

AHYA Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

November 19, 2023

Zoom

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Carli

- Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM MST

II. Roll Call/Introductions – Carli

- Brenna Johnson (AHA Youth Director), AHYA President- Carli Marasco (R12), AHYA Vice President- Aminah Strand (R11), AHYA Secretary- Bug Burcham (R11), AHYA Treasurer- Rachel Vaughn (R14), Deborah Johnson (R3) (AHA President), Xavier Lee (R3), Hannah Hiiva (Director) (R5), Penelope Cox (R5) (Vice-Director), Michelle Pease Paulsen (R5) (Youth-Coordinator) (Director) Annika Kimery (R7), Cindy Howey (Youth-Coordinator) (R8), Ashlyn Koy (R9), Bella (R9), Debbie Himmel (R9) (Youth-Coordinator), Jessica Bohlen (R10), Ryley Egan (R11), Adrian Burcham (R11), Angela Sullivan (R11) (Youth-Coordinator), Mikayla Clement (Director) (R12), Alexis Peterson (R12), Tracy Clement (R12) (Youth Coordinator), Ameera Bala (R17), Lisa Blackstone (Vice-President of the AHA), Nancy Harvey (AHA Past-President), Stan Morey (Executive-Director of AHA)

III. Approval of Agenda – Carli

- Annika Kimery makes a motion to approve the agenda, Mikayla Clement seconds the agenda, the motion passes.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Brenna

- The best fundraiser that we did this year was the Lucky Ducks.
 - Raised AHYA over \$3,000.
- Raised AHYA Silent Auction under \$2,000, we did not make our goal (\$3,000) this

year.

V. BOD Roles & Responsibilities

- a. Welcome! - Carli

VI. Regional Reports – Carli

- R3 (Xavier Lee, Deborah Johnson)
- R5 (Hannah Hiiva, Penelope Cox)
- R7 (Annika Kimery)
- R9 (Ashlyn Koy, Bella)
- R10 (Jessica Bohlen)
- R11 (Ryley Egan)
- R12 (Mikayla Clement, Alexis Peterson)
- R17 (Ameera Bala)

VII. Unfinished Business – Brenna

- a. Conference Calls/ Meetings Review
 - Reply to Brenna's emails

VIII. 2023 Youth Nationals Debrief

- a. Lucky Ponies/Fundraisers
 - Record hit with selling them
- b. Things you Liked
 - Having a meeting where we just talked

- Guest speaker
- Enjoyed delivering lucky ducks
- 30 Minute times slots
- Craft room
- Reiners Freestyle
- Water Balloon Fight
- Schedule
- Golf Cart Parade
- The building that houses the youth meeting was wonderful
- The Speciality and Performance Arenas were very smooth this year.

c. Things we Should Change

- Block party, do it before the show (Not many participants)
- Golf Cart Parade was way too hot in the street
- Another area for kids to play games (Teenager games)
- Move the concert
- Combine Elite & Choice?

d. Mid Summer Classes

- Friday and Saturday are all Youth Classes in order to prioritize youth
- Split the adults and the youth?, Quality would decrease
- The open midsummer classes give Youth more classes to show in
- Combine the adult classes
- Shorter show
- Some liked the different roses for the Midsummer/Youth
- Did not like the different roses for the Midsummer/Youth
- Liked the Midsummer 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Would like it if Youth had 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Would like it if in cuts Youth had Section winners, similar to US Nationals
- Would like if Trail starts earlier, one more day at the end to spread out classes
- Division created to make a difference between equitation, sport horse and pleasure.
- Rachel Vaughn makes a motion to add first and second place ribbons for cuts at Youth Nationals, Bella seconds, motion passes.

IX. Youth Awards & Recognition - Brenna

a. AHA Youth of the Year

- Mikayla Clement, Nominee for USEF Youth
- Mikayla Clement, Second Runner up for AHA Youth of the Year
- Hannah Hiiva, First Runner up for AHA Youth of the Year
- Marin McKee, AHA Youth of the Year

X. New Business – Brenna

a. YNL/Youth Year Theme

- 2023 Theme was AHYA Leads The Way
- The Magic in You(TH) Suggestion
- Discover in The Magic in You(TH) Suggestion
 - Each month be a different “the magic in...”
 - Mikayla Clement makes a motion to make the 2023 Youth National Theme “Discover The Magic in

You(TH)", Rachel Vaughn Seconds the motion, The motion passes.

- *Bug, Rachel, Ryley, Carli, Mikayla, to help come up with sub-themes throughout 2024.*

b. Youth Liaison to Youth Nationals Commission

- *Youth needed to frequently check emails.*
- *Would love for youth to join Youth Nationals Commission meetings.*
- *Send a report after every AHYA meeting.*
- *Making sure you are listening to ALL youth.*

c. Goals for 2023

i. What activities can we do to encourage involvement

- *Suggested Showing people the "Magic" of the arabian horse, Barn tours*
- *Suggested Buddy system (a mentor system), Not just at shows*

ii. Set goals for this year

- *Help host an outreach ~~event~~advent, would like it to be during the month of May*

d. Getting AHYA Board members updated

- *Region one, four, six, and eighteen youth directors are still needed.*
- *USEF is starting a youth advisory group, which is made up of youth, provides overall education on horsemanship, Nancy Harvey reports.*
- *USEF "Battle of the Breeds," in the hunter pleasure division, coming 2025.*
- *AHA is currently processing a school note.*

XI. March BOD Meeting

a. March 16th

- *Virtual this year.*

b. AYHC Symposium March 21-23 – Texas

- *Will send out more information.*
- *Keep free!!*

XII. Reminders

a. March – BOD MEETING

i. Written Regional Updates **DUE**

- *At the March Meeting, Please turn in!!*

ii. Regional Meeting Minutes **DUE**

- *At the March Meeting, Please turn in!!*

b. April 1st – RYTT Entry Deadline

- *(Regional Youth Team Tournament)*
- *Contest, make up a team, write down which horse you will be competing on, the teams with the most points at the end of the year, earn prizes.*
- *Multiple teams are allowed per region.*
- *Recognized division and an unrecognized division.*
- *Champion, Reserve, and Top Ten Awarded*
- *3-4 people teams recommended*

- *More information under the youth competitions section on AHA Website.*

XIII. Meeting Adjourned

- *Meeting Adjourned at 11:39 AM MST*