

## **AHAM ANNUAL MEETING 9/8/10**

Board Members: Ann Knoop; Vice President, Tom Connelly, Chad Roberts, Linda Corich, Sue Tuck, Cheryl Dulac-Sepilveda, Laura Brodzik, Betty Horst, Susie Hall, Si Burns, Clara Burns  
AHAM : Jennifer Tuck, Cindy Hall, Chelsea Knoop, Nancy Shannon, Barbara Connelly, Paul Diedrich, Sally Rushlow, Cathy Groce, Robin Stayton-Diehl , George Ferguson

Absent : Ron Geikere, Linda Fuller, Judy Zumbach

Approval of Minutes: Linda Corich made a motion that we approve the minutes and Ron Geikere seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: With numbers down slightly below last year our May show made about \$3,000 and this was due to increased number of rides not horses. The August show was a combination with the Morgan Futurity. It was a learning experience but it was good for both groups. We had only 71 horses but everyone seemed to have a really good time. We pretty much broke even due to large fees due to AHA. End of October we have over \$27,000 in our checking account as well as a CD of Deposit for \$10,000.

Membership Report: Ann Knoop gave a membership report indicating that our numbers are down and we are now down to 5 delegates to the national convention.

Elections: Nomination by Betty Horst, Clara Burns seconded closing of Judges selection committee. Nominations were Laura Brodzik, Linda Corich, Chelsea Knoop, Linda Fuller and Terri Delbridge and Judy Zumbach. The elected comiitee is Laura Brodzik, Linda Corich, Chelsea Knoop and Terri Delbridge and Judy Zumbach.

Nominating Committee: On the ballot were Chad Roberts, Laura Brodzik, Jennifer Tuck, Betty Horst, Tom Connelly, Sue Hall. Elected were Chad Roberts, Laura Brodzik, Betty Horst, Tom Connelly, Sue Hall.

Delegates To Convention: Nominated were Ann Knoop, Linda Corich, Chelsea Knoop and Betty Horst. Elected were Ann Knoop, Linda Corich and Chelsea Knoop.

Dressage Report: Betty Horst gave a dressage and sport horse update. We had many Morgans ride in the August show and they basically paid for the show. They are looking to do a clinic in the spring. The hot dogs on Sunday down at the dressage ring was very well received.

Proposal to amend AHAM By – Laws Article v, Section 1 & 5: Notification of Annual Meeting to be held in October or November will be done by electronic notification will to membership. Any member requesting USPS mail notification or who doesn't provide an email address will be notified by USPS Mail. Also, an amendment of a By-Law must be submitted in writing to the President. At least 20 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Amendment passed by a vote of 16 for and 2 against.

Marketing Report: Chelsea Knoop talked about the Marketing Committee to connect the membership with the board of directors and create more awareness of the Arabian Horse. There is an email list to keep people informed. They have also added the Amateur Spectacular and Sale Horse Class to keep things fresh and interesting. We are looking to add members who are AHA members who are not affiliated with a local club. We want to put out viral videos and feature trainers, fun that members have at the shows and useful information. Our facebook page is up, running and getting lots of activity. They would like to create surveys to see what people think of our shows and how we could improve them. We would like to brand our club as there are more Arabian horse clubs in Michigan. We have decided to go with MiArabianHorseClub.

Board Comments: We talked about whether we should make our May show a 4-day show again. Should we consider going back to two judges? We discussed offering a free stall, two free classes, a free membership and free camping drawings to be offered at the Annual Meeting. Ron Geikere made a motion to offer those four items as free drawings at the annual meeting. Betty Horst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Positions open will be Tom Connelly (1 year), Sue Tuck (3 years), Linda Fuller(3 years), Judy Zumbach(3 years), Betty Horst(3 years) Committee needs to start thinking about getting those stops filled. Committee is Cheryl, Chad, Chelsea, Linda Fuller and Judy (chair person)

Website Update: Laura Brodzik updated us on the website. Comments were made about what a wonderful job Laura has been doing of updating the site and sending members alerts when something is going on. Thank you Laura.

Futurity: 120 nominations this year. There was a lot of work put in to making farm calls, doing an amnesty program and direct marketing. We gave away \$11,000 in a jackpot. They had a a fabulous steak dinner. Their Auction did about \$13,000. There were 29 stallions services to be auctioned and due to the economy a couple did not sell. It was average for stalls and they were able to cover the show. Next year they are going to open some classes for non-futurity nominated horses on Sunday.

Directors: On the ballot were Sue Tuck, Betty Horst, Judy Zumbach and Linda Fuller and Chelsesa Knoop. Paul Diedrich was nominated from the floor. Clara Burns moved we close the nominations and Cheryl Dulac seconded it. Elected were Judy Zumbach, Betty Horst and Paul Diedrich.

Drawings for Raffle Items: Robin Stayon-Diehl won the 1 year AHAM membership and sweatshirt, Cheryl Dulac won the stall, Nancy Shannon won the free camping, Paul Diedrich won the two free classes.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Baker's in Milford 7pm.

Adjournment: George Ferguson made a motion to adjourn and Si Burns seconded. Motion passed.