

AMERICAN MULE RACING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2011

A quorum being present, the meeting of the American Mule Racing Association was called to order at 9:12 a.m., February 19, 2011, by President Don Jacklin at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada.

The following board members were in attendance: Don Jacklin, Bert Johnson, M.D., Dave Wood, Roger Downey, Mary McPherson and Becky Reimers. Twenty-one members were in attendance. The list of members and guests is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes hereof.

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

The evening banquet was discussed.

Mary McPherson as Chair of the Nomination committee spoke as to the nomination procedures, the proxies. Only one person not currently on the Board had been nominated. That person had declined to run.

The minutes of the February 20, 2010, meeting held in Reno, Nevada, had been published on the AMRA website. Upon motion and second by Mary McPherson and Dave Wood, the minutes of said meeting were unanimously approved.

Don Jacklin reported as President. President Jacklin stated that there would be a change in the order of the Agenda and that New Business would be the first thing discussed as the operation plan for summer racing depended on the membership voting at this meeting. President Jacklin spoke as to the financial state of the Association and that the number of mules for 2011 appeared to be down. He stated that it was the opinion voiced by the Board of Directors, that the number of races for the summer racing be reduced by approximately 50 percent in an effort to increase field size for the available mules. President Jacklin stated that he and Dave Wood had met with CARF representatives and the summer fair Racing Secretary to discuss the future of mule racing. He then asked Dave Wood to report on the results of that meeting. Mr. Wood stated that it was his feeling and that of President Jacklin that meeting had gone well. CARF representatives were open to ideas. CARF CEO, Chris Korby, stated that there should be an attempt to involve more owners and trainers in mule racing; that it was felt that mule racing had become a stale product and that there should be out-of-the-box thinking to improve mule racing. Mr. Korby also stated that the bettors felt that there were too many mules with the Bar JF name and that needed to change. Mr. Wood stated that ideas to limit the number of mule races and thereby increase field size presented by himself and President Jacklin were well-received by those at the CARF

meeting. There will be a report at the Winnemucca meeting on the second meeting between CARF representatives, President Jacklin and Dave Wood. President Jacklin also spoke as to the effort being made to acquire Workers' Comp insurance at a rate much lower than that quoted by State Fund. Money from the Association will be allocated to the insurance company chosen to assist owners and trainers with the Workers' Comp fees. President Jacklin completed his report by discussing the financial situation of the Association. President Jacklin asked for a report from the Secretary-Treasurer.

Kate Phariss as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association spoke as to the request from President Jacklin to create two draft budgets – one based on 65 mule races during the summer; the other based on 30 mule races. Upon motion and second by Ruth Burdick and Dave Wood, the motion to approve a budget based on 30 races was unanimously approved.

Ms. Phariss also spoke as to ideas on budget cuts.

First was to eliminate the jockey incentive program. The jockey buckle award and \$250 to the winning jockey will remain in effect. Upon motion and second by Dr. Bert Johnson and Ruth Burdick, a motion to eliminate the jockey incentive program was unanimously approved.

Second was to eliminate the leading sire award. At this time, there is only one sire listed, so there is no competition. Upon motion and second by Dave Wood and James Farley, the elimination of the leading sire award was unanimously approved.

Third was to eliminate the printing of the Past Performance books. In the future all information will be transmitted to interested parties electronically.

Kirk Goodrich, Racing Secretary for the Winnemucca meet, spoke as to the meet. He requested that every attempt be made by members to have mules running at Winnemucca gate approved and official works in prior to arriving at Winnemucca.

The count for three year olds for 2011 was taken. The number is 10 to 12.

President Jacklin reported that there was a recommendation by the Board of Directors to include two races during the summer between mules and Arabians. The races would be a series of two held at Sacramento and Fresno. Field must be equal number of mules and Arabians. The distance will be determined. Kate Phariss will meet with Larry Swartzlander (CARF) and Tom Doutrich to discuss this series. She will report to the Board.

Due to the Association's assisting with the Workers' Comp fees, the filler incentive program is eliminated.

President Jacklin stated that there will be a new handbook created showing the changes voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The race schedule was discussed with the changes for 2011.

Roger Downey spoke as to the endurance race at Winnemucca. It was his feeling that there will be a minimum of 10 entries in that race.

It was agreed that the Fred Cox Memorial Race will be run again at Pleasanton.

It was decided by the membership to hold the 2012 annual convention at the Grand Sierra Resort Casino in Reno. It was the desire of the membership to hold the 2012 convention the weekend immediately following the President's Day holiday weekend.

Kate Phariss spoke as to the website and that the site had been reworked and had a new look for 2010.

President Jacklin called upon Ruth Burdick to explain the process she uses in computing points for the year-end awards and that it is a double check system with President Jacklin's records. President Jacklin thanked Ms. Burdick for her hard work in computing and keeping track of the points.

Kate Phariss reported on the CalBred program. \$26,000 was paid to the Association in CalBred money. \$24,000 was paid out to members. The remaining \$2,000 was earned by non-members and, therefore, not paid out. The \$2,000 will carryover to 2011 payout.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion and second by Mary McPherson and Ruth Burdick, it was unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Phariss  
Secretary-Treasurer