

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the delegates meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup> delegates meeting; Chase Harvill made a motion to approve the minutes, Herb Meites seconded. The motion was approved.

Dawn Coons made a motion to approve the Agenda as corrected, second by Debbie Himmel.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Margo Shallcross – Director, Pat Barton – Past Director, Mark Himmel – Vice Director, Cindy Savage – Treasurer, Beth Walker – Secretary, Debbie Himmel - Louisiana Representative, Karen Meites - Oklahoma Representative and Mark Williams - Texas Representative, and Not Present was Jeremy Harper - Arkansas Representative. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 29 delegates present representing 17clubs.

### **Treasurer's Report - Cindy Savage**

We have received the State money for 2013 and 2014 have been received. Cindy reviewed the profit and loss report with the delegates. Charles Bass made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, motion seconded by Carla Jo Bass. Motion accepted.

### **Financial Planning**

The 2015 Budget was presented for review. This budget does not have the State Funding money included in it. Charles Bass made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. Motion adopted

### **January Event**

The Board of Directors has made the decision to not have the Horseman's Awards program this year due to the declining participation. The Youth Foundation has taken a hard look at the cost versus gain and it was decided they do not want to do the Night at the Races Event this year.

Margo has talked to Karen Campbell about possibly moving the hi-point Luncheon to tie in with a Spring Show. It was brought up that many of the people who participate in the program do not show at Class A shows. They look forward to the Banquet.

We are going to plan on doing this Jan 17<sup>th</sup>; the BOD will make a decision

A committee was created to work on January Event planning and get the details done.

Pat Barton, Dawn Coons, Velma Boodt, Carolyn Mikulec, Chase Harvill, Karen Campbell and Margo Shallcross

### **Regional Show:**

A discussion was brought up about the scheduling of the June meeting; the consensus of the room was to move the meeting back to Saturday.

Judges are Greg Gallun, Donnie Bullock, Shannon Armstrong for Main Ring, Deb Witty for Working Western and Creeky Watson for Sport Horse and Dressage.

Event Funding - at the June BOD meeting we had made the decision not to continue with the program, after a recent discussion with WRMC, there has been an event drop out of the program and that has opened up a slot and they have offered us the opportunity to get back into the program for a survey cost of \$5K with a guarantee of getting the same amount of money as last year \$22K.

Margo brought up that we had a good year and we are going to talk to WRMC about possibly having Shavings in the arena if allowed, Parking Rebate, or an Exhibitors Party.

Bob Nash conducted a survey today of several barns, if we did the Exhibitor Party, they want it on Saturday Night, reduce the schedule on Sat Night and many barns have offered to financially assist with Party.

Margo would like to discuss moving a few classes out of the Main ring (Showmanship/ Horsemanship) over to working western judge, this would allow us to add classes like Adult Showmanship and English Trail.

### **Bronzes**

Johnathan Moeller at this point does not want to sign a 3yr contract with us, He has checked with the foundry and the cost of having the Bronzes cast for the future was over \$500 plus extra cost if we have to make a new mold, so because of this he is concerned about future liability of fulfilling the contract.

Karen Meites made a motion that we sign a 1yr contract with Johnathan for the Bronzes for 2015. seconded by Pat Barton Margo is going to try to keep him at last year's price of \$160 each.

**Shows and Approvals**

Karlan Downing made a motion to rescind the Region 9 Show Date Approval Guidelines that was approved by the Region 9 delegates in November 1998; Second by Herb Meites.

Mark Williams presented his Show data graphs to the delegates.

There is a core group of 10 clubs who have put on a show every year since 2007. In 2007 - 8 of the 10 shows had avg over 200 horses, this last year the avg was 120 horses.

Green Country contacted Margo about wanting to have 3 one day show's, there has been much discussion about this. The Green Country club is going to do a concurrent show with Reg 8 & 9.

The board is going to work on some new guidelines for how to go about approving shows and bring to delegates for approval.

**Hi-point** - we have 50 horses this year which is what our budget is based on. This covers the cost of the ribbons and trophies. We have many horses showing in more classes and many horses that are going to open breed shows also.

**Youth – Debbie Himmel**

Youth

Skye Williams and Debbie are in the planning stages of having a trainers' side saddle class at Reg 9 possibly do it as a Calcutta type of class, proceeds could be split between AHDF, Reg 9 Youth, or Reg 9 foundation. Debbie is working with Becky Nash for ideas on how to go about this.

**Directory**

Directory - we will be doing a directory in 2015, since we have an Officer Election this year.

**By Laws Committee**

By-Laws Committee has brought forth a resolution to make a by-laws change, to change the required number of delegate meetings from 4 to 3 meetings per year. Margo took a vote of the delegates in the room, as a by-laws change the vote requires a 2/3rd majority vote; it was approved. Pat Barton brought up to the by-laws committee about changing our name from Region IX to Region 9 to bring us in line with AHA, since we have been known this way for the last 12 years. The by-laws committee will put something together and bring it to the January meeting for approval.

**New Business –**

Nominating Committee - Mary Jo Leahy has asked for Bio's from all persons interested in running for an elected position in the upcoming Officer Election to be held at the May Delegates Meeting.

Adjournment 9:04 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2015 in Dallas/Fort Worth Area

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Walker, Secretary