

AMHA Board of Directors Meeting

3/24/2015 7pm Central Time

Meeting brought to order by President Sid Hutchcraft at 7pm.

Roll Call

Julie Good

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

Also Present: Randy Peacock

Approval of Board of Directors Meetings

1. Minutes of BOD Meeting 2/19/2015

Frank Lupton moved to approve the minutes of 2/19/2015

Julianna Myers 2nd motion

The minutes of the BOD meeting 2/19/2015 were unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Minutes of the BOD Meeting 2/22/2015

Al Bulgawicz moved to approve the minutes of 2/22/2015

Laurie Slobody 2nd motion

The minutes of the BOD meeting 2/22/2015 were unanimously approved by the Board.

Frank Lupton and Randy Peacock were asked to share with the board information on current finances.

Frank stated we are off to a slow start, particularly due to the fact that many of the changes that will affect finances were only put in effect in mid-March, so it may take some time to see the results.

Randy said the expenses are staying reasonable and holding well, the revenue is behind because we are waiting to see results of recent changes put into effect in March.

There was a lengthy discussion suggesting some ways to help build our finances. The finance committee will be watching the financial status closely as we progress through the year.

Al Bulgawicz was asked to present the 2015 Committees to the BOD for approval.

Members brought additional names for several committees, Bobbi Briggs was added to the Youth Committee and Gene Baynham added to the Promotion Committee. There were some corrections of email addresses.

Frank Lupton talked about the issue of finance committee members on multiple committees. At times this poses a problem. This has been an issue with the members who are on both the finance committee and show rules since each of those committees require quite a bit of time during their meeting times at the annual meeting.

Clair Severson moved to approve the AMHA Committees with the changes addressed.

Frank Lupton seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved by the board of directors.

Show Report

Sid Hutchcraft

Laura Mullen is having a great deal of difficulty securing a photographer for the Western and Central Regional Championship Shows. The board was asked to give suggestions to Laura. It has been difficult to hire photographers for any show because the photographers are not selling enough photographs to make the trip profitable, therefore, many are not willing to cover a show.

Laura is currently working on preparing a contract to present to Mustang Productions for video services for the 2015 World Show.

Laura is also currently working with I Equine to come up with an agreement for Live Streaming the World Show 2015. In addition, she has also been talking with Horseshow Webcasters about Live Streaming for the World Show 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

AMHA "A" Award

Julie Good

The Membership Committee was asked by the EC to re-evaluate the A Award Program. There was a lengthy discussion about this proposal. (See Proposal Attached to the end of these minutes)

Harry Elder moved to accept the proposed AMHA "A" Award revision with the changes highlighted on the proposal in red.

Clair Severson Seconded the motion.

Passed by the Board of Directors

32 and Under Roadster Class

There have been questions brought to board members about the status of the 32 and Under Roadster Class that has been passed by the membership and put into moratorium. The discussion was as to whether there may be some world show participants who would enter a roadster class with driving horses in the 32 and under class that would not currently be entered because the owner might feel the smaller horses would not be able to compete with the taller horses.

This was discussed and would require 0 qualifying points if it were to be offered only at the World Show.

Darlene Bridges made a motion to bring the 32 and Under Roadster Class out of moratorium for the 2015 World Show only (not regional championship shows) with 0 qualifying points.

Allison Rosauer seconded the motion.

Passed Unanimously by the Board of Directors

Reinsmanship Driving Class

Reinsmanship Driving Class was discussed. This is listed in our rulebook as an optional class at local, regional and World Championship Shows. This was passed in 2008 or 2009 and added to the rulebook at that time. Since this is already an approved class and listed as optional, the BOD has the right to add this class to the World Show. It was suggested that Wednesday morning (at the beginning of the open show, so that amateurs might still be present to participate) would be a good time to run this class.

Amnesty Coupons for temporary to permanent registration status.

There has been some interest in bringing the Amnesty Program back for changing registrations from temporary to permanent status on papers that have been revoked, without penalty.

Randy Peacock (office manager) was asked to give reports of the previous amnesty program. The records that Randy presented did not support this suggestion as being financially responsible for AMHA, especially at this time.

Harry Elder moved that the board vote to NOT offer the Amnesty Program to omit penalty for revoked papers to be brought permanent at this time.

Seconded by Frank Lupton

Voting Yes (NOT TO OFFER the Amnesty Program)

Al Bulgawicz, Harry Elder, Julie Good, Joe Kahre, Frank Lupton, Julianna Myers, Gary Owen, Allison Rosauer, Gene Baynham.

Voting No (TO OFFER the Amnesty Program)

Darlene Bridges, Polly Hyde, Bob Kane, Clair Severson, Laurie Slobody, Heather Ward

Motion passes 9 to 6

Transfer Ownership of Horses Responsibility of Seller

Frank Lupton brought to the board the suggestion that each AMHA member who sells horses should be responsible to transfer the registration papers on each horse that is sold into the new owner's name. It seems that very often, when a horse is sold, the transfer of ownership never is completed. It is best for each horse to have up to date owner information on file with AMHA. This would also help the studbook be more accurate with correct owners listed.

Clair Severson moved that a memo be put out to the membership through newsletter eblast and also noted on the AMHA Website suggesting each seller submit a transfer of ownership to AMHA.

Harry Elder seconded the motion.

Passed by the Board of Directors

Laurie Slobody also suggested that the membership be reminded that the office should be notified when a horse is no longer living.

Rule 1403 ~ Regarding Point System for Showing

Harry moved that we make Rule 1403 that the membership passed during the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting, regarding awarding of points at horse shows, be a standing rule for 2015. This would be based on the ability of the office staff and computer system being able to track this point system for World Show qualification.

Promotions Committee Proposal

Promotions Committee Proposal Ideas were presented by Al Bulgawicz. Board members were encouraged to email their comments to Al and the executive committee will review these comments.

Rulebook App

Darlene Bridges addressed the Board with the idea of looking into the possibility of having our Rulebook available on an App for mobile devices. This would probably be something that many members would purchase.

Amateur Versatility Class

Darlene Bridges moved that a Standing Rule be put in place to allow the Amateur Versatility Class to be offered at the World Show only (not regional championship shows) for 2015 with 0 qualifying points required.

Seconded by Bob Kane

If the board passes this it would be subject to approval and recommendation by Laura Mullen

Passed by the Board of Directors, subject to approval and recommendation by Laura Mullen.

At 9:05pm Al Bulgawicz moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Laurie Slobody. There were no objections ☺

Attachment: Revised “A” Award Program

As presented by the Membership Committee

AMHA “A” Award Program Revised February 2015

- The Annual “A” Award is presented to an outstanding AMHA Member in recognition of exceptional contributions toward the perpetuation, promotion, use and/or breeding of the American Miniature Horse and/or promoting growth of the AMHA Membership. If you know an AMHA Member deserving of this distinguished “A” Award, nominations are accepted from November 1 through December 31 of each year. Nomination forms can be downloaded online at www.amha.org. The “A” Award is presented during the AMHA Annual Meeting and Convention. **This award will be presented to up to three (3) individuals each year. The Executive Committee of the AMHA reserves the right to nominate candidates and award the “A” Award(s) to deserving individuals.**

Requirements

- Nominations must be submitted by an AMHA Member in good standing.
- Nominee must be an AMHA Member in good standing, for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Nominations should be emailed, faxed or mailed to AMHA and received by December 31, prior to the AMHA Annual Meeting.

Basis for Nomination:

The Nominee for the Annual “A” Award should:

- has demonstrated exceptional and specific contributions toward the perpetuation, promotion, use or breeding of the American Miniature Horse or has clearly influenced and retained members or directly promoted acquiring new members.
- has earned recognition and respect as a positive, active and inspirational representative of the American Miniature Horse Association.
- has provided volunteer service and/or resources, either community or within AMHA with clear positive results on behalf of the American Miniature Horse Association without regard to personal economic or professional gain.

We would have an ad designed to be placed on the website and in the Miniature Horse World to replace the current ad.

Nomination form would need to be changed to just one award awarded to up to 3 people per year.

Also we would propose that the award to be given is different than those given in the past.