

AHDRA - Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association
Annual Meeting Minutes January 18, 2026
In Person Meeting @ Express Suites Riverport, Winona, MN

President Jim Andriakos called the meeting to order at 7:32am, CST.

29 were in attendance. *denotes guest

Lisa Aga	Jim Andriakos	Sherry Aune	Ann Delang
Amy Ellingson	Amber Erickson	Crystal Esqueda	Kim Fosler
Beth Frieders	Dana Gasner*	Karrie Halbur	Roberta Harms
Jodi Johannessen	Jane Kirkeide	Sarah Maass	Theresa Meyer
Deb Moe	Aaron Mowrer	Linda Mowrer	Sarah Mowrer
Sheryl O'Brien	Peggy Pasillas	Victoria Robison	Adeline Robinson
Jan Sasena	Emily Schupp	Jessica Sonnek	Kathy Vadnais
Debby Weisbecker			

Old Business

Minutes of the January, 2025 meeting were passed out and reviewed. Correction of spelling of Victoria Robison's last name and the omission of Kim Fosler and Dana Gasner in attendance. Motion made to approve amended minutes, 2nd and approved.

Treasurer's Report

2025 Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet reports were passed out. AHDRA's current net worth is \$17,842, which is about \$2,000 down from where AHDRA's goal of \$20,000 has been. Lower rider turn out and losing ride managers to manage AHDRA sponsored rides has contributed to being a little down. Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report by Linda Mowrer, 2nd Beth Frieders and approved.

Endure

AHDRA Endure ride is cancelled for 2026 and is in need of a ride manager for 2027.

Iowa Ride

Heatwave Hustle will be an AHDRA ride in 2026. This ride is replacing AHDRA Field of Dreams ride. Michaela Treimer will manage AHDRA Heatwave Hustle with Emily Schupp assisting. It will be held August 1-2, at Volga River State Forest, Fayette, Iowa. Thank you Michaela and Emily!

Side note – Iowa is doing some great things promoting distance riding. A clinic and novice ride is being held April 25, 2026 in Tipton, Iowa to help promote distance riding.

Field of Dreams

Field of Dreams is no longer going to be an AHDRA sponsored ride in 2026 and going forward. The ride is still happening and managed by Brooke Moeller, who also has done a nice job promoting distance riding in Iowa.

Big River

Emily Schupp will again manage AHDRA Big River ride Oct. 24-25, 2026 at same location as in past years, Sandy Oaks Campground. Terry Glidden will assist Emily in managing. The campground is not doing well and is falling apart physically. AHDRA may consider moving this ride to Volga River State Forest in 2027. Thank you Emily & Terry!

AHA Delegates – Current Sheryl O'Brien 1st, Sherry Aune 2nd

Sheryl reported on AHA annual meeting. There were 18 resolutions, with 17 being approved and 1 withdrawn. Sport horse and working western classes interest is increasing, while traditional show entries are down in attendance. Distance riding is getting more attention. Prize money has been going mostly to halter classes vs. distance riding. Microchipping requirement is delayed for one year. It does not impact AHDRA right now.

Reimbursement for AHA Delegates

As AHA annual meetings have become available virtually to attend, delegate expense reimbursement has not been necessary. AHDRA will end reimbursement to AHA delegates going forward.

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Review Arabian Type Division

2023 - 29 entries and 3 awards given. 2024 – 75 entries and 8 awards given. 2025 – 92 entries and 7 awards given. AT Division is not up for vote to continue until 2027 annual meeting. It was noted that AHA is allowing DNA to be done to then provide papers to purebred and half Arabians, for a fee, if warranted.

Awards

Emily Schupp has all awards/ribbons. Ribbons were last ordered March, 2025. Before Big River this year Emily will determine if we need to order more ribbons from Hodges Badge Co. AHDRA will continue awarding ribbons.

Triple Crown Award

The Triple Crown award is coming back in 2026! This award has always been donated and Sarah Mowrer has offered to make another beautiful quilt for this year's award. Thank you, Sarah! AHDRA only has 2 sponsored rides this year so a 3rd ride was nominated and a vote was taken between Huntersville Hundred and Firecracker Fling. Firecracker Fling won the vote. The 3 rides will be AHDRA Heatwave Hustle, Firecracker Fling and AHDRA Big River.

AHDRA Points for Which Ride

1.5 points to be given for the 3 Triple Crown rides. This year Barefoot Boogie will also receive 1.5 AHDRA points. Last year it was Bonecrusher. Beginning in 2026, ride managers of the AHDRA sponsored rides will receive one entry for each day of the ride, as ride manager. Riders will receive one entry for each ride entered. 1.25 points will again be given to AHA Regional and National rides, which is Kankakee River ride, Firecracker Fling and Huntersville Hundred in 2026.

New Business

2027 Convention – AHDRA responsible

Emily Schupp is working on getting hotel quotes. It's likely to be in northeast Iowa. Emily stated she needs help.

Harry McGlotham Trophy – Which ride

This trophy will be awarded at the AHDRA Heatwave Hustle ride in Iowa in 2026. If no winner there, it will move to AHDRA Big River ride in the Fall.

Ride Fees – Last year kept the same

It was agreed to keep ride fees the same for 2026.

Voting

President – Jim declined to be President again. Kim Fosler nominated Emily Schupp, Linda Mowrer 2nd and all in favor. Emily Schupp will be AHDRA President for 2 year term.

Vice President – Deb Moe This position will be up for vote in 2027.

Secretary-Treasurer – Sherry Aune declined to be Sec/Treasurer again. Jessica Sonnek was nominated and declined. Jim nominated Addy Robinson, Sherry Aune 2nd and all in favor. Addy Robinson will be Sec/Treasurer for 2 year term.

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

Peggy Pasillas nominated Sarah Maass, Sheryl O'Brien 2nd, Sarah accepted and all in favor.

Sarah Maass nominated Linda Mowrer, Emily Schupp 2nd, Linda accepted and all in favor.

Roberta Harms nominated Debby Weisbecker, Beth Frieders 2nd, Debby accepted and all in favor.

Debby Weisbecker nominated Beth Frieders, Kim Fosler 2nd, Beth accepted and all in favor.

Board Members not up for vote until 2027

Roberta Harms, Kim Fosler, Victoria Robison & Addy Robinson.

Addy Robinson needs a replacement for a one year term as she will now be Secretary/Treasurer.

Karrie Halbur nominated Crystal Esqueda, Peggy Pasillas 2nd, Crystal accepted one year term and all in favor.

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2026 AHDRA Board of Directors will be:

President – Emily Schupp

Vice President – Deb Moe

Secretary/Treasurer – Addy Robinson

Board Members up for vote in 2027: Roberta Harms, Kim Fosler, Victoria Robison and Crystal Esqueda

Board Members up for vote in 2028: Sarah Maass, Linda Mowrer, Debby Weisbecker and Beth Frieders

AHA Delegates – 1yr. Term / 2 Delegates

For 2026 Peggy Pasillas nominated Sheryl O’Brien as 1st Delegate, 2nd made, Sheryl accepted and all in favor.

Crystal Esqueda nominated Sherry Aune as 2nd Delegate, Beth Frieders 2nd. Sherry declined.

Linda Mowrer nominated Sarah Mowrer as 2nd Delegate, Crystal Esqueda 2nd, Sarah accepted and all in favor.

Sheryl O’Brien will be Delegate #1 and Sarah Mowrer will be Delegate #2

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kim Fosler, 2nd by Sheryl O’Brien, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Aune

Sec./Treasurer

1/23/2026