

AHDRA

(Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association)

Annual Meeting Minutes January 19, 2025

In Person Meeting @ Holiday Inn & Suites West, Madison, WI

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 7:04am CST.

30 were in attendance. *denotes guest

Jim Andriakos	Sherry Aune	Sarah Carlson	Ann DeLang
Amber Erickson	Crystal Esqueda	Beth Frieders	Marianne Guilfoyle*
Roberta Harms	Sally Hoff	Jodi Johannessen	Jane Kirkeide
Sarah Maass	Deb Moe	Brooke Moeller*	Aaron Mowrer
Linda Mowrer	Sarah Mowrer	Sheryl O'Brien	Peggy Pasillas
Adeline Robinson-Bihlmaier		Victoria Robinson	Layla Saatchi
Jan Sasena	Emily Schupp	Jessica Sonnek	Michaela Treimer*
Kathy Vadnais*	Debby Weisbecker	Jen Wise	

Old Business

Minutes - Minutes of the January 2024 annual meeting were presented. Motion made to accept Minutes by Beth Frieders, seconded by Sheryl O'Brien and carried.

Treasurer's Report – 2024 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet were presented. AHDRA's current net worth is \$20,890. Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Linda Mowrer, seconded by Sarah Carlson and carried.

Endure – Emily Schupp will again be Ride Manager and stated she needs help putting on the ride as well as promoting it. Last year the ride lost \$470 due to low participation. The ride will be staying at Sandy Oaks Campground this year with new owners. New owners are going to start charging \$50/day to use the clubhouse. Emily is hoping to only have to pay for the ride days, not sure yet.

Field of Dreams – New ride managers are Michaela Treimer and Leslie Glosser, with help from Amber Davis and Brooke Moeller. Location will move back to Farmington, Iowa. This past year was managed by Kristine Jubeck and Brooke Moeller and had a huge turnout at Brushy Creek, profiting \$1,222.

Big River – Emily Schupp will again be Ride Manager and she needs an assistant. The ride will stay at Sandy Oaks Campground. Last year had a good turnout, profiting \$955.

AHA Delegates – Sheryl O'Brien reported Lisa Blackstone is new President of AHA. AHA is changing leadership from 29 to 14 people. AHA supporting Canada more. They are working on improving IT department and creating monthly feedback.

Reimbursement for AHA Delegates – None as Sheryl O'Brien nor Sherry Aune attended.

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Review Arabian Type Division – It is working well. 2023-29 entries, 3 awards. 2024-75 entries, 8 awards. We need to send Peggy Pasillas info to promote AT division in UMECRA newsletter and on website. Sarah Maass-Gryphn will send info to Peggy Pasillas for newsletter.

Awards – AHDRA supplies ribbons at AHDRA rides. We order from Hodges Badge Co. and Jim Andriakos will place order for this year. Ride managers to provide any other awards given at AHDRA rides.

Region XI Regional Comp ride will be at Endure and Regional Endurance will be at Rock River Charity this year. SE MN ride will host Region X Regional Comp and Endurance rides this year.

New Business

Website/Facebook Page – not on agenda. Jim Andriakos has been working with Addy Robinson on updating AHDRA website & Facebook page. Website is 100% improved, thank you Addy! Jen Allen is “owner” of AHDRA Facebook page. Addy’s husband, Chris, has taken photos for this. umecraphoto.com is another place to go to get photos from Katy Carter and others.

Ride Budget Guidelines for 2025 – We will have 3 rides again this year. Jim Andriakos will go over guidelines with new ride managers.

Triple Crown Award – This AHDRA award has been dormant for a few years and Sarah Mowrer has stepped up to bring it back by offering a quilt she is making. The quilt will be awarded at Big River ride. There will be a raffle for those that have attended all three AHDRA rides this year and they will receive one ticket for each ride entered. A write up for the UMECRA newsletter needs to be done to promote this for AHDRA in the near future. Send to Peggy Pasillas.

Harry McGlothan Trophy – It is an award for the first purebred gelding in endurance. It will be awarded at Endure ride. If none qualified at Endure ride, it will move to Field of Dreams ride. This also should be promoted in the UMECRA newsletter to attract participation.

AHDRA Points for Which Ride - Discussion followed regarding how to determine the non AHDRA ride to receive 1.5 points. Emily Schupp made a motion, seconded by Sheryl O’Brien to sanction non AHDRA rides for \$25 to give 1.5 points was made. Motion failed. Discussion followed allowing adding new AHDRA rides at the 1.5 points. A state rotation was also discussed to no avail. AHDRA has chosen a non AHDRA ride in a state not offering an AHDRA ride to receive AHDRA 1.5 points the last couple years. Motion made by Sarah Mowrer, seconded by Sherry Aune and carried to have Bonecrusher or Mosquito Run receive 1.5 points. A vote was taken and Bonecrusher ride in WI will receive 1.5 points this year. No further action was taken at this time.

Ride Fees – Last Year Kept the Same – AHDRA is good on fees, however it was brought up to promote pre-entries with a \$20 non-refundable deposit to hold a spot or pay a one-time late fee of \$20 if entering at the ride. This late fee will not apply to Novice rides. Motion made by Emily Schupp, seconded by Sheryl O’Brien and carried. Peggy Pasillas noted that AERC is going to start requiring ride flyers to note their refund policy.

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Voting

President – Jim Andriakos – up for vote next year

Vice President – Jen Wise – up for vote this year. Emily Schupp and Deb Moe nominated/accepted for VP. Vote taken and Deb Moe is our new VP.

Sec./Treasurer – Sherry Aune – up for vote next year

Board Members – Emily Schupp, Linda Mowrer, Sarah Maass & Amber Erickson – up for vote next year.

Board Members – Roberta Harms, Kim Fosler, Sheryl O'Brien and Jodi Johannessen – up for vote this year. Roberta Harms, Kim Fosler, Addy Robinson, Sheryl O'Brien and Victoria Robinson nominated/accepted. Vote taken and Roberta Harms, Kim Fosler, Victoria Robinson and Addy Robinson will join/stay on the Board.

AHA Delegates – 1 Yr. Term/2 Delegates

Sheryl O'Brien nominated/accepted. All in favor.

Sherry Aune nominated/accepted. All in favor.

Peggy Pasillas made an announcement asking for help to promote Distance Clinic 3/1/25 at Maria Enge's. It is currently posted on MNDRA website.

Meeting adjourn at 9:05am

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Aune

Sec./Treasurer

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