

**Arabian Horse Youth Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes
Denver, CO
November 23, 2014**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER- Holly

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL-Holly

Holly Schnader (P), McCamey Kimbler (VP), Molly Schwister (S), Taylor Kyse (T), Emily Barker (R1), Kade Spencer (R4), Kate Lewis (R11), Kelsey McMahan (R7), Flora ElmClome (R2), Jacklyn Abernathy (R12), Jenna Dillin (Vice R9), Skye Williams (R9), Lily Martinelli (R8), Rachale Cate (R13).

Guests: Debbie Himmel Youth Committee Chair, Stacey Dunn, Youth Committee Vice Chair, Cindy Howey R8 Youth Coordinator, Glenn Petty AHA Vice President, Cynthia Richardson AHA President, Rusty Cook, Kelly Elm, Julian McPeak, Katherine Lewis, Elizabeth Williams, Yvette Howey, and Rusty Cook.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER-Debbie

- a. **We follow parliamentary procedure as best as possible. Some notes:**
 - i. **The President will conduct the meeting, and will call on individuals to speak per the agenda**
 - ii. **Raise your hand to be acknowledged by the President before speaking.**
 - iii. **All motion must be made, seconded, and discussed before the question may be called and the vote cast.**
 1. **When voting, only Youth Directors, or those serving in a Director capacity in the absence of the Director, may have a vote**
 2. **A straw vote is just a feel of the room, and any participant in the meeting may take part.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Holly

Motion #1 11/23/14 made by Kelsey to approve the agenda, seconded by McCamey.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2014 AHYA BOD MEETING-Holly

Several corrections were made to the minutes.

Motion #2 11/23/14 made by McCamey to approve the July AHA corrected minutes, seconded by Flora.

TREASURER' REPORT-Taylor and Julian

AHYA budgeted \$22,800 for activities and made a profit of \$32,842

AHYA projected \$12,750 in sponsorships of our activities, but had \$10,402 in sponsorships, which some sponsorships not in yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Return any signed forms in packet.
 - a. Debbie wants all the youth directors to have their packets signed and given to her.
- b. Make sure all Regions have Regional youth directors and coordinators. Debbie is making sure that each region has a youth Director and Coordinator.

REGIONAL UPDATES

- Region 1: Had girls scouts come and handout ribbons and work at the gate. Took a team to US Judging Contest, the team went third in Jr AHA. Promoting judging in their region.
- Region 2: Had an ice cream social at their show. Flora is working on getting the word out on their very successful social media.
- Region 3: Diablo Horse Show, AHAofNC show next week, Instagram account, facebook page, eblast to get more youth involved. Trying to get more fundraises for the youth for next year. Planning on setting booths up for promoting their regions youth
- Region 4: Trying to get more youth involved in the region. Planning on activities for the shows in Region 4.
- Region 5: Not in attendance
- Region 6: Get in contact in the region, find out who wants to get involved in the activities. Currently updating info on the members so the members know what is going on in AHYA. Planning on doing an Endurance AHA ride to get more members in AHA and to get more involved
- Region 7: New youth coordinator, Susan Witty. Working on getting the work out on social media. Exposing their breed and region to elementary schools and public.
- Region 8: Fundraiser at Region 8 show, spar change jar at the show office. Working on fundraisers for the Denver and Sport Horse Shows.
- Region 9: New officer. Working on brainstorming ideas for the youth. Continue on spare change jar at show office. Meeting planned for January
- Region 10:
- Region 11: Many successful fundraisers such as raffles and a silent auction. Planning on having a meeting in February.
- Region 12: Starting a judging team for their region. Having judging practices. Doing more fundraisers for their shows. Planning on having a meeting at the regions. They are planning one supporting youth to go to Nationals.
- Region 13: Have been doing a lot of fundraisers at their regional shows, such as "Muck Bucket," "Chuck a Duck," and other fundraisers.
- Region 14: Not in attendance
- Region 15: New director, trying to get her more involved and in contact. Holly is helping her get on her feet for the director position.

- Region 16: Not in attendance
- Region 17: Not in attendance
- Region 18: Not in attendance

AHYA COMMITTEES

- a. Reports
 - i. Convention: Jacklyn: Recognizing graduation youth. Moving convention to the afternoon.
 - ii. Youth Nationals/Youth activities- Taylor: Big success. Created a facebook page to communicate with everyone. Taylor is planning on having a meeting to discuss activities before the next board meeting. Please send in ideas for Youth Nationals Activities.
 - iii. Membership/Fundraising and Promotion/Public Relations- Taylor: No communications yet. Created a new facebook page for the group to get involved and give their ideas to the committee.
 - iv.. Regional/National Classes- Molly: Continuing on the age splits. Also investigating on youth select rider classes.
 - v. Equitation and Showmanship- Emily: New rules for equitation, as well as new patterns. They are going to post the dressage seat EQ 24 hours before the class.
 - vi. Nominating:
 - vii. Working Western: Jenna: Main thing is that they are not going to have working cow at Youth Nationals. Possibly working on having ATR at US Nationals.
 - viii. Sport Horse: Holly: Trying to work with sport horse to discuss sport horse classes with the Sport Horse Committee adult Chair. A lot of people at youth that expressed ideas of possible classes at Youth Nationals.
 - ix. Canadian Nationals: Stacey: AHYA Booth and Tail tours at Nationals. Tails tours were very successful. Had a photo booth with props for everyone to take pictures on it.
 - x. Distance: McCamey: Getting more endurance people AHA members so they can become more involved. Working on creating incentive for people to become members. Working on a membership drive with the youth and the adults, even getting non-endurance members on the committee to assist McCamey with ideas.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS- Holly

- Convention: Chair: Jacklyn Abernathy appointed by Holly
- Youth Nationals/Youth Activities: Chair: Taylor Kyse Vice Chair: Kelsy appointed by Holly
- Membership/Fundrasining and Promotion/PR:
- Regional/ Nationals Classes: Chair Molly Schwister appointed by Holly
- Equitation and Showmanship: Chair Emily Barker Vice Chair Flora ElmClone appointed by Holly
- Nominating:
- Working Western: Chair Jenna Dillin appointed by Holly
- Sport Horse: Chair Kate Lewis, Co-Chair Emily Barker Appointed by Holly
- Canadian Nationals: Chair Molly Schwister appointed by Holly
- Distance: Chair McCamey Kimbler appointed by Holly

2015 PLANNING FOR AHYA

a. Theme for 2015 AHYA Convention/ YN:

Emily Barker stated having a theme on "Horsing Around the World." Kelsy: "FairyTale" Skye "Mythology." Julian "Dr Suess." McCamey "Hunger Games," "CSI.- Secret Agent" Other Ideas include "Super heros" "Gypsy" Egyptian Knights"

Voting by the Board

Horsing Around the World- 11 Final vote- 7

Fairytale "Once upon a ride" -11 Final Vote- 5

Mythology- 0

Dr Suess- 4

Hunger Games- 4

CSI- Mystery -10 Final Vote - 0

Super Heros- 0

Gypsy- 0

Egyptian knights-0

General discussion on types of decorations for each topic of the theme.

By final vote the board choose "Horsing Around the World"

Discussion on Date and time of AHYA Executive BOD meeting

- a. Discussion was made on having the board meeting on the day before convention in the afternoon. Thursday Afternoon.
- b. Motion #3 11/23/14 made by McCamey establish an executive board meeting at 5:00pm on July 16th seconded by Flora. Passed.

b. Discussion on Date and time of AHYA Convention

- a. Discussion was made on not having the convention early in the morning.

- b. Flora proposed having it at Noon.
- c. Stacey suggest having Rebecca Lamulfa as a guest speaker.
- d. Motion #4 11/23/14 made by Jacklyn Date and Time of convention July 17th from 12-3 seconded by Emily.
- c. **Novice Judging Clinic** – was very well attended. Given by Stan Morey or AHA Judges and Stewards Commissioner. Date and time.
 - a. General discussion was made to have a clinic or a contest.
 - b. Most board members felt that the judging clinic was a good idea and was very successful.
 - c. Possibly having on focus or specific topics instead of an overview.
 - d. Discussion was made to contact Stan Morey and Bill Melendez on having one or two clinics being either an overview or on specific topic. Have Taylor, Youth Committee Chair, contact them to establish a date for the clinic.

Suspended meeting for ten minutes for a break at 10:30

Meeting was called back to order at 10:41

- d. **Parade of Regions** – YN Show Commission approved route change to utilize main street and use coliseum as back up for inclement weather.
 - a. General discussion was made on changing the route of the parade of regions.
 - b. An idea was made on having the Ice Cream Social after the parade of regions
 - c. Motion #5 11/23/14 made by Skye to have the Parade of Regions be on July 19th at 6 pm. Seconded by Emily. Motion passed by board.
- e. **Hippology Contest-** Stacey and Debbie will work on coordinating this activity.
 - a. This year have it on one day later in the week.
 - b. Stacey is going to work on outreaching to more teams.
 - c. Board decided to come back and discuss Hippology at the March Meeting.
- f. **Barn Night Out** – suggest repeating because was profitable for AHYA from 2 restaurants that participated, California Pizza Kitchen, Elephant Bar, and Macaroni Grill.
 - a. Tabled to the March Meeting. Julian is going to research this more with more information for the board to vote on.
- g. **Ice Cream Social-** comments made that it wasn't much of a social. Ideas?
 - a. Skye suggested having it on the Sunday after the parade of regions.
 - b. General discussion was made on having a game truck for the youth to be more social.
 - c. Youth Activities Committee is going to generate ideas to bring back to the March Board Meeting.
- h. **Flying pigs-** Stacey and Debbie will coordinate date and time.
 - a. Stacey discussed flying pigs with Lollie Ames.

- b. Tabled to March Meeting
- i. **Trailer Raffle-** To be determined.
 - a. Don't have a trailer yet to raffle off.
 - b. Board is planning on writing thank you cards to Shadow Trailers for donating the Trailer.
 - c. Idea was brought up to get personalized AHYA Thank You Cards.
- j. **Limited edition AHYA Product-** Do we want to do again? If so, bring ideas to March 2015 AHYA meeting.
 - a. Discussion was made on promoting fundraising and explain what they are benefiting AHYA.
 - b. Discussion was made to purchase more glitter lanyards to see at shows and events.
 - c. Youth members were asked to come up with ideas at the March Meeting.
- k. **Pink flamingos-** we changed the format and to include good luck, happy birthday, congrats, and as a joke. Birds we sold at the end as keepsakes. Some suggestions were to use as autograph by all youth in a barn and put date on the bird and bring back year after year or add to the flock yearly.
 - a. General discussion on flocking was to continue doing this fundraising activity.
 - b. Board was asked to bring ideas to the March Meeting for flocking.
- l. **Guest speaker(s) convention.**
 - a. People who were brought up would include: Rebecca Lamulfa Reiner/Top Cheif, and Joe Courtney ex-NBA player.
 - b. More information on speakers will be brought up to the March Meeting.
- m. **2015 Creative Contest theme**
 - a. Discussion was made to improve the contest to increase involvement.
 - b. Discussion was also made on having the contest at the show or
 - c. Cynthia- The board has to see the rule book and possibly updating it to make it easier to compete for contestants. We should have a committee to investigate the Creative Contest rules and who and how is the board able to change it for the better. Hand book is already changed for 2015, we would have to change it in the July meeting for it to be on 2016.
 - d. Youth Board members discussed to have each regions have a creative contest workshop.
 - e. Idea was brought up to have artist to judge the contest.
 - f. Cindy- Promote creative contest in our regions.
- n. **Committee meetings at Convention-**do we want to begin to have these?
 - a. Idea was brought up to have committee meetings at Convention to get more members interested.
- o. **Consignment Sale had to cancel this past year?** Ideas?
 - a. Cindy discussed that the consignment sale is very time demanding and we don't want it to compete on commercial exhibitors.

- b. Discussion was tabled to the March Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

AHYA will have a Booth at 2015 Scottsdale

- i. Board members that are attending Scottsdale should help with the AHYA Booth.

MARCH MEETING:

Would the AHYA BOD like to meet on the same weekend that the AHA BOD will meet in Denver/Aurora in March 2015?

- a. Cynthia- Instead of supporting Make-A-Wish we should support something that is relevant in our Arabian Horse Community.
- b. Stacey gave the idea of donating to Feeding America, because the a little money goes very far.
- c. General discussion on board communicating through facebook on what they want the money donated to.
- d. Cindy- Discussed on what we did at the last March meeting in Denver.
- e. Cynthia- Discussed on having the Parliamentarian there to help us run our meeting.
- f. General discussion on having a Parliamentarian joins us Saturday meeting.
- g. Motion #6 11/23/14 McCamey moves to have the March board meeting on March 14th and 15th. Seconded by Flora.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Cynthia- The board should do more business activities instead of making the adults to do them to build on our skills.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:46

Motion #6 11/23/14 McCamey moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Molly.