

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the delegates meeting to order at 11:15 AM.

Minutes from the January 18th delegates meeting; Charles Bass made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Herb Meites seconded. The motion was approved.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Margo Shallcross – Director, Mark Himmel – Vice Director, Pat Barton – Past Director, Cindy Savage – Treasurer, Beth Walker – Secretary, Debbie Himmel - Louisiana Representative, Jeremy Harper - Arkansas Representative, Herb Meites - Oklahoma Representative and Carrie Woolverton - Texas Representative. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 30 delegates present representing 14 clubs.

Cindy Savage reviewed the Treasurer's Report with us. Charles Bass made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Herb Meites seconded; Motion Accepted.

Margo asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Margo asked that we move #8 up on the agenda so we can go ahead and get our floor nominations and elections done. Pat Barton made a motion to approve the agenda, Carrie Woolverton seconded; this motion was approved by the delegates.

Delegates were asked to come down to the front to pick up their ballots and sign for them.

Nominating Committee -Mark Himmel

Mark listed the names of the candidates for each office:

Director – Margo Shallcross

Vice-Director – Mark Himmel

Secretary – Beth Walker

Treasurer – Cindy Savage

Arkansas State Rep – Jeremy Harper

Louisiana State Rep – Debbie Himmel

Oklahoma State Rep – Karen Meites, Rick Maxson, Velma Boody

Texas State Rep – Dawn Coons, Laura Metzger, Robert Nash, Russ Taylor, Mark Williams

Director Margo Shallcross then began the election process; Each Position was opened up for nominations from the floor.

Director – No Additional Nominations, Charles Bass made a motion to close the nominations, Carla Jo Bass Seconded. Motion Approved.

Vice-Director - No Additional Nominations, Karlan Downing made a motion to close the nominations, Herb Meites Seconded. Motion Approved.

Secretary - No Additional Nominations, Charles Bass made a motion to close the nominations, Herb Meites Seconded. Motion Approved.

Treasurer - No Additional Nominations, Herb Meites made a motion to close the nominations, Chase Harvill Seconded. Motion Approved.

Arkansas State Rep - No Additional Nominations, Laura Metzger made a motion to close the nominations, Carla Jo Bass Seconded. Motion Approved.

Louisiana State Rep - No Additional Nominations, Karlan Downing made a motion to close the nominations, Carla Jo Bass Seconded. Motion Approved.

Oklahoma State Rep - No Additional Nominations, Charles Bass made a motion to close the nominations, Carla Jo Bass Seconded. Motion Approved. Voting was held and ballots turned in for counting.

Texas State Rep - No Additional Nominations, Herb Meites made a motion to close the nominations, Carla Jo Bass Seconded. Motion Approved. Voting was held and ballots turned in for counting.

The Ballots were taken to be counted by Pat Barton and Carrie Woolverton. Results will follow later.

The delegates meeting was adjourned for the Region 9 AHA Youth Foundation Meeting, Cindy Savage gave this report.

The delegates' meeting was called back to order by Margo Shallcross.

Regional Show: Steve Buddin / Margo Shallcross

This year's show is going great, there were a few issues at the beginning of the week that have been handled. There are a total of 511 horses this year, which is down from 503 (Main Ring) + 74 (SH/D) = 578 combined last year. There were a total of 8 entries in the cutting and 22 in the working cow horse division. The dressage and sport horse division are doing well this year, the exhibitors are happy.

There was much discussion regarding the class schedule, facility issues, and personnel changes.

Event funding money has been confirmed for this year. We will receive \$76K. Margo met with David Reeves at WRMC; He has said we need to apply for the Event Funding money for 2014. WRMC has worked out with Event Fund people for several of their big shows to be approved and 10 of the small shows, which we are considered one of, to be approved. WRMC only does horse show events. Several shows that have had issues or been declined were caught cheating on their numbers. The market impact study work has been done; they do not have to actually come out to the show each year. Cost for 2014 Study will be \$9K.

Reichart received 1.2 million in 2012. It looks like many of the smaller shows who are not already on the list, will not be approved.

Regional Show Dates – Margo has been assured that we can move our dates back one week, could possibly get 2 weeks, she won't know until Aug. Many barns came forward and said they liked the dates, because the weather was nice. We hurt Buckeye by about 50 horses. Because of the Egyptian Event, we will lose our Halter division if we only go forward 1 week. Also have been told that there is a change in school dates that will move Finals & Graduation back to the 1st week of June.

Hand Gallop – Bill Eash

There were 4 newsletters and 87 E-Blasts this past year.

The newsletter is right on budget for what money has been spent; Bill said he has asked the clubs for a list of email address for members so he can make sure everyone is on the list for the newsletter. No club has responded with the info, Pat Barton mentioned that we are not allowed to use people's E-Mail address without permission. The newsletter had about \$550 in Ads this last year. Margo said out of 1600 E-Blasts she sends out, she gets a report that about 450-500 are opened on most. Carrie Woolverton asked if we could use the email address from the Region 9 Directory. For Members, the newsletter is also available on the Website.

Horseman's Awards – Pat Barton

The event will be held January 25, 2014 at the Marriott again. Rates will be the same as this past year \$89/night. We will once again have the Racing Event and a Live Auction. Items needed, please contact Cindy Savage to donate. The event did come in under budget this year. Please pass the word about this event to your club members and encourage them to come.

If you have an idea or suggestion for a speaker, please contact Pat Barton.

Chase Harvill brought up that he feels we need to really try to get online voting and possibly the Nomination process.

Pat reported that we had looked at this last year, The Arabian Horse Times would set it up for us, Cost was \$1,000 the first time and then \$200 each time after that, but there was an issue with the system, in that it only allows one vote per IP Address. For this year, Pat & Cindy are going to look into setting up the Ballot as a fill-in PDF file that people could complete and email to Pat.

Working Western - Dawn Coons

Dawn reported that there were less than 25 working western horses here this year, the footing was great this year. Dawn suggested we look at moving the working western classes out to an off-site show to increase entries. Dawn has many suggestions for ways to improve the working western classes, add the ranch sorting classes. Ranch Sorting has been added to US Nationals this year as an Exhibition class, Tulsa offered the Ranch Sorting this year and had 66 Go's.

Hi-Point – Karen Campbell – Karen was not available to make a report

Election Results

Texas State Rep – Mark Williams

Oklahoma State Rep – Karen Meites

Youth – Debbie Himmel

The youth had several fundraisers this year, the 1st was the Qualifier T-Shirts with 38 sponsors @ \$50 each, and cost to print the shirts was just over \$900. The kids met in January and decided to do the Get Flocked fundraiser to benefit AHDF \$520 was raised the first day, Debbie does not have the final figure. The pink Flamingos have been borrowed from AHA as a trial run for Youth Nationals. Skye Williams has stepped up as the interim youth director, as Shannon Friske was graduating this weekend and could not come to the show.

The kids are also doing the 50/50 Raffle again with the winner being picked tonight in center ring.

The kids are sponsoring Youth T-Shirts \$500 and a \$500 donation to the Youth Foundation.

The schedule was very busy this year, so they were not able to have many activities.

The fundraising money is primarily to fund the travel expense for the Youth Director & Vice Director to travel to the 3 Youth meetings each year.

AHA Board Meeting May 2013 – Mark Himmel

Mark attended since Margo was out of town and could not attend. There was discussion held about Tulsa, Interest in bringing in international judges to judge Halter at US. Talk about bring the Youth Sport horse classes to Youth Nationals, instead of those kids going to both shows.

There is also a discussion ongoing about the value of joining the local clubs instead of AHA Direct.

New Business –

We would like to look at the Delegate meeting being scheduled earlier in the week. Margo asked for a straw vote of the delegates, the delegates were in support of this idea.

A discussion was started regarding approval of future shows by the delegates. Margo agreed to not approve any new shows until this discussion can be continued at the September Delegates Mtg.

There was a discussion held regarding the E-blast service provided by Margo Shallcross. Mark Williams made a motion to that each show is allowed to have 2 free E-Blast, Motion seconded by Kristen Fisher. Motion Approved.

Adjournment 1:10 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 14, 2013 during the State Fair of Texas Show in Dallas, Texas

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Walker

These minutes were approved with corrections September 14, 2013.