



2009-2010 Officers

Peggy Weems, Director
Mary Jane Brown, Vice-Director
Barb Garcia, Treasurer
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Arabian Horse Association
AHA REGION 4

MINUTES

Region 4 AHA

Board of Delegates Meeting

April 11, 2009

Red Lion Inn – Salem, OR

Meeting was called to order by Vice Director Mary Jane Brown, for absent Director Peggy Weems, at 9:10 am. Roll Call was made to establish a quorum. The following 5 clubs, with 8 voting delegates were seated plus the Past Director:

AHACO – Chris Bickford

AHBAO – Barb Garcia

AHBAO – Kay Herbst

AiM – Scott Bowman

AiM – Kaye Phaneuf

AiM – Janelle Wilde

EVAHC – Sue Thompson

RVAHA – Ashley McIntyre

Past Director – Mary Jane Brown

Not Present: AHC of Central Oregon, ARHA (*national club – excused*), Des Arab AHA, Mid-Columbia AHC, Magic Valley AHA.

Guests present: Greg Hager, Toni Van Wyck, Sue Irwin

Agenda additions/modifications

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion #2009-01 To accept the minutes of the last meeting as posted on the website. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Motion #2009-02 to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Barb Garcia. Motion passed.

Directors Report

AHA Update - Computer conversion due to be completed by 6/2009. Budgets are set up to reflect reduced participation in National Shows. New editor for Modern Arabian, former editor of "Cowboys & Indians". New classes added. Futurity Trail class added to US Nationals class list.

Congratulations to 2008 Volunteer Service Awards winners, Kay Herbst and Tony VanWyck

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Region 4 Championship Show Commission

Sue Irwin announced that prize lists are posted on the website. Tony Van Wyck is working on securing Patrons. Two show commissioners, Judy Booth and Peggy Weems terms are expiring and we thank them for their volunteerism. Each year the Chairman will appoint two members for four year terms. **Motion #2009-03**

made to accept the nominations of Lori Phelps and Robin Burnside to the Region 4 AHA Show Commission, terms to expire in Spring 2013. Motion passed.

Region 4 Championship Show Judge's Selection Committee

The 2010 Judge's Selection List has been completed and they are working on securing judges from that list for the 2010 Championship Show now. Two committee members, Doug Stewart and Kaye Phaneuf terms are expiring and we also thank them for their volunteerism. Nominations of Kaye Phaneuf and Lisa Kolke were made from the floor as new committee members. **Motion #2009-04** passed.

Dressage / Sport Horse

An advertisement for all of the Region 4 AHA Dressage/Sport Horse events was placed in the ODS Omnibus and distributed to 1200 ODS members. Shows included AiM Back 2 Basics; Rogue Valley Spring Festival (which was canceled), AHBAO, AHACO, AiM Sport Horse Classic and Region 4 AHA Sport Horse Championships. The AiM Sport Horse Classic and Region 4 AHA Sport Horse Championships Show will be at the Devonwood Equestrian Center on August 7-9, 2009. Most officials have been hired. Jennifer Milbourn will be show manager, Jean Beck and Annette Wells will run the show office. Need to expand advertising. FEI Classes will be broken out to 4 levels instead of "Test Of Choice" to meet AHA requirements.

Scholarship Foundation

No report presented

Youth

Scott Bowman reported for Ahna Bowman. Ahna wants to hold a Region 4 Youth meeting and also wants to get a list of all of the youth member so that she can make contact with them.

Region 4 Performance Futurity

Written report submitted by Sandy Ahlin. 13 horses entered, a lot of interested inquiries. Sandy will be working to update committee members. Current committee is Sandy Ahlin, Chair; Dick Ahlin, Mary Jane & Russ Brown, Beth & Jim Garvison, Russ Harris, Karla Moffitt & Lori Sage. Mary Jane Brown is helping to secure class and buckle sponsors.

Breed Promotion

Chris Bickford reported on the Albany Horse Expo demonstration. Russ Brown, Harmony Pugh, Chris Bickford, Kate Brown, Michael Hartman, Peggy Weems all presented horses. Chris suggested that the script from the Expo be posted. PNER also had a booth at the Expo and they were impressed with the Arabian demonstration and they would like to add an Arabian Endurance horse to the demonstration next year. Region 4 is very appreciative of all the volunteers who made this event happen, and is currently looking for volunteers for next year's event. Please contact Peggy Weems if you are interested.

Idaho Expo & Fair Report (2 events)– no report presented

Oregon State Fair – Margo Hepner-Hart is Show Manager. Margo is looking for input on how to get more Arabians involved in the fair. Mary Jane Brown offered to help her with class suggestions to increase participation. Margo stated that they have made many improvements to the show schedule and facility flow to make it more manageable and enjoyable for everyone.

Nominating Committee

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee for election of 2011 officers, please contact Peggy Weems.

Audit Committee

Region 4 AHA needs three members to volunteer. This committee shall review all accounts of the Region handled by the treasurer or anyone else, at the close of the fiscal year, and make a written report to the Board of Delegates at the first meeting of the year. Members of this committee should understand accounting procedures and practices. Please contact Peggy Weems if you are interested in volunteering.

Benefit Activities Committee

Kaye Phaneuf and Judy Booth agreed that the \$40 AHA recognition fee for Endurance rides benefited the Arabian breed and that Janelle Wilde could submit her invoice to the regional treasurer for reimbursement from this committee.

Distance (Endurance & Competitive Trail)

Janelle Wilde reported. Sweepstakes qualifying rides are very difficult to administer. Janelle is working with the National Distance Committee to settle some of these issues. AHA is reaching out to find new locations for National Rides. (see AHA BOD minutes/notes) This year's National Ride will be held in Oklahoma and is an AERC approved ride. Come to the PNER annual convention, usually held in January, which features speakers, an awards dinner, and oodles of vendors. PNER Year End High Point Award is sponsored by Region 4 AHA and is open to any AHA member, riding a registered Purebred or Half Arabian. Points are accumulated at 1 point per mile (1½ per mile at the Region IV Championship), based on horse/rider team. Only rides within Region IV will count. All distances are eligible for points. An achievement award will be given to all who accumulate 200 points or more. There is a \$10 nomination fee for each horse/rider combination. Riders must submit proof of AHA membership and horse registration to AHA representative prior to any points accumulation. Region IV AHA representative is Janelle Wilde. 541-849-2460 (phone & fax) mfarm@centurytel.net. Region 4 also has an advertisement in the PNER Handbook.

Newsletter

Both Peggy and Mary Jane have been trying to secure a reliable editor for production and distribution of the regional newsletter. It has been the policy to have 3 newsletters per year. Peggy Weems is setting up a "Constant Contact" internet account so that the region can make e-mail broadcast notifications to its members on a more timely basis. Lisa Kolke is working with the webmistress to update the Region 4 website and get more general information about the region and links to local clubs updated as well as post items that are "newsworthy" and timely. If you are interested in volunteering to become editor of the regional newsletter, please contact Peggy Weems.

Recognition Committee

No report presented

Finance/Budget

No report presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Region 4 Directory

Kay Herbst motioned to contact Mary Ann Milette of Western Publishing to produce and print the Region 4 AHA Directory for the years 2010/2011 and 2012/2013 (2 directory contract) under the same terms as our last agreement. **Motion #2009-05** passed. Chris Bickford volunteered to contact Mary Ann on behalf of the Region.

Rogue Valley AHA Club

Rogue Valley Show dates will be September 10- 13, 2009 with 2 days of Sport Horse Classes and 2 days of regular performance and halter classes. In 2010 they would like to hold 2 shows, with one in the spring. They ask for the board's consideration, but will refrain from a formal motion until after their fall show is completed.

Region 4 AHA High Point Jackpot

Barb Garcia explained that the Region 4 AHA High Point Jackpot was introduced to get more horses to show at more AHA approved shows during the year, points to count upon receipt of enrollment form. Since the official announcement was made via E-mail blast on April 6th, the rules as published will allow exhibitors who showed at Rally In The Valley **AND Arabians In Motion Back 2 Basics shows** (not previously publicized) to claim those points as long as their enrollment form is received before the close of the AHBAO show on April 19th. Questions should be directed to Peggy Weems. Enrollment forms to be mailed to Barb Garcia. Rules and forms are posted on the website at www.aharegioniv.com

By-Laws Committee

Mary Jane Brown brought up the need for a review of the regional By-Laws to make sure that they currently reflect the direction and operation policies of the region as well as ensure that they are in compliance with AHA and Oregon not-for-profit statutes. Typically this committee would be made up of 3 to not more than 5 members. Members should be familiar with the current by-laws of Region 4 as well as the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of the Arabian Horse Association. Someone with a legal background would be an asset to the committee. Mary Jane volunteered to chair the committee and asked for volunteers. Lisa Kolke also volunteered. Any one else interested in serving on this volunteer committee should contact Mary Jane Brown or Peggy Weems.

Announcements

May 24, 2009	Region 4 AHA 100 Mile Championship Ride	Owyhee Fandango
July 12, 2009	Region 4 AHA 50 Mile Championship Ride	Bandit Springs, OR
July 25 - August 1, 2009	AHA Youth Nationals	Albuquerque, NM
August 17 - 22, 2009	AHA/CAHR Canadian Nationals	Regina, Sask, BC
September 22 - 27, 2009	AHA Sport Horse Nationals	Lexington, KY
October 23 - 31, 2009	AHA U.S. Nationals	Tulsa, OK
October 27 - 31, 2009	1st National AHA Distance Championship	Stillwater, OK
November 18 - 22, 2009	AHA Annual Membership Convention	Reno, Nevada

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting to be held November 7, 2009 in Salem, Oregon

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

-Lisa Kolke

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Secretary

Region 4 AHA

The foregoing minutes are official as approved by the Region 4 AHA Board of Delegates at the November 7, 2009 board meeting.