

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the delegates meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Margo Shallcross – Director, Mark Himmel – Vice Director, Cindy Savage – Treasurer, Beth Walker – Secretary, Debbie Himmel - Louisiana Representative, and Carrie Woolverton - Texas Representative. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 16 delegates present representing 10 clubs.

Chase asked about contacting the club presidents to try and increase participation  
Rules for a quorum state that we must have 1/3 of the clubs or a majority of the total number of delegates = 21 delegates or 8 clubs to achieve quorum.

Minutes from the June 1<sup>st</sup> delegates meeting; Carrie Woolverton made a motion to approve the corrections as made to the minutes, Chase seconded, motion approved. Mark Himmel made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Mark Williams seconded, motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - 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. We have several outstanding items from the Region 9 Show the bill to WRMC, approx \$74K and the bill to Dr. Grada \$9K for our impact study, we are also outstanding the Event Funding for this year \$76K. Charles Bass made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Karlan seconded. Motion Accepted.

The Financial Planning & Budget Committee is meeting later this month to review the budget and show expense numbers and make decisions about how to go forward. The committee consists of Cindy Savage, Bab Nash, Charles Bass, Mark Himmel, Mark Williams, and Margo Shallcross.

Margo asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Margo made a motion to approve the agenda, Karla Bass seconded, motion approved.

Adjourn for Youth Foundation Report at 1:36 pm. Resume at 1:39 PM

**Horseman's Awards** – will be held January 25, 2014 at the Marriott in Ft. Worth; Pat Barton has asked for ideas on Speakers, the youth foundation will host the Night at the Races Event again.  
The changes made previously to the horseman's award program was an attempt to improve awards, the board is going to look at relabeling these awards in an attempt to improve things.

**Event Funding** - We have been approved, but have not received payment yet, receipts and paperwork was turned in to the state for review the middle of August.

**Hand Gallop** - Someone asked if the board would accept a bid for the position of Hand Gallop Editor, Margo said yes she would accept a bid if anyone is interested. Please submit bids to Margo. The position requires the production of a quarterly newsletter, gather the materials that go into it, assist Margo with placing items on the website as needed.

Ad cost was brought up, - Karlan suggested lowering the cost of the ads, Margo reported that this was brought up and discussed in the Executive Mtg, Margo wants the decision of how much to charge for things left to the financial planning committee.  
Most of the E-Blast that Margo sends out and the Newsletters get an average of 50% opened, the newsletter is usually higher. Carla Bass suggested coming up with a better subject line for the newsletter emails to try and get people's attention so they will open the newsletter and read it.

A suggestion was made to offer a business card ad with a link to your webpage for about \$100/year. Chase feels the biggest problem is that he would be advertising only to his clients and peers and therefore not productive for him at creating business.

Facebook - Region 9 has a page - Chase volunteered to help put things on the page

**Regional Show:** Steve Buddin / Margo Shallcross

Regional Show - Steve Buddin has agreed to manage the show for the next 2 years.

Bill Addis is moving out to the Paddock Master job, Tony Shubert will be the announcer in the main ring, Steve has verbally contracted the staff for next year. Diane Mack may have a problem with doing the Patron's again, since she has a new job. Josh Quintus is reviewing the schedule and has been invited to sit on the Executive Show Committee.

Our dates will stay the same as this year, the last week of May. If anybody has a suggestion on a facility, contact Margo.

Pre-Show - The region has looked at adding a pre-show, but the Spindletop club currently holds the dates that would be needed. Contact needs to be made with the Spindletop Club to find out what the plans are for next year.

Show Committee - Steve Buddin, Cindy Savage, Debbie Cinotto, Lisa Skalski, Josh Quintus, Margo

**Working Western**

Working Western - we have looked at moving the Working Western out of the regional show, at this time it is not financially feasible to do this.

**Youth Committee – Debbie Himmel**

At regionals this year, our Youth Director was unable to attend due to graduating from high school, Skye Williams stepped up and took over the responsibility and did a great job.

2013-14 Youth Board  
Director - Skye Williams  
Vice Director - Jenna Dillon  
Secretary - Madison Stegell  
Historian - Sarah Porter

The kids are getting more involved with what needs to be done. The kids are talking about having a youth meeting at the January Event. The kids did several fundraisers this year at regionals, the Get Flocked using the Pink Flamingos from AHYA, the money \$750 from this was donated to the Horseman's Distress Fund. The kids had a 50/50 raffle again and the winner again donated the money back to the kids. The qualifier T-Shirts raised about \$950 profit after the cost of shirts. The Region 9 Youth received a great thank you note from Mary Trowbridge for the donation to the Distress Fund.

Region 9 and California had the largest number of delegates at youth convention. Region 9 youth made a donation to the National Qualifier t-shirts. Skye will be going to the Youth BOD meeting at Convention in November and the AHYA youth will be having a meeting at convention.

The theme at Youth Nationals for the Golf Cart was Duck Dynasty

Debbie has had a youth member from Ok, who is interested in joining the board, but they only have 4 positions, It was discussed in the Executive Mtg to add some Director At Large positions to the Youth Board. The youth are talking about creating a procedure manual and teach the youth Roberts Rules of Order.

The AHYA are doing a fundraising Raffle \$100/ticket - Prize is a 2 horse Trailer that you get to keep. Call Shauna at AHA to purchase your ticket. Drawing to be held at US Nationals, there are only 300 tickets available.

**Approval of Shows** - Margo tries to look at the calendar and make sure any show approved does not conflict.

A Club in Florida, Reg 12 show area has asked for approval the last 2 years to hold a Reg 9 One Day show that would be in January, the trainers who have been asking Margo for this show have guaranteed they will come to Region 9. It would be mostly Halter people.

Carrie Woolverton has asked to hold a one-day show offering jumping & trail  
Karlán made a motion that Margo should be allowed to approve a one day show with specialty classes that has no impact on existing shows, no second was received, discussion was held (Motion Withdrawn).

Karlán made a motion that Margo be allowed to approve Carrie's show with the normal restrictions Margo uses. Betty Bechtold 2nd, Motion Approved

Chase made a motion that Margo is allowed to approve the Florida show for 2014 only, pending the status of a pre-show for 2015.  
Karlán 2nd, Motion Approved

**New Business**

Budgets need to be sent to Charles Bass, Margo or Cindy by September 30.

Beginning now, if you need to have some expenses reimbursed by Cindy - you must fill out an expense report form.

**Convention - Nov 20-23, 2013 in Lexington, KY**

There are 22 resolutions this year, 21 have been approved by the agenda & Resolution committee. Several of the resolutions include: A new Select Rider resolution coming forward, (Level The Playing Field); One regarding paper swaps on horses; Trainer's spouses and Co-Owners; A resolution to restructure the AHA By-Laws; A Resolution to increase Dues - Everybody would get the magazine included with membership again; A resolution to change the halter scoring system again, this is an attempt to bring Scottsdale, World Cup, and Celebration show's halter classes back to AHA.

Mark Himmel asked Margo when she was going to send out the E-Blast to solicit names for Region 9 Judges for 2014. She said in the next week.

Margo asked for names to receive Regional Service Awards.

Adjournment 2:45 PM Motion by Carrie Woolverton, seconded by Chase Harvill.  
Next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2013 during the AHA Convention in Lexington, Ky.

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Walker

These minutes are unapproved