

## Mid-State Minutes February

The meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb 15 at the Sheridan Riding Club. The MS officers present were President – DeLaina Harris, V. Pres – Ernie Flowers, Secretary – Suzann Harrington, Treasurer – Connie Neighbours, Parliamentarian – Stanley Howard

The club representatives present were:

Benton:	Nancie Garrett
Lorance:	Patsy Barnard & Dara Duck
Malvern	Wayne Neighbours, Brodie Ramsey
Saline Co.	Bubba Gammill
Sheridan:	Kim Davis & D.L. Worthen

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The Jan minutes were reviewed and the current treasury report was given showing a current balance of \$1477.44. A motion was made and seconded to accept them as read. PASSED

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Entry sheets have been ordered.
- Contestant numbers have been picked up but are short for two shows. Bubba stated that Saline Co. had sufficient numbers for their shows. Based on this, no more numbers will need to be acquired for the 2011 show season.
- Bubba Gammill made a motion that each club be responsible for getting their own ribbons for the Mid-state shows that they host each year. Motion seconded. PASSED

### STATE RULE SUGGESTIONS

- Contestants must use appropriate headgear as stated in AQHA rule book. (some contestants have been running in halters with lead ropes) DeLaina brought this up at the Jan. 30 state meeting but the state board felt that because the lead rope was being attached to the side of the halter and not under the chin, that it was a side-pull which is a legal headgear.
- Reining pattern 11 as shown in AQHA rule book will be added as an approved pattern.
- The discussion of allowing speed riders a period of open riding before starting individual work for barrels, poles, speed & flags at the state show will be tabled until later.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- The clubs should turn in their membership list to Pam Worthen ASAP. Please make sure that the list includes birthdates. Her mailing address is 97 Grant 270019, Sheridan AR 72150 or her e-mail address is [WorthenQH@windstream.net](mailto:WorthenQH@windstream.net).
- Club secretaries should attend the next Mid-State meeting to pick up their show packets.

The results of the proposed rules changes for the 2011 show season are as follows:

1. **PASSED** - If a person belongs to two associations and earns points in both, that person will forfeit any points earned at Mid-state and will be entered as a non-member for the remainder of that show year. Points forfeited will NOT be redistributed.  
BRC - Y    LRC - Y    MRC - Y    SCRC - Y    SRC - N
2. **PASSED** - Novice Pleasure – Change the wording from “Riders will be ineligible to ride Novice Pleasure if a rider has accumulated 25 points in any 3 gaited classes excluding Novice Pleasure and 10 and under classes TO “... a rider has accumulated 25 **combined** points in **non-timed judged classes** excluding Novice Pleasure and 10 and under classes.  
BRC - N    LRC - Y    MRC - Y    SCRC - Y    SRC - N

3. Two proposals were made in regards to following state rules in the area of horse tack.

A) **FAILED** - Everyone must ride in a saddle if in the arena including breaks and competition events.

BRC - N    LRC - N    MRC - Y    SCRC - Y    SRC - N

B) **PASSED** - A person will not be allowed to compete bareback unless class rules state otherwise.

BRC - N    LRC - Y    MRC - Y    SCRC - Y    SRC - N

4. Adding the following three classes to the schedule. These will need to be voted on separately and NOT as a group.

A) **PASSED** - Add Open Pleasure class that does NOT earn points or receive year end awards. (this class does not have to be judged but can be called from the announcer stand giving the participants sufficient time to work their horses)

BRC - Y                    LRC - y                    MRC - N    SCRC - Y    SRC - N

B) **PASSED** - Add Open Halter class to replace the Queens class that is dropped for the last 6 shows. This class will NOT earn points or receive year end awards and will be part of the non-rotating classes.

BRC - Y                    LRC - Y                    MRC - Y                    SCRC - N                    SRC - N

C) **PASSED** - Add Exhibition barrel and poles to all shows with a 2 ride / person limit.

BRC - Y                    LRC - N                    MRC - Y                    SCRC - Y                    SRC - N

5. There were three options presented to change the start time from 2 PM.

**Choice 1 – FAILED** - Start any shows prior to and including May 15 at 1 PM and any shows after May 15th at 4 PM. This date/time line applies to any shows rained out or cancelled in progress.

BRC - N                    LRC - N                    MRC - N                    SCRC - N                    SRC - N

**Choice 2 – PASSED** - After May 15, speed events will not start before 6 PM regardless of the show start time.

BRC - Y    LRC - Y    MRC - N                    SCRC - Y                    SRC - N

**Choice 3 – FAILED** - Start ALL shows at 4 PM.

BRC - Y                    LRC - N                    MRC - N                    SCRC - N                    SRC - N

## 6. FEES

- Entry Fees: For shows rained out in progress, reimbursing the entry fees is not mentioned. Last year, there were both non-members and members that asked for their fees back due to not being able to attend the rain date. Their fees were refunded after discussion with a few board members but this should be clarified in the rules.

**Choice 1 – FAILED** - A person may have their fees refunded for those events not yet completed if:

A) The request is made after the show has been officially cancelled.

B) The request is made either at the cancelled show or at the rain date show before the class begins but NOT after the event or show has been completed.

BRC - N                    LRC - N                    MRC - N                    SCRC - N                    SRC - N

**Choice 2 –PASSED-** No refunds will be given due to rainouts.

BRC -Y LRC – Y MRC -Y SCRC – Y SRC - Y

- Vehicle Fees: **FAILED**

To allow clubs to charge and keep a \$1 fee per vehicle to those without a trailer excluding the benefit shows. (To charge the fee will be up to each club to decide if they choose to charge the fee or not) Sheridan and Malvern would most likely be excluded from this as they are located on through access roads.

BRC - N LRC – N MRC – N SCRC - Y SRC - N

- Judges Fees: **FAILED**

Use a judge for only the judged classes to reduce the fee from \$400 to \$300. The Show Manager will be responsible for setting flags and judging key-hole. This includes all classes prior to the speed events.

BRC - Y LRC – N MRC - N SCRC – Y SRC - N

7. Lunging of horses - **FAILED** Change rule from “No lunging of horses will be allowed in the arena”, TO “No lunging within 2 hours of the show start time in the arena.”

BRC - Y LRC - N MRC – N SCRC - Y SRC - N

8. **PASSED** - Change wording in this rule from “will” to “may”. Arena **will** be closed until one and one-half hours before show time and **will** close again 30 minutes before show time for watering and raking at the Arena Director’s discretion.”

BRC -Y LRC –Y MRC – Y SCRC - Y SRC - Y

9. Reining class **PASSED** Add pattern #11 as shown in the AQHA & NRHA rule books.

BRC -Y LRC –Y MRC –Y SCRC –Y SRC – Y

As a result of those rule changes above being passed, the following will also be made:

- A motion was made and seconded to put the exhibition barrels/poles after the Sr. classes of each event. **PASSED** – BRC 1Y LRC – 2Y MRC – 2Y SCRC – 2Y SRC – 1N
- A motion was made and seconded to put the Open Pleasure class as the first non-rotating class. **PASSED** - All 9 reps voted “yes”
- A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording of Rule #2, Section J – Rotation of Events to reflect the first seven events will not rotate. **PASSED** All 9 reps voted “yes”
- It was brought to the board’s attention that the jackpot payout scale given in the rule book is incorrect and the payout distribution for four payouts totals more than 100%. This will be corrected for the 2011 rule book.

## MID-STATE VOTING RESULTS FOR PROPOSED STATE RULE CHANGES

The following were proposed rule changes from the state level that will be voted on at the March 6 ASHSA meeting in Little Rock.

1. **PASSED** - Strike the rule "a rider 10 yrs old and younger may not ride a pony in a buckaroo class where there is a corresponding pony class in that event" ie.. Buckaroo Barrels and Poles  
BRC – Y LRC – Y MRC - N SCRC – Y SRC - Y

2. **PASSED** - A rider must remain in the age division in barrels and poles that they begin riding in for that show season only. A rider may move up to buckaroo but cannot move back down to pony after competing in buckaroo barrels or buckaroo poles for that year only.

(Riders may still compete in pony barrels and buckaroo poles or vise versa but cannot move down in the same event) BRC – Y LRC – Y MRC – Y SCRC – Y SRC – Y

3. **PASSED** - Highpoint at the State Horse Show will be determined by age not by class. Highpoint age determination will be as follows:

Pewee Highpoint - 10 and under

Buckaroo Highpoint - 11 to 13

Junior Highpoint - 14 to 18

Senior Highpoint - 19 and up

Points will be earned in all classes (with the exception of current not tabulated classes, ie. Queens). If a pewee/buckaroo rider competes and places in an open or junior class, the points they earn in that class will count toward the highpoint for their age group.

BRC – OBSTAINED LRC – N MRC – Y SCRC – Y SRC - Y

4. **PASSED** - For barrel pick-up, a judge will be placed behind the barrel and another at the time line. BRC – Y LRC – Y MRC – Y SCRC – Y SRC - N

5. **PASSED** - For barrel pick-up, jumpers will only have one attempt to get on the horse. If you fall to the ground you must exit the arena on foot. You cannot get back on the barrel or be picked up off of the ground. BRC – N LRC – Y MRC - Y SCRC – Y SRC - Y

6. **PASSED** - Allow no more than 20 horses in a final cut. If more than 20 are called back, there is to be a semi-final. BRC – Y LRC – Y MRC – Y SCRC – Y SRC – Y

7. **FAILED** - Omit the AQHA rule that doesn't allow metal, chain, or wire tie downs or hackamores. BRC – Y LRC – Y MRC – N SCRC – N SRC - N

All clubs will need to discuss at their March meetings which of the state rule changes, if passed, they want to incorporate into the Mid-State rules for 2011.

Next Mid-State meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2010 at the Malvern Riding Club @ 7:30 PM.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Submitted by,

Suzann Harrington  
MS Secretary  
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**Beginning Balance as of 1-25-11**

**\$1,266.26**

Deposit

\$ 250.00

Start up / Scholarship – Lorange \$125.00

Malvern \$125.00

Checks Written

1091 – Suzann Harrington – web site \$38.82

**Ending Balance as of 2-15-11**

**\$1,477.44**

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