

**Minnesota Arabian Horse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 16, 2011**

**Attending Officers and Board Members**

Carol Carlson, Lori Conway, Sara Paripovich, Rebecca Bell, John Diedrich, Teresa LeFever, Miriam McGurran, Pat Swenson, Anita Grant, Toni Marie O'Daniel, Jill Frieders, and Lisa Lewis.

**Excused Absences:** Ann Benson and Annie Slawik

**Guests:** Hillary Hoffman and Robin Hutton

President Lori Conway called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

Toni Marie made a motion to approve the November 10, 2010 Minutes with the meeting date change from 1/22 to 1/16/11. John Seconded. Motion approved.

Theresa made a motion to bring Pat Swenson on the 2011 board as Non-Show Outreach Board Member and Lisa Lewis on the 2011 board as Member Retention and Promotion Director. Jill seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**President's Report**

Lori reported that there were 75 ballots cast for the 2011 election. Lori opened the discussion of election format changes for future elections and the possible use of an on-line voting service called simplyvoting.com. Based on a member count of 250, the annual cost for this service would be \$200 (vs \$460 spent on paper ballots). It was a suggestion to track votes by document each individual's AHA number. Miriam suggested using paper ballots that contained a watermark. Jill made a motion to allow email voting for board related issues. John seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Membership**

Lisa Lewis reported that youth membership is up this year and that 56 adult memberships will expire by the end of January and February. A discussion followed regarding advertising membership at the Horse Expo, Region X show and other events including the State Fair.

**Delegates**

Lori Conway reported that Toni is up for renewal this year and desires to continue. As well Nancy Sawyer was interested in being a delegate. A discussion ensued that the delegates must be able to go to the board meetings in Eau Claire. A vote was conducted that decided Toni would go to convention this year. Carol Carlson made the motion, and John seconded. Motion passed.

**Budget**

Jill Frieders reviewed the budget and profit and loss sheets from last year. Our budget showed that we broke even. A long discussion ensued regarding allotment of finances.

Toni made a motion and Rebecca Bell seconded that motion. A vote approved the Budget for the following year.

### **Storage Locker in Winona**

Lori Conway brought up that we still have a storage locker in Winona which lease is up February of 2011. A discussion ensued to keep this locker through the Spring Show and following that time it would be vacated. Toni made a motion to approve this and Jill seconded. Motion passed.

### **MAHA Year End Banquet**

Hillary Hoffman summarized the plans for the MAHA Year End Banquet to be held at Cedar Ridge. At the time of the meeting, there were 131 people pre registered. 90 of these were MAHA members and 17 were non MAHA members, and of the remaining 24, MAHA status was uncertain. There were 8 horse/rider combos signed up for the clinic. The meal provided would cost approximately \$5 per person. The Sound System would cost between \$500 and \$700. Jolene was coming to take pictures. A discussion followed regarding volunteer jobs and miscellaneous requests. Hillary was thanked for her hard work planning this event.

### **MAHA Spring Fling**

Theresa LeFever summarized the plans for the MAHA Spring Fling Horse Show to be held in Winona in March. The Premium book is being reviewed and finalized. Brian Scoggins is judging. ATR Select Reining classes were added as well as Jackpot classes in Hunt and Western (youth and adult). At the time of the meeting, a medic had not been secured for the show.

### **MN Horse Expo**

Anita discussed the MN Horse Expo and a discussion ensued regarding how many stalls would be needed. Also having a TV at the Expo was discussed. Ideas were discussed having a book available that would outline where to take lessons and where different barns were.

### **WSCA/Open Shows-Unplugged**

The Open Show classes were reviewed and it was noted that the WSCA classes were removed. Judges were currently being reviewed and discussed for these shows. Determination was made that one has to show in 3 open shows in order to show in the championship.

### **Trail Rides**

Pat reviewed that there were 2 trail rides being planned for June and July and as well one was being discussed for the fall. Dates to be determined.

### **Website**

Janet would like to update the website to include Show Champions, acknowledge volunteers and also had further ideas regarding Person of the Year, and a Hall of Fame and Who's Who.

**MAHA Fall Show**

Lori Conway discussed that plans were under way for the Fall show to be held 9/17-9/18 2011. The format would be similar to last year.

**Future Meetings**

Future meetings were discussed. Possibilities for future board meetings included March 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>. Future general meetings were as well discussed, and plans were made to have another clinic at Conway Arabians April 9<sup>th</sup> for the MAHA membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted by,  
Carol Carlson