

AHAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 9, 2010

Attendance: President -Ann Knoop; Vice-President-Vacant Treasurer-Ron Gekiere; Secretary-Judy Zumbach, Suzy Hall, Linda Corich, Paul Diedrich, Sue Tuck, Cheryl Sepulveda, Betty Horst

Absent: Chad Roberts; Chelsea Knoop; Laura Brodzik; Tom Connelly **Introduction of Guests & Guest Comments:** Jennifer Tuck

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: Ann Knoop requested an amendment to the October minutes. Before posting the minutes on our website, she would like the reference to motion for the President's award be removed so the individual does not read it on-line before they receive. Ron Gekiere made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment; Linda Corich 2nd. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Marggie Rushlow-Roberts is still in the hospital. It has been approximately 30 days. Linda Corich made a motion to provide the Rushlow family with a ham dinner with the thought this might help in their busy schedule between home, work, farm and hospital. It was 2nd by Ron Gekiere. Motion passed.

Ann Knoop passed out new brochures she received from Cindy Clinton on the National Show Horse. Ann also passed around a copy of the August Modern Arabian magazine that had an article about Angels on the Rail and the Booth family. AHAM's contribution was mentioned in the article.

Judy Zumbach indicated she received an email from Copper Creek Dressage that they would be canceling all of their shows for 2011 as repairs/renovations to the facility were not possible. This is a plus for dressage and sport horse as there will only be one venue for "open" breed dressage in our area.

Ron received correspondence from an Engineering group who has been engaged by the Ingham County Fairgrounds to survey users of the fairgrounds. This group is requesting suggestions or improvements that could be implemented at the fairgrounds. Ron has a form that can be filled out with our suggestions. If you have any, please email or call Ron Gekiere

Suzy Hall received a phone call from a Mr. Bennett requesting information on our association and membership. She will be sending out to him.

Membership Report: 194 senior members; 38 3-year members; 7 life members; 54 juniors

Treasurers Report: Checking account currently has \$18,170 after convention reimbursements, ribbons and USEF expenses have been paid. Our CD currently is at \$10,200. Ron will be checking on an additional CD in a smaller amount. Also, we need to purchase a new credit card machine as ours is no longer working properly. Paul Diedrich brought up the possibility of doing something on-line. Ron will check into this.

Convention Report: Linda Corich reported on the Convention in Orlando. She indicated there were some good resolutions brought to the floor and passed by the delegates. The cost of stall fees at Nationals and Sport Horse Nationals were discussed by the Board. Linda and Ann thought that AHAM should get together as a club to send information to AHA on the cost of the stalls.

Dressage/Sport Horse Report: - Judy Zumbach - Copper Creek has a dressage ring and letters for sale. It is a full size ring and identical to our current ring. Judy Zumbach indicated that to help defer the cost of purchasing a second ring, the dressage/sport horse committee would hold another clinic in the spring. We are still looking for additional trainers/instructors to donate their time in western, hunt and saddle seat. Date for the clinic will be scheduled shortly. Also, some other money making ideas such as renting one of the rings out to HAAM Showtime and MSU July show was discussed. Judy Zumbach made a motion to purchase this dressage ring at a cost of \$1500; Cheryl Sepulveda 2nd. Motion passed.

2011 All Arab, 2011 August - Dates for our 2 shows this year are April 28, 29, 30 & May 1st and August 18 – 21. Some ideas being tossed around for the All Arab are to make AOTR classes jackpot classes. To participate in the jackpot, an additional class fee cost would be added on to help fund the jackpot. We're still planning on a hot dog roast, possible dinner and breakfast for the competitors. Ron will be contacting the Fairgrounds to discuss this further. Cheryl suggested another 50-50 raffle. Ron will also be contacting Sally Epps to discuss reducing her costs for the May show. He will report back to the show committee and Board with possible cost savings. Suzy Hall presented some ideas for center ring and was wondering what the budget was for decorating center ring.

Directors' Message: Ann would like to see the Director's message re-started to have these posted to our website. Judy Zumbach volunteered to kick it off with the January, 2011 edition. At the January meeting, Ann will be looking for a volunteer for the February edition.

Marketing Report – Chelsea Knoop: Lindsay Rinehart and Linda Fuller will now be part of the Marketing Committee. Nothing else to report at this time.

Board Elections: Executive Board elections were held for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Judy Zumbach nominated Ann Knoop for President; 2nd by Ron Gekiere. Board elected Ann as President. Judy Zumbach nominated Linda Corich for Vice President; 2nd by Ron Gekiere. Board elected Linda as Vice-President. Cheryl Sepulveda nominated Ron Gekiere as Treasurer, 2nd by Betty Horst. Board elected Ron to the position of Treasurer. Cheryl Sepulveda nominated Judy Zumbach for Secretary; 2nd by Linda Corich. Board elected Judy as Secretary.

Board Comments: None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Linda Corich; 2nd by Cheryl Sepulveda. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.