

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Arabians in Motion
Monday, 3 JAN 11
Bowman residence · Hillsboro, Oregon

Present: Directors Zoe Anne Arrington, Sarah Asby, Ahna Bowman, Scott Bowman, Marcia Donnelly, Jon Howell, Lisa Kolke and Kaye Phaneuf.

Absent: none

Call to order

President Ahna Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:25PM, and welcomed the new board members.

Minutes of previous meeting

Motion by Sarah to dispense with reading the minutes aloud. A few corrections were noted.

Motion by Lisa, seconded by Marcia, to approve minutes as corrected. *Approved with no dissensions.*

Officer's Reports

- None

Committee Reports

- **Membership**

Sarah will follow up on memberships that lapsed in December and try to find out how we could have better served those who choose not to renew.

Unfinished Business

Bylaws

We reviewed the version dated 6 DEC 10. As this was the first time that Zoe Anne had participated in a discussion of the proposed bylaws, we walked through them Article by Article.

- Quite a few minor changes were requested to improve clarity and to correct grammar and punctuation.
- We decided to drop "primary" from our stated purposes and to keep the nine-member board with staggered terms.
- Along the way, we researched *Robert's Rules of Order* to clarify under what circumstances the President may vote.
- We also discussed duties of officers and committees under the new bylaws, and the implications for board reorganization.

Action items:

1. Kaye will rewrite Article V.B.4. and e-mail to Board for approval.
2. Lisa will then prepare a new draft incorporating that rewrite and tonight's changes, and distribute it to the Board for approval to move the new bylaws forward to the attorney.
3. Ahna will take that draft to Kathryn Hall, an equine attorney in Hillsboro with whom we have a prepaid certificate for one-hour of consultation/services.
4. Another review may be required, depending on the attorney's input, before ...
5. Secretary distributes the final proposed bylaw revisions to the membership. We will want to include in that cover letter:
 - a. Our projection of when the bylaws will be adopted and how that transition will transpire, and
 - b. An invitation to members to comment on the proposed bylaws to the Board, in writing.

These minutes were approved as written on 7 MAR 2011.

New Business

1. AiM Yahoo groups and their usage

- a. **AiMon-line@yahoo.com** Discussion of inappropriate/offensive “humor” being distributed by a member; repeated occurrences from the same member. Two club members have threatened to not renew because of it.

We agreed that we want to keep **AiMon-line@yahoo.com** as a social group, but we:

- Need a policy on under what circumstances users will be blocked/dropped, and
- Need to say that this Yahoo group is no longer an official communications vehicle of AiM

Action item:

Kaye to write up said policy (effective this date) for posting to the Yahoo group and inclusion in AiM’s *Policies & Procedures Manual*.

- b. **Yahoo show committee and BOD groups.**

Some of the Directors hate using the Yahoo groups; some find it very useful.

Action items:

- Sarah will tell us who is on them.
- She and Lisa will try to teach the rest of us how to use the Yahoo tools.

2. AiM logo

- *Action item:* Lisa will carry a message back to Holly that her new design for the website should use just the logotype and the jumper and dressage artwork, not the entire logo.
- We agreed that we need to redesign the AiM logo to replace the reiner with endurance and/or driving, but no action was taken at this time.

3. Next meetings

We agreed that monthly meetings would probably be useful, but that every other month is more realistic. We will meet the first Monday of every other month at 6:30PM, somewhere with a private room, preferably at no charge. The next meetings will be:

- Mar 7 – somewhere in the West Linn/Lake Oswego area
- May 2 – pizza at Jon’s office
- June 27 – one week early because of our summer show and Independence Day holiday.

Motion by Marcia, seconded by Scott, to adopt this schedule. *Approved with no dissention.*

4. Directory listing in Flying Changes magazine

It’s time to renew; fee is \$125/year. No one was aware of any ‘business’ that this listing has brought us, so we agreed not to renew.

Action item: Kaye will let the editor know that we won’t be renewing, but will continue to purchase display ads to publicize our shows.

At this point, discussion turned to status of the Hood show prize list — not a topic for this meeting, so we adjourned at 10:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Phaneuf, Secretary

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