

Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA)

Annual Meeting, January 19, 2020

Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point WI

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 7:02 am CST. Thirty-four people were in attendance:

Jim Andriakos	Kim Fosler	Chris Hyke*	Sheryl O'Brien
Sherry Aune	Beth Frieders	Tracy Johnson	Chris Power
Katie Bachhuber	Barb Gardner	Kristine Jubeck	Marty Power
Maxine Bernsdorf	Jen Haras	Sarah Maass	Victoria Robison
Ruth Casserly	Roberta Harms	Nicole Mauser-Storer*	Janet Sarver
Ann DeLang*	Sally Hoff	Deb Moe	Ruth Stewart*
Wes Elford	Barb Hogan	Aaron Mowrer	Tony Troyer
Maria Enge	Becky Horihan	Linda Mowrer	
Amber Erickson	Alexandra Hyke*	Sarah Mowrer	* guest

Old Business

1. Minutes of the January 2019 annual meeting were approved as presented.
2. The 2019 AHDRA Profit/Loss and Ride Financial Reports were presented by Jim:
 - There were 120 paid members on the roster for 2019, an increase of 20% over 2018, from 14 different states
 - Checking account balance at the close of 2019 was \$2575.82; with the 3 CD's and savings, the total AHDRA fund balance is \$10,089.19.
 - Endure, Iron Oak and Big River Rides were profitable; My Backyard had a loss due to a change of venue and extreme weather.
 - Tony Troyer explained that the Region 11 check reimbursement is given because AHDRA holds a qualifying ride, separate from the convention refund check.
 - Chris Power pointed out the \$13 payment to Illinois Sec'y of State for non-profit registration; it is mandatory that AHDRA and Ride managers register as non-profits.

The reports were approved as submitted.

3. 2020 AHDRA Rides

- Endure will be at Jim Edgar/Panther Creek, with Nicole Mauser-Storer and Robin Schadt as ride managers
- My Backyard will be at Jubilee, with Sarah Mowrer assisted by Kristine Jubeck and Brooke Moeller, new members from Iowa.
- Iron Oak is in its second of a two-year trial with MDDA, managed by Ruth Casserly and Alice Hubert.
- Big River will be held on Halloween, managed by Jim with Barb Hogan as Assistant.

4. AHA Delegates Report

Tony Troyer reported that there were sweepstakes and rule changes that affect distance

competitors. More information can be provided to those interested.

Sheryl O'Brien reported that SE Minnesota is the 2020 Region 10 Championship ride for Endurance and Competitive. Victoria Robison stated that this regional may alternate in the future between Minnesota and Wisconsin rides.

Also, it was noted that AHA Competition Cards are required to compete in regional and national championships. Ruth Stewart pointed out that joining AHA or AHDRA as an Affiliate Member provides said Competition Card and additionally provides \$1 Million in personal liability insurance.

5. Ride Manager Points

Discussion on the 2019 policy of allowing Ride Managers to earn AHDRA points as an incentive for managing AHDRA rides at which they cannot compete. Linda Mowrer moved and Sherry Aune seconded that the policy continue for another year; motion carried.

6. Versatility Award

As the winners differ from UMECRA versatility winners, AHDRA will continue. Roberta Harms observed that AHDRA did start the program and there is no cost beyond the prize.

7. Reimbursement of AHA Delegates

It was agreed that advocacy for our sport is needed. Katie Bachhuber moved that we continue to reimburse our delegates up to \$300, as we have since 1986. Sherry Aune seconded. Motion carried.

8. AHDRA Awards

Jim has many lead ropes and scoops on hand. He would like to donate at least the scoops to a clinic. It was agreed that he would divide them up between the upcoming clinics in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Ribbons and medals were discussed as less expensive and easier to store than lead ropes and scoops. Sarah Mowrer moved, and Tony Troyer seconded that we change to ribbons for the 2020 ride year for the 3 AHDRA rides. Motion carried. Ruth Casserly will order for AHDRA when she orders for Iron Oak for MDDA.

Completion awards will remain as is, at the discretion of the ride manager, with help from AHDRA.

New Business

1. Competitive Points for MODTRA (Middle of the Trail Distance Riders Association)

It was agreed that allowing these points promotes good will and financial gain, especially as endurance points are already allowed. Linda Mowrer moved, and Sheryl O'Brien seconded that we approve indefinitely, as long as rules between clubs align. Motion carried.

2. The Harry McGlothlin Award will return to being awarded at My Backyard

3. Second Vet on Sundays

Discussion on sending a second vet home on Sundays to save money. It was widely agreed that the welfare of the horse is paramount and that the practice of having two vets throughout the ride should be preserved. However, ride managers should be given some discretion as long as they are in good communication with the veterinarians.

4. New ride managers and increased participation from MN and IA were noted with appreciation.

5. Dues increase – Discussion regarding raising dues to \$25. It was agreed to remain at \$20, comparable to other clubs.

Additional points of information:

- Plans are underway to hold a clinic on a ride weekend
- Twilight ride(s) might be offered during some of the hot weather rides in upcoming season
- An AHDRA Clinic in Illinois is being developed
- Endurance Podcast producer Christina Hyke has also had success with a Cafe Meet-up for people interested in knowing more about distance riding.
- AERC has information about sanctioning, insurance and the Green Beans programs for clinic attendees.
- Beth Frieders has developed a handout explaining Endurance, LD and CTR. Nicole Mauser-Storer has put together a power point as well that can be used at clinics.

ELECTIONS

- President: *Jim Andriakos*, re-elected
- Vice-President/Points Keeper: *Ruth Casserly* (currently serving 2-year term)
- Secretary/Treasurer: *Sherry Aune*, elected to 2-year term
- Board Members: *Roberta Harms* and *Victoria Robison* (currently serving 2-year term)
Linda Mowrer and *Katie Bachhuber* both re-elected to 2-year terms
- At Large Board Members:
Kim Fosler, *Sheryl O'Brien*, *Jen Haras*, *Deb Moe* – elected to 1-year terms
- AHA delegates: *Tony Troyer* and *Sheryl O'Brien* were elected to 1-year terms, with *Becky Horihan* as the alternate.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Hoff