

**Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA)**  
Minutes of the January 13, 2008 Meeting  
Rockford, Illinois

**Attendees:**

President: Helen Nelson  
Vice-President: Joyce Mocilan  
Directors: Paula Rapp  
Kathy Schauer  
Roberta Harms

Members:	Cindy Schlund	Chris Power	Rick Nelson
	Mo Miller	Linda Miller	TJ Edwards
	Theresa Meyer	Jen Allen	Jen Wuertz
	Lynn Reichert	Marty Power	Kari Hanes
	Julie Roe	Rose Clark	Lisa Germann
	Barb Kurti	Deb Campbell	Gina Seeling
	Nicole Hermann	Donnie Hamrick	Linda Hamrick
	Wes Elford, DVM	Katie Bachhuber	Tony Troyer
	Maxine Bernsdorf	Linda Jacobson	Peggy Brush

President Helen Nelson called the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of AHDRA to order at 7:05 am. She announced that the 2007 awards were presented the evening of January 11<sup>th</sup> and are available for those who were not present to receive their award that night.

**Old Business:**

- 1) The minutes of the January 21, 2007 meeting were distributed. Teresa Meyer moved that they be accepted, seconded by Maxine Bernsdorf and approved by the membership.
- 2) The Secretary-Treasurer's Financial Report was distributed showing a cash on hand balance of \$2,906.63 and a CD valued at \$6,176.23 as of January 1, 2008. Rick Nelson moved that the Report be accepted, seconded by Nicole Hermann and approved by the membership.
- 3) President's Report: Helen Nelson reported that the AHDRA I ride was cancelled due to weather and trail conditions, but the AHDRA II and III rides were held and successful. There were delays in posting of points and web-site updates this past year, but Peggy Brush stepped in to assist and update. As a result, awards were presented, but without inscribed plates.
- 4) History of AHDRA: Helen noted that the organization was formed in 1977, with Dr. Beecher serving as President until 1987, and Rick Nelson serving as President from 1988 through 2005 (except for 1997, when Dr. Beecher served as President). Dr.

Beecher met with Helen yesterday, and noted that the organization was incorporated with by-laws as an AHA recognized distance-riding horse club.

- 5) Rules: Helen distributed a draft of Rules for AHDRA prepared by Lori Windows. In discussion, the issue of whether only UMECRA competitive rides should be used for the calculation of points was raised. Peggy Brush noted that she calculated points for 2007 both ways and it did not change the results. Tony Troyer noted that several regional organizations accepted AHA recognized distance rides.

**Motion:** Lisa Germann moved that AHDRA accept any competitive ride recognized by AHA for the calculation of award points; seconded by Peggy Brush, who further moved that the motion be amended to be retroactive to the start of this year's AHDRA ride season, November 1, 2007; seconded by Lisa Germann. The amended motion was approved by the membership.

T.J. Edwards asked for clarification on the minimum number of required rides for awards; Joyce stated she will research (note by author: a motion was approved in the January 15, 2006 meeting that a minimum of three rides in the Division are needed to qualify for the awards in that Division).

**Motion:** Marty Power moved that the Executive Committee appoint a By-Laws and Rules Committee to locate or establish same, with motion seconded by Tony Troyer. Marty accepted amendment suggested by TJ Edwards that this Committee also be charged with recommending modifications to any by-laws or rules that are located. The amended motion was approved by the membership.

AHDRA Meeting: A fall meeting of the organization in September or October was proposed, preferably at an AHDRA ride, with notice of the meeting date, time and location to be posted on the web-site and UMECRA newsletter.

Peggy Brush recommended that the organization distribute one newsletter by mail within a reasonable time after the meeting.

Lisa Germann requested consideration of changing the organization's ride year. Joyce Mocilan noted the organization's membership and ride year is now November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, and AHA's year is the calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>). As it has already started, the ride year cannot be changed for this year.

The issue of advertisers/underwriters of AHDRA requesting the organization's membership list was discussed. Due to privacy concerns, it was recommended that the organization not distribute the membership list and that advertisers/underwriters be encouraged to submit ads for the organization's newsletter and websites, along with web links to their products, etc. and the AHDRA note sponsorships as appropriate.

**Motion:** Wes Elford moved that AHDRA present its year-end awards the Friday night of the UMECRA Convention, and that AHDRA support the Convention by planning and scheduling activities for Friday night. Tony Troyer seconded, noting that Maxine Bernsdorf will lead this effort. The motion was approved.

- 6) Lori Window's letter: Helen read Lori's letter announcing her resignation as Secretary-Treasurer, and noting the benefits and challenges of the organization's affiliation with AHA. It was noted with appreciation that Lori had managed and selected the AHDRA awards since 1990.
- 7) AHA: Noted that for this year only, no AHA late fees were assessed because the renewal membership application was not available.

Tony Troyer noted that the membership size of AHDRA qualifies it for two (2) voting representatives at AHA Regional and National Meetings; typically, Joyce Mocilan has attended these meetings.

**Motion:** Katie Bachhuber moved the AHDRA pay for the registration fees for the National and two regional meetings for two (2) AHDRA representatives designated by the Executive Board. Seconded by Paula Rapp and the membership approved the motion.

**Motion:** TJ Edwards moved that AHDRA pay up to \$200 per person above registration fees to defray the costs for the two (2) AHDRA representatives' attendance at two regional and one national meeting of AHA. Wes Elford seconded. Joyce Mocilan noted that AHDRA participation helps shape AHA policies, procedures, rules and processes in the interest of distance riding. The membership approved the motion (noting the maximum amount approved was \$1200 per year).

### **New Business:**

- 1) AHDRA 2008 Rides:

Helen reported that Dr. Beecher proposed that AHDRA support through sponsorship one or more FEI rides in the upcoming year. Tony Troyer provided some additional information. The written material Dr. Beecher had prepared was not available at the meeting. The proposal was discussed, but no motion made.

**Motion:** Tony Troyer announced that he would be managing the AHA National Competitive Ride October 3-4, 2008, and moved that AHDRA sponsor and support with \$500 a ride at the same site for October 5, 2008 that would include LD and Endurance events. Joyce Mocilan seconded the motion, but the membership failed to approve. Marty Power then moved that the Executive Board determine at a later date if a donation not to exceed \$500 could be made, with Lisa Germann seconding, but the motion was then withdrawn by Marty.

Peggy Brush moved that AHDRA sponsor an October 5<sup>th</sup> ride at the site of the AHA National Competitive Ride as the 2008 AHDRA III ride with competitive, LD, and endurance events and Tony Troyer as ride manager. Joyce Mocilan seconded and the membership approved, requesting that Tony make the necessary arrangement with UMECRA and ensure posting on appropriate websites.

## 2) Election of Officers

Helen reviewed the duties of the Vice-President as maintaining the organization's web-site and serving as points keeper, and the duties of Secretary-Treasurer as maintaining the membership list and processes, managing insurance coverage for AHDRA rides, arranging for the year-end awards, recording of minutes and managing the finances and associated reports of the organization.

President: Peggy Brush moved and Roberta Harms seconded the nomination of Helen Nelson. Tony Troyer moved and Lisa Germann seconded the nomination of Julie Jackson. A vote by ballot of the membership present resulted in the election of Julie Jackson as President.

Vice-President: Marty Power moved and Joyce Mocilan seconded the nomination of Tony Troyer. Roberta Harms moved and Rick Nelson seconded the nomination of Peggy Brush. The vote on the first ballot of the membership was a tie. The second ballot resulted in the election of Peggy Brush as Vice-President.

Secretary-Treasurer: Tony Troyer moved and Joyce Mocilan seconded the nomination of Chris Power. The membership approved this election.

Directors: Joyce Mocilan moved and Peggy Brush seconded the nomination of Paula Rapp, Kathy Schauer and Roberta Harms to continue as Directors. The membership approved this election. Paula Rapp moved and Rick Nelson seconded the nomination of Nicole Hermann as Director. The membership approved this election.

## 3) Miscellaneous

**Motion:** Kari Hanes moved and Theresa Meyer seconded that if requested by a member, that the 2007 award points for LD and Competitive be reviewed and correctly revised if errors are identified. The membership approved this motion.

At 9:07 am Tony Troyer moved and Nicole Hermann seconded for adjournment, which the membership approved.