

**ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DENVER, COLORADO  
UNAPPROVED MOTIONS  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the Board of Directors agenda of November 15, 2017 be approved as amended.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #1-11/15/17-BOD**)

**CONSENT BOARD ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the Board of Directors receive the Consent Board items as amended (add 5.A. Membership Committee report).

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #2-11/15/17-BOD**)

**COMMITTEES**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker:

Moved, That the Board of Directors amend the wording in the AHA Handbook, CBP 118, 141, 143 and 146 beginning with “No individual may be elected or appointed to serve on more than ~~one~~ two National Event Commission at one time.”

Effective: Immediately

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #3-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker:

Moved, That a 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. National Show Commissioner be added.

Effective: Immediately

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #4-11/15/17-BOD**)

**SUBMISSION OF BOARD MINUTES TO OFFICIAL BOOKS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the August 4-5, 2017 Board of Directors meeting minutes that were amended at this meeting (page 7, paragraph 1, line 3, change “Mr. Richardson to Ms. Richardson”; page 9, Racing Commission Report, line 4, change “decline” to “closure”) be approved and submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #5-11/15/17-BOD**)

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**MOTION** by Bob Nash:

Whereas, The Fiscal Year 2017 audit of the Arabian Horse Association has been completed by JDS Professional Group; Therefore, Be It

Moved, To accept the March 2017 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #6-11/15/17-BOD**)

**CHANGE CLUB REGIONAL AFFILIATION**

**MOTION** by Kathy Callahan-Smith:

Whereas, Region 9 has granted a release of the Arabian Sport Horse Association; and

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Whereas, Region 1 has granted approval to accept the Arabian Sport Horse Association; Therefore,  
Be It  
Moved, That the Arabian Sport Horse Association be recognized as a member organization of  
Region 1.  
Effective: Immediately.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #7-11/15/17-BOD)**

**NOMINATIONS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the AHA Futurity Commission be closed.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #8-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the AHA National Distance Commission be  
closed.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #9-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes  
Commission be closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #10-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Canadian National Show Commission be  
closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #11-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Education/Evaluation Commission be  
closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #12-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Internal Audit Committee be closed and  
that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #13-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Market Development & Promotion  
Committee (Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Representatives) be closed.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #14-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Registration Commission (AHA  
Representatives) be closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #15-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Sport Horse National Show Commission  
be closed.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #16-11/15/17-BOD)**

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**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the U.S. National Show Commission be closed.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #17-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Youth National Show Commission be closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #18-11/15/17-BOD**)

**AHA NATIONAL DISTANCE COMMISSION**

**MOTION** by Cynthia Richardson:

Whereas, The Distance Nationals rotates East/Central, West to be able to reach as many of our members as possible; and

Whereas, This is the year to be on the Eastern rotation; and

Whereas, The Distance Commission must have a proven ride site; and

Whereas, The World Equestrian Games will be held at Tryon in North Carolina in September and they include a 100 mile endurance ride, which in turn will include some of the AHA members; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Distance Commission to put as much time as possible between rides for recovery of the 100 mile horses; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the 2018 AHA Distance Nationals be held in Henryville, Indiana (Clark State Forest), starting October 26-28, 2018.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #19-11/15/17-BOD**)

**ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and convene the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees meeting.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #20-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to adjourn the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees meeting and reconvene the Board of Directors meeting.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #21-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Michelle Pease-Paulsen:

Whereas, Over fence classes are deemed to be one of the major divisions of the Sport Horse world; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the ABS Commission to offer Sweepstakes only classes; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Sport Horse Commission to implement an Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Green Hunter Championship class; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That a new SWP 116.11 be created as follows:

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11. The Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes \$15,000 Green Hunter Championship will be held at Sport Horse Nationals for Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses. The Championship class is for Green Working Hunters A/HA/AA competing at 2'6" or 2'9" which are nominated as Breeding Entries. No qualifications are required and the class is open to any age horse who is eligible to compete as a Green Working Hunter as outlined in the Arabian Working Hunter rules of USEF. The Championship class consists of three rounds offered at both 2'6" and 2'9" and riders choose the height at which their horse(s) compete. The course will include natural elements and options and shall consist of 10-12 obstacles. All horses compete in the first two rounds, in which they receive numerical scores. The 12 horses (or less), including those tied for 12<sup>th</sup>, with the highest combined scores from the first two rounds, advance to the third round, where they start with a clean slate; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the remaining section be re-numbered accordingly; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the payout will be included in the chart in SWP 118 and be paid as follows:  
Champion \$4,000

Reserve Champion \$3,000

Top Ten \$1,000

and, Be It Further

Moved, That this class is exempt from the 50% rule; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the following classes will no longer receive Sweepstakes prize money at Sport Horse Nationals:

PB SH Under Saddle Jr. Horse

PB Dressage Training Level Jr. Horse

HA/AA SH Under Saddle Jr. Horse

HA/AA Dressage Training Level Jr. Horse

Effective: January 1, 2018.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #22-11/15/17-BOD**)

### **ARABIAN HORSE FOUNDATION**

**MOTION** by Nancy Harvey, to ratify the Arabian Horse Foundation's re-appointment of Lollie Ames and Kathie Hart to the Arabian Horse Foundation Board of Directors.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #23-11/15/17-BOD**)

### **COMPETITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION BY** Lurline Combs:

Whereas, The Competitions Department Advisory Committee and the Agenda & Resolutions Committee has reviewed the draft of the 2018 AHA Handbook and found it in compliance with the approved Board motions of 2017; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the draft of the 2018 AHA Handbook be approved as amended; and, Be It Further

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Moved, That the Competition Department be given the authorization to include the approved extraordinary motions of the Board of Directors and the approved resolutions into the 2018 AHA Handbook.

Effective Immediately. **(Extraordinary 2/3 vote)**

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #24-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Lurline Combs:

Whereas, Currently AHA Recognized Judges and Stewards are required to hold an individual Membership with Competition Card; and

Whereas, According to AHA ETHICS 102.1, “All members of the Arabian Horse Association agree to and shall be bound by this Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship during their membership in the association.”; and

Whereas, There are additional rules found in the AHA Rules of Conduct, ETHICS 104, which deal with a judge’s conduct or lack thereof in which someone may file an Ethical Practice Review Board charge against the official; and

Whereas, AHA’s current rules do not require a Specialty/Guest Judge to hold an AHA Membership; and

Whereas, A Specialty/Guest Judge should be held to the same standards set forth for an AHA Recognized Judge; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That AHA MEM 105.1 be amended by inserting the following:

1. An individual Membership with a Competition Card is required for AHA Judges, *Specialty Judges, Guest Judges* and Stewards/Technical Delegates, qualifications, Shows and Events; and, Be It Further

Moved, That AHA COMP 501.1 be amended by inserting the following:

1. AHA Judges, *Specialty Judges, Guest Judges* and Stewards/Technical Delegates are required to hold an individual membership with a Competition Card (refer to MEM 105.1); and, Be It Further

Moved, That AHA COMP 501.5 be amended by inserting the following:

5. All AHA Judges, *Specialty Judges, Guest Judges* and Stewards/Technical Delegates are held to the Rules of Conduct found in ETHICS 104. If for any reason a judge or steward is removed from the AHA Recognized Judges and Stewards List, they will be permitted to fulfill their assignments for those shows for which a contract has been signed.

Effective: December 31, 2017. **(Extraordinary 2/3rds vote)**

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #25-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Lurline Combs:

Whereas, There is a desire by the Working Western exhibitors to reduce the number of go’s many horses are having at U.S. Nationals, and

Whereas, There is a desire to create time in the schedule in the Mustang Arena to add other classes such as Ranch Riding, and

Whereas, The current procedures for go’s lends itself to uncertainty and inconsistencies in scheduling; Therefore, Be It

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Moved, That AHA COMP 814.3 and .4 be changed to read as follows;

**CLASS PROCEDURE/SECTIONS/GO'S FOR CUTTING, REINING, REINING SEAT  
EQUITATION, TRAIL, WORKING COW AND REINED COW (Exception Open Reining and  
Open Trail)**

3. U.S. Nationals, Canadian Nationals and Youth Nationals classes:
- a. ~~20 horses or under~~ **All classes (with the exception of the Open Reining and Open Trail)** will be run as 2 go-rounds, with the Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Ten determined by the cumulative score of both go-rounds.  
All exhibitors will be eligible to show in both go-rounds provided they do not receive a "no score". An exhibitor receiving a "no score" is ineligible to receive a placing. Exhibitors receiving a "zero score" in the first Go-Round are eligible to show in the second go-round and an exhibitor may receive a zero score in either go-round and be eligible to receive a placing provided they obtain a score, other than zero, in one of the go-rounds and their cumulative score merits such placing.
  - ~~b. 21 or more will be run in 3 sections. (Exception: Junior Horse classes to be run in accordance with AHA Futurity class procedures) The first section will be run as a Preliminary, with the 20 highest scoring horses returning for the second section, or Semi Final. All ties for 20th place in the Preliminary will advance to the Semi Final.  
— Exhibitors with the 10 highest cumulative scores from the Preliminary and Semi Final shall be named Top Ten and advance to the Finals.  
— The Finals shall start with a clean slate, no scores from the preceding works will be considered. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from those Top Ten horses working in the Final section.  
— Exhibitors receiving a "no score" are ineligible to advance. Exhibitors receiving a "zero score" in the Preliminary section are not eligible to advance to the Semi Final. Exhibitors receiving a "zero score" in the Semi Final may advance to the Finals, provided their cumulative score merits such placing. The Show Commission may opt to use two (2) go rounds in COMP 814.3.a. as long as all exhibitors are notified. (CAC 8/13)~~
  - b. e. In Reined Cow Horse, the exhibitor may obtain a "zero score" in both phases of a go-round but may not place unless they obtain a score in one phase of the other go-round, i.e., In the first go if a "zero score" is awarded in both the reined work and fence work and if in go 2, a zero score is awarded in the reined work and a 65 in the fence work, this constitutes a total score of 65 which is eligible for placement.

**CLASS PROCEDURE/SECTIONS/GO'S FOR OPEN REINING AND OPEN TRAIL (Exception  
Intermediate Open and Limited Open)**

- c. ~~Open Reining and Open Trail (excludes Intermediate Open and Limited Open which will be run as a 2-go accumulative) will be run in 2 go-rounds (Exception: Junior Horse/Futurity/Derby classes to be run in accordance with AHA Futurity class procedures) The first go-round will be run as a Semi Final with the top 16 horses advancing to a second go round final clean slate-Final. All ties for 16th place in the Semi Final will advance to the Final.  
Exhibitors receiving a "no score" are ineligible to advance. Exhibitors receiving a "zero score" in the Semi Final are not eligible to advance to the Final. Exhibitors receiving a "zero score" in the~~

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~~*Final will not place. Champion, Reserve Champion and the Top Ten will be determined by the cumulative score of both go-rounds.*~~

~~*The Finals shall start with a clean slate, no scores from the preceding works will be considered.*~~

~~*The Show Commission may opt to use two (2) go-rounds in COMP 814.3.a. as long as all exhibitors are notified. (CAC 8/13)*~~

**CLASS PROCEDURE / CUTTING (BOD 11/13)**

4. In a contest where there is a working final, the scores a horse has made in go-round performances will be added to the score the horse makes in the final to determine the winner of the contest. Finals money shall be paid on accumulated scores of all go-rounds and finals, unless the finals are published as a “clean-slate” final.
  - a. ~~5.~~ In a contest where there is a non-working final, the score of each go-round added together will determine the winner of that contest. Finals money shall be paid on accumulate scores of go-rounds.
  - b. ~~6.~~ An exhibitor may enter one or more horses. A rider may ride one or more horses. Each horse must have the same rider throughout the class. Under no circumstances can the same horse be shown by more than one rider in any class at an AHA recognized cutting contest.
  - c. ~~7.~~ Entry numbers shall not be used as the sole method of identifying horses at any approved contest. Announcers are required to make known the name of each horse, his owner and rider at the time he/she performs and to recognize winners in a similar manner at the conclusion of the contest.
  - d. ~~8.~~ The time allotted each horse to work is two-and-one-half (2 ½) minutes; time to start when contestant crosses the time line. This gives the rider ample time to ride to the herd and work as many cows as the rider sees fit in the allotted time. If elimination is held, the same rider must ride in the elimination.
  - e. ~~9.~~ Judges must draw for places (working order of horses) or authorize show management to draw before go-rounds and finals. In the event that a horse is left out of the draw, a re-draw must be made. If a horse is duplicated, the judge or show management shall draw to determine which draw position is to be used.
  - f. ~~10.~~ The Show Management must determine how many horses will be worked in each group of cattle. After the draw, absent horses shall be counted toward cattle changes and horses will work as drawn in each group of cattle.

Effective: January 1, 2018

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #26-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Lurline Combs:

- Whereas, Cutting, Herd Work and Limited Reined Cow Horse have been offered at U.S. Nationals without requiring qualifications, and
- Whereas, There is a desire to increase participation at the local and regional level in these classes, and
- Whereas, There is a desire to be consistent for qualifications for all cattle classes, and
- Whereas, Current qualifications are by points, placing or scores for regional and Nationals; Therefore,
- Be It

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- Moved, That those statements regarding qualifications by points, placing or scores be removed from the appropriate place in the Handbook regarding qualifications for Cutting, Herd Work and Reined Cow and be replaced with the following;  
Regional qualifications require participation from one Recognized AHA Competition within a qualifying section.  
National qualifications require participation from two Recognized AHA Competitions within a qualifying section, one of which may be a Regional Championship Competition; and, Be It Further
- Moved, That participation is defined as entered, shown and scored in that class. (A zero is considered a 0 score – a NS or no score is not considered a score.)
- Effective: January 1, 2018.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #27-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Cynthia Richardson to amend Motion #27-11/15/17-BOD by adding the following at the end of the last Moved: A zero is considered a 0 score – a NS or no score is not considered a score..  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #28-11/15/17-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Lurline Combs:

- Whereas, There are limited opportunities for participants in Cutting to qualify at Arabian competitions, and
- Whereas, We already offer open qualifications from NCHA or ACHA recognized competitions, and
- Whereas, There are two newer Cutting Associations known as the USCHA (United States Cutting Horse Association) and WCHA (World Cutting Horse Association) which utilize NCHA Judges promoting the sport of Cutting; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That USCHA and WCHA be added to COMP 1210.1 and OPEN 103.1.a.
- Effective: January 1, 2018.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #29-11/15/17-BOD)**

**DISTANCE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Cynthia Richardson:

- Whereas, Endurance riding is a very important sport for Arabians and Half/Anglo Arabians; and
- Whereas, USEF is the national governing body for equine sport in the United States; and
- Whereas, American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) is a long standing endurance group with 5000+ members and is recognized by USEF as the only affiliate for endurance in the US; and
- Whereas, AHA does not have endurance rules for the local rides, but simply refers to AERC for all endurance ride rules except our regional and national add on rules for those events; and
- Whereas, AHA and AERC have an agreement to provide electronically the ride results so that they may be entered in Datasource for the individual horse records; and



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Whereas, All riders entering our Regional and Nationals rides must have qualifications based on mileage earned in AERC sanctioned rides; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That AHA recognize only AERC as the sanctioning body for endurance in the U.S.  
Effective: Immediately.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #30-11/15/17-BOD**)

**RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #3-17.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #31-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #7-17.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #32-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #23-17.  
Motion Defeated. (**Motion #33-11/15/17-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #EE-17.  
Motion Passed. (**Motion #34-11/15/17-BOD**)