

## AJSA Full Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2015; 6:30 pm CT; Bryan Expo Center; Bryan, Texas

*Dulcie called meeting to order at 6:41 pm CT.*

*Roll call (Jessica): Present- Britney Beins, Rebekah Callison, Jericho Chappa, Dulcie Fields, Kaylie Huizenga, Max Kaplan, Shea Mackey, Morgan Phillips, Jessica Smith, Katie Trail, Maddy Udell,. Absent- Mollee Brown*

A recap of the week was given. Dulcie opened the floor for discussion of what we did well at Junior Nationals and what we can improve on:

- Morgan thought the numbered rows for heats in the public speaking contest went well.
- Rebekah heard some complaints about the Membership meeting. Some people think we need to discuss changing membership meeting to where we split into regions for the trustee candidate interview portion of the meeting.
- Shea brought up an idea for Simbrah promotion. We could possibly have at least one Simbrah t-shirt made to sell to members. It would have been better to have thought of this before Nationals in Texas, but it would be great for future events.
- Morgan mentioned some members wanted us to consider separating the B & O show as a whole different show, instead of having the top 20 B&O compete in top 20 Owned.
- Maddy said we should think about having separate judges for the percentage show and the purebred show, to reduce bias.
- Hannah mentioned that there were lots of questions about judges (who picks them, etc.) She said to remember that it's only one guy's opinion that is open to interpretation, if a member asks.
- Everyone agreed to consider each of these issues, and table them for our meeting at Summit.

Dulcie opened the floor for discussion about the 2017 Nationals Bids.

Hannah informed us that after we accepted Mississippi's bid for 2017 Nationals, the Senior Board discussed in their April meeting that the Hattiesburg location could not house enough cattle, and there were some security concerns with the Jackson fairgrounds. She suggested to form a committee to obtain more information on Mississippi locations.

Jessica informed the Board that the MSSA had met on several occasions with the Mississippi State Fairgrounds executive director, Rick Reno, in Jackson, and talked through prospective dates, building specifics, and pricing for the event. In regards to security issues, she informed the Board that inmates would not be in charge of maintenance during this event, as they used to be during the MS State Fair & Dixie

Nationals when the State Fair Commission used them for work. Also, this would be a gated, closed event that only AJSA families could come through the gate for. Parking stickers/passes would be used at air-conditioned ticket booths that will be manned at all times by an officer, and gates would be locked during night hours. During MS State Fair & Dixie Nationals, the fairgrounds are open for citizens of the Jackson area and state Mississippi to attend. Since this is a closed event in the summer, Jessica said security should not be a concern. She also added that we have agreements with the Capitol Police, Fire Marshalls, & Sheriff Department on the grounds at all times.

Maddy brought up that if we have Nationals in Mississippi, would numbers go down, such as in Texas. We do want the event to grow.

Katie added that if numbers did decrease, it may only be a little, and we would easily bounce back in 2018, with Kansas already rumored to place a bid.

Morgan mentioned that people from all regions have been discussing Mississippi's success with 2013 Eastern Regionals. Mississippi is a very hospitable state that is more than eager to host Nationals. They have never hosted a Nationals, and it was in Nebraska only two years ago. Morgan said she attended Dixie Nationals at the Jackson fairgrounds in February and never once felt unsafe. The hotels on the Pearl exit that the MSSA has planned on using for the host hotel is in a family friendly area with 15-20 restaurants in a small area, perfect for the event.

Hannah told us that Nebraska had sent the Senior Board 30 pages of detailed information on their locations and reminded us that we had already accepted Mississippi's bid and the Senior Board had asked us to rereview. She told us that a plan of action did in fact need to take place and reminded us that that both Nebraska & Mississippi had given bids with two cities written for Nationals location on their applications. She suggested that we ask each state to update their application for further review.

Morgan moved and Britney seconded to request that the Nebraska state association and Mississippi state association update their Nationals bid for 2017. Motion passed.

Dulcie then opened the floor for discussion on the Summit

Hannah asked for trustee arrival times. They were as follows:

Morgan- n/a

Britney- driving in Sunday

Maddy- flying in at 9:45 am Sunday

Katie- not attending

Shea- not attending

Rebekah- flying in 11:45 am Monday; possible change to Sunday

Kaylie- flying in 10:20 am Sunday

Jericho- driving “over” Sunday

Max- n/a

Jessica- n/a

Dulcie- not attending

Summit thoughts:

-We will be having a beef advocacy contest, where attendees will be split into teams and given a scenario, in which they have 10-20 minutes to prepare a presentation on. Some sample scenarios are about PETA, HSUS, uneducated consumers in the grocery store, etc.

-We discussed having a Japanese auction for attendees...nothing was decided.

-Kaylie assigned Morgan & Jessica to come up with bus ride games and advocacy tie-ins. Kaylie mentioned the leadership committee helping her tie in the theme to every activity we do.

Presidential Election

Dulcie opened the floor for nominations for President.

Jessica nominated Morgan Phillips and Maddy seconded.

Kaylie moved and Max seconded to close nominations.

Morgan was then questioned.

Vote is unanimous that Morgan Phillips is the 2015-2016 President.

*Dulcie passed the gavel to Morgan; Retiring trustees Dulcie, Katie, and Max exited.*

*Newly elected trustees, Zach, Maddy B., Garrett, Cameron, Jody, Kiersten, Jordan, & Tanner entered the meeting; Morgan proceeded to preside.*

Morgan brought new information to the Board. We need to send a new blazer proposal to American Simmental/Simbrah Foundation. Foundation board member, Tonya Phillips is already working towards funding new blazers for the junior board. Maddy U. moved and Jericho seconded to send a proposal for funding for new blazers to the ASSF; motion carries. Jessica agreed to write the proposal.

Hannah updated the new members on junior board processes. She mentioned that we will be doing weekly Facebook page updates, to stay in touch since we don't see one another often. Also, Hannah talked about our disciplinary system. We are allotted 3 strikes every quarter (4 months). Actions such as missing a teleconference, not turning in an article, missing deadlines, & showing up late is subject to a strike, along with anything else deemed worthy.

#### Committee Chairmen elections

Morgan opens floor for nominations for Membership Communications VP.

Kaylie nominates Jessica Smith and Britney seconds; motion carries.

Jessica wins by unanimous vote.

Morgan opens floor for nominations for Finance Committee VP

Kaylie nominates Maddy Udell and Jericho seconds; motion carries.

Britney nominates Jericho Chappa and Rebekah seconded; motion carries.

Kaylie moved and Jericho seconded to close nominations.

Both candidates were questioned.

Maddy wins by majority vote.

Morgan opens floor for nominations for Leadership Committee VP

Britney nominates Kaylie Huizenga and Maddy seconds.

Shea nominates Rebekah Callison and Jody seconds.

Jericho moved and Tanner seconded to close nominations.

Both candidates were questioned.

Kaylie wins by majority vote.

Morgan opens floor for nominations for Marketing Committee VP

Jessica nominates Britney Beins and Maddy seconds.

Kaylie moves to close nominations and Maddy B seconds.

Both candidates were questioned.

Britney wins by unanimous vote.

Morgan opened the floor for discussion about how things went during the week.

-Everyone agrees that all contests ran smoothly.

-Concern over pipe and drape for Public Speaking Contest.

Hannah made everyone give their most embarrassing moment.

-Everyone laughed.... ;)

Hannah gave some reminders about the banquet the next morning.

Morgan asked for a motion to adjourn.

Britney moved to adjourn and Jericho seconds; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm CT.