

Region 9 Vice Director Mark Himmel called the delegates meeting to order at 12:30 PM

Minutes from the May 27<sup>th</sup> delegates meeting; Mary Jo Leahy made a motion to approve the minutes, Debbie Himmel seconded. The motion was approved.

Mark Himmel asked that everyone please make the following changes to your Agenda  
Add F under New Business - Convention Budget  
Dawn Coons add about AAOTR Classes  
Under #10 - New Show Request - B) Add approval of the Houston All Arabian Show  
Mary Jo made a motion to approve the Agenda as corrected, second by Debbie H

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Mark Himmel – Vice Director, Cindy Savage – Treasurer, Beth Walker – Secretary, Debbie Himmel - Louisiana Representative, and Mark Williams - Texas Representative, Not Present was Margo Shallcross – Director, Pat Barton – Past Director, Jeremy Harper - Arkansas Representative and Karen Meites - Oklahoma Representative. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 10 delegates present representing 8 clubs.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Savage

As of now the Event Funds for 2013 have been received and Cindy has received an Email stating that the funds for 2014 should be in our acct sometime this week.

Cindy reviewed the Treasurer's Report with us. Velma Boodt made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Dawn Coons seconded; Motion Accepted.

### **Financial Planning**

Get budget items to Charles Bass by November 1st. Financial Planning is going to have a meeting at Convention just before the Caucus meeting.

### **January Event - Cindy**

For this year we are going to not do the Horseman's Awards

Looking to focus on the Hi-Point Awards program

Thinking about just having a nice catered meal at a banquet hall, try to make the event more affordable.

### **Regional Show:**

We have a new Show Manager - Nancy Braesicke

2 of the judges have been selected - Shannon Armstrong, Donnie Bullock and Deb Witty for Working Western.

We briefly brought this forward in June that we were looking to cut costs and give garland/plaques in the open classes

Karen Blankenship brought some garlands and showed them to us with prices ranging from \$20 - 40 each depending on colors, flowers, plaques on them. Many trainers said they do not care about the bronzes versus a garland, but Betty Bechtold brought up that as an owner she really would prefer the bronze.

Karen Blankenship is going to see what she can get for us, she knows the source for the US National Trophy. We need 160 bronzes and we are currently paying \$165. Johnathan is asking us to sign a new 3 yr contract with a new price of \$195 each plus freight. The board is going to ask the Bronze Guy to give us some more specific proposals.

It has been proposed to have a street party on Tuesday night as part of the exhibitor party.

Cindy has spoken with the people at the Waco facility and the bid was the same as WRMC, except No parking charges  
The Reining people like the Waco facility, footing is better and they have more places to work horses.

Financial Planning/Show Committee is looking at not paying prize money (\$26K) this year and find other places to spend that money.

Mark took a Straw Vote - All in favor of having parking passes for exhibitors instead of the Prize Money/Street Party - Someone asked about parking also including the trailers.

### **Youth – Debbie Himmel**

Reg 9 youth had the most delegates at the Youth Convention during Youth Nationals

79 youth attended as delegates, they had an open convention this year due to all the changes happening at AHA.

As of June 1, 2014 - 2063 eligible youth members

Tail Program - a program to introduce outside people to the Arabian Horse, Debbie wants to give Kudo's to Skye Williams, Bethany

Dewitt and Crizta Goslin did grooming demo, there were over 500 people that went thru the tours

Bethany DeWitt sang the National Anthem at Youth and is available to do your shows

AHYA & the kids are doing the Trailer Raffle, there are only 300 tickets available. Tickets are \$100 each, must be purchased from AHA directly, be sure to tell them it is for Region 9

Dawn Coons asked about notification of youth activities being sent to the Club Presidents.

**Directory**

Debbie Himmel mentioned that the last issue of the Modern Arabian Horse had the Region 12 Directory included with it, she thought it was nice that they had a copy of their By-Laws included in the directory.

**Hand Gallop – Bill Eash**

Bill Eash still needs E-Mail addresses of club members for the Hand-Gallop

**New Business –**

New Show's

1) Sunflower Show - held on April 11-12 in Wichita, KS is requesting approval for it to be a dual qualifier to make it an 8/9 qualifier and they will approve the requested 8/9 qualifier of the Green Country AHA.

Velma brought up that they have been communicating with Rusty Cook the Reg 8 Director, Mark Himmel read an Email from Rusty and Margo regarding this.

Dawn has a concern regarding the dates of the Sunflower Show, can they possibly change the dates so they are not on top of any Reg 9 show.

2) Katy Show - Karen Blankenship

She has been approved for a Reg 14 qualifier.

Straw Vote was held 5-4 against of the 9 people at the meeting

The BOD has decided to reimburse Cindy for her travel and expenses to the convention since she needs to be present for the financial committee and treasurer report to delegates.

Mark Williams brought up his resolution, that he wrote to allow the regions to charge dues of the members as a different method of fundraising for the region. A discussion was held regarding this, most people were not in favor of this.

The BOD has decided to give \$2500 to Margo to spend on the Food and Drink at Convention during the Caucus Meeting

Dawn brought it up that shows need to be more aware and make sure that they include the sweepstakes classes into their shows.

Adjournment 2:25 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014 at the AHA Convention in Denver, Co.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Walker, Secretary

These Minutes were **Approved** on November 20, 2014 by the Delegates.