

# AHAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 11, 2010

**Attendance:** President – Tom Connelly; Vice President - Ann Knoop; Secretary - Judy Zumbach, Treasurer-Ron Gekiere, Sue Tuck, Linda Fuller, Betty Horst; Laura Brodzik

**Absent:** Suzie Hall; Chad Roberts; Linda Corich; Cheryl Dulac;

**Introduction of Guests & Guest Comments:** Jennifer Tuck

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept January's minutes made by Ron Gekiere; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Horst. Motion passed

**Correspondence:** Judy Zumbach handed out Addis Equine Newsletter and event information at MSU info. Ron received a correspondence from Michigan Horse Show Association requesting our usual donation. Ron asked that we approve \$100 per show. Motion was made by Ron Gekiere; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Horst. Motion passed

**Membership Report:** Membership counts as of February, 2010 are 201 senior members, 46 3-yr members, 7 life members, and 64 youth.

**Treasurers Report:** Ron Gekiere reported checking balance is currently \$24,463 as of 1/31/2010; CDs are \$10,334; for a total of \$34,797.77. Motion made by Betty Horst to accept the Treasurer's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Knoop. Motion passed.

**Dressage/Sport Horse Report: - Judy Zumbach:** Nothing to report at this time.

**2010 All Arab:** Ron reported everything is going good and moving ahead smoothly. An Amateur Spectacular class will be held on Saturday night for both Arab and Half-Arabs. There will be a Sale Horse Extravaganza held at \$5 per horse for members and \$10 for non-members. The horse must be entered to the show. AHAM will put together a "sale booklet" for every competitor with extra copies for spectators.

Ron has talked to the Ingham County Fairgrounds regarding all Arab horse association contracts not being the same. The new director informed us that all contracts are under review and will be equal for all horse associations/clubs. Improvements are being made to a number of items at the fairground. There will be dirt in the small make up area by the main arena. Discussion about reducing vendor fees is also taking place. The Board discussed the possibility that Cassidy Casuals might be interested in having a booth at the show and then possibly donating something for the amateur spectacular classes.

Laura Brodzik questioned if we will be doing the silent auction again this year. Discussion ensued about changing the venue of the silent auction as more of a raffle. Tickets can be sold and instead of the auction, sell the tickets at \$1 each and each board member should donate something for this raffle. Flyer and ad needed for the show booklet.

Photographer will be changing. Laura Brodzik suggested a photographer from last year's Futurity. Rib Gekiere will be contacting Terry Young to be the photographer.

Two sponsors are still needed for donuts and coffee at the show. Tom Connelly will donate 1 morning and Laura Brodzik will donate for the remaining morning. Volunteers are needed to pick up the donuts. Ron Gekiere volunteered for this duty. Ron will ask Sally Rushlow to make the coffee each morning.

Laura will give us the write up for Hank to place in the show booklet. She has contacted Candy but hasn't heard back from her yet.

Holiday Inn Express in Okemos is our host hotel again this year and rooms are \$89 per night which is up from last year by \$10 per night.

**August Joint Show:** It is moving along at this point in time. Ron reported that a show secretary contract with Sarah has been signed and completed. He went over the contract with board which consisted of a charge of \$5 per horse for each horse entered plus a \$100 per day fee while on the show grounds and 1 meal a day for 2 staff members. Also camping fee will be paid by AHAM. The Morgan Gala held at the beginning of February was attended by Sue and Jennifer Tuck, Linda Corich and David & Cheryl Dulac-Sepulveda.

**Futurity & Website:** Laura did have a conversation with our website provider. He would give us a price of \$500 for updated graphics, font and format. The bill has been received from David for \$600 per year; \$300 for our website for the first ½ of year. We would still like control of the website updates. Ron made a motion to pay David \$300 for continuing the website and \$500 to pay for the updated graphics, etc., Judy Zumbach 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed

Laura talked about the future of the Futurity. Saddlebred horses have dropped out of the Futurity so status of the Futurity is not known at this time. Board members suggested the Shiawassee fairgrounds and possibly joining with Fall Classic

**Marketing Report:** Chelsea has a couple of more items to go in the show bill and will be working on the flyers and info on the Amateur Spectacular and Sale Horse Extravaganza.

**Nominating committee & Judges Selection Committee:** Tom wanted to remind all Nominating Committee members to get nominees and make sure the Judges Selection Committee is working on judges.

**Convention & Delegates:** Spring Roundup will be at Joe Reser's in Indiana on March 21. Judy will get a time for spring round up from Cathy Gage. Region 13 website should be added to the agenda at Spring Roundup.

**Board Comments:** None

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Ron Gekiere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Horst. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned