

AHDRA (Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association)  
Annual Meeting Minutes January 27, 2021  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm CST. 37 people were in attendance:

Jim Andriakos	Sherry Aune	Katie Bachhuber	Ruth Casserly
Melissa Coolidge	Ann DeLang	Marge Dixon	Krystyna Eichens
Wes Elford	Maria Enge	Amber & Alice Erickson	Kim Fosler
Jenny Frerichs	Jennifer Haras	Roberta Harms	Sally Hoff
Barb Hogan	Erica Hollen	Rebecca Horihan	Jodi Johannessen
Tracy Johnson	Kristina Jubeck	Sarah Maas	Nicole Mauser-Storer*
Theresa Meyers	Deb Moe	Brooke Moeller*	Aaron Mowrer
Linda Mowrer	Sarah Mowrer	Sheryl O'Brien	Peggy Pasillas
Victoria Robinson	Robin Schadt	Deb Searle	LeighAnn Sytsma
Tony Troyer		(* guest)	

### Old Business

1. Minutes of the January 2020 annual meeting were presented. VP Ruth brought up discussion regarding an error on elections for Secretary/Treasurer noting election to a 2-year term for Sherry Aune when in fact it was a 1 year term replacing Mo Miller who did not want to continue. President Jim noted the minutes could not be changed, but the issue would be resolved further into 2021 meeting. Motion to accept the Minutes, seconded and carried.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented by Sherry Aune.
  - There were 105 members paid in 2020, which is down 15 members from last year. For some, this may have been due to Covid and cancelled rides. As 2021 ride season goes forward, hopefully lost members will be renewing.
  - Checking account balance at close of 2020 was \$4766.47. Savings balance was \$2345.10. And 2 CD's for \$2075.59 and \$2167.07. This leaves a total AHDRA balance of \$11,354.23.
  - 2 rides were cancelled due to Covid, Endure and My Backyard. AERC sanctioning was paid and AERC will carry over sanctioning to apply to 2021 due to Covid.
  - Iron Oak was profitable, and AHDRA received \$377.41 from that ride. Big River ride had a loss of \$406.11.Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded and carried.
3. Rides
  - Endure – Jim Edgar. Nicole noted it is a week earlier this year, May 22-23. Sponsorships and cost of shirts are in 2020 for 2021 since ride was cancelled.
  - My Backyard – River Valley Campground. This ride is moved to Farmington, Iowa and has a new name, AHDRA's Field of Dreams Dash, with ride managers, Kristine Jubeck & Brooke Moeller. Date is July 31/August 1. Ride managers are excited to have ride here. They did a clinic last year and hope to get new riders. They will also be offering a special award for a seasoned rider to bring a new rider.
  - Big River – Sandy Oaks Campground. No changes for next year. Chili potluck again since it didn't happen in 2020. 2020 only had 3 riders on Sunday. Ride needs better support on Sunday.
  - Iron Oak – Ukarydee Campground. Ruth noted 2yr. trial agreement with MDDA has been extended an additional 3 years as AHDRA members have pitched in so much help. It is a good partnership with MDDA. Vets need a place to stay this year as Ukarydee sold the RV rented for the vets.
4. AHA Delegates – Tony Troyer & Sheryl O'Brien
  - Tony Troyer reported he attended AHA virtual convention of around 400 people. Nothing contentious was voted on this year. Committee meetings were spread out over 1 ½ weeks so he and others could attend more meetings. First virtual AHA annual meeting went well.

- Sheryl O'Brien did not attend meeting. Sheryl reported a lot was done locally and regionally promoting endurance riding. Positive feedback was received from new riders.
- 5. Review Ride Manager Points
  - President Jim reported 2 years ago we allowed ride managers to get 5 points per day. It did not pan out in 2020 so we will try again in 2021 to see how it works. VP Ruth also noted AHDRA members also get 1.5x points at AHDRA rides.
- 6. Review Extra Board Members
  - President Jim reported last year 4 at-large Board members were added. This gave AHDRA 3 Executive and 8 Board member votes with a total of 11. This is working well. AHDRA will elect 2 of the 4 at-large Board members to a 2-year term and 2 to a 1-year term this year. This will result in 4 Board members terms expiring each year to vote on in the future.
- 7. Reimbursement for AHA Delegates
  - Virtual convention registration was paid this year for Tony Troyer to attend. There were no other costs in 2020 to reimburse. There was discussion regarding AHDRA continuing to reimburse up to 2 delegates \$300 each for expenses to attend the annual AHA convention. A motion was requested to continue as is. Motion to accept, seconded and carried.
- 8. Completion Awards to be handled by ride managers
  - Completion awards will continue to be handled by ride managers. Last year we voted to go with ribbons for placings. VP Ruth purchased ribbons in 2020 for the year. It was noted UMECRA approved adding weight divisions for LD in 2021. Therefore, AHDRA will have more ribbons to hand out. Ribbons will be ordered as needed.

## New Business

1. Membership extended one year
  - Members who were current as of 7/31/20 were given one year extension to their membership. AHDRA will consider members who go ahead and pay their 2021 membership are not taking advantage of the free one year extension.
2. Harry McGlothen Trophy
  - This is a trophy awarded to the top purebred gelding. A motion was requested to give this trophy out at the Iron Oak ride in 2021. Motion to accept, seconded and carried.

## Additional New Business

Points - VP Ruth brought up question of allowing FEI rides to receive points for AHDRA, as it was posed to her. Discussion followed. It was reiterated all rides must be AERC or AHA sanctioned for AHDRA points. AERC/AHA/UMECRA rides automatically get AHDRA points calculated. Outside of UMECRA, riders need to notify points keeper within 2 weeks of AERC sanctioned ride to receive AHDRA points.

Awards – Outstanding Service Award and Mentor Award were given in 2020. Kim Roscran was recipient of Outstanding Service Award. Kim is not even an AHDRA member and she works tirelessly at rides to help out wherever needed. Take a minute to thank her! Sarah Maass and Dana Gasner were both awarded the Mentor Award. Congrats to recipients!

AHA CTR Region XI Championship – It was determined this competition will be held at AHDRA's Field of Dreams Dash ride in Iowa in 2021.

AHA Endurance Region XI Championship – This competition will continue to be held at Tony's Rock River Charity ride in 2021.

AHA CTR & Endurance Region X Championships – These competitions will be held at SE MN ride in 2021. Plans are to move them next year to the Iron Oak ride in WI, then back to MN the following year and continue rotating back and forth between MN and WI.

## Elections

President Jim noted 4 at-large Board Members were elected for last year to the Board for 1 year. This gave us a total of 11; President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and 8 Board members. Having a total of 11 voting Board members is working well. We will be voting 2 of the of these at-large Board member positions to a 2-year term and 2 to a 1 year term. That will result in 4 Board members being up for election each year. Secretary/Treasurer is also up for election this year. Last year Sherry Aune took over Mo Miller's 2-year term as Secretary/Treasurer. The minutes from 2020 meeting were incorrect.

President – Jim Andriakos (currently serving 2-year term)  
Vice President – Ruth Casserly – re-elected to 2-year term  
Secretary/Treasurer – Sherry Aune – elected to 2-year term  
Board Members – Katie Bachhuber, Linda Mowrer (currently serving 2-year term)  
Tracy Johnson and Maria Enge – elected to 1-year term  
Board Members - Kim Fosler, Jodi Johannessen, Roberta Harms, Sheryl O'Brien  
– elected to 2-year term

### AHA Delegates – 2 delegates and 1 alternate

Sheryl O'Brien – elected to 1-year term  
Tony Troyer – elected to 1-year term  
Sherry Aune – alternate elected to 1-year term

Motion to adjourn, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Aune  
1/29/2021