

Arabian Horse Youth Association  
Board of Directors Meeting

Approved Minutes

November 2021

Virtual

**I. Welcome and Call to Order – Grace**

- Meeting called to order at 8:03 AM PST

**II. Roll Call/Introductions – Grace**

- AHYA President- Grace (R5), AHYA VP- Marin (R5 co-director), AHYA secretary- Brooke Hofmann (R8), AHYA immediate past president- Brooke Backlund (R10), R1-Bella Fajardo (director), R3- Emily Arvold (director), R7- Annika Kimery (director), R9- Kennedy Morgan (director), R9- Ainsley (vice-director), R12- Mikayla (vice-director), R13- Scarlett (director), R13- Hailey Noel (vice-director), R16- Kiki Basta (Director), Brenna Johnson, Debbie Himmel- youth committee chair, Cindy Howey- youth committee vice-chair, Deborah Johnson- AHA president, Lisa Blackstone- AHA vice president

- Everyone shared a fun fact about themselves.

**III. Approval of Agenda – Grace**

- Marin makes a motion to approve the agenda, Ainsley seconds that agenda, the motion passes. Kennedy? makes a motion to amend the agenda, Brooke seconds amended agenda, the motion passes.

**IV. Treasurer's Report – Brenna**

- On track with the budget; the hippology contest had less participation and raised less money.

**V. BOD Roles & Responsibilities**

- a. Welcome! - Grace
- b. 2021-2022 Timeline - Brenna

**VI. Regional Reports – Grace**

- R1- still making ideas for future shows and getting youth involved.
- R3- making ideas, using things that worked well in past years (silent auctions, scavenger hunts)
- R5- federal non-profit status, youth benefit show during Mothers day- sell flowers for a fundraiser, a new show in September with a huge turnout
- R7- youth Christmas party, forming youth judging team, trying to get more regional involvement, community service project- food drive, desert classic horse
- show-Instagram takeovers,
- R9- selling t-shirts, pig toss, and golden horseshoe, stick horse, 50/50 raffle (still planning and making ideas), trying to host virtual clinics
- R12- thrifty tack resale, silent auction 50/50 raffle, Kentucky derby night and bet

on horses for a fundraiser

- R13- working on ideas, just started an Instagram to gain members, barn meet and greets at shows
- R16- youth meeting coming up, starting to plan pizza night or clinics. Silent auction, horseshoe throwing, and coloring contests were successful at a past show.

**VII. Unfinished Business – Brenna**

- a. AHYA Polo Shirts
- b. Conference Calls/ Meetings Review

Shirt size and name printed on shirt if haven't been sent to Brenna.

**VIII. AHYA EC Presentations**

- a. Tip and Tricks to help increase involvement – Marin and Brooke H
- b. R U OK program - Grace

Thoughts? Positive feedback on tips and tricks

R U OK:

Grace presented a PowerPoint

Wanting to prompt a positive community in AHYA/ AHA and make sure everyone is doing ok both physically and emotionally.

Proposal: regional R U OK activity (meeting, activity, event, etc), trickle down to club/ barn level to encourage these conversations and positive connections. Post on social media about this program to promote these conversations. Outreach challenge for each region- ask each club in your region to go to R U OK events or promote the R U OK program.

Thoughts? Positive feedback on presentation and program. A good way to get more involvement and show we care about our youth members. Ideas: Christmas party activities for kids and adults, posting on Instagram, sharing Grace's presentation with ideas and activities.

**IX. 2021 Youth Nationals Debrief**

- a. Lucky Ponies/Fundraisers
- b. Things you Liked
- c. Things we Should Change
- d. Mid Summer Classes

Mid Summer is still under consideration, the adult board is voting on this later.

November 29 town hall meeting- if any youth want to attend.

Thoughts on midsummer? Enjoyed both youth and midsummer for different reasons. Don't want to lose the "youth" aspect to showcase the youth.

Restrictions to open borders- must be vaccinated, must have a negative PCR test (probably will change by August for Canadian Nationals). Post a poll of regional

social media to get a feel for what youth members want (feedback by Tuesday). Overall, it appears the youth board members understand why midsummer was created, but still want the youth show to be special to the youth. The majority raised their hand for having a youth-focused show no matter if it's midsummer or just youth.

Activities at youth:

Likes:

- R U OK activities (yellow day)
- Horseshoe scavenger hunt
- Ice Cream Social
- The golf cart parade had a pretty good turnout (youth only might have limited golf carts) (possibly bigger awards by AHPA)

Ice Cream Social/ Dance has lost some turnout- ideas for more turnout:

- Ice cream and games/crafts
- Dunk tank with trainers or others
- Relay/ field games (egg & spoon races)
- Pro/am class or parent/child class
- In-hand "fun class" with horses or dogs or stick horses

**X. Youth Awards & Recognition - Brenna**

- a. AHA Youth of the Year

**XI. New Business – Brenna**

- a. YNL/Youth Year Theme  
b. Goals for 2021  
c. Getting AHYA Board members from R6 and R18

Theme ideas:

Focused around the R U OK campaign?

- mental health
- connections
- community
- building bridges
- advocating for (You)th
- inclusivity
- "OK" as in OKC
- stand by me
- ride for the roses (metaphorical)
- lost & found (reaching out to someone) (exploration)

### -finding your roses

Bella Fajardo makes a motion to make “finding your roses” the theme of youth nationals. Marin seconds the motion. The motion passes.

Goals for the year:

- By youth nationals, each region has completed at least one R U OK event.

Missing Regional Directors:

- encourage reaching out to R6 and R18 to see if youth want to become directors or get involved.

Bring back showmanship and equitation committee - youth members serving on board.

#### **XII. March BOD Meeting**

- a. March 5th
- b. AYHC Symposium March 18-20 – Tennessee

The March board meeting will most likely be virtual again this year. The symposium will be in-person for those wanting to attend.

Push out scholarships (due April 1st) through the Arabian Horse Foundation on social media.

#### **XIII. Reminders**

- a. March – BOD MEETING
  - i. Written Regional Updates **DUE**
  - ii. Regional Meeting Minutes **DUE**
- b. April 1<sup>st</sup> – RYTT Entry Deadline

Get back to Brenna by Tuesday to share what youth members want in terms of Midsummer or Youth.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM PST.