

AMATEUR COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 18, 2015

Attendance:

Debra Hopkins, Chair

Becky Kelley

Debbie Meek

Joanne Ross

Kim Sweatt

Marilyn Meyer

Susan Stuart

Amanda Benton

Quorum established for voting purposes.

Regional Championship Show High Point Awards: Amanda Benton moved to provide embroidered vests to the high point amateurs at each of the three regional championship shows in 2015. Motion was seconded by Debbie Meek and passed.

Super Amateur Awards at 2015 World Show: Joanne Ross moved to keep these awards the same as in 2014, as they were well received and appreciated. Motion was seconded by Becky Kelley and passed.

Amateur Photo Contest: This was not supported by participation to merit continuing at this time. Marilyn Meyer moved to table discussion at this time. Motion was seconded by Kim Sweatt and passed.

High Point Awards for each of the 13 regions (2 per region; 1 halter, 1 performance): Committee supported implementation of motion passed in 2014 to add an award of an embroidered halter to the certificates currently being provided. Dianna Peffley has already volunteered to sponsor a portion of the cost. Debra will contact office to see when these certificates are mailed, get prices on halters, and contact Ms. Peffley.

World Show Event - Wine/cheese party during Futurity classes. Debra Hopkins moved to host again in 2015. Motion was seconded by Debbie Meek and

passed.

Amateur Clinic Grant Program: The Committee voted to make up to four grants available to local clubs in 2015. Joanne Ross moved to provide up to four grants of \$400 each to local clubs to offset the cost of hosting amateur clinics in 2016. Debbie Meek seconded and the motion passed.

Amateur Grand Driving class at Worlds: Committee received printed copies of the current proposal being reviewed by the Show Rules Committee. The Amateur Committee supports this proposal unanimously.

Discussion about Amateur Committee sponsors: Overwhelming support from the Committee to find \$300 sponsorships for 2015. The sponsorships will cover various awards and events for our Amateurs. We talked at length about possible ways to thank and promote those sponsors. During the discussion, Amanda Benton volunteered to serve as a liaison with the AMHA staff to provide content for the Magazine and Website not only for this purpose but also to promote other programs, efforts, and events of the Amateur Committee on behalf of our amateurs.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

2015 AOTE Committee Meeting □

Thursday February 19, 2015 1:00 PM

John Bennett, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Roll Call was taken. Committee members present: John Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Marilyn Meyer, Polly Hyde, Sherry Crowe and Kim Sweat.

Members Absent: Kandi Griffith,

Discussions:

Trainer in the Household

A member had emailed with a question concerning a trainer in the household. The information was discussed and the rule reviewed. The committee agreed unanimously that the member was not eligible to show AOTE under these circumstances. Kim Sweat moved that John Bennett notify the person of the decision of ineligibility and note the section of the rule book. Marilyn Meyer seconded. Passed Unanimously. Email sent 2/25/15

Lease 11/2014-11/2015

A member had emailed with a question concerning a lease in effect from 11/2014-11/2015. They wanted to buy the horse and were concerned this would change their AOTE status in 2015. The AOTE committee consulted with Pam in registrations on how to handle this situation.

- The owner can send in the paperwork for ownership transfer. The transfer must have the date the member took possession of the horse, and they will remain eligible to show AOTE, if possession was taken prior to 1/1/15. Keep the lease paperwork for their records. John Bennett sent an email to the member 2/25/15 regarding this and told the member to consult with Pam if they had any questions.

Problem with late Registration for International Member

A member sent an email regarding a registration that started in October 2014 and was not completed until 1/2/15 due to issues with stallion reports and DNA testing. Pam from registrations was consulted on this issue. International members are encouraged to send Registration paperwork, pictures etc by email as regular mail can delay processing. Pam will do everything she can to help individuals get their registrations done in a timely manner.

AOTE Highpoint Awards

Thank you to the 2014 Sponsors: Sherry Crowe & Debby Meek – DSB Farms, Marie Powell – Nehi Ranch

Discussion for providing high point awards for the 2015 year. The High points for the Regional and World Show will be the same as those ordered by the Amateur Committee. They were willing to order the AOTE High Points if we could get sponsors for them.

2015 AOTE High Point Sponsor up to \$200:

- Eastern Regionals: Sherry Crowe & Debbie Meek – DSB Farm
- Western Regionals: Kim Sweat
- Central Regionals: Marilyn & Eric Meyer – World of Miniatures
- World Show: John will contact Marie Powel to see if she is interested in sponsoring this award again

AOTE of the Year

Kim Sweat brought up discussion of offering this award in 2015. She volunteered to write up a guideline for nominating a member. Discussion followed: possibly nominate by region, post information on the AMHA Face book page to get the word out once we have established guidelines.

Recognition: Suggested if there is any money left over from the High Point sponsors we might be able to apply it to this award, or get another sponsor.

Co-Chair for AOTE Committee

Kim Sweat agreed to Co-Chair the AOTE committee with John Bennett for 2015

Meeting Adjourned

2015 Halter Futurity Committee Meeting □

Thursday February 19, 2015 8:30 AM

Roll call was taken. Committee members present: Polly Weisberg, Allison Rosauer, John Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Joanne Ross

Members absent: Tuffy Acton, Wade Burns, Jason Warrenfeltz, Craig Westergaard, Kristy Pruet

Awards

- Year-end Overall Top Ten Awards:

Should we continue to offer plaques for these awards? Many horses are on this list for several years. Suggestions: Offer a plaque each year the horse earns a different placing. Have the office send out a notification to the stallion owner asking if they would like to receive a plaque. If we don't hear back, we would assume they would prefer a certificate of recognition.

- o **Action:** Check with Randy on handling this for 2015.

- Hat & T-shirt awards:

The committee discussed with Laura different ways to get these awards to the participants, rather than handing them out at center ring. Laura suggested that the show office could put an F on the exhibitor envelopes and a coupon listing the number of halter

futurity entries would be included. Exhibitors would then go to the AMHA booth to pick up their hat or T-shirt (one per halter futurity entry) any time during the show. This would help with getting the T-shirt size they want as well.

Committee needs to get a count of hats and remaining T-shirts that were banked from the 2014 World Show.

- o **Action:** Check with Rebecca to get a count of the remaining hats and T-shirts so that we can place our order for 2015. Email sent 2/27/15
- o **Action:** Allison will get with Sheri Lykken to find out the total we ordered in 2014. Hats and T-shirts come in multiples of 12; cost is approximately \$10 each.
- o **Action:** Committee will announce where Futurity exhibitors can pick up their hats & t-shirts on Facebook and possibly on an AMHA email blast.

- Grand & Reserve Champion Trophies for Open, Amateur and AOTE:

The cost of the buckles last year was \$637.50 for the six awards. The committee decided it would be nice to change the award in 2015. Laura suggested we look at the trophies offered by All Things Equine as an alternative. Barbara Hibbard has agreed to sponsor the champagne again for these classes in 2015

- o **Action:** Committee members will take a look at what trophies are available and send their decision to Laura to order with the rest of the AMHA trophies.

- 2015 Halter Futurity Sponsors:

- Polly Weisberg & Ann Dwyer (Los Arboles)
- Wade Burns & Jon Woodring (Lucky Four Farms)
- Janet King (Limestone Miniatures)

- Charlene Eisenmenger (CoverGirl Miniatures)
- Sheryl Peterson (Oak Bay Acres)
- Bob Padula (Libertymere Farms)
- Eric Meyer (World Of Miniatures)
- Craig Westergaard & Bryan Hall (Ravenwood Miniatures)
- Toni Reece (Reece Family Miniatures)
- Karl & Elsje Holtapples (HT Miniatures)
- Jennifer Rowland (Hunterberry Hill)
- Debbie Jones (Roseland Miniatures)
- Jacob Elliot (Double E Ranch)
- Pat Proctor (Poco de Oro)
- Leigh & Jamie Murray (JoVon Miniatures)
- Dianna Peffly (Eleven Acres Miniatures)
- Donna Lavery (Winning Streak Miniatures)
- Marija Shields (Carmelites Mini Corral)
- Lori Walker (SkyMac Ranch)
- Barbara Hibbard (Fountain Miniatures)

The committee estimated conservatively that of the 19 sponsors that signed up, 17 would pay for 2015 which gives a total of \$7,500 for Futurity Awards. In 2014, the 19 Jackets for 1st place cost \$3,952 which leaves approximately \$3,548 remaining to cover Hats, T-shirts, Grand/Reserve awards, and ribbon costs above \$10 class credit.

Weanling Sweepstakes Classes

- The Weanling Sweepstakes classes had nice entries in 2014. With the \$10 entry fee applied to the ribbons it was about break even for cost.
- Allison mentioned we should add the Geldings to the Weanling Sweepstakes classes. We asked Laura to add the Geldings to two of the existing classes on the World Show Class List. The classes for 2015 will be:
 - o Open Weanling Mares 30" & Under
 - o Open Weanling Stallions & Geldings 30" & Under
 - o Amateur Weanling Mares, Stallion & Geldings 30" & Under

- Class fee + \$100 fee for payout. No cross entering will be allowed between open and amateur. We will not be giving display checks in 2015 since the amounts were so small. It was also suggested to change the payout so that the prize money would be bigger. This would mean fewer horses would receive a cash payout. It was decided that every 3 horses would pay one placing. For example: a class of 9 horses would payout to horses receiving 1st - 3rd place.
- Awards: We had sashes for 3-10th place and many exhibitors walked out carrying the ribbon since the weanlings don't like to have them put on. We will continue with sashes for 1st & 2nd place for the win pictures and change to Top Ten ribbons for the 3-10 places. We will order the silver plates for the 1st & 2nd places & ribbons again through Laura as well.

Change in Judges

- Exhibitors were not happy with using 5 Open Judges to judge the Halter Futurity Classes. The committee consulted with Laura and came up with the following alternative:
 - o Use 3 judges to judge the Halter Futurity Classes – 2 Open judges and 1 Amateur judge to be retained from the Amateur Judges, with the day fee, meal per diem and hotel to be covered by the Futurity. Approximate cost of \$500
 - o The show program can use the Regional judging software for these classes without a problem. All judges placing will count in the final placings (no throw outs for high and low).
 - o It was suggested we could switch off using 2 Amateur and 1 Open judge in the even year to mix things up, depending on the overall cost to the Futurity.

The committee felt this was a good compromise for all of the exhibitors, as those competing in Amateur, Futurity and Open will have 3 different sets of judges for each division!

Meeting adjourned

Local Club Committee Report

We sent a brief survey out to the local clubs in the US, Canada and Europe. The following was the survey:

Hello Local Club Officers,

The AMHA Local Club Committee would like you to think of what AMHA could do to help your local club continue to be successful.

1. Would you like to see officers come to your local shows if geographically feasible?
2. Would you like to see more correspondence between AMHA LC committee and the local clubs?
3. Do Local clubs need to have help from AMHA so shows are not on the same weekend. Therefore, which decreases numbers of participants and hurts profits?
4. Would you like there to be a page on the new website where local clubs can share their successes and concerns?

Any other feedback would be appreciated ...We want to help you to get all the support you might need.

Thank you for your time,

Susan Stuart/Chairman Local Clubs

I was up against several obstacles due to the fact that the local clubs are not up

to date in the magazine or website. Some clubs no longer exist which I was able to figure out when their websites were no longer active. Many of the officers have changed and there is no longer a current active email listed. Many of my emails were returned due to this issue. I truly only received about 10 responses. My committee must have current club officers to have open communication with the clubs in order to try to make a difference.

Regarding survey question 1, a majority of the clubs that responded did not see a need for officers or AMHA representatives necessary. Though others would like them to be on hand to answer questions regarding how to run a show and show requirements and qualifying. This could be accomplished with a webpage for Local Clubs.

Question 2: Most clubs would see open communication as very desirable. Not feeling they have had a committee to go to that cares about their questions or feedback makes them disgruntle. Some of my feedback was not very cordial but defiant since they have never been asked their opinion before.

Question 3: Some areas are dealing with a lot of shows on the same weekend thus reducing the number of horses. Therefore, profit, barely breaking even and not enough horses in each class. They find that even when there are rules regarding this sometimes they are not being enforced. Also neighboring local club officials are not working together to reduce this from happening. In other areas this doesn't seem to be a problem. Other clubs do not put on shows due to small participation, aging out with no youth coming up in the ranks and securing judges in their area is cost prohibited.

Question 4: An overwhelming feeling is that a page on our new website should be dedicated to local clubs so they can share what they are doing. "Club Happenings" page to add exposure out there regarding miniature horses. Some clubs do not put on shows but are active in rescue, therapy and other interesting services for their community. There is a need that local clubs can learn new fund

raising techniques from each other, sponsorships, about how to put on a successful shows, operations, promotions and other beneficial knowledge.

The Local Club committees has not been active in sometime and from my responses I have received it is an important that we must continue to extend our hand, communication and gain trust with our clubs.

Susan Stuart

Chairman Local Clubs

International Committee Report

Present at the committee: chair, Joanne Ross, Sammy Scheuring, Marilyn Meyere

The committee consists of seven members. A quorum was not present to conduct business. But we did have a fruitful discussion as noted below.

A discussion was held with Pam in the registration department. She had several great suggestions to help our international members with registrations.

1. for new registrations and transfers, do it electronically. Spell the month instead of using number designations because the USA uses different configuration on the numbers for month and day
2. If a registration or transfer is necessary for a show or AOTE qualification, include a note in large writing. An expedite fee can be paid if it is needed immediately. Or after the seven day work time they will give the document high-priority if requested.
3. The office reads and answers other languages with Google translate and also in English. International Members are encouraged to email the AMHA if there any questions about the registration process.

The committee has requested to have amateur and AOTE spotlight articles in the world magazine featuring our international members. The committee will facilitate identifying some of those individuals for spotlighting.

Sami Scheuring has volunteered to compose a letter to be sent to the international directors and international clubs informing them of the requirements to have an approved AMHA international show as stated on page 84 of the

rulebook. The international committee will seek sponsors for funding the ribbons for the required seven classes.

Committee members will be assigned a country to work with the international director and affiliated clubs on achieving these goals.

General goals for 2015 will be to increase communication with international members and facilitate promotion of international judges. Revisit the financial support AMHA gives to existing European championship show through USLGE funding.

Joanne Ross, recorder

License Official Committee 2015 Tulsa Oklahoma

License Official Committee met at the CBC, Color Breed Conference in Tulsa Oklahoma this year in lieu of meeting at the Annual AMHA Meeting in San Diego, California.

All committee members were present: Sid Hutchcraft, Bob Kane, Jim Congleton, Tom Roberts, Sami Scheuring, Laura Mullen, Lonnie Perdue, Al Bulgawicz

A subcommittee was formed to investigate the possibility of having an AMHR/AMHA judges seminar in 2015 as a joint venture. This weekend Judges Seminar is expected to be a stand-alone seminar w/o asking for funds from the EC to make money having consideration with hotel close to airport.

International Judges, USLGE Funds: The Judges, Internationally were being referred to as Temporary Judges. It was decided that those judges should be referred to as International Judges. USLGE has no extra money for continuing seminars in internationally.

The Stewardship program: renewals were every 3 years. It was decided it should be every 6 years.

We discussed updating the videos and material used for the Judges Seminar being presented by Jon Wolfe. It was agreed we need to update that material. The need is very important but at this time there are no extra funds to pursue at this time. We thought updating these materials should be done every 3-5 years. We are looking into other options that are less cost effective to do the updating.

The Stock classes were shelved because they were not advertised in a timely manner. As this discussion will not be discussed at the AMHA Annual meeting because of lack of notification.

AMHA Membership Committee Meeting 2/19/2015

There was not a quorum for this meeting. The committee had discussed items during an email discussion prior to the annual meeting.

We were happy to welcome several new people to the committee meeting and hope they will be joining as committee members for 2015.

We finalized some ideas for the newly revised AMHA "A" Award Program that will be presented to the board for their discussion and vote.

There was discussion about the Mini Hours Program and ways that we can strengthen the program. Currently this is a free program but we discussed possibly charging a small fee to be able to supply more interesting prizes for goals reached.

The Membership Committee would like to keep our eyes open for important events in our members lives and try to acknowledge to our members that we are interested in them. Possibly by sending a card or note when our members experience a wedding, have a baby, or have a loss.

The Membership Committee and Local Clubs Committee should be working closely together

We discussed that our special needs program should be advertised more and that we should try to increase interest by possibly inviting special needs groups, therapeutic riding groups, nursing homes to the world show on a day that there will be some special needs youth classes. We should offer barn tours so that people can ask questions, and see horses personally.

We talked about possibly having some demonstrational events for those attending the World Show... Driving Derby Demo, Driven Dressage, In Hand Dressage etc. Something that can showcase some of the different events that we can be involved with our AMHA horses.

The idea was addressed that we could possibly increase the youth membership fee per year and also offer a "lifetime" youth membership for a youth's entire youth career (until their 18th year)

Ideas were discussed as to how to retain members by sending reminders when membership is about to expire.

Respectfully Submitted

Julie Good Membership Committee Chair

AMHA Show Rules Committee

February 19,2015

San Diego, CA AMHA Convention

The AMHA Show Rules Committee meeting was called to order at 1 PM on February 19,

2015 at the AMHA Convention in San Diego, Ca. by Bob Kane, Committee Chair. Present for Roll call: Bob Kane, Clair Severson, Sami Scheuring, Debra Hopkins, Lonnie Purdue, Darlene Bridges, Sharon Housley, Mary Lou Elder. Absent: Austin Van Wyke, Ed Sisk, Patty Cloke.

There were numerous AMHA Convention Attendees present. A brief orientation was presented to the attendees explaining the duties of the Committee, the Rules governing the Committee, and the Flow Chart. It was also explained this was an election year and five would be retained by the Committee from which a chair would be elected and six positions would go to the Floor of the General Assembly to be elected to this Committee for the next three years, 2015-2017.

Sixteen new Show Rule Change proposals were presented to the Committee.

SRCP 1501: Submitted by Mary Lou Elder, has required Signatures, GR-020 This Show Rule Change proposal is contingent upon a change in Height governed under AMHA Rules and Regs number 184. Moved for review in June pending Rules and Regs Committee action.

SRCP 1502: Submitted by Mary Lou Elder, has required Signatures CL-005 This Show Rule Change Proposal is contingent upon change in Height governed under AMHA Rules and Regs number 184. Moved for review in June pending Rules and Regs Committee action.

SRCP 1503: Submitted by performance Committee, affecting PA-020 Grand and Reserve Halter Championships. Request is to delete all references to driving. Committee moves forward

SRCP 1504: Submitted by Performance Committee, create new PA-021 Grand Champion Driving, (Single Country, Classic, Roadster) and Reserves Committee moves forward.

SRCP 1505: Submitted by Mary Lou Elder, affecting LO-005 in regards to CL-010-E Committee sent to LOC for review and correction

SRCP 1506: Submitted by Youth Committee Affects YD-010 B PA-030 D, WS-030 A. Committee sent to Performance for review and impact statement.

SRCP 1507: Submitted by Youth Committee, PA-030 D contingent upon passing of SRCP 1506

SRCP 1508: Submitted by Youth Committee, AM-010-A-5-c Committee referred to Show Department for impact statement and Amateur Committee.

SRCP: 1509: Submitted by Show Rules and Performance committees affects CL-030 H adding a new #13. For Safety while reversing at the Walk horses must initiate the direction change to the left only. SRCP 1510: to 'must'.

SRCP 1511: to 'must'

SRCP 1512: 1510.

Submitted by Show Rules and performance committees affects CL-034 change one word 'is'

Submitted by Show Rules and Performance Committees affects CL035 change one word 'is'

Submitted by Show Rules and Performance Committees, affects CL036 (same as 1511 and

Submitted by Debra Hopkins via Amateur Committee, affects AM010 A raise Amateur Points. Committee moves this SRCP forward for further discussion.

SRCP 1514: Submitted by Laura Mullen via the AMHA Board. Affects WS030 proposal to lower qualifying points. Committee moves forward for further review and discussion.

SRCP 1515: removed by author after number assigned and initial discussion.

SRCP: 1516: submitted by Performance Committee, New section in WS036 Creating Amateur Reserve and Grands for Championship and World Shows.

The Show Rules Committee opened the floor for discussion during each and every presentation of SRCs. At the end of SECP 1516 the floor was opened for any and all discussion prior to going into closed session for elections.

During closed session with the presence of Rebecca Clark as the Monitor and Teller, five of the eligible members were retained by the committee. Those Retained were Bok Kane, Clair Severson, Sharon Housley, Mary Lou Elder, and Lonnie Purdue. Those five then voted for a Show Rules Chair. Bob Kane was re-elected as the Chair of the AMHA Show Rules Committee. Six members will be elected on the floor of the General Assembly by the membership on February 21, 2015, for a three year term.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 PM. February 19, 2015.

Bob Kane, Chair AMHA Show Rules Committee

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT FROM AMHA SHOW MANAGER:

2014 was a very positive year for the 3 AMHA Regional Championship Shows and the World Show.

The 2014 Western Regional was held in Reno, NV and had 168 horses in attendance as compared to 170 in 2013. This is a very consistent horse count. More importantly, our total entries were up with 889 class entries. Youth and amateur entries were lower than in Oregon, but open entries were up. The Western averaged 5 entries per horse—a great figure for any event. The Western had the largest number of youth in attendance (41). The show ran late into the evening each day. This was largely due to the tremendous number of entries in hunter (84) and halter obstacle (78). The Western made a profit of approximately \$9000. Many thanks to Sharon Housley for hosting a root beer float party and to Bob & Brenda Kane, Mike & Kerri Griggs and Lori Barile for hosting the youth pizza party.

The 2014 Central Regional was held in Ardmore, OK. We had 152 horses in attendance as compared to 122 in 2013. The show had 688 total entries, up 217

classes from 2013. The Central averaged 4.5 entries per horse and entries were up in all divisions—open, amateur and youth. There were 34 youth participants at the Central. The facility was accommodating and the weather was very cooperative. We only needed air conditioning 2 of the 3 days. Many thanks to Stars Miniatures and JoVon Miniatures for hosting a barbeque for all exhibitors. Thanks also to Lori Walker, SkyMac Ranch for hosting the youth pizza party! Profit on the Central was approximately \$4500.

The 2014 Eastern Regional was held in Springfield, OH. Once again, the Eastern had the distinction of being the largest regional with 237 horses exhibited. The number of horses exhibited at the Eastern has increased every year for the past 3 years. We had 834 total entries as compared to 796 in 2013. All divisions were up and the Eastern had the largest number of Amateur entries of any of the regionals. Many thanks to Brian & Danielle Hill, Danielle Hill Training Center, for hosting an exhibitor dinner party and karaoke on Saturday night. Approximately \$180 was collected from various exhibitors to defray the costs of our youth pizza party. Profit on the Eastern was approximately \$17,000.

The AMHA World Show was up slightly on horses and up almost 8% on entries. Our total revenue was up about 3.7% due to a decline in sponsorship and vendors. Many thanks to the staff of AMHA for stepping up and making our World Show a success in spite of staff changes prior to our event. AMHA made a profit of approximately \$39,000 without including the Texas grant monies. AMHA will be looking into a new videographer for the AMHA World Show. IEquine will be forwarding a proposal to AMHA to provide these services. Although this would require that we pay for video services, the proposed contract will provide AMHA with a percentage of the banner ad revenue. IEquine did provide AMHA with webcast viewing statistics for the 2014 World Show. The webcast had approximately 65,000 viewers of which approximately 17,000 were “first-time” viewers of the event. Our webcast was viewed in 88 countries. IEquine’s proposal will offer both a “free” and “pay-per-view” option for the 2015 World Show webcast.

Laura Mullen informed the board that she had received comments about whether we should continue to offer the World Supreme Champion class. Her contacts had indicated that they felt that the Supreme Halter class diminished the honor of being a Grand Champion for all of those horses who were not chosen. She asked the Board to consider this issue and think about whether they might possibly prefer a parade of grands rather than offering the Supreme class. In addition, Laura invited Alison Rosauer to speak on her idea of offering a non-rated Heritage Grand class for those miniatures 30” & Under.

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