

AMERICAN MULE RACING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2017

A quorum being present, the meeting of the American Mule Racing Association was called to order at 1:13 p.m., March 5, 2016, by President Don Jacklin at Harrah's Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

The following board members were in attendance: Don Jacklin, David E. Wood, Bert Johnson, M.D., Roger Downey, Mary McPherson and Becky Reimers. Twenty members were in attendance.

There was an introduction of the Board of Directors and the general membership.

The agenda was reviewed.

The evening banquet was discussed.

The minutes of the 2016 meeting held in Reno, Nevada, had been published on the AMRA website. Upon motion and second by Ruth Burdick and Dr. Bert Johnson the minutes as presented were unanimously approved.

Mary McPherson as Chair of the Nomination committee spoke as to the nomination procedures and the proxies. No one other than the incumbent Board members had been nominated.

Don Jacklin reported as President. Mr. Jacklin stated that there are several challenges to be faced in 2017 for the Association, but that we have done a good job surviving. He reported that he had signed the contract with CARF for the summer as well as the ADW contract.

An animal count was taken and there should be 36 animals, including three year olds, running in 2017.

Kate Phariss as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association spoke as to the financial reports for 2016. Ms. Phariss stated that the Association was operating in the black and was still strong and viable. Upon motion and second by Dr. Bert Johnson and Mary McPherson, the financial reports as presented were unanimously approved.

The question was raised as to State Fund's charging a daily rate in addition to the deposit for workers' comp. Joanie Beach reported that she has been told there is no daily fee being assessed.

The AMRA three year old Futurity held in Fresno was discussed. There will be entry fees only. No penalties will be charged for late entries.

Mr. Jacklin presented the 2017 race schedule.

The 2018 annual meeting was discussed. There was a consensus by the members to return to the Grand Sierra.

Under New Business, Mary McPherson will be the breed rep for all the fairs. She requested that everyone enter early for the races.

Also, under New Business, a status report was given as it pertains to Ferndale by Ferndale Board Member, Clare Bugenig. The membership requested that Mr. Bugenig ask the Ferndale Board about equal shipping incentive for mixed breeds and thoroughbreds. The membership also requested room nights for jockeys as an incentive for them to ride at Ferndale. Mr. Bugenig will report back to Mr. Jacklin as to the results of this meeting.

Ruth Burdick spoke as to the manner in which points accrue for year end awards.

Kate Phariss spoke as to the website. Ms. Phariss asked for more input from the membership in the form of photos or articles. The use of social media, primarily Facebook, will be researched.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion and second by Becky Sanders and Roger Downey, it was unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Phariss
Secretary-Treasurer