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Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting

August 23, 2018

The Annual meeting was held August 23rd 2018, at the Kentucky State Fair and was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by James Nichols, pursuant to written notice dated July 26th 2018. James welcomed all attendees and introduced the officers and guests.

Rick Adams made motion to accept the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting. Bo Lucas seconded. The motion passed. Minutes from 2017 were accepted.

Financial Reports and Committee Reports:

- Financial Report presented by Rick Adams:
 - a. ARPHA Foundation Report: balance \$12,500.00. 501-C3 status was approved.
 - b. ARPHA Horse Show Report: The ARPHA 2018 Horse Show earned a profit of over \$9,000.00. The 2019 ARPHA Horse Show will be held again in Harrodsburg, KY. Dates for an additional show in Cleveland, TN for 2019 are being researched and will be announced.
 - c. Scholarships: Two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded. Recipients were Amanda Bray and Danny Hicks.

Old Business:

- Review of the new rules to be implemented in 2019 for the USTA Roadster Classic, Chuck Walker distributed handouts.

New Business:

- Lori Nelson presented new education guidelines.
- ARPHA, ASHA and AHHA would collaborate to create Judges Education/Training.
- Discussion of the possibility an additional fee added to membership fees to offset the cost of clinician(s).
- Possibly combine clinics for judges-live clinics and/or online clinics.
- Affiliates responsible for education of judges. Judges required to attend clinics in order to receive their card.
- Review of proposed rule changes for 2018 and 2019; Chuck Walker distributed handout material

- a. Discussion was held regarding RD-101 to change ...Standardbred or Standardbred type... to ... Standardbred or Half-Standardbred... and registered with USTA.
- b. All existing Non-Standardbreds shown prior to December 1, 2018 will be grandfathered and will be permitted to compete in this division.
- c. Rick Adams reported the statistics of ARPHA Road Horse ID Forms issued as of August, 22, 2018. Two hundred twelve (212) ID Forms have been issued. One hundred sixty-five ID Forms have been issued to registered Standardbreds. Nineteen (19) ID Forms have been issued to Half-Standardbreds, and nine (9) ID Forms have been issued to Non-Standardbreds.
- d. The following comments were recorded as part of the discussion of the proposed rule change:
 - i. In the history of the Roadster classes, it has always been Standardbreds. Road Horses that are Standardbreds have competed at the Kentucky State Fair since 1902. That's 116 years. The unique qualities of the Standardbred are the reasons the class was initiated. 116 years of history and tradition shows that the Roadster Horses and Standardbreds are one and the same. We need to know what we are shooting for.
 - ii. The Roadster classes were low in entries until the division opened up for half-breeds, and the division started to improve in numbers. Then it went back to strictly Standardbreds, and there was another decrease in numbers. Now people are coming to the ring to watch the classes because it is exciting. It has nothing to do with safety, because these Dutch horses are just as fast.
 - iii. When we opened it up, the numbers were staggering. We have now gotten too far away from the original vision for the roadster horse.
 - iiii. We need to change with the times; many people will be penalized because they have bred mares to Dutch stallions, and will have no place to show them, they can't get grandfathered in on time, if you vote this change USEF and the Roadsters are opening up the possibility of a law suit, it's practically racist.
- v. As a breeder what am I looking for? What are defining? Make it more like Standardbred/Saddlebred? What is the look? It has been for Standardbreds.
- vi. The need for judges to know the specs for the class includes that horses must show 3 distinct gaits and they are judged on speed, as well. Exhibitors won't know what kind of horse to buy if it continues the way we are going. That's going to hurt the potential sale of any road horse.
- vii. We need to read the specs of the class...we are looking for the epitome of the breed...where did that go...
- viii. Having Standardbreds and Dutch Harness Horses competing in the same class creates an impossible situation to judge.....it's like apples versus oranges...no one can evaluate two distinctly different types of horses under the rules... read the specs...you can't fix stupid...
- ix. The evolution of the class...pretty is just a plus...if a horse breaks or runs a turn, they should be out...

- X. The current classes allowing two such different types of horses to compete in the Road Horse Classes is impossible....as an owner how am I supposed to know which type of horse to buy...maybe we need two classes...in the long run having the two breeds together is going to hurt the division
- Xi. Years ago, this class was designed for Standardbreds...some of the half-standardbreds were competitive...there were just a few showing....
- Xii. This person stated they respect and understand the specs and knows when they get beat.
- Xiii. Safety is number one. If a horse can't keep up, it's dangerous to the class.
- Xiiii. As a horse show manager, he doesn't like it...thinks we are doing it for one week of the year.
- XV. Nobody could have imagined the confusion and disorder that has been caused by removing the Standardbred requirement a few years ago...big mistake...keep it Standardbreds.
- Xvi. The thoughts of the association don't mean it's a rule, because the USEF Rules Committee still has the last say.

- Rick Adams made a motion to hold a “straw-poll” on the issue. Only current members were to participate in the poll. Steve Crabtree seconded the motion for a “straw-poll”. The motion passed. James Nichols conducted the poll with a show of hands.
 - a. A quorum of 52 members voted 27 were in favor, 26 were opposed.
 - b. 3 non-members voted opposed who were then excluded from the poll.
 - c. There was brief discussion of possibly doing mailed ballots. But no motion was made to do so.

Election of Officers:

- James Nichols opened floor for discussion of the election of Officers.
- Raymond Shively motioned to re-instate the current Officers. Jimmy Robertson seconded. The motion passed.

Adjournment

- Rick Adams made motion to adjourn. Mike Felty seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.