

**Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA)**  
Minutes of the January 25, 2009 Meeting  
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

**Attendees:**

President:	Julie Jackson-Biegert
Secretary/Treasurer	Chris Power
Directors:	Kathy Schauer
	Roberta Harms
	Nicole Hermann

**Members and guests:**

Jen Allen	Larry Allen	Katie Bachhuber
Maxine Bersndorf	Doug Biegert	Marge Dixon
TJ Edwards	Wes Elford	Linda Hamrick
Donnie Hamrick	Linda Jacobson	Beth Lecy
Linda Miller	Mo Miller	Rick Nelson
Marty Power	Lynn Reichert	Tony Troyer
Vanessa VanderBeck	Lori Windows	Jen Wuertz

President Julie Jackson-Biegert called the meeting to order at 7:04 am. Members and guests were asked to sign the attendance sheet for the meeting.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the January 13, 2008 Membership meeting was distributed for approval. The membership approved a motion and the minutes were accepted.

For members informational purposes, the meetings of the Board of Directors for February 16, 2008 and November 5, 2008 were also distributed.

**Reports**

Chris Power presented the financial report for 2008 (attached), noting that known upcoming expenses include additional expenses for the 2008 awards, speaker honorarium and *hors d'oeuvres* for this past Friday night at the UMECRA Conference. Also noted was that the primary income sources are dues and rides. The Board reluctantly increased the dues for 2009 to address the AHA dues increases and in order to ensure adequate year-end awards. Income from AHDRA rides was down this year, likely due to a lower number of entries per ride. Acceptance of the financial report was moved, and was approved by the members.

AHDRA membership list is now on a computer file and members' e-mail addresses have been used to distribute information, with only about 10% of the members not having an e-mail address. Members should inform the Secretary if they are members of AHA but

did not join through AHDRA (e.g., lifetime members). It is important that AHDRA have a complete tally of all AHA members so that it receives the appropriate delegate representation and votes for AHA each year.

Tony Troyer described an option of having meetings by conference calls.

AHDRA is listed on the AHA web-site as a Region 11 local club, and AHDRA can now be joined through AHA. The club may wish to consider listing in other AHA regions in the future, highlighting the AHA competition card discounts available through AHDRA club membership.

Lorrie Widows recommended development of an article on AHDRA, its history, awards program, etc. for publication in the AHA magazine, *Modern Arabian Horse*. It was also noted that the article on the 2008 AHA National Competitive Ride managed by Tony Troyer was postponed to the February issue of *Modern Arabian Horse* due to page restrictions as part of cost control efforts for this magazine.

### **Old Business**

Chris Power noted that the only By-Laws found for the organization was obtained through AHA by Tony Troyer. These By-Laws, on Dr. Beecher's letterhead, were very old and outdated. Thus, a proposed draft of new By-Laws for the organization was presented, noting that the intent was to keep the By-Laws relatively simple and address other details of the organization's operations, such as dues, membership and awards, in a separate set of Rules.

Several changes in the draft of the By-Laws were discussed and noted, with revised language read to the membership. A motion for acceptance of the By-Laws as revised in the meeting was made, and the motion carried.

No draft Rules for the organization were available for review.

### **New Business**

Chris Power recommended elimination of late fees for the organization, to reduce a barrier to AHDRA membership and as AHA no longer has late fees. Membership approved this recommendation.

Chris Power recommended that, upon request, AHDRA membership can be effective two weeks prior to receipt of the annual dues to minimize a barrier to AHDRA membership by an individual who may have learned about AHDRA and its awards at a ride event. Membership approved this recommendation.

Chris Power noted that one of the primary reasons for the AHDRA ride season to begin November 1 and end October 31, concurrent with UMECRA's ride season, was to ensure that there is sufficient time to calculate points, order and label awards for distribution at

the January UMECRA Convention. Further consideration of changes in the ride year was tabled.

A motion to establish a Rules Committee was made. The motion was approved, and the following members volunteered to serve on this Committee: Tony Troyer, Lori Windows, Rick Nelson and Marty Power.

A motion to establish a Marketing Committee was made. The motion was approved, and the following members volunteered to serve on this Committee: Katie Bachhuber, Kathy Schauer, and Marge Dixon.

The following ideas for marketing AHDRA were noted by members: Display AHDRA awards prominently at the UMECRA Convention; develop a brochure on AHDRA and membership benefits; note programs, “free” and otherwise, available through AHA for AHDRA members; actively recruit members for AHDRA at out-of-area rides.

### **Elections**

President: Julie Jackson-Biegert was nominated, but she declined to continue to serve due to personal workloads. Lori Windows was nominated and was elected by unanimous consent.

Vice-president: Jen Allen was nominated and elected by unanimous consent.

Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Power was nominated and elected by unanimous consent.

Board of Directors: Katie Bachhuber, Lynn Reichert, Julie Jackson-Biegert, and Roberta Harms were nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and elect the nominated directors by unanimous consent was approved by the membership.

### **Announcements and future meetings**

To ensure appropriate credit and scoring for yearly awards, members were reminded to ensure their horse(s) are nominated with AHDRA; the spelling of the horses’ names should also be checked on the AHDRA website. In addition, riders are encouraged to report their participation on rides not sanctioned by UMECRA to the Points Keeper as soon as possible and preferably within 30 days of the ride.

The regular meeting of the membership will occur next January at the UMECRA Convention. A special meeting is planned for July 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> at the AHDRA II Ride: Endure for the Cure. A meeting of the Board of Directors is planned for March with plans to distribute a draft of Rules to the membership in April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Roberta Harms and seconded by Lori Windows.

### Addendum to the minutes:

Due to the need for several members to depart, the meeting adjourned without the Board members of the previous year being recognized for their service. AHDRA expresses appreciation to Julie Jackson-Biegert, Peggy Brush, Kathy Schauer, Nicole Hermann, and Paula Rapp.

Tony Troyer wishes to express appreciation to AHDRA for its support of the 2008 AHA National Competitive Ride he managed in October. In addition, Tony had additional information from AHA and Region 11 he wishes to share with the membership, some of which follows here:

## HEADLINES



### Sweepstakes Changes 2009

1. Concurrent Sweepstakes designated classes will be treated as two different shows (for recording purposes) and Sweepstakes Points will be awarded per each judge.
2. Any Nominated Sire that is entered into the Breeders Sweepstakes Program after December 31, 2009 will no longer be eligible for the 5 percent Sire Payback. Sires already enrolled as a Nominated Sire will be grandfathered in and will continue to receive the 5 percent Sire Payback.
3. Allocated prize money will be added to the U.S. National Championship Endurance Ride %%% NOTE from Eric -- At the AHA Convention they limited this to the 100 Mile Endurance Ride SO I do not know about the 50 Mile Endurance if this has changed or not this was released AFTER Convention %%% and the US National Championship Competitive Trail Ride.
4. The Sport Horse Show Commission has split the Dressage Level II AT class into a Purebred and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes. Therefore, both the Arabian and the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Dressage Level II AT (Test 4) will be paid within the allocated program at the Regional and National Levels.
5. All points for Local Competitive Trail and Endurance Rides will be paid based on the number of registered Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses on the ride and will no longer be based on the total of horses on the ride, regardless of the breed. The results will be recorded in an Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division %%% Again NOTE from Eric - This does not state Specifically whether this will be the first six horses paid or the first six registered Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses paid %%% within the ride.

Excerpt from AHA Region 11 minutes:

### **November 2008 Delegates Meeting During Regional Caucus – Denver Marriott Tech Center**

**Competitive Trail/Distance**-Sharon Christensen gave a summary. There were complaints about too much paperwork from AHA. They are trying to do spread sheets to make it easier to enter and report the results. Distance commission is struggling trying to improve awareness and rules. Another issue was bringing in new people and novice riders. These people do not know about AHA. Looking at ways to promote Competitive Trail/Distance but more money is needed for this. They are very upset that they were not included in CD shown today at the convention.