

AMERICAN MULE RACING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2019

A quorum being present, the meeting of the American Mule Racing Association was called to order at 1:20 p.m., March 2, 2019, by President Don Jacklin at the offices of the California Authority of Racing Fairs in Sacramento, California.

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

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

The agenda was reviewed.

The evening banquet was discussed.

The minutes of the 2018 meeting held in Sacramento, California, had been published on the AMRA website. Upon motion and second by Dave Wood and Mary McPherson, the minutes as presented were unanimously approved.

Kate Phariss as Secretary-Treasurer spoke as to the financial reports for 2018. The proposed budget with the following changes was presented to the membership.

- An incentive program for new owners/new animal will be implemented.
- Advertising for the incentive program will be purchased in three main mule magazines in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.

Upon motion and second by Ruth Burdick and Dave Wood, the financial reports as presented were unanimously approved.

Mary McPherson as Chair of the Nomination Committee spoke as to the nomination procedures. No one other than the incumbent Board members had been nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion and second by Ruth Burdick and Roger Downey, the current directors will stand.

Don Jacklin reported as President. Mr. Jacklin stated that racing in 2019 will have many of the same challenges as in 2018. As stated last year, we have done a good job surviving. The animal count for 2019 will be much the same as in 2018 with the hope of an increase with the incentive program.

The incentive program was discussed and explained. All new owner/new animal combination who start at least once at two different race meets will be entitled to an incentive in the amount of \$2,000. New owner/new animal combinations who start at least once at each meet will be entitled to an

additional \$1,000. AMRA will sponsor the CHRB owner's license for any new licensee with a new animal. New owners are also entitled to an AMRA membership this year only for no charge.

President Jacklin also spoke as to the starter series CARF is presenting at the member fairs for mules. Starter series will be one race at each meet. The purse will be \$7,000 guaranteed. The final race will be at Fresno and entries will be based on the highest number of points awarded in the series races at the other fairs. There is a possibility of two stakes races – one for higher speed index mules and one for the lower to middle animals. Purse money will be divided between the two races. Starter series will be a paid in race. Discussion with be ongoing with CARF.

A jockeys' incentive is being discussed as well.

The AMRA Futurity held in Fresno was discussed. There will be a reduced entry fee TBD with no late penalty. There are currently five to six three-year-olds and the number is growing.

Ruth Burdick spoke as to the awards and explained the point system used to arrive at year-end winners.

Workers' Comp was discussed. The outcome remains the same for 2019.

The 2019 race dates were presented.

Ruth Burdick made the buckle and trophy presentation for the 2018 winners.

Roger Downey will consult with Mei Davis regarding 2019 Breed Representation position.

The 2020 annual meeting was discussed. There was a consensus to return to Harrah's Hotel/Casino, Reno, Nevada in 2020. The date will be the second weekend in March.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion and second by Ruth Burdick and Dave Wood, it was unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Phariss
Secretary-Treasurer