

Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA)
Minutes of the January 24, 2010 Meeting
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Attendees:

President:	Lori Windows
Vice-President	Jen Allen
Secretary/Treasurer	Chris Power
Directors:	Katie Bachhuber
	Roberta Harms

Members and guests:

Larry	Allen	Kari	Hanes	Michelle	Mattingley	Marty	Power
Sherry	Aune	Nicole	Hermann	Teresa	Meyer	Olivia	Rudolphi
Robert	Beecher	Linda	Jacobson	Diane	Mienders	Linda	Rudolphi
Maxine	Bernsdorf	Barb	Kurti	Mo	Miller	Barry	Saylor
Peggy	Brush	Beth	Lecy	Linda	Miller	Kathy	Schauer
Marge	Dixon	Dana	Maass	Darlene	Molitor	Deb	Searle
TJ	Edwards	Sarah	Maass	Rick	Nelson	Joslyn	Seefeldt
Wes	Elford	Joe	Mattingley	Donna	Ozment	Leigh Ann	Sytsma
						Tony	Troyer

President Lori Windows called the meeting to order at 7:05 am. Members and guests were asked to sign the attendance sheet for the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2009 Membership meeting was distributed for approval. The membership approved a motion and the minutes were accepted.

Reports

Financial: Chris Power presented the financial report for 2009 (attached), noting that known upcoming expenses include additional expenses for the 2009 awards and support for the UMECRA Conference. Expenses for an ad for AHDRA in the AHA Nationals Program Book were highlighted, as were expenses for AHDRA buckets to be used as awards for this year's AHDRA rides. Due to the advance purchase of these bucket awards, the AHDRA checking balance is \$2,317 less than a year ago; however, this should be recovered with ride income and no award expenses for the upcoming year's AHDRA rides. The primary income sources are dues (\$1,095) and AHDRA rides (\$2,493), and the primary expense is the annual year-end AHDRA awards (\$2,657). Acceptance of the financial report was moved, and was approved by the members.

Membership: AHDRA membership is down slightly, but reminders to renew memberships were sent out later this year than in previous years:

	# by January 20	Year Total #
2007	98	131
2008	94	116
2009	75	117
2010	57	

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.

It was noted that the AHDRA ride managers had agreed to offer a \$5 ride entry discount for AHDRA members to provide an additional benefit for AHDRA membership.

AHA Delegate: Tony Troyer reported he has been appointed to the AHA Distance Commission. They are studying possible rule changes for the National Rides as well as establishing a protest committee (which did exist previously but has disappeared from the rules).

AHA National Competitive and Endurance Rides will be held October 21 – 24, 2010, at the start of AHA Nationals; AHA intends to keep the Rides on this weekend for the future years, with CTR Thursday and Friday, 50 Endurance on Saturday, and 100 Endurance on Sunday. It is hoped that having the rides around and on the weekend will enhance participation.

Tony noted that the AHA national office staff have been cut, and he urged patience when calling the office.

AHA has formed an *ad hoc* committee to explore the development of AHA Regional Recreational Trail Rides, which could be sponsored by a local AHA Club in each AHA Region and posted on the AHA website.

Tony noted that AHA has 35,000 members, of which 7,000 are show members, suggesting an opportunity for increasing AHDRA memberships.

Marketing: Marge Dixon reported that she secured an ad for AHDRA in the front cover of the AHA National Program book. In addition, she had a large poster of the ad made for display at AHA nationals.

Katie Bachhuber reported that she will be revising the AHDRA brochure for the upcoming year, and that this brochure could be distributed at State horse fairs, rides, etc.

Old Business

None

New Business

Two changes in the AHDRA rules were proposed:

1. Addition of the following:

2.4.4 Point standings will be periodically posted and dated on the ADHRA website. The AHDRA points keeper must be informed of discrepancies in point standings or other perceived errors within thirty-one (31) days of the posting on the web-site.

2. It was noted that in the January 13, 2008 meeting a motion was approved that “AHDRA accept any competitive ride recognized by AHA for the calculation of award points.” Thus, the following underlined addition was proposed:

2.2.3 Events

2.2.3.1 Rides sanctioned by the following organizations are approved for the accumulation of points for awards:

2.2.3.1.1 American Endurance Conference (AERC)

2.2.3.1.2 Arabian Horse Association (AHA)

2.2.3.1.3 Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Association (UMECRA)

2.2.3.1.4 For Competitive Trail Rides, any ride recognized by AHA.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above changes to the AHDRA Rules, and was approved by the membership.

A motion was made and seconded that AHDRA donate \$200 to support the AHA U.S. National Distance Rides for 2010. The membership approved the motion. It was noted this donation will not be issued until at mid-summer or later, when AHDRA's checking balance should be improved.

A motion was made and seconded to establish an AHDRA Youth Associate Membership category with annual dues of \$10. The membership approved the motion.

A motion was made and seconded to have AHDRA contribute up to \$500 each year in support of the UMECRA Annual Conference and the provision of meeting rooms for AHDRA awards presentation and annual meetings and other convention activities. The membership approved the motion.

Chris Power moved that AHDRA issue a trail grant of \$200 to supplement a grant of \$5,0000 from AERC and \$200 each from UMECRA and the Friends of Farmdale to establish a water source at Farmdale Reservoir Park, site of the AHDRA II: Endure for the Cure ride. The motion was seconded and the membership approved the grant.

Elections

President: 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, Roberta Harms, Mo Miller and Tony Troyer were nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and elect the nominated directors by unanimous consent was approved by the membership. It was recommended that these Directors view themselves as “ambassadors at large” for AHDRA.

AHA Delegates: Tony Troyer and Linda Rudolphi were nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and elect the nominated delegates 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 9th or 10th at the AHDRA II Ride: Endure for the Cure

Joe Mattingley announced that the Central Regional Competition for the U.S. Endurance team for the World Equestrian Games will be held in Danville, Illinois on June 19th, 2010, and the National Final Competition for team selection will be held at the same site on August 14th.

Dr. Beecher recommended that individuals wishing to volunteer at these events or the WEG should be sure to highlight their special credentials and skills (e.g., speak another language, etc.).

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 9:50 am

Financial Report for Calendar Year 2009

Income	2009	
Checking interest	\$8.09	
Member dues	\$4,340.00	
AHDRA I Canal Ride net receipts	\$990.00	
AHDRA II Endure Ride net receipts	\$1,843.00	
AHDRA III Big River Ride net receipts	\$1,373.77	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$8,554.86	
Expenses		
Web site	\$10.00	
AHDRA ad in AHA National Program Book	\$250.00	*
Postage	\$55.00	
AHA memberships	\$3,245.00	
ADHRA I Canal sanction with AHA	\$60.00	
ADHRA I Canal ride insurance UMECRA	\$65.00	
ADHRA I Canal ride UMECRA fees	\$69.00	
ADHRA II Endure sanction with AERC	\$165.00	
ADHRA II Endure sanction with AHA	\$120.00	
ADHRA II Endure sanction with OAATS	\$20.00	
ADHRA II Endure ride insurance UMECRA	\$107.50	
ADHRA II Endure UMECRA fees	\$183.00	
ADHRA II Endure AERC fees	\$498.00	
ADHRA III Big River sanction with AHA	\$60.00	
ADHRA III Big River UMECRA fees	\$123.00	
ADHRA III Big River AERC fees	\$243.00	
AHDRA 2008 year-end awards (partial)	\$1,155.00	
AHDRA Competitive Year 2009 year-end awards (partial)	\$1,502.27	
January 2009 AHDRA Awards Ceremony	\$745.00	
AHDRA ride awards for 2010 (buckets, etc.)	\$2,195.74	*
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$10,871.51	
Net income	(\$2,316.65)	*
Checking balance January 1, 2009	\$3,256.32	*
Checking balance December 31, 2009	\$939.67	*
Change	(\$2,316.65)	*
Assets on December 31, 2009		
Checking Balance December 31, 2009	\$939.67	
CD (\$155.39 interest in 2009)	\$6,477.12	*
TOTAL	\$7,416.79	*

Analysis:		
Membership (Dec 31, 2008 = 60 members paid; Dec 31, 2009 = 49 members paid)		
AHDRA member dues	\$4,340.00	
AHA memberships	\$3,245.00	
Net income from dues	\$1,095.00	*
Rides		
AHDRA I Canal net income	\$796.00	
AHDRA II Endure net income	\$749.50	
AHDRA III Big River net income	\$947.77	
Net income from rides	\$2,493.27	*
Largest annual expense:		
2005 competitive year-end awards	\$2,317.00	
2006 competitive year-end awards	\$2,680.00	
2007 competitive year-end awards	\$1,580.00	
2008 competitive year-end awards	\$2,973.56	
2009 competitive year-end awards (estimate)	\$2,657.27	*

Draft: Not approved.