

**AHAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**October 11, 2007**

**Attendance:** President – Tom Connelly; Secretary - Judy Zumbach; Treasurer - Ron Gekiere; Hank Ely Mary Imielowski; Betty Horst; Laura Brodzik, Chad Roberts; Cheryl Dulac, Administrative Asst – Clara Burns

**Guests:** Si Burns; Margie Roberts; Susan Tuck **Absent:** Ann Knoop; Terry Delbridge

**Minutes of May Meeting:** Motion to accept minutes made by Hank Ely; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Gekiere; motion passed

**Correspondence:** Tom passed out correspondence regarding a program for Australian pen pals for AHA young people. Information will be posted on our website.

**Membership Report – Clara Burns:** 302 Senior members; 46 3-year members; 3 life members; total 351; 77 junior members. Membership #s fluctuate due to expiration dates of memberships.

**Treasurers Report: - Ron Gekiere** \$17,091.11 in checking; \$9,916 in our CD; most of our checks from the August show have cleared. Motion to accept Treasurers Report made by Tom Connelly; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hank Ely; motion passed.

**Raffle Drawing – Ron Gekiere** Final results not in yet. Do not have 4-H results yet. Approximately \$400-\$500 worth of tickets was sold by the 4-H Club. Motion to allow the 4-H group to keep their money they made from the sale of the raffle tickets made by Ron; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hank and motion passed. Laura Brodzik won the TV; camcorder was won by an individual in Swartz Creek. If this individual does not contact us after the certified letter is received by him, we will place in the silent auction

**Dressage/Sport Horse Report: - Judy Zumbach**

Discussion around purchasing a new dressage ring. One that is easier to set up. Judy will bring information to our next meeting.

**Directors/Officers Insurance:** Judy will be calling Markel Insurance Company for additional information and quote.

**August Show** All USDF, USEF and AHA have been notified of 2008 show season. Discussion is taking place to join with the Morgan Association for our August show dates.

**Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup> at Baker's. Ron turning in names for the Judge's Selection Committee and Delegates (2 needed); Judy turned in names from the Nominating Committee for the 3 Board openings that will be voted on. Clara will send a mass emailing to all AHAM members notifying them of the Annual Meeting.

**New Business Announcements:**

Ron attended the USEF Steward school in Kentucky, In 2007, we currently have 274 stewards which is down 11 from 2001; median age of ring stewards is 59. The # of breed shows have gone down from 384 to 353.

**Banquet & Awards** The annual Awards Banquet will be help Jan 6th at Weber's. Doors will open at 5:30 pm; dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Price will be \$32 per person with an RSVP or \$40 per person at the door. A DJ has been hire for the evening's entertainment. There will be a cash bar.

**Board Comments:**

Discussion around setting some time aside to fix and repair our storage trailer that is kept at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. Tom will be in contact with some of the Board and members to set up some time up.

Motion to adjourn made by Ron Gekiere; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Dulac; motion passed. Meeting adjourned