

AHDRA (Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association)

Annual Meeting Minutes January 23, 2022

In Person meeting at La Crescent, MN

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 7:32 am CST. 25 people were in attendance: *denotes guests

Jim Andriakos	Sherry Aune	Ann Marie Barnett	Ruth Casserly
Ann DeLang	Kim Fosler	Beth Frieders	Dana Gasner *
Jen Haras	Roberta Harms	Sally Hoff	Becky Horihan
Jodi Johannessen	Tracy Johnson	Kristine Jubeck	Sarah Maass
Nicole Mauser-Storer *	Theresa Meyer	Brooke Moeller *	Aaron Mowrer
Linda Mowrer	Sarah Mowrer	Sheryl O'Brien	Peggy Pasillas *
Victoria Robison			

Old Business

1. Minutes of the January 2021 annual meeting were presented.
Motion to accept the Minutes, seconded and carried.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented by Sherry Aune.
As of 12/31/21 we have 123 current members. 2020 was 105. 2019 was 120.
Treasurer's report was reviewed noting all rides made a profit in 2021, with additional help of anonymous donations to the Field of Dreams and Iron Oak rides. Current financial reports were reviewed.
Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded and carried.
3. Rides
 - 1.AHDRA's Endure – Jim Edgar Panther Creek Park – 57 Competitors
Nicole noted ride was a week earlier in 2021 and will be again in 2022. Nicole is sanctioning with OATS and adding a 75, hoping to increase attendance in 2022.
 - 2.AHDRA's Field of Dreams – River Valley Horse Camp – 39 Competitors
Brooke & Kristine reported weather was bad Saturday early but overall went well. They are making improvements this year and are able to use the indoor arena. This ride will also host the AHA Region 11 Competitive Championship this year.
 - 3.Iron Oak – Ukarydee Equestrian Campground – 68 Competitors
Ruth reported good weather this year and great help. She is hoping for more riders in 2022 as without the nice donation there would have been only a very small profit. Mike Harris advised Ukarydee location is still a go for 2022.
 - 4.AHDRA's Big River – Sandy Oaks Campground – 57 Competitors
Jim reported good weather and turnout. Costumes were fantastic! Emily Simmons will be new ride manager assistant in 2022, and will plan to take over as ride manager in 2023.
4. AHA Delegates 2021– Sheryl O'Brien 1st, Tony Troyer 2nd
Sheryl attended virtual convention and reported Jerry Cummings replaced Tony Troyer on the AHA Distance Commission. AHA is getting more feasibly sound. 150 riders needed for AHA Championship ride to break even. Talk about having clinics promoting distance riding, Huntersville or Colorama rides brought up for future location(s). Rebranding and remarketing needed for AHA and AHA will be working on it.
5. Review Ride Manager Points
5 points per day were given to ride managers in 2021. It did not affect the year end standings. A reminder to Ride managers to let points keeper, Ruth, know where/who to place your points with.

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6. Review Versatility Award

Limited entries in 2021. Do we keep it? Need to promote it more. You have to nominate in writing to Ruth, points keeper, by July 1st of ride year. No change.

7. Reimbursement for AHA Delegates

Currently we reimburse up to \$300 per delegate for convention registration and expenses. Region 11 was to give \$500 to AHDRA to offset costs. Sherry noted we have not received the monies from Region 11 for 2021. Sheryl will check into Region 11 next week and get back to Sherry. 2022 reimbursement was brought to vote to pay \$300 per Delegate for expenses and AHDRA also pay Delegate convention registration fee. Motion to accept, seconded and carried.

8. Awards

Jim reported each ride gets their own completion awards. He has ordered more ribbons for 2022.

New Business

1. Rules and Bylaws (not listed under New Business, added)

Jim reported AHDRA has made minor changes over the past few years. Ruth and Katie have cleaned up our Rules and Bylaws to include all changes made. Thank you Ruth and Katie! It was brought to vote to accept the new Rules and Bylaws. Motion to accept, seconded and carried.

2. Change Point Percentage for National and Regional AHA Rides

Current points given are 1.25 for Regional and National rides. 1.5 points are given for AHDRA rides. After discussion, it was brought to vote to keep points as is. Motion to accept, seconded and carried.

3. Harry McGlothlen Trophy – Which Ride

After discussion and volunteering, it was decided this trophy would be given out in 2022 at the Field of Dreams ride July 23, 2022. It was brought to vote to give trophy at Field of Dreams ride. Motion to accept, seconded and carried.

4. Raise dues to \$25

After discussion, it was brought to vote to raise dues to \$25 effective 1/1/2023. Motion to accept, seconded and carried. Website and membership form (noting increase & date) to be updated by webmaster.

5. Raise Ride Fees

After discussion it was brought to vote to raise ride fees in 2022 \$5 across the board with the exception of Juniors. Motion to accept, seconded and carried. 2022 fee structure as follows:

	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>
50 Mile Endurance	\$ 90	\$ 50
25 Mile Limited Distance	\$ 75	\$ 45
25 Mile Competitive	\$ 75	\$ 45
Novice ride	\$ 45	\$ 30
Intro ride	\$ 45	\$ 30
Drive – All	\$ 50	

Please note Sherry made the above fee chart from Big River 2021. (In researching what a \$5 increase meant, I found differences between AHDRA rides. Jim will address this and bring to vote if needed.) AHDRA members will continue to receive a \$5 discount at AHDRA rides.

6. Mosquito Run Ride Manager Peggy Pasillas Request (not listed under New Business, added)

Peggy attended the meeting and requested AHDRA points, 150% be awarded to AHDRA members at Mosquito Run ride this year. Motion to accept, seconded and carried.

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7. Clinics and Material promoting Arabian Distance Riding (not listed under New Business, added)
It seemed like popcorn with everyone popping off about what clinic they were having or knew of coming up. The enthusiasm is contagious! I tried my best to get all the info down and apologize if I missed or messed any. Nicole announced there will be a UMECRA/AHDRA presence at the IL Horse Fair March 5-6. They will be doing a presentation. Peggy is doing another clinic April 2, and mock ride this year in MN. DRAW clinic is March 19. Iowa Horse Fair March 26-27, Brooke and Kristine are doing a presentation. Beth Frieders is hoping to do a clinic at Governor Dodge the first weekend in June this year. Nicole and Lucy planning something a couple weeks after IL Horse Fair. Tony is planning a clinic in Richmond, IL March 20. Jim will send AHDRA brochures to Peggy and Kristine, so AHDRA can use them up and work on making new brochures with new photos and layout. Beth Frieders is coordinating efforts to have a "one stop shop" online for information to assist new or potential riders in finding all these resources.
8. Open Division
After lengthy discussion of what an 'open' division should include, the consensus was it should be only for unregistered Arabian and Arabian crosses with a minimum of 25% Arabian. It was suggested to name it the Arabian Type Division. This could be achieved by DNA testing that runs between \$50 and \$150 or by Board approval based on information and photos. It was brought to vote to have a 2-year trial of the Arabian Type division effective with the 2022 ride season, based on the minimum 25% proof of Arabian descent via testing or Board approval. Motion to accept, seconded and carried. One opposed.

Voting

President up for Election – Jim was nominated and Jim accepted. No other nominations. It was brought to vote for Jim for President. It was unanimous Jim remains AHDRA President through 2023, 2 yr. term

Vice President Ruth Casserly – Up for election/re-election in 2023, 2 yr. term.

Secretary/Treasurer up for Election – Sherry was nominated and accepted. No other nominations. It was brought to vote for Sherry for Secretary/Treasurer. It was unanimous Sherry remains AHDRA Secretary/Treasurer through 2023, 2 yr. term

Board Members up for Election – 4

Outgoing Board members are Katie B, Linda M, Tracy J, Maria E. There were 5 nominations made so it went to vote. Voted in is Linda M, Tracy J, Katie B and Jen H. for 2 yr. terms. We thank Maria for her service and welcome Jen to the Board.

Board Members not up for Election - 4

Roberta H, Sheryl Ob, Jodi J, Kim F, current Board members up for election/re-election in 2023, 2 yr. term.

AHA Delegates – 2 (1 yr. term)

2021 Delegates were Tony T, Sheryl Ob. There were 3 nominations made so it went to vote. Voted in is Sheryl Ob 1st and Sherry Aune 2nd for 2022.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57am

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Aune
1/27/2022