

Arabian Horse Youth Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Approved Minutes
November 17, 2018
Tulsa, OK

The meeting time and place was moved due to a fire at the original hotel. The goal of this meeting was to run the meeting as fast and efficiently as possible, therefore some topics in the agenda had minimal discussion if any

- I. Welcome and Call to Order – Sarah**
 - a. Sarah: Call to Order at 10:24
- II. Roll Call/Introductions – Sarah**
 - a. Sarah: President (Region 9)
 - b. Savanna: Vice-President (Region 11)
 - c. Ashley: Secretary (Region 11)
 - d. Audrey: Youth Director Region 5
 - e. Elizabeth: Youth Director Region 15
 - f. Katie: Youth Director Region 10
 - g. Cole: Youth Director Region 9
 - h. Caroline: Youth Director Region 11
 - i. Cameron: Youth Vice-Director Region 4
 - j. Shelby: Youth Director Region 4
 - k. Harper: Youth Director Region 8
 - l. Tristen: Youth Director Region 7
 - m. Grace: Youth Director Region 3
 - n. Debbie Himmel Youth Committee Chair
 - o. Brenna Whitlock Youth and Family Programs Coordinator
- III. Robert's Rules of Order – Brenna**
 - a. Brenna briefly reminded individuals how to move and second a motion.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Sarah**
 - a. Katie motions to approve the agenda and Grace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Savannah**
 - a. Brenna: Overview
 - i. Good judging contest (no drop or increase in numbers)
 - ii. First U.S. Nationals Hippology contest with 8 entries
 - iii. 93 RYTT entries
 1. Brenna briefly discussed the possibility of re-vamping the process
 - iv. Brenna stated that sponsorships were good but we were a little down on t-shirt sponsorships.
 - v. The congrats bears made half of what was expected and the board is considering re-vamping this fundraiser.

- vi. Raffle tickets- \$13,000
- vii. Brenna reminded the board that she still has pop-sockets to sell.

VI. BOD Roles & Responsibilities – Brenna

- a. Welcome!
 - i. Discussed board roles and responsibilities including how the directors represent all of the youth in their region and are in charge of running regional youth meetings
- b. 2018-2019 Timeline
 - i. Next meeting March 9
 - ii. Brenna will email the code of conduct to everyone to sign and send back
 - iii. Brenna emailed Scholarship requirements to everyone

VII. Regional Reports – Sarah

- a. Email regional reports to Brenna

VIII. AHYA Committees – Sarah

- a. Reports – email them to Brenna
- b. Committees
 - i. Equitation/Showmanship Committee
 - ii. Fundraising & Promotion Committee
 - iii. Judging & Hippology Committee
 - iv. Membership Committee
 - v. Youth Activity Committee
- c. Any AHYA member can serve on a committee! Spread the word.

IX. Unfinished Business – Brenna

- a. Discussion of age splits – if not voted on at Convention
 - i. Move to the bottom of the agenda
- b. Silent Auction Thank You Notes – from AHYA
 - i. Done
- c. Conference Calls/Meetings
 - i. How are they going?
 - 1. So far people like it
 - ii. Do you all like this platform?
 - 1. Board likes having meetings in between because they are good reminders
 - iii. Do you like the video abilities?

X. 2018 Youth Nationals Report & Debrief – Brenna

- a. Youth Nationals Survey Results Summary
- b. Activities:
 - i. Hippology – made \$130, about 24 entries
 - 1. Numbers are declining
 - ii. Ice Cream Social/Dance - \$1,000 sponsored by Markel
 - iii. Chill Box – activity hour - \$3,000 sponsored by Hesten Park
 - iv. Stick Horse
 - v. Arena Activities

- vi. Color War and water fight
 - 1. Did you all enjoy this? Do we need more color?
- c. Fundraisers – board received information from Brenna about the following fundraisers
 - i. Congrats Bears – maybe change to good luck ponies or message ponies?
 - ii. Trailer Raffle -
 - iii. Limited Edition Pop Sockets – still have pop sockets to sell. Ordered another set. Would you all like to take some to sell in your area?

XI. 2019 Youth Nationals Planning - Brenna

- a. Theme
 - i. Ideas – Board discussed potential themes in depth including:
 - 1. Under the Sea
 - 2. Beach Theme
 - 3. Christmas in July
 - 4. Medieval Times
 - ii. Medieval Times Theme
 - a. Harper motioned to have a medieval times theme. Caroline seconded the motion. The motion passed. The board then discussed further activities for the theme and decided to have a later conference call about activities.
- b. Convention
 - i. Any suggestions – what did you like/not like
 - 1. The board discussed the following topics in regards to convention: kahoot, open convention, floor votes, voting time (online survey), and committee reports. The board expressed a desire to continue kahoot, remove floor nominations, use an online voting service, and eliminate verbal committee reports unless urgent info needs to be conveyed.
 - ii. Activities – Greeting/Welcoming
 - iii. Recruiting Ideas
- c. Chill Box
 - i. What did you think about having this room?
 - 1. The board believes the participation in the room will grow and wants to continue the Chill Box. They also talked about finding sponsors to provide snacks.
 - ii. Was it worth it?
 - iii. Should we have board sign up for times to staff it/sell ponies?
- d. Arena Activities – not sure this was worth the time and coordination
 - i. Maybe one kickball or dodgeball game (specialty Arena)
 - 1. The board discussed having fewer, but larger activities.

- e. New Activities and fundraisers
 - i. There was discussion earlier about a jousting fundraiser and water balloon slingshot activity.
- f. Hippology
 - i. The board decided to eliminate the contest at Youth and continue it at U.S.

XII. Side Notes About Communication

- a. The board discussed new ways to communicate with each other and Brenna is looking into these methods.
- b. The board also discussed ways to improve their communication with members.

XIII. 10-minute break

- a. Sarah called for a break at 12:05
- b. Sarah called the meeting back to order at 12:22

XIV. Youth Awards & Recognition - Brenna

- a. AHA Youth of the Year
 - i. Brenna announced the youth of the year, the first runner up, and the second runner up.
- b. USEF Awards
 - i. Youth Sportsman of the Year
 - 1. The AHA nominated Katie Treadwell for the Youth Sportsman of the Year.

XV. New Business – Brenna

- a. Board requirements/scholarships
 - i. Brenna reminded the members that she has sent out the requirements for board scholarships and the program runs for one year from youth nationals to the next youth nationals.
- b. Leadership/planning activities for March mtg
 - i. The board discussed how they enjoyed the goal planning at the meeting but said they often forgot about the goals they set after the meeting.

XVI. March BOD Meeting

- a. Choose Date
 - i. Adult board meets March 8; if AHYA wanted to meet then, dates would be March 8-9, with arrival on the 7th optional for a tour day.
 - 1. Do we still want to do a tour day?
 - a. The board discussed their desire for a tour day.
 - 2. Can we meet just on Saturday?
 - a. The board decided to just meet on Saturday.

XVII. Age Splits

- a. Sarah gave a brief update to the board on youth nationals age splits and statistics on the age groups from youth nationals
- b. Sheri Odom- Chair for Equitation and Showmanship Committee

- i. Sheri Odom's stated that the Equitation and Showmanship committee supports the Age Split but will have to work with rewriting rules because the pattern rules are specific to 13 and under.
 - ii. Sheri said the equitation committee believes the split is possible and the committee will re-write the rules if the split is approved
- c. Brenna reminded the board that the age split will need to be put through by resolution and said the financial impacts will be on ribbons, plaques, and staff time
- d. The board formed an Age Split "Committee" headed by Sarah and consisting of the following members: Savanna, Ashley, Cole, Caroline, and Tristen

XVIII. Equitation and Showmanship Update

- a. Sheri Odom updated the board on several upcoming changes regarding equitation and showmanship including: the rule that walk-trot hunt-seat classes have to perform a sitting trot is now in the handbook, medal class points will count towards regionals, extended gaits will be shown in 13 and under Horsemanship, and there will be a designated walker in Showmanship

XIX. Reminders – Brenna briefly discussed the following reminders in the agenda

- a. November 30 – RYTT results close
- b. December 15 – RYTT results due to AHA
- c. February 1st – RYTT Entry Deadline
- d. March – BOD MEETING
 - i. Written Regional Updates **DUE**
 - ii. Regional Meeting Minutes **DUE**

XX. Adjournment

- a. Katie motions to adjourn the meeting and grace seconds the motion
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1:04