

AHR Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2005

Bobal, Duvall, Gibson, Hug, Jameson, Lehman, Leisure, Rousseau, Sutton, Yoder
present

Dowd, Inabinett absent

Ruth Schwab, office manager present

Called to order at 8:10 PM by Paul Sutton

September BOD meeting minutes

Approved on line with Rousseau objecting

Ask the Board Question

Submitted from a member questioning Publications Committee policy of not publishing some letters to the editor. The member will receive a response.

Office Report

No final income/expenses in for National Show. Show results are up on the website. The AHR Sale consignment list is on the website as well and getting lots of visits.

The office staff is working hard to catch up the paperwork backlog which is improved now before the anticipated end of year rush.

Old Business:

National Show Report

There are no financial figures for the Show yet as expenses are still coming in. 240 horses attended which is about 10 more than last year. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was felt to be a successful show.

There was a good distribution of exhibitors in different disciplines.

There were sound system problems again. There also was a meal together Friday night that worked really well and was appreciated by the 200+ who attended.

AHR BOD Election Ballot Delayed Bulk Mail Delivery

The bulk mail postal delivery of the AHR BOD ballots has resulted in some people not receiving their mailed ballots in a timely way. Some individuals have turned out to be associate members so do not have voting privileges but a number are full members. There have been a number of phone calls and emails to directors and to the office by concerned members.

A variety of solutions were proposed including a complete re-do of the mailing going out first class, having ballots available at AHR and other upcoming sales, extending the ballot deadline, and sending out postcards notifying people of the problem.

Gibson moves that a postcard be sent out first class to all AHR voting members to notify them of the ballot problem and extending the ballot deadline to Nov. 10. Yoder seconded. Duvall feels it is too little effort too late.

Voting yes: Bobal, Hug, Jameson, Leisure, Lehman, Gibson, Sutton, Yoder, Rousseau
Voting no: Duvall

HBO/AHR Negotiations

Paul Sutton to talk with John Cisler about a meeting format.

Membership Meeting

Gibson, who cannot attend the Membership Meeting requests that Committee reports be presented to the Board before the meeting.

Sutton is planning to have Committee reports passed out to the membership when they arrive, and during the meeting have an open forum for members to ask questions and make comments. Minutes will be taken for Board reference at the annual BOD meeting in December.

New Business:

Judges Committee:

Sutton reports he has concerns about the Judges Committee accounting for finances of the Judges clinics, as the current chair Kim Hart thought the clinics privately organized outside the AHR.

There have not been detailed records received by AHR about who attended and paid for the clinics for the various sites and there seems to be confusion about whether the clinics were AHR sponsored/sanctioned or not.

Rousseau notes there are two types of clinics--one run by Judges' Committee with all volunteer assistance at AHR events, with profit made from the fees charged to the attendees. Other clinics were private functions, privately organized and hosted, and counted toward Judge accreditation because they were approved by the Judges Committee, but not organized or sponsored by AHR.

Gibson recommends that any Judges Clinic apply for AHR sanctioning with a standard application, proof of insurance with AHR as co-insured, and be presented to the BOD for approval via the Judges committee. No objections.

AHR Youth Committee:

Judy James is approved as an additional member of the committee.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:13 PM
Rousseau moves, Yoder seconds.

