

## **President's Report**

I am completing my second term as AMHA President. This past year has been interesting and troubling but the next year will be even more challenging.

As we ended the year 2015, the AMHA Profit and Loss statement continued to reflect the decreasing numbers in registration, transfers, and membership, our largest annual sources of revenue. Or at least that was the way it was in previous years. This year our combined revenue from AMHA sponsored (which were all profitable) was substantially larger than the registration revenue. This year the business model for the AMHA could appear to have changed from that of being a registry to an association producing shows. Producing shows is vitally important to AMHA as they serve to provide owners and exhibitors an opportunity to enjoy, showcase, and promote their AMHA horses. However, the primary purpose of the AMHA is to provide the needed services of registration, transfers, etc that are associated with the stud book and are needed by AMHA members. Thus, this is the immediate challenge for AMHA members.

What can be done to change this? This 2016 Annual Meeting is going to be a memorable meeting as many issues will be discussed and decisions made that will have an immediate and long range affect on AMHA. New proposed registration programs will be discussed, as well as other issues that affect AMHA members and their business. We must address the absolute need for new registration programs and for attracting new members. I strongly encourage AMHA members who are present at this Annual Meeting to participate, listen, discuss and then vote to either accept or reject the new proposals. Your attendance at this meeting and your votes are very important.

Let us all be positive and work together to assure the future of the AMHA. AMHA must continue to provide those programs that cause us to fulfill our mission. "We strive to be a friendly organization where we all work together to preserve the heritage and promote the future of the AMHA breed."

In closing, let me tell you once again how pleased I am to have been elected to serve you in my second year as your President. It has been an honor and I want to express appreciation to all who continue to serve and support the AMHA, its members, and its wonderful Miniature Horses.

I personally want to thank the members of the Board, the EC and the great staff we have in the office. My best wishes to all.

Sid Hutchcraft

## **MINUTES of AMHA COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Amateur Committee Minutes February 19, 2016**

Members present: Debra Hopkins, chair Becky Kelley  
Susan Stuart

Marilyn Meyer Joanne Ross Kim Sweatt Debbie Meek

We had a quorum.

Reviewed budget from previous year. Got great feedback from some of the amateurs in attendance and decided to keep our Amateur awards the same in 2016. Joanne Ross moved and Becky Kelley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Discussed Sponsors and donations for the Amateur programs. We will compile a list of opportunities with different denominations and provide to the Committee members. Committee members will reach out to the membership and vendors they have relationships with to get commitments.

Amateur Committee will partner with the Halter Futurity again at the 2016 World Show to offer an informal wine and cheese gathering during the Futurity classes on Wednesday night.

Becky Kelley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Marilyn Meyer, the motion passed.

### **International Committee**

Committee members present: Sami Scheuring, Marilyn Meyers and Joanne Ross making a quorum.



The committee reviewed the application of the new Belgium Club IMHC and the Russian Club and voted to recommend approval of both clubs to the board.

At the World Show we would like:

1. Designate Friday ,September 30 as International Day.
2. International members would be invited to present awards in the arena
3. A International Exhibitors class with donated horses would be held in the early evening
4. A beer and chips reception would be held after the class at the AMHA tables in the arena.
5. International members are invited to provide a small 12" flag for table decorations.

Sami Scheuring would make a list of classes that International members could participate in at the World show that would not need them to prequalify.

We will continue to feature international members in our AMHA World Magazine.

It was noted that 10% of the AMHA shows are now held outside of the USA.

The USLGE grant money has been a big influence on this growth. We had a discussion on the use of the money, for providing assistance with the cost of US judges, Exhibitors clinics or a judges seminar to card international judges. The honorary directors were polled to get their feed back. The majority of the directors replying felt that the assistance with US judges for their shows was the best use of the money because the international judges clinic has not resulted in judges carded..

## **2016 Halter Futurity Committee Meeting Thursday February 18, 2016 8:30 AM**

Roll call was taken. Committee members present:, Allison Rosauer, John Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Wade Burns, & Ann Dwyer

Members absent: Craig Westergaard, Polly Weisberg, Kristina Slobody

### **Weanling Sweepstakes Classes**

- The Weanling Sweepstakes class entries were reviewed. Entries were down in 2015. It was decided to keep the classes for 2016.
- The AMHA Work Order is showing a Close of Entries 8/15/2016. This is incorrect. Entries are accepted in the Show office until 6:00 PM the day before the classes.

- **Action:** Contact Randy and get the Work Order updated.
- Payouts were given out through all placings at the World show in error and Futurity display checks were also used in error by the office. Upon review it was decided that even though the amounts were small, exhibitors liked having a money prize if they placed. So we will be continuing to award money 1st-10<sup>th</sup> place. **No Award Checks**
- Awards:
  - Ribbons for 3-10<sup>th</sup> place.
  - Champion and Reserve Champion sashes & Silver Plates for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the win pictures.
    - **Action:** We will need to order the silver plates for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places & ribbons again through Laura as well.

### ***Halter Futurity Classes***

- We reviewed the class entries for all futurity classes over the last 8 years. Our total exhibitors have been going up steadily. After discussion it was decided to leave the class offerings the same since entries tended to shift between classes, but overall entries were increasing.

### ***Judges for 2016***

- Since the judge situation has not been finalized for the World Show. It was decided to table this discussion until further information was available.

### ***Budget & Awards***

- Hat & T-shirt order
  - Banked number of Hats and T-shirts were discussed and order amounts approved for 2016
    - **Action:** Get with Sherri Lykken to see what colors might be available for this year's T-shirts and Hats
    - **Action:** Sherri did not get paid for last year's order. Get in touch with her and ask her to bill the office for payment.
    - **Action:** Work with the office to see what can be done to use actual entries for closer estimates on the check amounts
  - Coupons seemed to work well for people to pick up the T-shirts and Hats.
    - **Action:** Check with Sherri to see if T-shirts and Hats can be available the first day of the show for people to pick up at the AMHA table.

- Grand & Reserve Champion Trophies for Open, Amateur and AOTE:
  - **Action:** Get with Laura to order the Silver Trophies again for Grand/Reserve Grand Champions for the 2016 World Show

### **Sponsors**

- 2016 Halter Futurity Sponsors:
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  - *Jere E. Olson, Peggy Lloyd & Denny Mounce (Pecan Grove Farm)*
  - *Aimee & Dustin Davis (Painted H Ranch)*
  - *Elizabeth Fuselier Ellis & Jerry Ellis (Apple Creek Farm)*
  - *Kim & John Sweatt (Mirage Miniatures)*
  - Barbara Hibbard (Fountain Miniatures) – Champagne sponsor
- Due Date for Sponsor payments was set for May 1st
  - **Action:** Get with Randy/Paula to have the office bill the sponsors in April and May. Payments not received by the end of June will remove the farm from the sponsor list.

### **Promotions**

- MHW – Timeline ideas for information in each issue
  - February – Futurity Results in the Stallion Issue
  - April – Breeder spotlight article for the World Show Top Sire
  - June – Weanling Sweepstakes information, Facebook and AMHA website page reminder
  - August – Amateur & AOTE classes
  - October – Previous Year Top Ten and Overall Top Ten
  - December – Current Year Sponsor Thank you
    - Jennifer spoke to Melissa about these ideas. If we can have camera ready content for most of these, there won't be a problem getting them into the MHW.
- E-magazine issues:
  - May – Eligible/Nominated Stallions
  - September –
  - November –
- AMHA Email Blasts
  - Early February – Reminder of Nomination/Sustaining Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 2/29/16 – Final reminder of Nomination/Sustaining Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Facebook page
  - Discussion about inviting farms to post their nominated sires and dams on the page to keep interest up. The page is setup to allow this. We will post an invitation to participating farms after the deadline has passed for nominations

### ***World Show Futurity Table***

- The size and location of the table were great in 2015! Jennifer spoke with Randy about having the same setup in 2016 and he thought this would not be a problem.

Meeting adjourned

# **LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 4, 2016**

The Licensed Officials Committee met on February 4, 2016 at the Color Breed Council held in Tulsa, OK. Present were Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Sid Hutchcraft, Laura Mullen, Lonnie Perdue, Tom Roberts, and Sami Scheuring. Absent: Jim Congleton. The meeting began at 4:01 p.m. We had a quorum for conducting business.

## **LOC Budget**

The committee discussed the 2016 budget to be passed at the annual meeting and whether LOC could find ways to reduce expense. Our first choice would be to have all committee members attend the CBC in 2017 and 4 members attend the Denver clinic. A second option would be to have only 4 committee members attend CBC and 4 attend Denver. Laura Mullen mentioned that there was a proposal to the Finance Committee to raise the standard deduction for all AMHA Directors, LOC members and Show Rules Committee members to \$150.00 (up from \$125.00).

## **Driving Videos**

The committee discussed developing a driving video for our video testing segment. We will review the current footage that we have to see what we can use. Sami Scheuring made a motion to have our driving videos upgraded to current style. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. Motion passed.

## **USLGE**

AMHA should be receiving approximately \$27,500 from USLGE this year to be used for judges, shows and trade exhibits for 2016. Wayne Hipsley is going to try to request an additional \$5000 to be used for a seminar this year. However, we cannot provide a seminar unless the additional funding comes through.

## **Stewards**

Rebecca Clark asked the committee what to do about stewards needing renewal and people inquiring about becoming stewards. A motion was made by Sami Scheuring to leave the stewards program in moratorium and extend the time for a clinic requirement to 6 years. This would be a change from 3 years to 6 years. Seconded by Tom Roberts. Passed.

## **JAC**

LOC is the voice of the JAC to show rules. The committee decided to have Sid Hutchcraft be in charge of JAC and the invitation of judges to attend.

### **CBC Facilitators**

Discussion was held as to whether we should be additional facilitators. Perhaps ones who specialize in driving. No motion was made.

### **Fall Judges Clinic In Denver**

LOC will move forward with the Fall Judges Clinic in Denver in conjunction with the ASPC/AMHR Judges Seminar. Sami will call and get us set up with the hotel. At present, it is planned that Harry Elder, Al Bulgawicz, Laura Mullen and Lonnie Perdue will attend as our other committee members may have previous engagements.

Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to budget for 20 judges at \$225 each for Denver. Committee members attending will receive a maximum reimbursement of \$300. Seconded by Tom Roberts. Passed.

### **Senior Status**

Sami Scheuring made a motion for the following rule change to LO-020-C b.

- b. Approved Judges may apply for Senior Classification after they have adjudicated at three (3) or more AMHA sanctioned shows in which 75 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.

Seconded by Laura Mullen. Motion passed. The committee will present the rule at the Annual Meeting for vote and ask that it become effective March 1, 2016.

Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to amend the motion to 65 horses. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. Motion passed 4 to 3. The rule proposal will go forward to the annual meeting as "65 or more horses."

### **World Show**

LOC was informed by Laura Mullen that the Finance Committee would like to decrease the number of World Show judges in 2016 from 10 to 6. There was much discussion of the pros and cons. LOC would like to inform the Finance Committee that their order of preference is to:

1. Keep all ten judges as is. It was felt we should honor their contracts and the negative ramifications would outweigh the savings.
2. Ask for each judge to take a decrease in pay (i.e. \$50 each less per day would save \$2250 and \$100 each less per day would save \$4500).

Laura Mullen provided statistics on the 2015 show that showed the difference between using all scores and throwing out the high and low. Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to go to 3 judges per panel for the 2017 AMHA World Show. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. Motion passed.

### **Showmanship Scoresheet**

The LOC discussed adding an adapted version of the AQHA scoresheet to the website for use in Showmanship which is based more on maneuvers to give our judges options. Rebecca Clark was instructed to adapt it and post it.

### **Letter to Judges**

Sami Scheuring asked if her letter to the judges regarding the judging of driving classes had been reviewed. Al Bulgawicz made a motion that Sami's letter be sent to our judges. Seconded by Harry Elder. Passed.

### **Closed Session**

The LOC Committee went into closed session to discuss judges applying for senior status, approved judges, applicant judges and judges evaluation cards received from exhibitors and show managers. The committee reviewed the list of 30 potential judges for the 2017 World Show.

### **Election of LOC Chairman**

Tom Roberts indicated that he and Jim were not interested in continuing as co-chairs. Harry Elder nominated Lonnie Perdue for chairman. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. Sid Hutchcraft made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Al Bulgawicz. Nominations were closed and Lonnie Perdue was unanimously appointed.

### **LOC Policy**

The committee discussed whether it was a conflict of interest for committee members to judge the AMHA World Show. No motions were made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

## **LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MINUTES February 6, 2016**

The Licensed Officials Committee held a brief meeting on February 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. All present except Jim Congleton.

### **Applicant Judges**

Applicant judges testing results were reviewed as well as applications for senior status.

**Change to LO-020-C b.** A reminder was made for Lonnie Perdue to present that change to the Board of Directors on Thursday night at the Annual Meeting.

Harry Elder made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Sid Hutchcraft. Passed. Meeting was adjourned.

AMHA Membership Committee Meeting  
February 2016

The Membership Committee held Email meetings through the year. Members present were Julie Good, Gene Baynham, Julianna Myers, Lisa Hawkins, J.....

We have discussed the Mini Hours Program and some of the prizes we could present for different hours earned. Working with Melissa on this.

Promotions Committee and Membership will work together this year.

We submitted a rule change/bylaw change proposal to allow non members to do certain types of business with AMHA at the February meeting. Appropriate changes in the fee schedule were also submitted.

As we look forward to 2016 we will seek ways to welcome new members and encourage members to be more active.

The possibility of honoring an "AMHA Miniature Therapy Horse of the Year" was discussed this will be something to work on in the coming year.

## **Youth Committee Meeting Feb. 18, 2016**

Acting chair: Sharon Housley

Had a quorum.

Present: Sharon Housley, Julianna Myers (by telephone), Becky Kelly, Sherry Crowe, Phil Abbot, Heather Ward (at Finance but available if needed to vote)

Absent: Stephanie Abbot, Paula Burgin, Kerri Griggs 2016 World Show

With Laura Mullins present:

- . 1) Per Laura – youth classes will be Saturday and Sunday.
  
- . 2) Advised Laura that Committee had voted on 2/3/16 to reduce the size of the World Show ribbons and plaques. Lee Crutchfield will sponsor plaques.
  
- . 3) Advised Laura that Committee had voted on 2/3/16 to keep the World Champion trophy the



same as it has been.

4) Sherry Crowe made a motion to use a Resin Design of an Arabian Stallion Bust produced by All Things Equine – in gray – for the Reserve World Champion trophy. Julianna Myers seconded.  
Passed unanimously.

5) World Show Activities  
Youth Liberty between 4-5 pm Friday. Special awards will once again be handled by Sherry

Crowe.

Scavenger Hunt – prior to Youth Liberty with last stop Hot Dogs, Chips, Soda – at Housley barn or other location where caterer won't be a requirement

Poker Run – Monday night – need to get table sponsors.

6) Asked Laura if any objection to rule change proposal to add Youth Reinsmanship to be required only at Regional and World show. Laura said no objection other than time constraint

7) Laura requested all to help sell \$100 class sponsorships – will let us know if Board approves free stall for every 5 sponsorships sold.  
Laura Mullins left meeting.

Additional World Show Activities

FFTC sponsored Root Beer Float party Sunday afternoon at Housley stalls.

Sharon Housley made a motion to hold a youth/amateur Reinsmanship class on Friday afternoon. Sherry Crowe seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Class specifications as set forth in Rule Book. Horses can be clipped or furry. Attire is casual. Entry fee \$20. Sherry Crowe will handle awards.

Youth Silent Auction – Sherry Crowe will handle. Becky Kelly’s famous Flamingo Hat.

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Other discussion:

- . 1) Youth EC Bio and pictures for pre-World Show Magazine and website. (Phil and Sharon spoke to Melissa after meeting – web no problem. Magazine will need to be confined to President, Vice- President and Secretary. Phil will need to ensure that EC gets info to Melissa in timely manner.
  
- . 2) Phil Abbot advised has “free” source to get cards with information printed for youth representatives to send welcome to new youth members. (After meeting Phil and Sharon spoke to Melissa who advised no problem to provide new youth member information to accomplish.)
  
- . 3) Rule change proposals for Youth Reinsmanship and 7 and under Exception to requirement to show teeth passed 2/3/16 will be submitted to show rules tomorrow. Youth Reinsmanship has been referred to Performance Committee and approved by that committee and to Laura as noted in these minutes.
  
- . 4) Phil Abbot will check with Randy regarding youth monies for various miscellaneous World awards
  
- . 5) Discussed many ideas to involve youth and minis who don’t show and/or go to World Show. Ashley Harris suggested that the Display Board project could be done at Regional shows with top 2 or 3 going on to Worlds.
  
- . 6) Youth EC will be looking at update to the website page and use of social media Twitter and Instagram.

Phil and Stephanie Abbot have volunteered to be co-chairs of the 2016 Youth Committee!!!

Sherry Crowe made motion to adjourn. Phil Abbot seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 2:45pm

Minutes submitted by Sharon Housley