

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Margo Shallcross – Director, Mark Himmel – Vice Director, Cindy Savage – Treasurer, Pat Barton – Past Director, Louisiana Representative – Debbie Himmel, Arkansas Representative – Jeremy Harper, and Texas Representative – Carrie Woolverton. Oklahoma Representative – Herb Meites was not present. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 25 delegates present representing 15 clubs.

Jane Ann Godsey resigned as Secretary in July. To fill the vacated position, Margo created a nomination committee chaired by Carrie Woolverton to present a list of candidates for election by the delegates. The list of names presented was Beth Walker, Patty Liarakos and Marcus “Danny” Tucker. Nominations from the floor were then accepted and Linda Abston was nominated. Margo asked each of the nominee’s to stand up and say a few words about themselves to the delegates. The Delegates voted and ballots were picked up and counted by Carrie Woolverton. Carrie completed the count and gave the results to Margo who announced the winner as Beth Walker.

Margo Shallcross asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Linda Abston made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Margo called for a brief recess of the delegate meeting so that the Youth Foundation may conduct their meeting. Cindy Savage conducted the meeting and gave the report.

Margo Shallcross called the Region 9 delegates meeting back to order.

Margo called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2012 Delegate meeting. Katie Funk made a motion to approve the minutes, Pat Barton seconded, Motion Passed.

Cindy Savage gave the Treasurer’s Report. Refer to handout. Motion was made by Carrie Woolverton, seconded by Bob Barton to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion Passed.

Financial Planning: Bob Barton gave the report prepared by Charles Bass. Bob presented a preliminary budget for 2013. There was discussion about the proposed budget and a few changes made. Mark Williams asked about Region 9 making a donation to the Youth Foundation to balance their budget, it was discussed and decided to look at this during our next meeting during convention. Karlan Downing asked about reducing the Advertising rates for the Hand Gallop newsletter to increase advertising. It was decided to table this discussion until Convention in November. Bob Barton made a motion to accept the 2013 preliminary budget as corrected, seconded by Carrie Woolverton, Motion Accepted. Bob said the final 2013 Budget will be voted on for approval at the November Delegates meeting..

Committee Reports

Region 9 Show: Carrie Woolverton spoke briefly to say what a great show we had, there were a few challenges during the show that were all overcome to have a great show.

Margo announced that Steve Buddin will be the Show Manager for 2013. Edythe Snowden will be the Barn Manager, Melanie Hershberger and Beth Walker will be in the Show Office. Margo spoke with exhibitors during the Reichart Celebration show about adding Sunday Classes to the Region 9 Show. The show dates will be Wednesday May 29 thru Sunday June 2. This is to try to accommodate the Youth with graduations, final exams and end of school. Lisa Skalski and Debbie Cinotto are working on the class schedule. Chase Harvill suggested the addition of Amateur Grand Championship classes to increase participation and excitement. Dawn Coons would like to ask that a rule be imposed that there is to be NO LUNGING in the Show Arenas. Margo recently sent out an email to members asking for suggestions on judges for the 2013 Region 9 show, many people said they did not get the email, so Margo is going to resend it.

Texas Event Funding: All reports for 2012 have been sent in and the money is expected in Mid-October. The cost for the 2012 Market Analysis will be \$8,000 and for 2013 it will be \$9,000. It is currently looking like we will get the same amount of money in 2013 as this year, but there is no guarantee of the dollar amount yet. Pat Barton mentioned that there is discussion about the life of this funding. The show committee is looking at creating a scale for the prize money payouts so that classes with only 1 or 2 horses do not get punished by not receiving any payback money.

Promotion Committee: Margo wants to create a promotion committee to create ideas and ways to bring the public to the show. One suggestion was to go to the retirement communities and bring the residents to the show, also get the girl scouts, boy scouts and similar groups to the show. They could also organize Barn Tours.

Region 9 Sport Horse: They had 58 horses this year. There was a problem with the Sport horse Under Saddle judge. Margo has challenged the Sport Horse exhibitors to support and grow the division. The Sport Horse show will be brought back into the Main Ring show in an attempt to help it grow.

Cowgirl Hall of Fame: Dawn Coons is representing the Region on this. Dawn is working on the decorating of our table for this year's event. The theme is highlighting the Half-Arabian and Sheila Varian as she is a member of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

Directory: Margo Shallcross reported that the Region 9 directory will be out in the fall. It was suggested that we look at advertising in Modern Arabian Horse Magazine from AHA. Margo reported that the circulation of MAH is down to 45% of the membership since they started charging for the magazine. Margo will get the numbers and rates together and bring to Convention for further discussion.

Hi-Point Awards: Karen Campbell has raised \$800 for the Hi-Points Awards program and has worked hard to improve the program.

Newsletter: Bill Eash is going to start sending out proofs.

Working Western: Dawn asked that shows offering cows please add Limited Reined Cow Horse classes – This class uses reworked cows, so shows could offer a low cattle charge or even no cattle charge to try and increase entries. In this class the rider does a simple pattern and the boxing portion of the cow work, no down the rail work.

Youth: Debbie Himmel reported that Region 9 had both our Youth Director and Vice Director present at the executive meeting. Region 9 had 29 delegates present for the Youth Convention, This was the largest group. Their Golf Cart for the Parade of Regions was a Pink Cadillac with a group of kids wearing poodle skirts with Arab horses on them, the kids than did a coordinated dance. Region 9 donated horses to be used for the Youth Judging Contest.

By-Laws: The Executive Board wants to create a policy and procedures manual that will reference the by-laws on how to handle things. Pat Barton, Cindy Savage and Mark Himmel (Director at Large) will form a By-Laws committee to produce this manual.

Extravaganza: Pat Barton is working on this. The extravaganza will be January 19, 2013 at the Marriott Champions Circle in Ft Worth rooms will be \$89/night. The speakers have not been finalized yet, but plans do include continuing the Trainers and Judges panels. There will be NO stallion Service Auction. The Youth Foundation Fundraiser will be A Night at the Races; this is played using funny money that you place your bets on the horses just as if at a real racetrack. You can purchase additional funny money, after the races are over you can then use your funny money to purchase auction items. It was suggested to have a Golf Scramble on Sunday as another fundraiser, Cheryl McCally offered to be in charge of this, Margo is going to poll the membership to see if there is any interest.

Horseman's Awards: Nominations are due September 10th to Pat Barton. Chase Harvill suggested creating a nominating committee, the BOD changed the way the nominations were done to allow nominations from everyone and the BOD then selected five finalists for each category via a "blind" vote after receiving the bios.

New Business

Letter from Mark Williams: Mark Williams wrote an Open Letter to Region 9 Members that he sent to Margo Shallcross and Mark was present at the Delegates meeting to read and discuss his letter with the delegates. It was mentioned that we have about 1400 members in the region. This letter opened a discussion on the growing number of non-club sponsored shows and what, if any impact they have on the region. It was mentioned that TACHA (The Arabian Cutting Horse Association) did not sponsor the non-club hosted cutting which was held this year by John Garland. The region's responsibility does not include helping clubs to put on shows, it was suggested that the non-club sponsored shows should pay a fee to the region. Larry Shallcross suggested asking shows, especially non-club sponsored to advertise in our newsletters and R9 show books (Premium book & Program).

Out of Region Show: Margo reported that she has approved a region 9 qualifier show to be held at the Alabama show held March 22-24 in Rainsville, AL. Located about 2 hours northeast of Birmingham, AL near the Georgia State Line. The Alamo club has given its approval as this show would be on the same dates as their Alamo Spring show. The approval for this show has been granted on a one-time basis for now. Margo wants a list of exhibitors from the show so she can review who goes to Alabama from Region 9 and who from Region 12 comes to the Region 9 show. She wants to look at the impact to the region from this approval, if any show feels they were impacted by the approval of this show, they are to notify Margo.

Concurrent Shows: Russ Taylor made a motion that he would like to change the restriction on concurrent shows to allow any show held to have this option. It was brought up in the discussion that there was a motion made several years ago to restrict the number of concurrent shows held within Region 9 to 3 existing shows that could not have survived without it. Margo will go back in the minutes and find the exact wording of the original motion and email it out, she must also give 30 days' written notice of intent to change it and the original proposer must be there. Russ Taylor and Karlan Downing made a motion that we put this motion on the agenda for the November delegates meeting. Discussion was held to postpone this until the January meeting in an attempt to allow more members to be involved in the decision, Russ said no he wants it on the November Agenda vote was held and result was tied 11/11, Margo was tiebreaker vote in favor of putting this on the November schedule. Motion Passed.

Date of Next Meeting: November 15th in Denver, CO during the AHA Convention.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45PM

Respectfully submitted by Beth Walker

Approved with corrections November 15, 2012