

## **AMHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 14, 2016**

**8:00 p.m. Eastern**

**Present:** Joe Kahre, Laura Mullen, Al Bulgawicz, Heather Ward, Harry Elder

**Guests:** Randy Perdue, Julie Good

### **Membership Discount Program**

Randy Perdue and Julie Good were present for this segment of the meeting as Randy Perdue is working on a sponsorship program and Julie Good is head of the membership committee.

Randy Perdue made a presentation regarding the Membership Buyer's Discount Program. Five companies have indicated interest in signing on (Breeders Alert, Gist Silversmiths, Star Lake Tack, Uckele Equine, SmartPak). He is currently canvassing a list of approximately 100 potential participants and is still seeking potential business to contact. Randy Perdue asked the EC to confirm that AMHA can hire Kelly Carpentier, the equine sponsor specialist, for corporate sponsors. Kelly works for the Morgan Association as well as several other organizations. She gets 15% of sponsorship brought in. Al Bulgawicz made a motion to accept Kelly Carpentier as our corporate sponsorship person at a 15% commission. Seconded by Laura Mullen. Motion passed. This item will be brought forward to the Board for ratification.

Earleen would most likely be the contact person in the office to contact for this membership benefit program. Melissa will be sending Randy Perdue a media package. Randy Perdue is seeking ideas for a name for the benefit package.

Julie Good asked how we were progressing on charging non-member fees for transfer, gelding and temp to perm. Heather Ward said that our attorney said that the Board of Directors had authority to do it for the benefit of the association. Julie Good will forward the proposed fees to Al Bulgawicz for our standing rules. We should have a statement in writing from the attorney by our March 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Providing we have this, we will entertain a motion at the March Board meeting to institute non-member fees for transfer, gelding and temp to perm.

### **Rocky Mountain Shetland Pony Miniature Horse Club**

Harry Elder made a motion to approve this club. Laura Mullen seconded. All in favor. This is unfinished business from the Annual Meeting and will be brought to the Board for vote on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **LOC Senior Status Rule**

Lonnie Perdue mentioned a proposed rule change to LO-020 C b during her report at the Annual Meeting, but the item was not brought forth for Board approval. The rule proposal is as follows:

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 65 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.

Harry Elder made a motion to go to the Board with a recommendation from EC to approve. Al Bulgawicz seconded. All in favor.

### **Amateur Versatility**

It was mentioned that points required for Amateur Versatility is not listed in WS-030. EC requests Bob Kane/Show Rules to clarify to Board about what the points will be for Amateur Versatility.

### **World Show Sponsorship**

Laura Mullen explained World Show sponsorship program and asked for approval of it. The World Show Committee would like to proceed with selling sponsorship, but want to make sure everyone is on the same page. Heather Ward made a motion to move proposal forward to the Board. Laura Mullen seconded. All in favor.

### **Hardship**

The EC received an email from the By Laws Committee questioning the legality of moving the implementation of the hardship forward. Heather Ward wants to forward the opinion of the ByLaws Committee to the attorney. Harry Elder wants minutes of the meeting and the recommendation of By-Laws to go to attorney so that he can issue a statement of whether we can do this or not. Laura Mullen mentioned possibly delaying the issuing of papers until 1/1/17, but beginning the hardship process in 2016. Al Bulgawicz would like to know what to do about standing rules. He will mark the hardship "under review." We will request a statement from the attorney by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will go to the Board on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for discussion. Board members should review minutes, By Laws comments, Article 16 D Amendment of Rules on page 32 and Article 5 Section 3A Powers of the Board of Directors on page 15.

Laura Mullen asked if the attorney had gotten back to us about the ribbon contract. He hasn't gotten back to us yet.

### **Closed Session**

The EC went into closed session.

Al Bulgawicz made motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Harry Elder. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.