

**ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING  
UNAPPROVED MOTIONS  
NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the Board of Directors agenda of November 18, 2020 be approved as amended.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #1-11/18/20-BOD)**

**CONSENT BOARD ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the Board of Directors receive the Consent Board items.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #2-11/18/20-BOD)**

**SUBMISSION OF BOARD MINUTES TO OFFICIAL BOOKS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the August 7, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes be approved and submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #3-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the September 8, 2020 Board of Directors conference call minutes be approved and submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #4-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the September 30, 2020 Board of Directors conference call minutes be approved and submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #5-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the November 5, 2020 Board of Directors e-vote minutes be approved and submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #6-11/18/20-BOD)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MOTION** by Dave Corning:

Whereas, JDS Professional Group was engaged by the Arabian Horse Association to perform an audit of Fiscal Year 2020; and

Whereas, JDS Professional Group has completed the audit; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the Board of Directors accept the 2020 JDS Audit Report.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #7-11/18/20-BOD)**

**NOMINATIONS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the AHA Futurity Commission be closed.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #8-11/18/20-BOD)**

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

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #9-11/18/20-BOD)**

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**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 #10-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees be closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #11-11/18/20-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 #12-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Education/Evaluation Commission be closed.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #13-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Internal Audit Committee be closed and the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #14-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Cheryl Hansen, that the nominations for the Market Development & Promotion Committee (Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Representatives) be closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #15-11/18/20-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 #16-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Chris Bickford, that the nominations for the Sport Horse National Show Commission be closed and that the uncontested ballot be accepted as the elected slate.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #17-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Lurline Combs, that the nominations for the U.S. National Show Commission be closed.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #18-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, that the nominations for the Youth National Show Commission be closed.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #19-11/18/20-BOD)**

**ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES TRUST**

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**MOTION** by Peter Conway:

Whereas, ~~Change to the Arabian Horse Association Fifth Amended and Restated Trust Agreement Breeders Sweepstakes Trust; and~~  
Whereas, Per the AHA Handbook of duties: The AHA Treasurer Shall oversee all funds and accounts maintained by the Arabian Horse Association; and  
Whereas, The Sweepstakes Trust believes in order to complete this function correctly, the Treasurer should be a voting member of the Trust; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, ~~The Sweepstakes Trust~~ That CBP 111.7 (ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES TRUST) of the AHA Handbook be changed to include the Treasurer as a Trustee; ~~and, Be It Further~~  
~~Moved, That the Sweepstakes Trust be amended to reflect this change in membership and include the Treasurer.~~  
Effective: Immediately.  
Motion Passed. **(Motion #20-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Peter Conway:

Whereas, The role of the Sweepstakes Trustees must be defined, to include oversight of the Sweepstakes Cash Flow; and  
Whereas, To preclude any misunderstanding regarding the use of the capital gains in the market to use for paying Sweepstakes administrative costs; and  
Whereas, To update the Arabian Horse Association ~~Sixth Fifth~~ and Restated Trust Agreement Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust; Therefore Be It  
Moved, Section 4.1 of Article IV (Dispositive Provisions) be changed as follows:  
Section 4.1 ~~Interest and dividend income~~ Earnings (Interest, Dividends and Capital Gains) on Principal (Section 4.2 Principal): ~~The interest~~ These earnings from the investments of the Trust funds ~~shall~~ may be applied or expended to the payment of the Settlor's administrative expenses of the Trust, and the net balance of this interest income shall be retained by the Sweepstakes Trust.  
Effective: Immediately  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #21-11/18/20-BOD)**

**ARABIAN HORSE FOUNDATION**

**MOTION** by Pat Barton:

Whereas, The Arabian Horse Foundation appointment terms of Kathie Hart and Lollie Ames are expiring, and Lollie Ames declined reappointment; and  
Whereas, The Arabian Horse Foundation Board has approved the reappointment of Kathie Hart as an AHA Representative and the appointment of Cathy Vecsey as an AHA Representative to the Arabian Horse Foundation Board; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That the AHA Board of Directors ratify the appointments of Kathie Hart and Cathy Vecsey to the Arabian Horse Foundation Board.  
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Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #22-11/18/20-BOD)**

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**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker:

Whereas, The Emergency Response Team was created to be able to make decisions regarding qualifications for AHA Regional and AHA National events for show year 2020 and has been a tremendous resource to work to return to shows and on the new future that is being presented to us, and

Whereas, The Emergency for which this group was created will be continuing longer than hoped; Therefore, Be It

Moved, The Emergency Response Team continue to be able to make decisions regarding qualifications and issues surrounding shows and competitions that may arise for AHA Regional and AHA National events for show year 2021; and, Be It Further

Moved, The President may designate additional personnel to this Team.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #23-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Chris Bickford to amend Motion #23-11/18/20-BOD by adding the following to the first move after the word qualifications: “and issues surrounding shows and competitions that may arise”.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #24-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Ryan Chambers to amend Motion #23-11/18/20-BOD by adding the following: “Add three (3) of the 18 Regional Directors to be appointed to serve on the Emergency Response Team.”

Motion Defeated. **(Motion #25-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker:

Whereas, The Emergency Response Team was created to be able to make decisions regarding qualifications for AHA Regional and AHA National events for show year 2020 and has been a tremendous resource to work to return to shows and on the new future that is being presented to us; and

Whereas, The prediction is that COVID-19 will be continuing well into 2021. And will definitely be affecting shows to be held; Therefore, Be It

Moved, Qualifications for the 2021 Regional shows to be waived; and, Be It Further

Moved, Qualifications for the 2021 National shows to be waived.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #26-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Cynthia Richardson:

Whereas, Determining qualifications have never been as simple as often thought. AHA has great diversity from Region to Region: large vs small geographic areas, large vs small horse populations, diverse economic ability and diverse opinions to name a few. In recent years, at the encouragement of the BOD, the CAC has tried to make qualification decisions that help encourage participation at the local and Regional level, as we have become a “top heavy” industry; and

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- Whereas, Local participation is vital to the success and longevity of the Arabian Breed. “Local Shows” are truly the breeding ground for new members, new owners, new exhibitors, and new trainers. Additionally, they are the financial lifeline for local clubs, creating the financial means by which a club exists and functions in order to promote the Arabian and Half Arabian Horse. In essence, local shows are one of the best and likely the most important marketing tools the Arabian Horse Breed has; and
- Whereas, Taking all this and other issues into consideration, the proposed qualifications beginning with the 2022 competition year have been developed and recommended by the CAC and were derived with input from the ERT and APAHA. There has been great consensus with respect to most of the components of the proposal. The proposed qualifications are based on Show Participation rather than class placings or points to qualify for Regionals and Nationals. (Note: a Regional Top 5 always qualifies a horse or Rider/handler for Nationals); and
- Whereas, Qualifications by Participation – Participation is defined as entered, shown and judged in the section (class type) in which the qualification is desired; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, Qualifications be changed to utilizing a qualification by participation format, and the appropriate locations in the handbook referring to be changed; and, Be It Further
- Moved, The specific qualification chart to be approved at the August 2021 Board of Directors meeting.
- Effective: Immediately.
- Motion Passed. **(Motion #27-11/18/20-BOD)**

**NEW STANDING COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Jeff Caldwell:

- Whereas, The Local Level Task Force was created by the President with the goal to bring people to the Arabian horse through local outreach; and
- Whereas, There is a desire by this Task Force to continue its mission on a permanent basis; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That a new Tier “A” President Appointed Committee be created and added to the list in CBP 109.1.f as follows; and, Be It Further
- Moved, That the Local Level Committee will follow the rules outlined in CBP 109; and, Be It Further
- Moved, That a new CBP 111.26 be created as follows:
- 26. LOCAL LEVEL COMMITTEE**
- Shall be responsible for creating, executing, and growing interest in the Arabian horse in each respective region.
- a. The committee will seek best practices from members and will share with other committee members.
  - b. Each committee member works diligently under the guidance of the Committee Chair and with the direction of their Regional Director and Club Presidents to generate interest, create exposure and encourage ownership and participation in breed activities/events for the Arabian horse by utilizing the resources designed and recommended by AHA; and, Be It Further
- Moved, That the remaining CBP 111 be renumbered accordingly

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Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #28-11/18/20-BOD**)

**SPORT HORSE NATIONAL SHOW COMMISSION**

**MOTION** by Cynthia Richardson:

Whereas, There is a President's Modification currently in place that removes the requirement for jog lines for each Over Fence class and replaces the jog requirement with a courtesy circle at the trot at the end of each Over Fence performance and;

Whereas, This new format has met with positive reception in both the open world and at AHA shows and;

Whereas, The 50% wording in the previous rules is outdated since we award a full top ten regardless of the number in the section, therefore;

Moved, That AHA REQ 213.5 be amended by striking out and replacing as follows:

5. ~~The highest ten scoring horses plus two reserve horses from each class (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of each class plus two reserve horses, if available, who have received scores), shall be jogged in, dismounted, in judge's order of preference for soundness following the conclusion of the last Over Fences class. When using more than one judge, points are assigned as per 6 below. Points from each judge will be added together to get the total points for each horse. Horses will be jogged in ranked order. In the event of a tie for the 12 to be jogged (if fewer than 20 scoring horses 50% of each class plus two reserve horses, if available who have received scores) all horses tied for the jog will be jogged for soundness. If a horse is eliminated during the jog for soundness judging, that horse(s) placing will be removed from the judge's card, and the class rescored. No additional horse will be brought forward to fill the 12th spot on the card. All horses that were called back to be jogged for soundness in any over fences class will advance to and compete in the Under Saddle class.~~

***In order to appear on a judge's card the highest ten scoring horses plus two reserve horses from each class must be serviceably sound. Horses are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each Over Fences performance. When using more than one judge, points are assigned as per 6 below. Points from each judge will be added together to get the total points for each horse. If a horse is eliminated during the trot circle for soundness, that horse will be removed from the judge's card. All horses competing in the Over Fences classes, and deemed sound, may advance to and compete in the Under Saddle class. And, Be It Further***

Moved, That AHA REQ 213.6 and 213.7 be amended by striking out as follows:

6. In each of these classes, each judge will place up to ten horses plus two reserves (~~if less than 20 horses 50% plus 2~~). Scores will be assignable as follows:
  - a. 1st place = 20 points g. 7th place = 6 points
  - b. 2nd place = 16 points h. 8th place = 5 points
  - c. 3rd place = 14 points i. 9th place = 4 points
  - d. 4th place = 12 points j. 10th place = 3 points
  - e. 5th place = 10 points k. 11 & 12 place = 0 points
  - f. 6th place = 8 points
7. Only the ten highest scoring horses (~~if fewer than 20 horses 50% of the class~~) in each Over Fences classes receive points....

Motion Referred to Sport Horse National Show Commission. (**Motion #29-11/18/20-BOD**)

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**MOTION** by Chris Bickford to refer Motion #29-11/18/20-BOD back to the Sport Horse National Show Commission for further clarification.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #30-11/18/20-BOD)**

**RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO BOARD**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #1-20.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #31-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #2-20 Amendment #1.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #32-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #3-20.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #33-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to approve Resolution #16-20 Amendment #1.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #34-11/13/19-BOD)**

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker that the Board of Directors approve going forward with a press release on the PAST Act when developed by the AHA Executive Committee working with the American Horse Council and approved by the AHA Executive Committee.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #35-11/18/20-BOD)**

**MOTION** by Peter Conway that AHA approve the continued and active explorations of alternative governing body for horse shows.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #36-11/18/20-BOD)**