

AMHA Board of Directors Meeting
Teleconference
December 2, 2015 7pm Central Time

Sid Hutchcraft ~ Roll Call

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

Julie Good and Joanne Ross joined the call after the meeting had begun.

Also in attendance: Randy Peacock and Laura Mullen

- 1) The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on October 22, 2017 were reviewed.
Bob Kane moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 10/22/15 as written. Gene Baynham seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously
- 2) Frank Lupton gave a financial report.
At this time, Frank reported that AMHA is looking at a \$120,000. + loss for 2015. Several items in the 2015 budget that were planned to improve the financial position did not result in the anticipated revenue. Also, the World Show had 100 less horses than in 2014. The Finance Committee presented a list of items to consider as they prepare the budget for 2016. See items 3,4,5,6,7 and 8 listed as follows.
- 3) Laura Mullen asked that we approve to have a Show Link for Clubs added to our home page on the website. Bob Kane moved to add a Show Link for Clubs to our website with a fee of \$50.00 for each club show bill linked. Laura Mullen seconded. Passed with Harry Elder voting No.
- 4) Laura Mullen suggested that the 2016 World Show be shortened by one day. Harry Elder moved to reduce the 2016 World Championship Show from 9 days to 8 days. Gene Baynham seconded the motion.
There was considerable discussion. Laura cautioned that there may be a big impact on the Youth Show by this change. Clair Severson expressed concern that classes in moratorium could be affected. Julianna Myers requested that she have time to take this suggestion to the Youth Committee and Frank Lupton responded that the material for this meeting was sent for review prior to the meeting and there wasn't time to allow for the Youth Committee to review.
A vote was taken and the motion was PASSED. NOT in favor were: Darlene Bridges, Al Bulgawicz and Heather Ward, Julianna Myers abstained.
- 5) Laura Mullen made the suggestion to reduce the number of judges at the World Show from 5 to 3, stating that it makes very little difference in the final standings. She provided statistics that showed the results would be very similar to our present show results (where the high and low score are eliminated).

After much discussion it was determined the contracts for the 2016 World Show Judges are all completed and filed. Thus nothing can be changed for 2016. Any change would have to be made starting with the 2017 World Show.

There was no vote or action taken on this subject but it should be brought back for additional review at a later date, like the Banquet at the Annual Meeting.

- 6) It was requested that instead of a Banquet for the Awards Presentations, we instead offer finger foods and beverages. There was no vote taken since plans for a banquet in 2016 are underway. This can be discussed and voted on at another time.
- 7) Claire Severson shared an idea regarding means of qualifying for our World Show, similar to the way AMHR exhibitors qualify. Frank Lupton suggested that Claire work on a more specific proposal to bring to the Board.
- 8) After considerable discussion and the need for a second vote, Gene Baynham made a motion to discontinue all reimbursements to directors and committee members for attending AMHA membership meetings. Bob Kane Seconded. This item was Defeated. Voting to Approve ~ Gene Baynham, Bob Kane, Frank Lupton and Gary Owen. Voting Against ~ Darlene Bridges, Harry Elder, Joe Kahre, Julianna Myers, Allison Rosauer, Laurie Slobody, Heather Ward. Abstentions ~ Al Bulgawicz, Sid Hutchcraft, and Claire Severson.
- 9) It was suggested to begin to charge a nominal fee for our Rule Books, possibly offer them at cost. There are other registries that charge for their Rule Books. This has gone back to the Finance Committee for consideration.
- 10) The Show Rules Committee asked the board for approval of a clarification to the Language for WS-030 Classes. The proposed change clarifies the original intent of this rule. The Bylaws Committee was consulted about this item as it adds to the current rule. Their opinion was that it could be a violation to do such housekeeping items without a membership vote and encouraged the BOD to implement a standing rule for 2016 until it could be brought before the membership in 2017. After considerable discussion as to whether this was a rule change or clarification, Sid Hutchcraft called for a vote to approve the clarification of the intent of the International Amateur Rule (WS-030) as presented by Show Rules and the Amateur committees. This clarification was passed by a majority vote. Voting NO were Harry Elder and Julie Good
- 11) Laura Mullen was asked to give a report on the World Show Committee's (WSC) search for a suitable site for the AMHA World Championship Show for 2017 and future years. Will Rogers Memorial Center is currently holding the August 2017 dates for AMHA and they would like our decision. The WSC contacted 19 facilities in or near the Central Region of the US. They have received many responses from facilities that either do not have dates available or do not have

adequate stabling for an event our size. There are several facilities that are still looking into our request and have not responded. The committee members have visited several facilities, and there are several more that they would like to investigate. One facility in Tunica Mississippi was particularly interested in working with AMHA, and initial research has shown promise. However, there are several concerns with this facility:

- The facility has 705 permanent stalls, there is a pavilion that would be available to add temporary stalls.
- Hotels and restaurants are further away than what exhibitors at recent World Shows have had available to them. (though they seem less expensive)
- There is not an option to offer priority stabling. (which helps with the world show budget)
- This facility does not offer us much room for growth. (870 stalls were used in 2015)
- The closest major airport is in Memphis, Tennessee. It is an hour + drive and there are no shuttle services available.
- Mississippi does not have a large base of exhibitors.

Some of the positives are:

- Attractive arena with sky box rental options
- Large RV Park with each site offering water and electric (sewer dump tank is offered on the property.
- There is no charge for parking trailers and vehicles.

The WSC suggests the BOD accept the 2017 dates offered by Will Rogers (August 2017) and allow the committee to continue their search for a suitable venue in 2018.

Some benefits to Will Rogers facility:

- Currently we receive Texas Grant monies toward World Show Awards (\$27,000 in 2015)
- We receive up to \$16,000-\$17,000 for Priority Stabling that we can offer at Will Rogers
- Will Rogers offers us a \$7500 incentive.

After considerable discussion, Clair Severson moved to hold the 2017 AMHA World Championship Show at the Tunica Arena and Expo Center in Tunica, Mississippi from October 2 – 15, 2017. Harry Elder seconded the motion. Passed with a majority vote. Voting NO were ~ Bob Kane, Julianna Myers and Julie Good. Frank Lupton and Sid Hutchcraft abstained.

12) 2016 AMHA Annual Membership Meeting.

The 2016 Membership Meeting will be held in Tampa Bay, Florida February 18-21, 2016. Committee Meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday Morning. The General Assembly of Membership will meet Friday afternoon and Saturday.

The annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening. There will be quite a few important decisions made at this meeting and members are encouraged to attend,

- 13) The 2017 AMHA Annual Membership Meeting will be held at South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, NV on February 23 – 26, 2017. Members are encouraged to begin planning to attend this meeting now.
- 14) The 2016 Regional Championship Shows are being planned for the following dates and locations
 - Western Region ~ July 22-24, 2016 in Reno, NV
 - Central Region ~ August 5-7, 2016 in Ardmore, OK
 - Eastern Region ~ August 12-14, 2016 in Springfield, OH
- 15) The election ballots for the 2016 board members have been sent to members. Ballots should be postmarked by 12-11-15.
- 16) Laurie Slobody reminded the Board that a rule change proposal will need to be submitted to allow the 2017 World Show to be in Tunica since it lies on the western boarder of the Eastern Region.
- 17) There has been a question as to whether the Hardship Proposal Submitted by Joanne Anderson will go to the membership as a vote. The Board of Directors was in compliance with the rulebook when they voted on the amendments to this proposal. This proposal will be brought to the membership at the annual membership meeting as published in the Miniature Horse World Magazine.

Claire Severson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm Central

Allison Rosauer seconded the motion.

There was no opposition. Meeting adjourned.