

**ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AURORA, COLORADO  
UNAPPROVED MOTIONS  
AUGUST 7-8, 2009**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the Board of Directors agenda of August 7-8, 2009 be approved as amended.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #1-8/7/09-BOD**)

**RECEIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, to receive the consent agenda.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #2-8/7/09-BOD**)

**SUBMISSION OF BOARD MINUTES TO OFFICIAL BOOKS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the May 15-16, 2009 Meeting that was approved on July 2, 2009; the June 9, 2009 E-Mail Nominations and June 15, 2009 E-Mail Vote that were approved on July 3, 2009; and the July 1, 2009 E-Mail Nominations and July 6, 2009 E-Mail Vote that were approved on July 28, 2009, be submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #3-8/7/09-BOD**)

**PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL**

**MOTION** by Terry Johnson:

Whereas, Mickey Aboussie has resigned from the Probable Cause Panel; and  
Whereas, Article 306.4 of the AHA Handbook states the vacancy will be filled by appointment by the President of AHA and ratified by the AHA Board of Directors for the uncompleted term left vacant; and  
Whereas, Lance Walters, AHA President, has appointed Charles Bass of Region 9 to fill the term left vacant by Mickey Aboussie's resignation; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That the AHA Board of Directors ratify the AHA President's appointment of Charles Bass from Region 9 to the Probable Cause Panel.

Effective: Immediately

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #4-8/7/09-BOD**)

**GOVERNANCE**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to accept the Governance Committee's final report.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #5-8/7/09-BOD**)

**DRESSAGE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by:

Whereas, Musical Freestyle Rides are commonly used classes in the "Open" Dressage world; and  
Whereas, Freestyles at First Level and above may be offered at Federation licensed Dressage Competitions (See USEF DR128); and  
Whereas, Competitions may offer classes specific for each level and/or Test of Choice classes for Federation and FEI Musical Freestyle rides; and

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Whereas, AHA does not currently allow for this method of tracking and qualification;  
Therefore, Be It  
Moved That AHA accept Musical Freestyle Rides as recognized classes for each level and  
as Test of Choice as stated below and they be added to the Standard Class List:  
First Level Freestyle  
Second Level Freestyle  
Third Level Freestyle  
Fourth Level Freestyle  
Intermediare Freestyle  
Grand Prix Freestyle  
Freestyle Test of Choice  
Effective: December 1, 2009.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #6-8/7/09-BOD**)

**AHA COMMITTEE FORUMS**

**MOTION** by Mollie Krumlaw-Smith:

Whereas, The current on line forum set up by the AHA office has been difficult for  
members to access and is not as functional as other options available; and  
Whereas, The Yahoo! Groups site is a well established and effective on-line forum currently  
used by many AHA committees. The Yahoo! Groups site has all of the necessary  
tools and securities in place to effectively manage an on-line forum, and the  
service is free to all participants; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That The Yahoo! Groups service be made the official on-line forum of choice for  
all AHA committees and a workshop be arranged for committee chairs at  
Convention.  
Motion Defeated. (**Motion #7-8/8/09-BOD**)

**HUMANE TREATMENT OF EQUINE BREEDS & LIVESTOCK**

**MOTION** by Dave Daugherty:

Whereas, There is great concern regarding the humane treatment of the equine breed and  
livestock given the down spin of the economy; and  
Whereas, AHA and the AHA Foundation continue to support equine rescue along with  
responsible ownership and breeding; and  
Whereas, The negative reaction by members and non-members over AHA's support of  
equine slaughter has a potential negative financial effect on AHA, AHF and the  
Registry; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That the AHA Board of Directors reconsider the May 16, 2009 motion (Motion  
#16-5/16/09-BOD) to support equine slaughter and the reopening of the facilities  
in the U.S.  
Motion Defeated. (**Motion #8-8/8/09-BOD**)

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**MOTION** by Debby Cain:

- Whereas, The AHA Board of Directors are very concerned about the welfare of all equine species, and the unanimous position of the AHA Board of Directors is in complete agreement with the Unwanted Horse Coalition's mission statement ; and
- Whereas, AHA is in complete agreement with the Unwanted Horse Coalition's mission statement "to reduce the number of unwanted horses and improve their welfare through education and the efforts of organizations committed to the health, safety, responsible care and disposition of horses"; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That AHA closely monitor and share through e-blasts and/or magazine articles research and information from the Unwanted Horse Coalition and become a member as soon as it is financially feasible.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #9-8/8/09-BOD**)

**POINTS MONITORING COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Pam Kittredge:

- Whereas, The Points Monitoring Committee has reviewed the current point structure; and
- Whereas, The Points Monitoring Committee has also discussed the concept of lowering points for Junior Horse classes at the Regional level with several exhibitors and trainers receiving positive feedback; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That the points for all Junior Horse classes at the Regional level be two (2) qualification points regardless of discipline.

Effective: December 1, 2009.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #10-8/8/09-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Pam Kittredge:

- Whereas, After several discussions with exhibitors in regards to the current point structure at the Regional level for Country English Pleasure classes it has been brought to the Point Monitoring Committee's attention how difficult it is to qualify one horse for multiple Country English Pleasure classes; and
- Whereas, The number of entries at Regionals may have been adversely affected by the increased points required in Country English Pleasure classes; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That the points for all Country English Pleasure classes (Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian) at the Regional level, be adjusted back to two (2) qualification points as previously found in the 2008 version of the AHA Handbook.

Effective: December 1, 2009.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #11-8/8/09-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the regional qualification venue proposal presented by the Points Monitoring Committee be taken back to the AHA members by the Regional Directors for consideration and study and the Regional Director shall report findings to the Points Monitoring Committee Chair for a report at the November 18, 2009 Board of Director's meeting.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #12-8/8/09-BOD**)

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**COMPETITIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Dave Waggoner:

Whereas, Show statistics collected and reported by AHA staff show continued decline in both horses shown and classes (excluding shows running concurrently run classes) entered at both Regional shows and local shows; and

Whereas, This decrease in numbers increases the difficulty of qualifying horses for Regionals at local Shows; and

Whereas, This trend has decreased the revenue for the clubs and Regions who sponsor these shows, in many cases putting the continued existence of these shows and organizations at risk. The Competitions Advisory Committee feels it is imperative to reverse this trend; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That AHA Article 1240 be changed to read:

1. The points/scores/placings listed on the National Class List for Regional classes must be obtained in the same AHA Section listed in the AHA Standard Class List.
  - a. The number of points a horse receives up to 6<sup>th</sup> place is based on the number of horses at the close of the gate. (BOD 8/05). Horses will earn one point for every horse in the class. (Refer to Articles 1366.2 and 1367.2) (BOD 8/04), or
  - b. That Regional Shows allow qualifications by earning one first place ribbon or one second place ribbon.
2. Top Tens from any show and Regional Top Five, Champion or Reserve Champion do not qualify a horse for a Regional Championship class. (Refer to Article 1366.) (Only points/scores/placings from shows other than Regionals or Nationals will count for Regional Shows.)

Effective: December 1, 2009.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #13-8/8/09-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Dave Waggoner:

Whereas, The Youth National Show Commission would like to have the latitude to pull forward less than eight horses from an A, B, C section; and

Whereas, This past Youth Nationals had 24 horses moving forward when the ideal would have been 18 for that arena; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That Article 1319.4 read as follows:  
In order to go on to the Semi-Final section, and receive a Semi-Finalist ribbon, and in order to have a predetermined number of exhibitors going on to the Semi-Final section, judges will be asked to rank the exhibitors on their cards by placing nine exhibitors. The Scoring System in Article 1316 (Res. 23-06) will be employed to determine which eight exhibitors will go forward to the Semi-Final section. If there are more than 2 elimination sections (i.e., A, B, C, etc.), Show Management may have the discretion to bring forward 8 horses or less from the elimination sections to the Semi-Final/Final section by placing one more exhibitor than the predetermined number to advance.

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Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #14-8/8/09-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Dave Waggoner:

Whereas, In the 2003 Handbook, the National qualifications from National Shows had been arbitrarily changed from “class” to “section”; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the AHA Handbook, Article 1351 be amended as follows:

Previous AHA Recognized National Champions are qualified for life and may re-enter that National Championship ~~section~~ class. Reserve National Champions are qualified for two additional years to re-enter that National Championship ~~section~~ class.

Effective: December 1, 2009.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #15-8/8/09-BOD**)

### **INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Dave Waggoner, That The Arabian Horse Association (“the Association”) Board of Directors approve the President’s expenses in the amount of \$1,949.09 for the period April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. These expenses have been examined by the Internal Audit Committee and have been determined to be acceptable.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #16-8/8/09-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Dave Waggoner:

Whereas, It is important to keep accurate records; and

Whereas, Bank account information should be kept up to date; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That a check sheet to verify bank account signature cards be added to the first scheduled Board of Directors meeting following Convention (elections).

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #17-8/8/09-BOD**)

### **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES**

**MOTION** by Debby Cain, to recess the AHA Board of Directors meeting and convene as the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #18-8/8/09-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Dale Harvill:

Whereas, AHA holds in its account \$750,000 that is owned by the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust; and

Whereas, The Trustee of the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust demands payment of such funds without unduly restricting or harming the ongoing operations and services of AHA since ABST depends in part on such operations and services for its continuing financing of programs; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustee will accept a demand promissory note with AHA as maker and the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust as payee in

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the principal amount of \$750,000 plus interest of 5% per annum amortized over 37 months commencing September 1, 2009 unless full payment is sooner demanded by the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the final Demand Promissory Note be approved by the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust before Trustee signs such note.

Effective: Immediately

Motion Passed. (**Motion #1-8/8/09-ABST**)

**MOTION** by Frank Galovic, to adjourn the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees meeting and reconvene the Board of Directors meeting.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #19-8/8/09-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Frank Galovic:

Whereas, AHA has not appropriately transferred funds to the Sweepstakes Trust as it should; and

Whereas, AHA has to make restitution for this failure; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That AHA, as restitution, gives the Sweepstakes Trust a demand note representing the full value of funds not transferred (currently estimated to be \$750,000, subject to final verification), payable in 37 monthly installments plus interest of 5% on the unpaid balance to commence September 1, 2009; Be It Further

Moved, That none of the interest paid shall be considered as part of the investment income used to reimburse AHA expenses incurred on behalf of the Sweepstakes program; and, Be It Further

Moved, That procedures be implemented to ensure appropriate transfers of funds as received.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #20-8/8/09-BOD**)

**NEW CLUB APPROVAL**

**MOTION** by Cecile Hetzel Dunn:

Whereas, The Region 6 Trail Creww Club application and non-refundable initiation fee have been received and are complete; and

Whereas, The Region 6 Trail Creww Club Bylaws have been reviewed; and

Whereas, The Regional Director has been contacted and is fully aware of the club's application; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the Region 6 Trail Creww Club Region 6 be approved as a new member organization.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #21-8/8/09-BOD**)

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**JUDGES & STEWARDS COMMISSIONER JOB DESCRIPTION**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, to approve the Judges & Stewards Commissioner job description as presented.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #22-8/8/09-BOD**)