

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the delegates meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Margo Shallcross – Director, Mark Himmel – Vice Director, Pat Barton – Past Director, Beth Walker – Secretary, Debbie Himmel - Louisiana Representative, Jeremy Harper - Arkansas Representative, Herb Meites - Oklahoma Representative and Carrie Woolverton - Texas Representative. Cindy Savage – Treasurer was not present. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 31 delegates present representing 18 clubs.

Margo asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Russ Taylor asked to insert a discussion of concurrent shows; Margo inserted this into the agenda as item 14A. Carrie Woolverton made a motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Charles Bass seconded, this motion was approved by the delegates.

The delegates meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm for the Region 9 AHA Youth Foundation Meeting, Bob Barton gave this report.

The delegates' meeting was called back to order at 7:30pm by Margo Shallcross.

Minutes from the Sept 8th delegates meeting; Karlan Downing made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Jeremy Harper seconded. The motion was approved.

Charles Bass reviewed the Treasurer's Report with us that Cindy Savage prepared. A question was asked about the receipt of the money from the Texas Event Fund. This money was received in October 2012. Margo made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Charles Bass. Motion Accepted.

Financial Planning - Bob Barton presented the 2013 Budget. The only change from the budget of Sept that was handed out is a change to the final figures for the R9 show; some final invoices for the show were received that caused the changes. Chase asked if there was possibly any money in the budget to make a donation to the Distress Fund. Bob said that there is \$1,000 in the budget that the director has the authorization to use where needed. Bob also mentioned that at the September Meeting, Mark Williams had asked if there was any money in the budget for the region to make a donation to the Youth Foundation to help cover the shortfall they had for 2012. The Financial Planning committee reviewed the budget and feels that at this time there is not any money to make this donation with.

Bob Barton made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Carla Bass seconded, motion passed.

Margo made a motion to increase the salary of Steve Buddin, Region 9 Show Manager for 2013 from \$3,500 to \$4,000, Carla seconded. This motion was approved.

Region 9 Show 2013 - May 29 - June 2 are the dates for the 2013 show. Judges - Larry Lewis, John Rannenburg & Jody Strand (Main Ring) Arlene Rigden (Dressage and Sport Horse) TBD - (Hunter Hack), LaRae Fletcher-Powell (Working Western). Margo thanked Debbie Cinotto for her work on the dressage and sport horse part of the show.

Dressage will be held on Friday and Saturday in John Justin and Sporthorse in Watt on Sunday. This year's show will add Sunday Morning and Afternoon, no evening classes to allow people to go home. Margo is going to ask Will Rogers if we can set up more lunging areas. There was discussion held about show comment cards and judges evaluations. Chase asked for a flyer that he could take to some of the other regions qualifying show he is planning to go to at least 2 other regions this year. Mark asked that Margo put on the flyer a list of qualifying shows in the region. Margo asked Bill Eash to help her with this. A question was brought up about only having one judge for both sport horse and dressage classes? Margo stated that 68 sport horse and dressage people were polled about whether they wanted one judge or two, only 2 of the 68 people polled said they wanted separate judges. The show committee is going to try and be more aware that the judge is familiar with judging group classes.

Last Year's sport horse judge was an excellent dressage judge; he just was not experienced with judging group classes. Margo gave thanks to Bill Eash for the work he has done over the years with the sport horse show. The show committee is still working on the schedule for the show.

Horseman's Awards - The banquet is going to be Jan 19th at the Marriott Championship Golf Course hotel in Ft. Worth. The Room Rate is \$89/night. Judges and Trainer Panel has not been finalized yet and names are needed.

Stan Morey has been asked to come and give a mini exhibitor/judges school on Saturday afternoon. The Hi-Point Awards Luncheon is \$20/person and Dinner \$35/person. \$5 of your lunch and dinner money goes toward your funny money for the races event. Dinner will have both chicken and beef on your plate. Region 9 meeting will be held on Saturday Afternoon. You will be e-blasted a lot to remind everyone to come, make hotel and day reservations.

A list of the finalists for the Horseman's Awards was emailed out to everyone today; the ballots will be in the Dec Hand Gallop. Carla Jo Bass asked to have her name removed from the ballots for the Horseman's Awards in the Distance Rider category.

Golf - Cheryl McCalley - We will have a 2 person Golf Scramble registration is \$49 at 10am on Sunday and plan to be done for about 2pm. Please contact Cheryl to sign up to participate. This will be held weather permitting. There will be 5 places awarded - they will have \$200 in Prize Money

Karen Campbell has worked hard to put together the hi-point awards and Karen has gotten more people to participate and that program is now paying for itself.

Working Western – Dawn Coons - Jim Hitt has worked hard to get Ranch Sorting or Team Sorting. Rick Maxson and Dawn Coons would like to see the creation of Ranch Cutting (Cutting with no penalty for reining) this would enable use of USEF Western or AHA judges. Dawn Coons wanted to see the addition of Herd Work cow classes, but realized that this already existed. Dawn Coons would like to see a futurity created in 2-3 years that includes all 3 elements of working cow (fence work, rein work, & herd work), would like to get some corporate sponsorship to provide some type of prize money for this class.

Texas Event Fund - Margo mentioned that she and Pat are going to review the prize money payouts for the Texas Event fund money to pay out differently in small classes. Pat and Margo want to make sure that even if you are the only one in a class, you will still get some prize money. There were a few people who were in the reining classes last year and did not get any prize money since they were the only entry.

Cowgirl Hall of Fame - Dawn Coons gave a report of the Texas Cowgirl Hall of Fame - It was a great emotional day - All the inductees were great to be very thankful of their horses for getting them there, and not just themselves. There was a videotaped presentation by Mrs. Barbara Bush, since she was unable to attend this year.

Amateur Committee - Kathie Hart was asked for a report that she was not prepared for. She was not aware she was on this. The biggest thing going on in the Amateur's is the discussion of the Select Rider Resolution.

Youth - Rick Maxson mentioned that Platinum Performance gave a sponsorship of \$25K to AHA with 5K of that to be earmarked for the youth, Margo is going to look into the \$5K from Platinum.

At last year's Delegates Meeting - AHA earmarked \$25K for Youth Breed Promotion, \$15K and a 3rd account for all monies the AHYA had raised for that year. In past years, the money left over was rolled into the general fund and the kids started each year with a zero balance. That policy is going to change and the balances will rollover. Breed Promotion includes Breed magazines, Girl Scouts Activities, Multi-breed Leadership Conferences. Debbie Himmel is holding their feet to the fire about the accounting of all the youth money. Margo offered to help if there was anything regarding the accounting of this money needed.

Reichart Show - Linda Abston brought up about the Youth Team Tournament that the Reichart held this year. Russ Taylor said they are in the planning stages of next year's show. There is going to be Amateur Champs with prize money, Do not know how much yet. They are talking about having a charity event during the show - possibly a Western Pleasure Calcutta. Herb spoke to the great atmosphere of the show, the show had people available to unload and load your trailers. Halter championships were fun with audience involvement and these were mixed breed classes. Herb's horse was Reserve to a World Champion Quarter horse. The show was great at the publicity for the breeds it represented. The dates will be Labor Day weekend in 2013. There were 5 saddles that were given away in Arab classes, 10 classes had \$2500 added prize money, All 1st place ribbons had a certificate for a Cinch jacket, and every ribbon received had attached a Reichart Buck that was redeemable for items in the Reichart Store. Most items only cost \$2 each.

Nominating Committee: Margo has asked for a nominating Committee, 2013 is an election year.

Mark Himmel - La (Chair), Carolyn Mikulec - Texas, Jeremy Harper - AR, Herb Meites – OK and Russ Taylor - At Large

Discussion of Resolutions

Concurrent Shows - Russ Taylor and Karlan Downing made a motion at the last meeting regarding opening up the concurrent shows approval. A discussion followed regarding concurrent shows to be held by any show in the Region who wants to host one at the approval of the director. Karlan made a motion to rescind the 2008 motion made by Karlan Downing to limit the approval of Concurrent Shows to the three existing shows. This motion is rescinded.

New Business:

GCAHC Xmas Show - Juliet Redding

Juliet made mention that the information posted in the AHA Insider regarding their show dates, they were incorrectly posted as a One-day show on Dec 2. Also, if anyone is having trouble accessing the premium book, please let Pat Roddy or Juliet know.

Rick Maxon has been in communication with Darryl Bilkie with the Color Breed show in Tulsa which is held just after our US Nationals. There is talk about possibly adding some classes for Arabians.

Kathy Hart asked for donations to Youth Nationals for Jackets. Remind people about change in Youth age to 18 years and under.

Katie Funk - Yellow Ribbon Project - this project will give any child (age 3 to 12th grade) of an active military, National Guard, reservist or wounded warrior project member a \$500 grant to participate in any activity they want to. Katie wants to create a Yellow Ribbon Project to create an 8 week riding lesson program with Arabian horses. Katie was going to ask Region 9 to help with this project, but then she learned about the \$15K youth money and spoke to Shawna from AHA about getting assistance with advertising. Chase Harvill and Lisa Skalski volunteered to help. If a child signs up for a lesson package, the respective trainer will be paid the \$500. Katie wants a list of trainers in Region 9 to contact. AHA is going to assist with advertising and promotion.

Someone asked about the \$25K youth breed promotion money, is it going to be the same old stuff. NO, it is not, they want to use the money for things like sending youth to leadership conferences, Girl Scout groups with badge earning, magazine ads in other breed publications, and other youth activities. The new Marketing person has come to us from the Pony Clubs and is very youth oriented. Charles Bass asked about the profit/loss from Youth Nationals and where that money goes? Debbie Himmel answered that the Youth do not see that money, which is part of why AHA is giving the youth the other money.

R9 Directory - John D came to speak to us. Arabian horse times prints about 3K copies, AHT has been doing our book for the last 8 years and the entire book is also printed in the July issue of the AHT. Margo told John that she had the quote from Walter, but we were also considering a quote from Modern Arabian Horse at our January BOD Meeting. Margo also mentioned to John about the fact that our directories were not available at US Nationals.

Adjournment 9:18 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for January 19th, 2013 during the Horseman's awards event at the Marriott Hotel Champions Circle in Fort Worth, Texas

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Walker

These Minutes Were Approved by the Delegates on January 19, 2013.