

AHDRA (Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association)  
Annual Meeting Minutes January 22, 2023  
In Person Meeting at Grand Harbor Resort, Dubuque, IA

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 7:32 am CST. 32 people were in attendance: \*denotes guests

Jim Andriakos	Sherry Aune	Katie Bachhuber	Ruth Casserly
Janet Cram *	Ann DeLang	Margie Dixon	Amber Erickson
Kim Fosler	Jenny Frerichs-Ramon	Beth Frieders	Dana Gasner *
Jen Haras	Roberta Harms	Sally Hoff	Jodi Johannessen
Tracy Johnson	Kristine Jubeck	Sarah Maass	Nicole Mauser-Storer *
Theresa Meyer	Brooke Moeller *	Aaron Mowrer	Linda Mowrer
Sarah Mowrer	Sheryl O'Brien	Peggy Pasillas	Victoria Robison
Jan Sasena	Emily Schupp *	Carrie Thompson	Debra Weisbecker

Old Business

1. Minutes of the January 2022 annual meeting were presented. Motion to accept the Minutes. Ruth Casserly noted a name misspelled and 2 minor typos. Amended motion to accept the Minutes noting minor errors, seconded and carried.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented by Sherry Aune.  
As of 12/31/22 we have 115 current members. 2021 was 123. 2020 was 105. 2019 was 120.  
Treasurer's report was reviewed noting Endure, Big River & Iron Oak rides made a profit in 2022. Field of Dreams had approximately \$100 loss. 2022 ending total balance was \$17,087, up \$230 over last year. We still have 2 CD's, a little over \$2000 each. One renews in March and the other in September. Sherry Aune was asked to find out the current interest rate on the CD's and will report to Jim Andriakos. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded and carried.
3. Rides - AHDRA's Endure – Jim Edgar Panther Creek Park – GPS Tracking for Trail – 45 Competitors  
This ride had a \$1,300 profit. Ride shirts donations were \$1,500. Participation was down about 20% from 2021. Dates are May 20-21, 2023. Nicole Mauser-Storer & Kim Rosecrans will manage in 2023. Ride will again sanction with OAATS. Ride will use free Ride with GPS app, but will still visually mark trail. Sunday will be Region XI Competitive Championship. Harry McGlothen trophy will be awarded at this ride Saturday to Endurance Purebred Gelding, or passed on to next ride if no participation.

AHDRA's Field of Dreams – River Valley Horse Camp – 45 Competitors

The weather was HOT this year. Participation was up almost 20% from rainy 2021. The ride lost approximately \$100, but noted there were many awards purchased and left over to be used in 2023. Dates are July 22-23, 2023. Kristine Jubeck and Brook Moeller will again manage the ride. They will also be having clinics this year.

AHDRA's Big River – Sandy Oaks Campground – 57 Competitors

This ride had a \$914 profit. Costumes were fantastic! Participation was equal to 2021. The new trails were well received, taking out much of the sand and riders were able to move out. Emily Schupp (married in 2022) and Jim Andriakos will again manage in 2023, with Emily taking the lead. Dates are October 28-29, 2023.

Iron Oak – Ukarydee Equestrian Campground – 59 Competitors

This ride had a \$364 profit which AHDRA received \$182. Weather was good. Participation was down about 10% from 2021. Ruth is stepping down and Alice and Ray Hubert will manage in 2023. Dates are October 14-15, 2023. AHDRA is set to partner with MDDA thru 2023.

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4. AHA Delegates 2022– Sheryl O’Brien 1<sup>st</sup>, Sherry Aune 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sheryl O’Brien did not attend convention and paid the fees on her own as she had intended on attending. Gerry Cummings served this past year in place of Tony Troyer on the AHA Distance Commission. AHA Nationals this year will be held at Huntersville Hundred September 29-October 1, 2023. Endure ride, May 20-21, 2023 to host Region XI Competitive Championship and Rock River Charity ride, August 5-6, 2023 to host Region XI Endurance Championship. SE MN ride, June 17-18, 2023 to host Region X Endurance & Competitive Championships in 2023.

5. Review Ride Manager Points

5 points per day were given to ride managers in 2021 and 2022. It did not affect the year end standings. Motion made to discontinue the 5 points per day for ride managers, seconded and carried.

6. Reimbursement for AHA Delegates

Currently AHDRA reimburses \$300 and pays the convention fee for attending Delegate. Motion made to keep it the same, seconded and carried. Sheryl O’Brien to contact Region XI to request we receive \$500 from them to offset costs again this year.

7. Review Arabian Horse Type Division

Sherry Aune noted there were 13 horses accepted to the AT division and 2 declined, of which 7 competed and 3 received awards. For our 2<sup>nd</sup> and final trial year, we will continue approval based on the minimum 25% Arabian via DNA testing or Board approval. Motion made to accept, seconded and carried. It was noted DNA testing is not always accurate. It was suggested to advertise this division in the UMECRA newsletter to grow interest.

8. Awards

Jim Andriakos reported we still have ribbons on hand, but need to order 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons. He will order them.

9. Dues Increase – added to Agenda

Due were approved at last meeting to increase \$5 across the board on January 1, 2023. However, we did not notify AHA or get our form updated on time, and we apologize for that. We are moving to make this increase effective March 1, 2023 to give us time to make these changes. Jim Andriakos will get it changed with AHA. Jen Haras will update form on website for March 1<sup>st</sup> start. Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

10. Ride fees discussion – added to Agenda

Discussion regarding 2023 rider fees was brought up. A motion was made to keep all rider fees the same in 2023, seconded and carried.

<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>		
50 Mile Endurance	\$ 90		\$ 50
25 Mile Limited Distance	\$ 75		\$ 45
25 Mile Competitive	\$ 75		\$ 45
Novice ride	\$ 45		\$ 30
Intro ride	\$ 45		\$ 30
Drive – All	\$ 50		

Jim Andriakos requested Sherry Aune pay UMECRA 2023 sanction fees for Endure, Field of Dreams and Big River at convention, \$45 each, and she did.

New Business

1. Revise Rule to Clarify

Current rule 2.5.2.1.1 Teams must compete in a minimum of three rides to qualify in an event. Proposed change: Teams must complete a minimum of three rides to qualify in an event. (Point standings will reflect the number of completed rides.) Motion made to accept rule change, seconded and carried. One opposed.

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2. Review Helmet Mandatory Rule

In discussion it was noted USEF requires helmets. Motion made to keep the helmet rule the same, seconded and carried.

3. Harry McGlothen Trophy – Which Ride

It was determined to give the trophy out at the Endure ride, unless no participation there. Then it would go on to Field of Dreams and on to Big River if necessary. Motion made to accept, seconded and carried.

4. Extra Points at AHDRA Rides – added

Discussion started about extra point scoring for AHDRA rides. Last year Mosquito Run ride requested to receive extra points like the AHDRA rides, as many AHDRA members are from MN. AHDRA granted this request to Mosquito Run in 2022. Point value was 150% points for AHDRA rides and Mosquito Run ride in 2022 and will remain the same in 2023. Point value is 125% for Regional and National rides. Motion made to give 1.25% points to AHA National and open rides at Huntersville Hundred, seconded and carried.

5. National Ride Sponsorship – added

Theresa Meyer brought up the question of sponsorship for the National ride this year. Sarah Maas stated sponsorship for vests is needed. AHA has requested \$500 for endurance and \$300 for competitive. AHDRA will wait to see what is actually needed. Banners are also a possibility for less money. Marge Dixon will check into with AHA and get back to Jim Andriakos. Jim Andriakos will put to Board vote once AHDRA determines what to sponsor/donate.

Voting

President Jim Andriakos – Up for election/re-election in 2024, 2 yr. term

Vice President up for Election – Ruth Casserly and Jennifer Haras were both nominated and accepted. A vote was taken and Jennifer Haras is our new Vice President, through 2024, 2 yr. term. We thank Ruth Casserly for her many years of service.

Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Aune – Up for election/re-election in 2024, 2 yr. term

Board Members up for Election – 4

Outgoing Board members are Roberta Harms, Sheryl O'Brien, Jodi Johannessen, and Kim Fosler. There were 4 nominations made to re-elect the outgoing Board members. All 4 Board members accepted and were re-elected for 2 yr. terms.

Board Members not up for Election – Katie Bachhuber, Linda Mowrer, Tracy Johnson and Jen Haras, current Board members up for election/re-election in 2024, 2 yr. term. Jen Haras position is open due to her becoming VP. Ruth Casserly, Sarah Maas and Amber Erickson were nominated to replace Jen Haras. All three accepted to serve out Jen Haras' term and will be up for election/re-election in 2024. A vote was taken. Amber Erickson will serve out Jen Haras' term.

AHA Delegates – 2 (1 yr. term)

2022 Delegates were Sheryl O'Brien, 1st and Sherry Aune, 2nd. Both were renominated and accepted. No other nominations. Sheryl O'Brien and Sherry Aune will serve again in 2023.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Aune

2/5/2023