

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the delegates meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Minutes from the January 25th delegates meeting; Velma Boodt 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, Karen Meites - Oklahoma Representative and Mark Williams - Texas Representative. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 21 delegates present representing 13 clubs.

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

Margo asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Margo made a motion to approve the agenda, Herb Meites seconded; this motion was approved by the delegates.

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.

Financial Planning

There are lots of rumors going around about what the future plans are?
We will be in Ft Worth for 2015, with dates of May 31 - June 7

Chase asked about why we are staying in Ft Worth?
We are on the 2nd year of a 3yr contract with an additional 2 yr. option.
The Board voted to exercise our option, so we will stay at WRMC thru 2017.
Margo called OKC, Tulsa - No Dates

Katy - we received a bid, No AC Arenas & a portion of stalls would have to be in tents
Waco has been asked for a bid, but we do not have it yet. Cindy stated that the Waco facility is comparable on prices to WRMC; we would have to sit down and negotiate with them.

At this time, as a way to reduce costs we are looking at changing the bronzes - not give them in the open classes, the bronze cost \$165 each. Looking at giving a garland or something else.
Plaques can run from \$29 - 45 each

Mary Jo Leahy asked Cindy what is the biggest line item she has for a show expense and she said Trophies & Awards, and Prize Money.

Russ asked if leaving Ft Worth would affect our State Funding money, Margo said that it would not since we were not applying for 2015. It costs us \$9K to get our survey done and for 2014 we only got \$29K, which is a net payment of \$20K. Ranch Sorting had a show in April and in June; they just got paid for 2013.

Margo has looked around and most Regionals do not pay any prize money. Last year we paid the extra prize money, because that is what we were told the event funding money was supposed to be used for. Also just because we make a decision now, and our situation changes in the future, we can change our minds about what we are doing.

Directory - It costs us \$3K each year, we are looking at possibly not printing a directory for the 2015 year, and Margo is going to check with the AHT about the advertising of our regional winners.
Chase brought up that the horse trainers have been talking and we know our clients feelings. If we stay with the same dates or go back one week, we are still being affected by the kids and graduation.

Larry Shallcross addressed the pricing at the Waco facility, Waco is going to nickel and dime us just like WRMC does. We have not spoken with them yet, but Larry is pretty sure that the dates are not available at Waco. The facility at Katy has been brought up, well this week the facility in Katy is flooding right now, so if we were down there, the facility would be having water issues, but yet here we can continue to show and have no real issues with the bad weather.

Russ Taylor brought up about the declining numbers in everything and across the board even in other breeds.

Mark Williams would like to make a proposal for a Resolution to go to Convention that would allow the Region to charge a dues structure. Charles Bass said that is already in place, it is in the Handbook. This set off a discussion about people being moneyed out, Russ Taylor mentioned that this might be a good thing, as a way to fundraise and support the Region; there are many Regions whose sole form of support is thru the regional show.

Regional Show Dates -

Margo called for a straw vote of the room to move the show to the first week of June.

Regional Show: Steve Buddin / Margo Shallcross

Show programs will be in everybody's Patrons Packages, and any leftovers will be available to anybody who wants them. The foundation feels it would be better to give the programs away than to sell them and end up throwing away a bunch of them.

For our Patrons Lounge for 2015 we are going to do a Wall of Fame, anybody who wants to bring a picture it will be displayed.

Cutting was cancelled this year due to only having 3 entries. If for some reason, the board decided to move the Cutting to an off-site location, it will only be allowed to go to a club sponsored show, NOT an individual.

Steve Buddin was not available to make his report on the show, we currently have 465 horses.

Hand Gallop – Bill Eash

We have reduced the rates for the advertising in the Hand Gallop

Full page is \$50, half Page \$30, Quarter \$20 and Business Card \$10 - price is the same no matter how many times you run the ad.

The hand Gallop is published on a quarterly basis. Please get your ads to Bill Eash.

Horseman's Awards – Pat Barton

January Event - We did okay - we were \$965 under budget. Due to the weather this year, many people were unable to attend and had to cancel their rooms, this created that we were under our room quota by \$2200 which the hotel has not charged us for.

Pat has agreed to put the event together again for another year, She is looking at moving the event to a nice facility in the Denton area that would cost less, Looking at trying to make this event a smaller event that would not cost people as much to be able to attend and not have to have 2 nights in the hotel. The facility can handle the Meal, but it would not cost as much and the hotel is about 6-10 miles down the road.

The Foundation is going to continue with the Night at the Races event but do away with the Auction, Cindy is looking at coming up with other items you could purchase with your race money.

Hi-Point – Karen Campbell

Hi-Point - Karen reported that she currently has only 40 people nominated so far, she would like to get around 50 people. The deadline to nominate is June 30 and the cost is \$20/person.

Youth – Debbie Himmel

Youth - Debbie Himmel asked Skye Williams to give the report

Youth Qualifier T-Shirts, 37 sponsors for \$1800

They had planned to do the Flocking program again with the Pink Flamingo's; there was a problem with getting the birds ordered and here in time. The kids are doing the 50/50 raffle again, They are selling the trailer raffle tickets again, \$100 per ticket and must be purchased thru AHA, the kids are also doing Change for Change which is a jar that will be placed in the show office and you can drop in your loose pocket change, this money will go the Horseman's Distress Fund, they have put the jar out at 2 other shows this year. Cindy mentioned that the T-Shirts have been a big hit, many people when checking in at the office have asked about purchasing the shirts.

Audit Report - Larry Leahy reported that he has done a Financial Review, which is not as stringent as an Audit. He asked 3 questions of the Treasurer/Director, he felt like everything was in good order, just made the suggestion that the board should create a policy of how to handle our books in case something happened to our treasurer. Larry reported that the only other issue he found was prize money checks not being cashed by the recipient; he felt that Cindy was handling these correctly.

Charles Bass made a motion that we approve the Audit Committee report, seconded by Pat Barton, this motion passed unanimously.

New Business –

Kathy Hart talked to the Delegates about the Youth Nationals, Thanks to the Jacket/Buckle Sponsors and please keep donating.

Markel Insurance has created a Scholarship for Youth Nationals this year 1st place \$3500, 2nd Place - \$1500

They have to compete in Showmanship, Equitation Class and a Pleasure Class - One Horse/One Rider Combo - Riders must Qualify for these classes and then signup when they get to youth.

Margo brought up the September delegate meeting; we are looking at doing a By-Law change to change our required number of meetings. Margo called for a straw vote.

The location of the September meeting is up in the air right now as we are unsure of the status of the State Fair show for 2014, Chase suggested having the meeting at the Bryan show since it sounds like it is going to be a fairly big show and many people will already be there.

Club Bios are needed for the AHA website. If you have a club who does not fill their delegate count, please let Margo know, she has people who are willing to join your club and be a delegate.

Nominating Committee - the committee is made up of 5 members - one from each state and an At Large, with one person designated as Chair. Mary Jo Leahy - Texas, Debbie Himmel - Louisiana, Robin Brey - Arkansas, Herb Meites - Oklahoma, and Mark Williams.

Margo asked if there were any new shows to approve, Legacy AHC is doing a new Foal show on September 28-29 at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton, Texas. Clinics will be held on Saturday and some classes and clinics on Sunday. There will be evaluations by Liz Salmon at Half-Price, A photography and video session.

Mary Jo Leahy asked about getting Adult Showmanship added to the show for next year, Mary Jo has volunteered to sponsor the class. Also Danny had mentioned the Trail In Hand class, Margo is on the Competition Advisory Committee and they are working on finalizing the rules for this class. Anything New you would like to add, send Margo an Email with Class and offer to sponsor it.

Adjournment 7:30 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 2014 with information regarding exact date and location to follow via E-Blast

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Walker

These minutes are APPROVED at this time.

Motion by Mary Jo Leahy to approve as written, seconded by Debbie Himmel. Unanimous approval on September 20, 2014.