AMERICAN MULE RACING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2012

A quorum being present, the meeting of the American Mule Racing Association was
called to order at 10:38 a.m., January 14, 2012, by President Don Jacklin at the Courtyard
Marriott in Sacramento, California.

The following board members were in attendance: Don Jacklin, Bert Johnson, M.D.,
Roger Downey, Mary McPherson and Becky Reimers. Board member, Dave Wood, was
excused due to a previous engagement. Twenty-four 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 agenda was reviewed.

The evening banquet was discussed.

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.

The minutes of the February 19, 2011, meeting held in Reno, Nevada, had been
published on the AMRA website. Upon motion and second by Bert Johnson and Mary
McPherson the minutes as presented 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 operational plan for summer racing depended on the membership
voting on the Board’s recommendations at this meeting. Mr. Jacklin stated that the
Association would need a minimum herd of 33 mules four years of age or older and six
to eight three year olds. He also stated that the Board had agreed that it was necessary
to have a reduction in the number of races run during the summer or a reduction in the
number of race meets. He stated that it presented a stale product to the public if too
many races were run with the same mules. The stale product results in a smaller
wagering handle thereby creating lower purses. Mr. Jacklin then requested that the
membership purge the non-running mules from the system. The final count on mules
already in the system was 34. A count of members’ three year olds was ten.

Sheree Tibbals represented the Winnemucca race meet. Sheree reported that the
program had to run a minimum of seven races a day to be viable. Mr. Jacklin requested
that horse races be added to the program as there were only enough mules to run six
races on Saturday and five on Sunday. Ms. Tibbals agreed to speak to Winnemucca management. Ms. Tibbals also stated that there was approximately $3,000 carried over from 2011 as the race meet was never run in that year.

Kate Phariss as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association spoke as to the budget for 2012. The jockey incentive was discussed as being added back into the racing program for 2012. The membership believes that some incentive program is necessary. The amount agreed upon was $10 per ride if the jockey rides one or two races per meet. A jockey riding three or more races per meet would be entitled to $15 per ride at that meet. Upon motion and second by Bert Johnson and Ruth Burdick, the motion to approve the budget with the addition of the jockey incentive was unanimously approved.

An updated handbook for the membership was presented.

The race schedule was discussed with the changes for 2012.

Roger Downey spoke as to the endurance race in Winnemucca. Heidi Leavitt will be the representative. It is expected that twelve to fourteen animals will enter.

It was agreed by the membership that due to the support received by the Big Fresno Fair the Fred Cox Memorial be moved to that Fair and that the AMRA Gold Cup Race be renamed in honor of Fred Cox.

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

The Workers’ Comp Subsidy will remain the same at $125 per start in California.

Mary McPherson spoke as to the Board of Directors election. The Board members whose term was up were Don Jacklin, Dave Wood and Becky Reimers. Ms. McPherson called for nominations from the floor. There being none and upon motion and second by Jim Farley and Sonny McPherson, the motion to close nominations was unanimously approved. Upon motion and second by Tom Krahelski and Mary McPherson, the motion to approve the incumbent Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

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 2011.
Kate Phariss reported on the CalBred program. It was agreed by the Board of Directors that the CalBred money be reduced to $75 to the sire and dam of the winning mule and $50 to the sire and dam of the place mule. The amount paid to the winning mule will remain the same at $200 and the place mule at $150.

Roger Downey discussed the AMRA representatives for the summer meets. Those representatives are as follows:

- Winnemucca – Mary McPherson
- Ferndale – Becky Reimers
- Pleasanton – Ruby Thomas
- Stockton – Ruby Thomas
- Cal Expo – Roger Downey
- Fresno – Roger Downey
- Santa Rosa – Mary McPherson

President Jacklin reminded the membership that ADMS has created a new registration form and that it is necessary to use this form.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion and second by Lonny Ferguson and Bert Johnson, it was unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Phariss
Secretary-Treasurer