

**ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AURORA, COLORADO  
UNAPPROVED MOTIONS  
JANUARY 29-30, 2010**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the Board of Directors agenda of January 29-30, 2010 be approved as amended.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #1-1/29/10-BOD**)

**RECEIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #2-1/29/10-BOD**)

**SUBMISSION OF BOARD MINUTES TO OFFICIAL BOOKS**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the November 18, 2009 and the November 22, 2009 Board of Directors minutes be approved and submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #3-1/29/10-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Jan Decker, That the December 1, 2009 that the Board of Directors minutes that were approved on December 24, 2009 be submitted to the Official Books of AHA.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #4-1/29/10-BOD**)

**AUDITED FINANCIALS**

**MOTION** by Dave Corning to approve the March 2009 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #5-1/29/10-BOD**)

**RAINY DAY FUND**

**MOTION** by Dave Corning:

Whereas, The Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Rainy Day Contingency Fund at the November 19, 2008 Board Meeting, to be established with \$250,000.00 initially and then the greater of \$50,000 or 10% of operating profit each fiscal year; and

Whereas, It was subsequently discovered that AHA did not have the initial funds to endow this fund; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the Board of Directors rescind the initial endowment and change the ongoing funding to be 10% of operating profit, after adjustment of operating profit by the difference between the Sweepstakes principle and interest for the fiscal year and operating depreciation expense excluding any potential depreciation for the new registration system.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #6-1/29/10-BOD**) (**Extraordinary Motion**)

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**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

**MOTION** by Dave Corning:

Whereas, Life memberships are currently designated permanently restricted funds; and  
Whereas, AHA incurs costs related to the memberships; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That the Life memberships be unrestricted by the Board of Directors.  
Effective: Immediately.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #7-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**MOTION** by Dave Corning:

Whereas, Life memberships have been a part of AHA's membership program for over 20 years; and  
Whereas, AHA incurs costs supplying Life membership benefits, including insurance; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That Life membership fees will be amortized over the life of competition membership, with the correction for past periods to be recognized in February 2010 Financials, with the remainder recognized over the remaining life based on competitive membership.  
Effective: Immediately.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #8-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**DISTANCE RIDING COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Cory Soltau:

Whereas, The Distance Riding Committee had reviewed and revised Chapter 15 for content and flow; and  
Whereas, Chapter 15 now has the desired hearing body and procedure for ride protests; and  
Whereas, The Competition Advisory Committee (who's responsibility is to review each AHA Handbook) has reviewed the request put forth by the Distance Riding Committee and recommends the changes; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That the revised Chapter 15 (as presented) be included in the 2010 printing of the AHA Handbook.  
Effective: Immediately.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #9-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**APPROVAL OF FY 2011 BUDGET**

**MOTION** by Dave Corning:

Whereas, The Budget & Finance Committee has reviewed the budget which includes fee increases; and  
Whereas, The AHA staff has provided historical documentation to the Budget & Finance Committee regarding program fees; and  
Whereas, Most fee increases were last implemented five year ago; and

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Whereas, AHA and the Budget & Finance Committee should take a fiscally responsible stance and review fees on a regular basis and make recommendations for increases to keep AHA financially solvent; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the AHA FY 2011 Budget be approved with the increases as presented; and, Be It Further

Moved, All fee increases will be conveyed to the membership in written documentation which will include immediate e-mail blasts, the AHA Handbook and *Modern Arabian Horse* magazine, 30 days prior to the April 1, 2010 implementation of the FY 2011 Budget.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed. **(Motion #10-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**MOTION** by Dave Corning:

Whereas, It is inconvenient to change the 2010 show fee per horse from \$1 to \$3 a horse mid show season; and

Whereas, The Modern Arabian Horse magazine subscription fee is more palatable effective immediately; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the FY 2011 budget be amended to reflect a Modern Arabian Horse magazine subscription at \$20; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the show charge per horse be amended to \$3 per horse effective December 31, 2010.

Motion Defeated. **(Motion #11-1/29/10-BOD)**

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Gary Hooghkirk:

Whereas, The Awards Committee is charged with the responsibility of submitting a motion to the Board of Directors to approve the awarding of the AHA Ambassador Award, after Awards Committee approval; and

Whereas, Athena++++// was approved by the Awards Committee, at its 2009 AHA Convention meeting to receive the AHA 2009 Ambassador Award; Therefore Be It

Moved, That; Athena++++// be approved by the BOD to receive the AHA 2009 Ambassador Award.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #12-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

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**MOTION** by Gary Hooghkirk:

Whereas, The Awards Committee is charged with the responsibility of submitting a motion to the Board of Directors to approve the awarding of the AHA Ambassador Award, after Awards Committee approval; and

Whereas, Gilet+/, TH Barbarian+, and TS Black Tie Affair were approved by the Awards Committee, at its 2009 AHA Convention meeting to receive the AHA 2009 Ambassador Award; Therefore Be It

Moved, That; Gilet+/, TH Barbarian+, and TS Black Tie Affair be approved by the BOD to receive the AHA 2009 Ambassador Award.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #13-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**MOTION** by Gary Hooghkirk:

Whereas, The current Ambassador Award rules state that “When the rider or handler of the horse is not the owner, a duplicate award will be presented to both the owner and the rider or handler”; and

Whereas, The possibility of the number of awards doubling in a single year will be detrimental to the budget; and

Whereas, All Market Development and Promotion funding has been pulled; and

Whereas, The rider or handler should have the option of receiving an Ambassador Award trophy; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the rules be modified as follows:  
“A suitable trophy will be presented to each recipient. The owner of the horse selected has the option to purchase a duplicate award if the rider/driver/handler is different.”

Effective: Immediately

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #14-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**DRESSAGE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Cathy Gage:

Whereas, The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) show year ends September 30; and

Whereas, The AHA USDF All-Breed Awards are finalized by USDF on October 15; and

Whereas, Additional processing time is needed to ensure that all eligible Arabians, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians receive their awards; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the AHA USDF All-Breed Awards program deadline of “before October 1” be changed to “before September 1”.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #15-1/29/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

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**HUNTER/JUMPER COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Allan Ehrlick:

- Whereas, Jumpers competing at AHA shows have only one class available to them, or only two classes if ridden by an amateur, up through the National level; and
- Whereas, The popular Mini-Jumper Prix has been eliminated from the Sport Horse Nationals, thereby further limiting the Jumper classes available; and
- Whereas, Jumper classes are some of the most exciting classes offered at Arabian shows and draw spectators; and
- Whereas, More Jumpers would enter AHA shows if more classes were made available to them; and
- Whereas, Our current jumper classes are limited to 3'6", yet many Arabian bred jumpers are showing in open USEF shows at fence heights well above this; and
- Whereas, Bigger fences attract bigger audiences; and
- Whereas, The best way to encourage Jumper participation is to allow a variety of fence heights suitable for a variety of training levels of horse and riders; and
- Whereas, Gamblers Choice Jumper classes offer that type of variety in a single class, attracting both exhibitors and spectators alike; and
- Whereas, Gamblers Choice is an approved USEF class (JP149); Therefore, Be It Moved, That the following Jumper class code be created on the Standard Class List: **Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Gamblers Choice Jumper**; and, Be It Further Moved, That AHA Article 1366.6 be amended to add Gamblers Choice Jumper to the exception list of classes which may be combined into Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian.
- Effective: Upon approval by the Board of Directors.
- Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #16-1/29/10-BOD**) (**Extraordinary Motion**)

**MOTION** by Allan Ehrlick:

- Whereas, The Hunter/Jumper Committee was not consulted prior to establishing the qualification requirements for Green Working Hunters at the Regionals and Nationals; and
- Whereas, Green Working Hunter qualifications were waived at the 2009 Nationals; and
- Whereas, Green Working Hunters were the largest Hunter classes at the 2009 Nationals; and
- Whereas, The AHA Points Monitoring Committee directed the Hunter/Jumper Committee to the Board of Directors for this request; and
- Whereas, It is in the best interest of AHA and the Arabian horse to encourage the continued success of this division at the Regional and National level; Therefore, Be It Moved, That the qualifications for purebred Arabian Green Working Hunters and for Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Green Working Hunters be removed for Nationals and Regionals.
- Effective: Upon approval by the Board of Directors.
- Motion Passed. (**Motion #17-1/29/10-BOD**) (**Extraordinary Motion**)

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**MOTION** by Allan Ehrlick:

- Whereas, A motion to combine purebred with Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Jumpers was presented to the Board of Directors (Motion #2-11/22/09-BOD) in November, 2009 that was not first presented to the Hunter/Jumper Committee for discussion and approval; and
- Whereas, The November Board motion was not based on any data or research to suggest the approval of such motion would be beneficial to the Arabian breed, or to the growth of the Jumper division at the Arabian Sport Horse Nationals; and
- Whereas, The Bylaws of AHA specifies that it is to promote the Arabian horse, yet eliminating a National Championship class with a 32-year history will cause the demise of the breeding, training and showing of purebred Arabian Jumpers and further reinforce the negative stereotype that Arabians cannot jump; and
- Whereas, The top competitors in Arabian Jumpers will not support Sport Horse Nationals if purebred Arabian Jumpers is combined with the partbred Arabian Jumpers, and they predict this combined class will have a long-term detrimental effect on the purebred Jumper division, not an advantageous effect as claimed by the proponent(s) of Motion #2-11/22/09-BOD; and
- Whereas, Members of the Hunter/Jumper Committee have researched and found that in 2003 (VA) when there were no qualifications for Jumpers, there were 17 entries in purebred Jumpers and in 2004 (CA), again before horses were required to qualify, there were 25 purebred Jumper entries. Beginning in 2005, when qualifications came into effect, the number of entries were cut in half and have steadily declined over the next four years. This data indicates that there are purebred Arabian Jumpers, but their inability to qualify due to the scarcity of shows offering their classes, is keeping them out of our National Jumper classes; and
- Whereas, The AHA Points Monitoring Committee directed the Hunter/Jumper Committee to the Board of Directors regarding changes in qualifications for Jumpers; and
- Whereas, Eliminating qualifications for Jumpers would be a better solution for increasing entries, as opposed to combining the Purebred with the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Jumpers; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, ~~That Board of Director Motion #2-11/22/09 be rescinded and the following combined Jumper class codes NOT be created for both the Open and the Amateur classes on the National class list:  
Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Jumper Championship  
Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Jumper ATR Championship  
; and, Be It Further~~
- Moved, That the qualifications for purebred Arabian Jumpers and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Jumpers, both Open and ATR, be removed at the Regional and National levels.
- Effective: Upon approval by the Board of Directors.
- Motion Passed. (**Motion #18-1/29/10-BOD**) (**Extraordinary Motion**)

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**MOTION** by Allan Ehrlick to amend Motion #17-1/29/10-BOD by deleting the first moved in its entirety.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #19-1/29/10-BOD**)

**COMPETITIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Gary Hooghkirk:

Whereas, The Sport Horse Committee is asking that the attached list of split classes for the sport horse division be added to the Standard Class List; and

Whereas, It is optional for any show to offer these classes. There would be no additional expense for another judge. The rules of attire and conduct are already in our rules. There would be no need for changes. Hunter and Dressage attire could be found in each class of splits. The splits are not about attire, the splits are addressing the different types of movement and carriage that can be seen in these classes; and

Whereas, By adding the splits, it will allow AHA and the Sport Horse Committee to track the numbers of entries that will be supporting these classes; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the Board of Directors accept the list of Sport Horse Classes, as presented, to be added to the Standard Class List.

Effective: As soon as approved, January 2010.

Motion Referred to Sport Horse Committee. (**Motion #20-1/30/10-BOD**) (**Extraordinary Motion**)

**MOTION** by Gary Hooghkirk:

Whereas, There is a perception and reality of inequality in the judging of Sport Horse In Hand classes; and

Whereas, The same perception was previously demonstrated in the judging of Half-Arabians prior to the optional division into Stock/Hunter and Saddle Pleasure, and; and

Whereas, The optional division of Sport Horse In Hand classes, Dressage Type and Hunter Type will allow for a more balanced competition; and

Whereas, The division of the Sport Horse In Hand will encourage more exhibitors to take part, thus increasing the size and income; and

Whereas, Additional officials WOULD NOT need to be hired; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That The Sport Horse in Hand classes be divided into Dressage Type and Hunter Type; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the division of the Sport Horse In Hand class is optional and at the discretion of show management; and, Be It Further

Moved That the following addition be made to the current USEF Rule AR158 General paragraph 2; addition to begin as a, and read as follows:

a. Sport Horse in hand classes may be divided at the discretion of competition management into Dressage type in hand and Hunter type in hand. Once a horse has shown in Dressage type in hand or Hunter type in hand, that horse may not show in-hand classes for the other type at that competition if classes are divided by type. Competition management is

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encouraged to offer separate Championship classes for each type, but the championship classes may be combined at competition management's discretion.

- (1) Dressage type- displays the conformation qualities necessary for dressage type events. Horses of this type carry a higher set-on neck than the Hunter type with sufficient length and flexion of the poll in such a way as to allow the horse to set up in the bridle properly. The trot should be free, elastic, active and regular without hesitation and with natural balance.
- (2) Hunter type- should display the conformation and movement typically found in Hunter events. Horses of this type carry a lower set on neck than the dressage type horse, yet must display a natural looking carriage, not too high or too low. The stride of the Hunter is long and low in a relaxed manner, but with good push from behind with low hock action.

; and, Be It Further

Moved, That this motion be considered as extraordinary.

Effective: Within 30 days of AHA Board of Directors approval.

Motion Referred to Sport Horse Committee. **(Motion #21-1/30/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**MOTION** by Cory Soltau:

Whereas, The Distance Riding Committee currently has a hearing body and procedures to handle protests and grievances for Competitive Trail Ride in Article 1504; and

Whereas, The Distance Riding Committee desires to have the same hearing body and procedures to handle protests and grievances for Endurance in Article 1613;

Therefore, Be It

Moved, That Article 1613 be revised to reflect the same procedure to handle protest and grievances as set forth in Article 1504.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #22-1/30/10-BOD) (Extraordinary Motion)**

**INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Nancy Harvey, That the Arabian Horse Association (“the Association”) Board of Directors approve the President’s expenses in the amount of \$6,627.27 for the period July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 and \$5,285.14 for the period October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. These expenses have been examined by the Internal Audit Committee and have been determined to be acceptable.

Motion Passed Unanimously. **(Motion #23-1/30/10-BOD)**

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**MOTION** by Nancy Harvey:

- Whereas, AHA's paper trail is still not completely clean and, as such, any new auditing company would be simultaneously researching the paper trail of our business. This would necessitate an outlay of funds that could easily be in excess of \$20,000 over the budgeted figures for the audit; and
- Whereas, With a year-end of March 31, 2010, it would require the engagement of an auditing company in the middle of tax season which would limit the attention to our business. If we change firms we would want to begin the audit process of learning our company in the November/December timeframe; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That the Arabian Horse Association ("the Association") Board of Directors approve the retention of the independent CPA firm of JDS Professional Group to audit the books and records and prepare the corporate tax returns of the Association for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010; and, Be It Further
- Moved, That the Internal Audit Committee will recommend by October 2010, which independent auditing company shall be used for the FY11 audit, this will allow our internal staff to complete their forensic accounting tasks and would enable us to bring a firm on in a more realistic time frame.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #24-1/30/10-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Nancy Harvey:

- Whereas, In order to be in line with the IRS level of reporting, and in response to a request from the auditing firm, we will be moving the required receipt level from \$5 to \$25; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That the required receipt level be raised from \$5 to \$25.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #25-1/30/10-BOD**)

**CLUB APPROVAL**

**MOTION** by Cecile Hetzel Dunn:

- Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association of Nebraska has requested to move their regional affiliation from Region 8 to Region 6; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That the Arabian Horse Association of Nebraska be granted approval to move their regional affiliation from Region 8 to Region 6.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #26-1/30/10-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Cecile Hetzel Dunn

- Whereas, The Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota Inc. has requested to move their regional affiliation from Region 6 to Region 10; Therefore, Be It
- Moved, That the Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota Inc. be granted approval to move their regional affiliation from Region 6 to Region 10.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #27-1/30/10-BOD**)

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**MOTION** by Cathy Gage:

Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association of Indiana application and non-refundable initiation fee have been received and are complete; and  
Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association of Indiana 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 Arabian Horse Association of Indiana of Region 13 be approved as a new member organization.  
Effective: Immediately.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #28-1/30/10-BOD**) (**Extraordinary Motion**)

**POINTS MONITORING COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** by Terry Johnson:

Whereas, Select classes were added to the “Approved National Classes not yet added to any National Shows” list at the November 2009 Board meeting; and  
Whereas, Both Canadian and U.S. Nationals are adding Select classes to their schedules; and  
Whereas, There are currently no qualifications for these classes at the National level; Therefore, Be It  
Moved, That The following qualifications be used for Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Select classes at Canadian and U.S. Nationals:  
English - 2 Points  
Country - 5 points  
Hunter - 10 Points  
Western - 5 points  
Effective: With the 2010 Canadian and U.S. National qualification period.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #29-1/30/10-BOD**)

**ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES**

**MOTION** by Nancy Harvey, to recess the AHA Board of Directors meeting and convene as the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #30-1/30/10-BOD**)

**MOTION** by Dale Harvill, to adjourn the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees meeting and reconvene the AHA Board of Directors meeting.  
Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #31-1/30/10-BOD**)

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**AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL WELFARE CODE OF PRACTICE  
POSITION**

**MOTION** by Jan Decker to adopt the American Horse Council Welfare Code of Practice.

Motion Passed. (**Motion #32-1/30/10-BOD**)

**IMPLEMENTATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MOTIONS**

**MOTION** by Terry Andreasen:

Whereas, AHA Board of Director motions have not always been implemented in a timely manner; and

Whereas, Some AHA Board of Director motions were not implemented by the due date; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors need to know and understand the status and costs of their decisions; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That a report be made to the Board of Directors at each meeting that identifies the status of implementation, cost of development/implementation and fees associated with the motion; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the report will include a rolling presentation of the past 12 months and all incomplete motions; and, Be It Further

Moved, That the initial report will go back to include calendar years 2009, 2008 and 2007.

Effective: Immediately.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (**Motion #33-1/30/10-BOD**)