

## **Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA)**

Minutes of the January 28, 2018 Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn, Rockford, Illinois

### **Attendees:**

President: Jim Andriakos  
Vice-President  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Directors: Katie Bachhuber  
Roberta Harms  
Jen Allen  
Victoria Robison

### **MEMBERS:**

Jim Andriakos	Katie Bachhuber	Roberta Harms	Jen Allen
Marty Power	Linda Mowrer	Lori Windows	Tracy Johnson
Chris Power	Aaron Mowrer	Linda Rudolphi	Kim Fosler
Ruth Casserly	Haley Elliott	Sally K. Hoff	Laurie Henschel
Max Bernsdorf	Josh Mowrer	Beth Frieders	Marianne Guilfoyle
Wes Elford	Sarah Mowrer	Victoria Robison	Barb Hogan
Sandra Wright	Tony Troyer	Barb Gardner	

Guests: Nicole Mauser-Storer Ruth Stewart

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 8:03 am. Members and guests were asked to sign the attendance sheet for the meeting.

### **Minutes**

Number of people in attendance is possibly the largest we've had (approximately 25 in 2017)

Membership and involvement is increasing.

Everyone was asked to look over meeting minutes. Wes motioned that the minutes be approved; Max seconded. Ruth Casserly noted name was spelled wrong. Motion passed.

### **Treasurers Report**

Presented by Jim from Mo. Noted that Mo has no accounting software. Checking balance is approximately \$3,811; savings balance approximately \$11,200. We have three CDs remaining. The balance reflected is prior to paying for awards. We have about \$2,000 usable assets. Marty motioned that the treasurers report be accepted; Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

## **Ride Reports**

Endure – will still be at Jim Edgar Panther Creek in 2018; no pens allowed. Ride will reduce to two days. No catered meal and probably have a potluck.

My Back Yard – Beth Frieders will be assistant RM in 2018 (Jen Allen manager); helped mark trail in Galena in 2017. Ride is moving to River Valley Horse Camp in Farmington, IA. They handle reservations, many electric sites, 8 miles of trail on their property before Shimek State Forest. Jim procuring air conditioned lodge for potluck and office for no charge.

Big River – taking a “bye” year as AHA Nationals will be held the same weekend in Henryville, IN. Will need help for managing in 2019.

## **Awards**

Lori inventoried current awards and we need 39 sets of awards to get through the rides (in red, yellow, pink, and white). Jim proposed to keep lead ropes for easier transport. Sarah looking to see if contact can make with bull snap for about \$5. Katie checking too. Katie motioned to keep with lead ropes; Wes seconded. Motion passed.

## **AHA Delegate Report**

Tony attended 2017 AHA Convention (Jim unable to go). Tony said the AHA Region 11 meeting is February 3 in Quincy. Sweepstakes allocations has changed in favor of Purebred and Half/Anglo- Arabians so winners will get more money. Convention will be in Oklahoma in 2018.

No money had been appropriated for delegates last year (ran out of time in meeting). Linda Mowrer moved to repay \$300 for Tony’s expenses and Convention fee; Katie seconded. Motion passed.

## **Strategic Planning**

Advancement Committee – no developments; AHDRA did advertising with Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry. Several newer members. Continue recruiting.

New Ride Committee – last year went to Racing Stripes (TX); more people get out of the area.

In 2018 – Sarah Mowrer suggested AHDRA members look at going to the Hodges Hootenanny in Alabama. Nice campground with electric and stalls. Friday-Saturday ride, April 20-21. A fun way for AHDRA members to go to a ride together.

Remove NATRC awards; includes any other competitive groups.

AHA Distress Fund – tabled for back of funds at this time.

## New Business

Out-of-UMECRA ride 2-week responding rule. Post on social media and website about “as of February 1 ‘this’ is the rule ...”. Try to email to membership. Double check the rule (necessary to include ‘extenuating circumstances’?). Chris Power drafting a rule during meeting.

Website – issues are hopefully resolved.

Assistant Ride Manager for Big River needed in 2019.

AHDRA shirts – i.e., Roxi’s girls always wearing matching shirts. Look to see if AHDRA could do something similar. Shirts would be personally purchased (not given out by AHDRA) to wear to rides to look like a team. Jen looking into pricing for shirts. Marty motioned to look into shirts; Sarah seconded; motion passed.

Sponsorship for AHA Distance Nationals at Spook Run site/Henryville, IN. Sponsorship is \$250 with possible logo on bag (?). What is our goal? More members in ...? Jen motioned to pay the \$250 sponsorship to AHA Nationals; Wes motioned. Motion passed.

Chris – language for 2 week Out-of-UMECRA ride rule:

[number TBD] For AHDRA Points

For rides not sanctioned by UMECRA, the AHDRA member must submit the ride results to the AHDRA Points Keeper within two weeks of the date of the ride.

Any exceptions to this rule due to extenuating circumstances must be approved by a majority vote of the AHDRA Board.

Roberta motioned to accept this rule. Katie seconded. Any newer rules are superseded by this rule. Motion passed. Communicate update/enforcement via email, website, online or other means of notifications – the purpose is to reiterate and clarify the rule. Tony made a motion to announce the rule; Linda seconded; motion passed. Katie to announce on Facebook; Jim to put on website.

Latest points – enough notification for “new” rule that they should have submitted points in a timely fashion. Marty moved to take the issue to the Board to decide; Marianne seconded. Points accrued prior to this date to count for 2018 season? Motion passed.

AHDRA-sponsored team to AERC Nationals – tabled

Triple Crown Award – will only be 2 AHDRA rides in 2018. Marty motioned to suspend for one year; Lori seconded. Sarah suggested AHDRA honor a ride to just have for the points (150%) and Triple Crown Award. Surrogate ride for one year.

Harry McGlothlen Trophy – usually given at the last ride of the year (Big River). Where to give it out. Marty motioned to give it at My Back Yard (first ride of season – many years ago this was the case); Chris seconded; motion passed.

Someone to help or handle awards. Sarah and Katie looking into lead ropes.

Peggy Pasillas/Mosquito Run – give some awards and points at 150% for AHDRA members. Not on a permanent basis, maybe rotate states. Laurie Henschel/Northern Highland would be interested. Sarah wondered if it would be like a “trail grant” thing – submit nominations for board selection. Marty motion to provide the awards to Mosquito Run and AHDRA members with 150% points; Sarah seconded. Motion passed (one opposed).

- Which awards given? Jen motioned to provide awards to the registered Arab and Half/Anglo- Arabs for HP Comp and BCs in LD and Endurance on one day for six awards total, regardless of if the winner is an AHDRA member. Tony seconded. Motion passed.
- Katie motioned for each UMECRA state to do the same; Barb seconded. Motion withdrawn (use Mosquito Run as a pilot/test)

AHA Delegates for 2018 expenses – Jen motioned to allow up to \$300 per delegate; Chris seconded. Motion passed.

## **Elections**

President – Jim nominated by Katie, seconded by Ruth; no further nominations.

Vice President (filling remaining 1-year term) – Ruth nominated by Marty, seconded by Tony; no further nominations.

Board Members – Katie nominated by Jen, seconded by Ruth; Jen nominated by Ruth, seconded by Linda; no further nominations.

AHA Delegate – Tony nominated by Linda, seconded by Ruth; no further nominations.

AHA Delegate Alternate – Jim nominated by Linda, seconded by Ruth; no further nominations.

Katie motioned to adjourn; Linda seconded.