

## Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA)

Annual Meeting, January 20, 2019  
Terrace Bay Hotel, Gladstone, Michigan

President: Jim Andriakos  
Vice-President: Ruth Casserly  
Secretary/ Treasurer: Mo Miller  
Board of Directors: Katherine Bachhuber, Victoria Robison, Roberta Harms, Jen Allen

### Attendees:

Jim Andriakos	Sophie Gustafson	Joey Gaffaney	Emma Christopherson
Ruth Casserly	Sarah Maass	Lynn Reichert	Darlene Molitor
Sally Hoff	Tony Troyer	Tracy Johnson	Amber Erickson
Max Bernsdorf	Victoria Robison	Sherry Aune	Nicole Mauser-Storer
Roberta Harms	Barbara Gardner	Wes Elford	Katherine Bachhuber
Jean Allen	Aaron Mowrer	Sarah Mowrer	Linda Mowrer
Becky Horihan	Sheryl O'Brien		

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 7:02 am EST. Jim asked the 30 attendees to sign a circulating notebook to record attendance.

### OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the January 2018 annual meeting were approved as presented. Minutes will be available on the AHDRA website.

**Membership and Treasurer's report** submitted by Mo Miller were presented in his absence by Jim:

- There were 103 paid members on the roster in 2018.
- Checking account balance at the beginning of 2018 was \$3811.46
- Checking account balance at the end of 2018 was \$3446.92; with the 3 CD's and savings, the total AHDRA fund balance is \$10,893.62.
- Endure and My Backyard both turned a profit in 2018 (\$931.72 at Endure, \$22.85 at MBY) Big River Ride was cancelled because of AHA Nationals being held in IN the same weekend.

Katie questioned why Rides are not included in the Club's expenses/income report, wondering where the reported profits are recorded. Jim will ask Mo for clarification.

### AHDRA Rides in 2019:

- Endure will again be held at Jim Edgar/Panther Creek, with Nicole Mauser-Storer as Ride Manager. There is a new site superintendent for the park. 6/1-2/2019
- My Backyard will be moved to Jubilee College State Park near Peoria, with Sarah Mowrer as new Ride Manager, assisted by Barb Hogan. 7/20-21/2019
- Big River will be held again, with Jim as Ride Manager. He stated that he was seeking an Assistant Ride Manager.; Linda Mowrer volunteered. 10/26-27/2019

### **AHA Delegate Report:**

Tony Troyer reported on the AHA convention, where there was a hotel fire during the event, adding excitement. Safe Sport, a USEF program, is under consideration as a requirement for Ride Managers. Roberta Harms moved that AHDRA reimburse \$300 to delegates for convention expenses; Max Bernsdorf seconded. Motion carried.

**AHDRA awards:** Discussion regarding appropriate awards for placing 1st-6<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Mowrer is investigating lead ropes in colors that coordinate with place-ribbons. They are \$5-\$8 per unit, more than ribbons but considered useful. Ride Managers use their own discretion on completion awards. AHDRA Board has other completion awards under consideration.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**New Ride for 2019:** AHDRA will partner with MDDA to host Iron Oak Ride in Arkdale WI in October (10/12-13/2019). There will be a 2-year trial period, with memorandum of understanding signed by both clubs. Profits or losses will be split 50-50. Ruth Casserly will remain Ride Manager. She needs volunteers from AHDRA for set-up, tear-down, trail-marking, water-tank filling, etc., as MDDA members handle scribing and running. Greenbeans can also be a source of volunteers, as they get points for volunteering. Jim encouraged all AHDRA members to help make Rides successful and profitable, as funds are used for awards and Friday night convention activities

### **Points for Ride Managers:**

Proposal to award 10 points to Ride Managers who are unable to compete in the Rides which they manage. UMECRA is considering; would like a smaller club to test-drive the idea. Discussion ensued. It was agreed this should be a trial, not a rule change, initially and for AHDRA Rides only. Katie B moved and Max seconded that AHDRA award points to Ride Mgrs and Asst. Ride Mgrs for a 1 year trial period. Motion carried.

**Harry McGlothlen Award:** will be awarded at My Backyard Ride.

**Triple Crown Award:** With 4 AHDRA Rides instead of 3 and no more donor funds for this award, discussion was held on whether this award should be eliminated. Roberta moved and Max seconded that Triple Crown Award be eliminated until/unless a donor is found before the first AHDRA ride of the season (Endure 6/1/19). Motion carried. An AHDRA member may solicit a donor to fund this award; any such donor should be directed to the Board.

**Versatility Award:** Discussion regarding whether or not to eliminate, as UMECRA has a Versatility Award and AHDRA's award skews to Endurance riders.

Linda moved and Ruth seconded that the Versatility Award be kept. Motion carried.

Beth Frieders moved and Tony seconded that the Award require a nomination by written notification to the Points Keeper by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

Jim noted that By-law and AHDRA rule changes are documented by Ruth and him and are shared with the Board prior to posting on the website.

**Change in scoring:** Discussion point: is it necessary to change AHDRA scoring system? The club has become a national organization, which could affect current system. Tabled for further discussion in the future.

**Must participate in AHDRA events for awards:** Discussion point: must a rider participate, by competing or volunteering, in an AHDRA event to earn a year end AHDRA award? Consensus to leave rule as is because there are not AHDRA rides available or accessible in every area.

**New or Renewing Memberships:** All memberships for AHDRA and AHA should preferably go to Mo Miller, who will send to AHA. Memberships can be handled through AHA but there is a time delay in AHA's notification to AHDRA, which can create eligibility problems during the ride season. Reminder from Ruth Casserly to renew early in the year so as to be ready for Rides.

**Extra Points for National Participation:** Tony inquired about the rules regarding extra points being awarded to those members who participate in national competitions. The Board agreed to clarify the language on those rules.

## ELECTIONS

- President: *Jim Andriakos*, still serving 2 year term
- Vice-President/Points Keeper: *Ruth Casserly*, nominated, seconded and elected to another 2 year term
- Secretary/Treasurer: *Mo Miller*, still serving 2 year term
- Board Members: *Roberta Harms* and *Victoria Robinson*, each nominated, seconded and elected to another 2 year term.  
*Jen Allen*: resigning for second of 2 year term. *Linda Mowrer* nominated, seconded and elected to fulfill unexpired term.  
*Katie Bachuber*, still serving 2 year term.

Ruth pointed out that By-laws allow for more than 4 at large Board members, and she believed having more people involved in decision making would be helpful. Tony moved and Max seconded that the number of at-large Board members be expanded from 4 to 8. Motion carried. The following people volunteered to take on 1 year terms as new Board members: *Sheryl O'Brien*, *Jean Allen*, *Sherry Aune* and *Amber Erickson*.

- AHA delegates: *Tony Troyer* and *Sheryl O'Brien* were nominated, seconded and elected to 1 year terms. *Jim Andriakos* will serve as the alternate.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 am.