

**AHAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**November 8, 2011**

**Attendance:** President -Ann Knoop; Vice-President-Linda Corich; Treasurer-Ron Gekiere; Secretary-Judy Zumbach; Betty Horst; Chelsea Knoop; Laura Brodzik; Tom Connelly; Sue Tuck; Suzy Hall, Chad Roberts;

**Absent:** Cheryl Sepulveda; Paul Diedrich **Introduction of Guests & Guest Comments:** Elizabeth Corich; Barbara Connelly; Sally Rushlow; Nancy Bohnet; Ann Louise Budd; Jean Utley; Carol Geake

**Additions to Agenda:** None at this time.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ron Gekiere made a motion to accept last month minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Horst. Motion passed

**Membership Report:** Judy Zumbach reported our membership #s for November, 2011. We currently have 180 adult members; 7 life members; 42 3-year members and 45 youth. She also had a comparison from 2010 year end and we are only down 10 members from last year at this time.

**Vote On By-Laws:** Tom & Barbara Connelly outlined the many changes to the by-laws. Mostly changes to names and dates but the 2 big changes were discussed. The changes were: 1) do not need to be present to be nominated as a delegate or to the nominating committee, and; 2) the # needed on the ballot for the nominating committee. Ballots were passed out to voting members. Voting commenced and changes to the by-laws was passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** We currently have \$21,417 in checking and our CD has a value of \$10,360 for a total of \$31,778.28. However, we do have an outstanding Fairgrounds bill for the August show. Ron also reported that he is trying to renegotiate the May show bill because of the footing. We need to keep in mind that show expenses have gone up tremendously so we need to be mindful of our expenses in 2012. Chelsea Knoop made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Corich. Motion passed.

**Voting on Judges Selection Committee:** Nominees are: Marggie Rushlow-Roberts; Cheryl Sepulveda; Laura Brodzik; Terri Delbridge; Judy Zumbach. There were no nominations from the floor and it was suggested that we accept the ballot as is. Ron Gekiere made a motion to accept the ballot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chelsea Knoop. Motion passed. Elected members of the Judges Selection Committee are stated above.

**Dressage/Sport Horse Report:** Judy Zumbach indicated that our April clinic went really well and approximately \$900 was contributed to AHAM to help with expenses. Both the May and August shows were well attended in dressage. In fact, August was so good that we helped tremendously in making the show a success.

**Voting on Nominating Committee:** Nominees are: Chad Roberts; Laura Brodzik; Betty Horst; Tom Connelly; Suzi Hall. There were no nominations from the floor. Ann Louise Budd made a motion to accept the ballot as is; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Corich. Motion passed. Elected members of the Nominating Committee are stated above.

**2011 Shows:** Ron Gekiere reported that our numbers were up for both shows in 2011 along with the number of rides for each entry. Overall the 2011 show season was very good.

**2012 Shows:** Ron reported that there was an October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fair Board and representatives of all of the horse associations holding shows at the fairgrounds. Fairgrounds has plans to make improvements in 2012 including new covered arena; new wash racks; new way to store the footing. If new covered arena is not completed, we possibly could rent a tent. Berrien Springs can be looked at for the 2013 show season. Food vendor contract is not being renewed. Each show will be able to bring in their own food vendors. Our show dates for 2012 are: May 3-6, 2012 and August 16-19, 2012. These will be posted on our website.

**Convention:** At this time, no AHAM delegates or members are planning on attending the convention in Vancouver. There were only 2 or 3 from Region 13 attending the convention. Ann briefly reviewed the pending resolutions

**Voting on Delegates:** Nominees were Si Burns; Clara Burns; Terri Delbridge; Chelsea Knoop; Betty Horst; Judy Zumbach. There were no nominations from the floor. AHAM can have 5 delegates to convention so voting is for 3 delegates for a 3-year term and 1 alternate for a 1 year term. Ballots were passed out, collected and counted. Elected results are: Chelsea Knoop; Betty Horst; Judy Zumbach for a 3 year term and Terri Delbridge as an alternate for a 1-year term.

**Website/Facebook/Marketing Report:** Chelsea Knoop reported on our 2011 accomplishments and then outlined our 2012 goals. One of the goals for 2012 is to increase membership and membership participation. One way to reach our 2012 goals is with our new program of "Refer a Friend" program. Chelsea reviewed the flyer that will be placed on our website and on Facebook.

**Voting on Directors:** Nominees are: Ann Knoop; Laura Brodzik; Chad Roberts; Linda Corich. There were no nominations from the floor. Ron Gekiere made a motion to accept the ballot as is; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chelsea Knoop. Motion passed. All re-elected directors are for a 3 year term.

**Other Business and Board Comments:** Drawings were held for the meeting giveaways. Jean Utley won the 1-year AHAM membership; AHAM sweatshirt was won by Ann Louise Budd & Nancy Bohnet; Suzy Hall won free camping at the May show and Chad Roberts won a free stall at the May show.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Ron Gekiere; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chelsea Knoop. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.