

# **AMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

## **December 12, 2017—Teleconference.**

**Meeting called to order by President Kahre at 7:05 PM CST**

**Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were Bobbi Briggs, Lisa Hawkins, Sid Hutchcraft, Joe Kahre, Janet Matzner, Marilyn Meyer, Leigh Murray, Laura Mullen, Joanne Ross, Sami Scheuring and Jason Warrenfeltz. Alison Stonecypher was delayed in traveling and joined the meeting a bit later. A quorum was present.

### **Board Minutes:**

A motion was made by Hawkins to approve the minutes of both the October 26 and 29, 2017 Board of Director Meeting minutes held in KC. Motion seconded by Briggs. Motion passed unanimously with one minor correction to the new District Director Regions (6 & 7) referred to in the December 29 minutes.

### **President Report:**

Kahre reported on the status of the operation of the office and personnel. He stated, "there continues to be some hurdles to get over and fires to put out but things are actually progressing very well, thanks to the leadership of Stonecypher and the loyalty and hard work of the staff members". He commented on the serious problems they have experienced with changing to the new QuickBooks accounting program. The staff is cooperating and doing all they can to reduce expenses and increase revenue.

### **Financial/Treasurer Report:**

On a part time contractual basis, Steve Weatherly and his accounting firm have been assisting in the office with making the transition to QuickBooks and working with the various AMHA accounts. Weatherly was present on the call and make several comments/concerns about the status and procedures being used with various AMHA accounts, from a proper accounting standpoint. He further stated many of these concerns were being corrected now with the use of the QuickBooks accounting system. The individual departments in the AMHA office are now doing most of their own processing of revenue and payables. He commented that he hoped to get this accounting project completed soon and be in a position to produce complete financial information/statements and have them ready for Dec 31 year end. Several BOD members commented on the need for getting this information ASAP and being able to see and review the factual, accurate financial status of AMHA.

Mullen gave a brief report and further commented on Weatherly's work in the office and the value he has been in analyzing and making needed corrections in the accounting department. She stated the Finance committee and Stonecypher are anxious to get this financial information so they can get busy producing a 2018 budget proposal for the BOD review and approval. She hopes to get this accomplished in early January and have it available to the BOD at their next meeting.

### **International Honorary Directors:**

It is time to reappoint International Honorary Directors as their terms are expiring. Kahre has been able to contact most of the International Honorary Directors and will continue to attempt to contact the four he has not been able to reach. The four he has yet to contact are Annemette Fesner, Tertius LeRoux, Sarah-Jane Slater and Leanne Williams. He has communicated also with two International members who would like to serve and be appointed as new International Honorary Directors. They are Stephanie van Schie of the Netherlands and Zoe Taylor from Australia.

Scheuring made a motion to accept and appoint the two new International Honorary Directors, Zoe Taylor and Stephanie van Shie and to reappoint the following International Honorary Directors to new three-year terms: Cedric Dubroecq, Marcela Filip, Karen Hamilton Smith, Allison Johnson, Kevin Lathouwers, Margareta Lindahl, and Egbert Tiemann. This motion was seconded by Hutchcraft and approved unanimously.

### **2018 Annual Meeting:**

As discussed and determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting in October, the 2018 Annual Meeting will return to Kansas City, MO. at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel near the Airport. A contract proposal has been received for this meeting with the same terms as the contract for 2017. The dates are November 1-4, 2018. A motion was made by Hutchcraft and seconded by Mullen that this contract proposal be accepted and completed. Motion passed unanimously.

### **World Show Qualifying Proposal:**

A new World Show qualifying proposal was outlined at the Annual Meeting in KC. This proposal came through the Finance committee and outlined a new process for WS qualifying. Since the Annual Meeting, several committees have reviewed this proposal and there continues to be some concerns about approving it for the WS and the possible impact it could have on local shows and the Championship shows. Kahre stated he was not prepared yet for the BOD to address

this issue and felt further review and study is needed. Thus, he would not accept a motion yet to move this proposal forward. Several members of the Board expressed support for Kahre's decision. He further stated, Show Rules will continue to review this proposal as it has already been submitted to Show Rules.

### **2018 Championship Shows:**

Mullen announced the dates and locations for the 2018 Championship Shows as follows:

Central – July 6-8. Ardmore, OK

East – July 13-15, Springfield, OH

West – July 20-22, Reno. NV

### **AOTE Stock Type Halter Classes:**

Mullen suggested consideration be given to adding three AOTE Stock Type Halter classes to the World Show. This proposal received much favorable comment.

There was also some discussion about other classes that are approved but being held in moratorium. After much discussion, Mullen then moved that three AOTE Stock Type Halter classes be added to the World Show in 2018, namely Stallions, Mares and Geldings. These classes would have "0" qualifying points for 2018. Motion seconded by Warrenfeltz and passed unanimously.

### **YTD Numbers:**

Kahre reported Year-to-date numbers as follows:

Membership – 3554, as compared to 3645 in 2016

Registrations – 2771, as compared to 2906 in 2016.

### **2018 Mid-year Board of Director Meeting:**

Kahre suggested the mid-year BOD meeting for 2018 be held in late April.

He also suggested this meeting be held over two evening meetings instead of trying to do it all in one evening. The dates he suggested were Tuesday April 24 and Tuesday May 1. There seemed to be no conflicts with these dates and they were accepted by all and thus were established as the dates for the 2018 mid-year BOD Mtg. Suggestion was made that all committee chairs be advised of these dates so as to prepare reports.

Hearing no other business to discuss, Warrenfeltz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hutchcraft, and meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM CST.