

Region 9 Director Margo Shallcross called the delegates meeting to order at 10:54AM.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Margo Shallcross – Director, Mark Himmel – Vice Director, Pat Barton – Past Director, Cindy Savage – Treasurer, Beth Walker – Secretary, Debbie Himmel - Louisiana Representative, Jeremy Harper - Arkansas Representative, Herb Meites - Oklahoma Representative and Carrie Woolverton - Texas Representative. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 23 delegates present representing 15 clubs.

Margo asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Pat Barton made a motion to approve the agenda, Herb Meites seconded; this motion was approved by the delegates.

The delegates meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM for the Region 9 AHAYouth Foundation Meeting, Cindy Savage gave this report.

The delegates' meeting was called back to order at 11:04AM by Margo Shallcross.

Minutes from the November 15<sup>th</sup> delegates meeting; Charles Bass made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Herb Meites seconded. The motion was approved. Margo told the delegates that we are going to make a better effort to post the minutes from our delegates meetings posted to the website for the members to be able to view.

Liz Williams has come over to Margo's house and spent some time helping Margo learn to post things on the website, place link's on the e-blast's, this will go a long way in our communication with the members of the region.

Cindy Savage reviewed the Treasurer's Report with us. Charles Bass made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Carolyn Mikulec. Motion Accepted.

#### **Regional Show:** Steve Buddin

The 2 new arenas in the new bldg by the parking garage will be open to use and Steve has added 2 lunging areas to this area. Facility does not know if the outdoor lunging area will be ready for use. The front 54 stalls in John Justin are being removed to build a vendor hall. Many exhibitors will have to be moved. All of the tunnels have been completed and are open for use. There is a new outdoor arena being added out behind where the cattle barns are located. Plans to eventually insulate the cattle barns and install Big Ass fans to put these back to use as barns. Some of the show staff has changed, Edyth Snowden will be the Barn Manager, Show Office will have Melanie and Beth.

Entry Closing will be approx April 24th.

The show management will be enforcing NO Lunging in any of the show arenas. They are going to post signs in both English/Spanish The Area where the cattle pens have been in the center areas will not be available to use as warmup/schooling. U can use the tunnels and walk-thru only.

Last year's show had 454 horses.

Chase asked if we could move the shavings from the cattle pens to the show arena. Facility has said NO to the shavings in the arena unless we want to pay to remove the dirt and replace it.

Karlan asked if we could produce a map of facility showing locations to work and lunge and include in the entry packets and in the Omnibus.

Chase asked if we have looked at other facilities? Margo is staying on top of contact with WRMC monthly, looking at possible date change, will know more later. We are in the first year of a 3 yr. contract with a 2 yr. option at the end. It has a clause to allow us to move back into a June date if one came available.

Event funding money has not been confirmed or guaranteed yet for this year. Do not know how much we will get, but feel sure that we will get some money.

#### **Horseman's Awards – Pat Barton:**

92 Lunch, 110 Dinner tickets sold.

Pat warned that there is a possibility this event may change in the future.

The nominations and votes were down - 127 votes received. Chase asked about Online voting, we received a quote from the Arabian Horse Times to set this up - price was \$1,000 to setup and then about \$2-300 each year to update. One issue that was going to have to be worked on is that if you have more than one person in a household they were not going to be able to vote.

#### **Hi-Point** – Karen Campbell

Last year we had 14horse and rider entries, this year we had 43 horse and rider entries. This year's participation grew to 142 riders in the categories. Please nominate your youth and amateur riders.

**Working Western - Dawn Coons**

She has spoken with Jim Hitt and Mike Damianos about going forward with the Team Sorting. Also got the Herd Work part of Working Cow horse acknowledged This would allow shows to use the cattle 3 times which will help with cost. Rick Maxson is the new President of the Working Cow Horse assoc, Dawn is the Vice President& Membership, they are working to revamp by-laws and get that club back up and running.

Someone asked about the Short Stirrup reining class being added at Convention, and an exception was approved to allow the cross entry of a rider from Short Stirrup to a reg Walk/Trot class.

**Nominating Committee -Mark Himmel**

Mark is the chair of the Nominating Committee - All current members of the Board are eligible to rerun for their office except for Herb (OK Rep), Mark has several people who have given him their names for that position. Mark asked anyone who wants to run for an office to pls email him.

Margo told the Delegates that the Executive Board had scheduled a meeting for April 27th via the website GoToMeeting.com; By-laws update status, Reichart Show about payouts.

E-Blasts - You may have 2 e-blasts per show per year, Not in Ad Format. You can do an AD Type E-Blast for a fee, use the same rates as Hand Gallop.

Ads for the Reg 9 Premium Book will be \$325, WRMC has been asked to do an ad, they have agreed.

Adjournment 11:56AM

Next meeting is scheduled for June 1 2013 during the Region 9 Show in Fort Worth, Texas

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Walker

These minutes were approved June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 by the delegates.