

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the delegates meeting to order at 11:01 AM

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 30 delegates present representing 17 clubs.

Margo made several changes to the order of items on the agenda, to try and allow more time for a few exhibitors to finish showing and arrive to the meeting to vote. Karlan Downing made a motion to approve the agenda as corrected, Carla Jo Bass seconded; this motion was approved by the delegates.

Minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> delegates meeting; Karlan Downing made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Carrie Woolverton seconded. The motion was approved.

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.

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

**Nominating Committee**

Mary Jo reviewed the names from the nominating committee,

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Charles Bass reviewed the voting process with the Delegates

**Officer Election -**

Floor Nominations for Director – None	Results - Mark Himmel
Floor Nominations for Vice-Director – None	Results - Pat Barton
Floor Nominations for Secretary – None	Results - Velma Boodt
Floor Nominations for Treasurer – None	Results - Cindy Savage
Floor Nominations for Arkansas State Rep – None	Results - Robin Bray
Floor Nominations for Louisiana State Rep – None	Results -Beth Walker
Floor Nominations for Oklahoma State Rep - Betsy Barnes	Results - Karen Meites
Floor Nominations for Texas State Rep - Laura Metzger	Results - Mark Williams

The New State Reps are going to be asked to please provide a quarterly or semi-annual report to the AHA Insider

We have a few clubs that do not have a delegate, if you are not a delegate and want to be, please contact 1 of these clubs about joining their club and being the delegate.

Arabian Riders & Breeders - allowed 1 delegate	Green Country - allowed 3 delegates, only been using 2
Lone Star AHC - allowed 2 delegates, only been using 1	Ozark AHC of Arakansas – Allowed 1 delegate

**Regional Show:** Nancy Braesicke / Margo Shallcross

There is a possibility of moving the show back 1 week to June 8-11, 2016.

There is a lot of construction in progress, In early 2016 the construction of the improved Cattle Barn 2 and Show Arena will be completed.

Alexa Nichols Challenge Cup - Margo wants to thank Carrie Woolverton for the check. Becky Nash started the fundraising idea for Alexa Nichols, There will be a presentation tonight to present this money. The money raised will be split 50/50 with Arabian Horseman's Distress Fund and the Region 9 Youth Foundation.

Region 9 Trailer - Margo will pick up the trailer from Dan & Cindy Savage and take it to her house in August. Margo will clean up the trailer and store the items in it.

Nancy Braesicke - 490 horses this year, 474 last year Class entries 1259

New classes - Adult Showmanship - 5 entries, Adult Western Horsemanship - 8 entries a request has been made to add Reined Cow Horse Non-Pro for next year.  
Things have run very well.

Cutting has been cancelled again this year, but we have had a request to offer the classes again next year.

Jennifer Quintus has been working on the Schedule and has been taking notes about where the conflicts are so the schedule can be tweaked not reinvented.

This is the last year for the bronze trophy. The cost of just our Champion trophy was \$34K, We have received 2 bids from garland suppliers and we will see a savings of \$10 - 20K. We have a choice of a 2 or 3 row blanket for champion, with a gold plaque. Then for Reserve we would go with a single row with a silver plaque on them. We do get our choice of colors for the roses or carnations. The board has to make a decision by July of this year, so the vendor has time to order the materials.

Any trophies that may be left over will be saved for the future to be used as special awards.

A discussion was held regarding whether or not we should go with a 2 or 3 row blanket, the consensus was that we are not the Nationals and we should go with a 2 row.

Larry Shallcross made mention of the fact that Johnathn Moeller has never publicly sold the bronze to anyone except us, it was designed for us.

Exhibitor Party - Party went very well, we will have an open cash bar tonight. Vendors have been very happy this year, several said this has been the best show in a long time for them.

### **Hi-Point – Karen Campbell**

The hi-point program had 68 people in attendance, everybody seemed to like the hotel and the food.

So far Karen is at 33 entries, entries close June 30th. Karen is planning to contact past participants. The region is purchasing a projector for the future use, Karen Campbell had a slide show she put together and wanted to show to everybody, The hotel wanted to much money for us to rent that this year..

There has been a question as to when the Budget had money set aside for the ribbons and trophies of the Hi-Point program. In September 2011 \$1200 was added to the budget. We need to make sure this item gets put back in to the budget for the future.

### **Show Approval**

The approval will remain the same as in the past, the director will have the right of approval. If there is a conflict among shows, each club will be contacted regarding the conflict and how to resolve it.

The board feels that we should not try to limit any show from happening.

### **Youth – Debbie Himmel**

Youth Qualifying T-Shirts - 43 sponsors - \$2,150 Cost of making shirts \$925 Profit \$1,225

Debbie had several people that didnt want to have a sponsorship, they just gave a donation.

Chuck A Duck - This was held on Friday Evening, the idea was that when you threw your duck it had to land in the water and stay, since there was not a winner, a suggestion was made to have some smaller prizes for the people who came the closest, the pot was up to \$650.

R9 Youth Director - Bethany DeWitt

Vice Director- Alicia Boucher

Secretary/Historian - Peyton Mainwairing

4 State Reps - Ar Lance Lewis, Brooklyn Jensen, Delaney Blanchard

La - Rachel Mounce, Madison McNulty

Ok - Laurel White

Texas - Sarah Porter, Hannah Jones, Morghan Burke

Theme for Youth Nationals - Horsin Around the World. Region 9 Youth have selected Mexico as our theme. The Golf Cart for the Parade of Regions will be a Donkey Pinata with an Arabian Horse Head. The kids from Arkansas are donating a Mariachi Band to walk in the parade with them.

Chase Harvill will be the speaker at the Youth Convention. All youth members are welcome to attend the convention.

The Raffle this year, will be a Cargo Utility Golf Cart, tickets are \$50 each, unlimited sales. If you purchase one, please be sure to tell them it is for Reg 9.

### **Convention 2015**

Convention Will be in Tulsa for 2015, 2016 and possibly 2017. Volunteers are needed.

Larry Shallcross made a motion that Region 9 sponsor a Coffee Break at the convention 2015, Pat Barton seconded. The cost is 5-6K, Larry amended the motion to put a limit of \$3,000 on it. This has been tabled until we get to New Business.

US Nationals is looking for volunteers to work the gates or awards rooms.

Youth Nationals will be in Oklahoma City 2016 and will be looking for volunteers or workers to work gates, scribes, awards rooms and others.

Charles Bass asked if our region would be in support of having a resolution to change the delegate count to be based on 30 members instead of 50 members.

Another option that has been discussed is making all Club Presidents automatic delegates then each club would get additional delegates based on membership count.

Mark Himmel suggested the delegate count be changed to 25 members.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Distance Riding - Carla Jo Bass**

Region 9 Competitive Trail Ride Oct 17-18 LBJ Grasslands in Decatur

US Distance Rides - Sept 10-13 Big South Fork Recreation in Onida, Tenn

**Jake Hoover Award** - we had a nomination this year. It will be presented Saturday Night during the show, 6 of the 7 living Award recipients will be here tonight. This has only been awarded 13 times in the last 30 years.

### **New Business**

Larry Shallcross made a motion that Region 9 contribute up to \$3000 toward sponsoring a coffee break at the Convention 2015.

Seconded by Pat Barton.

Motion Passed.

Adjournment 12:48 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for November 2015 during Convention with information regarding exact date and location to follow

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Walker