



**American Road Horse & Pony Association
Annual Meeting**

August 17, 2019

Kentucky State Fairgrounds South Wing

Room B 109/110

10:00 AM EST

MINUTES

Officers Present:

James Nichols, President

Janet Crampton, Vice President, Ponies

Rick Adams, Secretary/Treasurer

Jon Walker, Vice President, Horses

Guest:

Chuck Walker, USEF

Board Members Present:

Steve Crabtree

Larry Jenkins

Melissa Moore

Shane Mullens

Merrill Murray

Absent:

Bo Lucas

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President James Nichols. James welcomed all attendees and introduced the officers and guest.
2. James Nichols reviewed 2018 Minutes. Melissa Moore made motion that the minutes be accepted. Marty Schaffel seconded. Motion passed. Minutes from the 2018 meeting were accepted.
3. James Nichols presented the 2019 Meeting Agenda.
4. James Nichols commented on the Roadster article in Hoofbeats Magazine. Said it was well done" great vision on our discipline" ...
5. Discussion about inaugural Memorial Day Trotting Sale Roadster Challenge held at the Lexington Jr. League Show...6 entries...really good class...exciting future for this class and our discipline...
6. USEF Representative is Tom Lowry.

7. Melissa Moore brought up concerns/issues at this year's WCHS.
 - a. Poor footing: too deep in the back work ring and very uneven in Stopher Walk.
 - b. Ring drag (6:00AM) at inconvenient time.
 - c. No food vendors near stabling area below Stopher Walk, but stadium stabling area had vendor.
 - d. Entering fairgrounds via Main Gate was extremely difficult. Needs to be open for Exhibitors and Golf Carts
 - e. Ran out of Parking Passes
8. ARPHA Sec./Treas., Rick Adams, gave the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Current funds: \$37,915.99
 - b. Increase in expenses \$1,076.64, deficit for last year
 - c. ARPHA Foundation Current funds: \$12,488.72
 - i. \$20,488.72 expected after promised donation.
 - d. ARPHA Horse Show: Show suffered from bad weather.
 - i. \$5,321.52 in show expenses, \$555.52 loss.
 - ii. Committee to be appointed to review alternative dates for the show.
 - e. Discussion was held to increase ARPHA dues to \$25 Junior Exhibitors, \$50 Senior Exhibitors and \$75 Family Membership.
 - i. Currently 369 members. 350 renew consistently.
 - ii. Steve Crabtree made motion made to adopt changes. Barbe Smith seconded. Motion passed.
9. Discussion was held re: USTA Roadster Classic:
 - a. Two years ago, changes were made to allow the eliminations to be tied and ribbons presented. However, Scarlett Mattson advised to leave the elimination classes as previously held; judges should select the top 10 horses to compete the USTA Classic Class.
 - b. Melissa Moore made Motion that the Judges will select the 10 best horses from the elimination(s). Shane Mullens seconded. Motion passed.
10. Melissa Moore made motion to approve the revised ARPHA By-Laws. Steve Crabtree Seconded. Motion passed.
11. Chuck Walker explained USEF rule process; rule approved by March 1st will take effect December 1st.
12. Melissa Moore discussed judges' education.
 - a. Eliminate web education; more benefit from live clinics with peers.
 - b. Next roadster judges' clinic will be held at the Kentucky Fall Classic.
 - c. Half-day clinic will be held January of 2020.
 - d. \$1,000 donation requested of ARPHA to fund clinics.
13. David Mount of ASHA discussed Joint Leadership Council.
 - a. Updated on some success regarding USEF issues.
 - b. Meeting with Senator M, McConnell to protect Saddlebreds and Roadsters from Federal legislation with regards to PAST Act.
 - c. Update on Safe Sport.

Elections:

- James Nichols opened discussion for election of officers and board members.
- Mike Felty made motion to re-elect same officers and board members. Steve Crabtree seconded. Motion passed. Unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- Discussion to send a representative to horse shows to monitor issues such as footing, especially at larger shows and WCHS. Representative would serve as liaison for trainers and show management.

New Business:

- Discussion re: the combining of entries in Amateur and Junior Exhibitor Road Pony classes at smaller shows.
- Junior exhibitors should have to qualify for competing at WCHS by showing in 6 classes over 3 horses shows.
- James Nichols stated a committee should be started to look into this. The goal is to increase entries in Road Pony and Road Horse classes at all shows.
- Milo Jones introduced the idea of "Top 10" incentive process to motivate audience and exhibitors. This should be looked into further.
- Melissa Moore motioned to adjourn meeting. Fran Crumpler seconded. Meeting was adjourned.