

MINUTES

## THE AMERICAN MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9:00 A.M.                      October 18, 1978  
 Hilton Inn West              Oklahoma City, OK.

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Morgan Horse Association, Inc., was held on October 18, 1978, at the Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

I. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

In the absence of Dr. Albert Lucine, Chairman, Mr. Robert Chapman called the Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Present in addition to President Wigle and Mr. Chapman were: Marilyn Childs, Ralph Curtis, Robert Epperson, Mark Hanna, Philip Jackson, B.T. Mullaney, Jack Muse, Robert Orcutt, Edmund Perkins, James Richardson, James Stewart, Mary Woolverton, and M.A. Hanson. Also present were Director Emeritus, Mrs. Roger Ela, Marie Evans, Leo Beckley, Henry Boyd and Robert Atkinson, General Counsel.

II. WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS.III. EVIDENCE OF PROPER MEETING CALL.

Evidence of the Call of Meeting mailed to all Directors on September 29, 1978, was presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 1978, MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

Mr. Mullaney moved, seconded by Mr. Perkins that the Minutes of the May 6, 1978, Meeting of the Board of Directors in Newton, Massachusetts be adopted. The motion was carried.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

President Wigle reported that he was very pleased with the "new look" at the AMHA office. He expressed pleasure in the way that Mr. Kiviranna and Mrs. Young are progressing in their new positions; that he has been in contact with them frequently and on a regular basis since their appointment to office.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT.A. AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE 1977-78 FISCAL YEAR.

Mr. Muse commented on the Coopers & Lybrand Audit which was distributed to all Board Members for review. He highlighted the initial costs of the computer program and the decrease in income from registration and transfer transactions as major contributors to the net loss incurred in the 1977-78 fiscal year.

requires tremendous amounts of editing, and is often illegible.

Mrs. Young thus suggested that the AMHA should devise guidelines for submission of local club news information.

Mrs. Childs maintained that the Editor should in fact be responsible for editing the submitted material. She asked whether Mrs. Young felt the local club magazine issue would be a strong one. Mrs. Young simply felt that the club issue would have to run the test of time.

Mr. Beckley offered that there should be established guidelines as to what is considered "news" to Morgan enthusiasts and what isn't; that strictly "local" information should be left out.

Mr. Richardson withdrew his earlier motion in this regard. Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Mullaney, that action for changing fiscal requirements for local clubs be deferred for further study. The motion was carried. Mr. Stewart moved further, for the sake of clarification, that Section 9.C of "Stipulations for AMHA Accredited Clubs" be deleted, leaving the requirement now posed by this rule as optional. The motion was carried.

Mr. Beckley indicated that when accredited clubs were started, a \$35 advertising rate was established. He suggested that this rate is outdated, and should be reconsidered after review of the November Local Club Issue.

#### G. MAGAZINE STEERING.

No report was given.

#### H. OPEN COMPETITION.

Mr. Perkins praised the 1977 Open Competition Program for its success and established that the 1978 Program be run in the same format as before.

#### I. REGIONAL SHOW.

The Regional Show Committee report was submitted by Mr. Curtis(attached).

Mr. Mullaney asked that Mr. Curtis clarify to the Board and the Membership why and how Region 8 received approval for their 1979 Regional Show. Mr. Curtis reviewed the rules governing selection and the particulars of the subject selection.

It was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Childs, that the Regional Show Committee Report be accepted as read.

#### J. REGISTER.

Mr. Henna, acting Chairman, indicated that the Committee met on October 17, to review many registry matters, most of which are confidential in nature. In this light, he requested that the Board grant full power of the Board to the Registry Committee when acting on matters concerning the Register.

Mr. Hanson inquired as to whether files on register cases would remain open for full Board review as necessary. Mr. Hanna indicated that they indeed would remain open.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Miss Wobilverton, that the Register Committee be delegated the authority of the full Board of Directors in dealing with Registry matters, and that this power continue until modified by a future Board. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Carol Finzol was given an opportunity to speak on the issue of her displeasure with the "white rule" (Rule 1.2) as it now stands in the AQHA Rules and Regulations. She expressed emphatically that she felt the rule unfair. Her report was submitted to the AQHA in its entirety in writing.

In the course of discussion revolving around the points brought out by Mrs. Finzol, Dr. Boyd maintained that the subject rule was implemented to discourage infusion of pinto coloration in the breed.

Mrs. Childs commended Mrs. Finzol for speaking the truth publicly about her dilemma in trying to make her horse eligible under the "white rule." She alluded to the fact that many exhibitors are leaning towards artificiality in trying to cover white "flaws" which may appear on their Morgans, which because of the rule, make the animal less worthy in a judge's eye. She labeled this situation as ridiculous.

Mr. Muse moved, seconded by Mr. Mullaney, that the validity of the white rule be considered further by the Register Committee; and that reallocation of funds for blood typing be considered in the future. The motion was carried.

#### K. RULES.

Mrs. Childs submitted the rules committee report (attached).

Mr. Richardson was concerned with the fact that there was no notice in his area regional show prize list indicating where a rules forum would be held. He questioned whether the response of membership at the rules forums is representative of the general membership. He felt that the results of recently circulated rules petitions were a fairer representation of the desires and needs of the general membership than the opinions voiced at rules forums. Mr. Chapman argued that sufficient numbers of people attended the rules forums to render them valid. Dr. Boyd suggested that the general membership should make their presence felt at the rules forums if they feel strongly against the rules as they now stand.

Mr. Jackson offered that the Rules Forums should provide learning experience for those in attendance; that they should serve to clarify common rule misconception.

Mr. Hanna remarked that there were nearly a thousand horses at the New England Show and that there were only 52 people present at the respective rules forum. He pointed to the apathy of most people in this matter.

Mr. Richardson felt that large numbers of people are being turned off because they are not being listened to (example: on the petition regarding