



2013-2014 Officers

Mary Jane Brown, Director
Chris Bickford, Vice-Director
Barb Garcia, Treasurer
Lisa Kolke, Secretary



Minutes Region 4 Spring Meeting Mac's Grill – Pendleton, Oregon October 5, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Director Mary Jane Brown. Roll call was made to establish a quorum.

The following 7 clubs and 9 delegates, plus the immediate past director were seated:

AHACO	Chris Bickford	CASHC	Kaye Phaneuf
AHBAO	Karla Moffitt	DAAHA	Terie Ellis
AHBAO	Barb Garcia	EVAHC	Sonya Luke
AHCCO	Chana VanderZanden	Past Director	Peggy Weems

Not Present: Arabian Reining Horse Association, Magic Valley Arabian Horse Association.

Guests present: Karin Brown, Denyce Drinkall, Lyn Kinney, PeggyVanderZanden

Agenda additions/modifications

Add

1. Proposed ByLaw changes to "New Business".
2. AHBAO Show Request
3. Election of Show Commission members

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion #2014-09 to approve amendments to the agenda

Motion #2014-10 to approve minutes of the March 2014 meeting as posted on the website.

Treasurer's report

Barb Garcia reviewed the financial documents that were emailed in the director packets. **Motion #2014-11** to accept the treasurer's report as emailed. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Passed around Thank You cards received Mary Jane reviewed the August AHA Board meeting. Youth Nationals had 842 horses. AHA is conducting a feasibility study. The building needs a new HVAC system and a new computer system. New regional boundaries committee reappointed. Both the Sport Horse Nationals and the National Distance Ride were in Idaho this year. There was one horse that competed in both, earning a Top Ten at SHN and then going Reserve National Champion on the ride. USN has hit their budgeted horse number. AHA is working on Sweepstakes Program and Leveling Select Rider classes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Region 4 Championship Horse Show Commission

- Peggy Weems - The projected profit for the June, 2014 show was \$10,000 based on 400 horses. Even though we had 383 horses, the actual profit was \$18,000.
- For the 2015 show, our current budget projects a profit of \$9,000. Because the industry wide trend leads us to expect fewer horses, we are basing this on 360 horses. There is a new food vendor at

the Ford Idaho Horse Park and indications are that our costs for Patron meals will increase significantly. For that reason we have increased the Patron pricing for the first time in many years.

- We have signed a contract with the Ford Idaho Horse Park for the years through 2018. The dates are:
 - **June 20-27, 2015**
 - **June 18-25, 2016**
 - **June 17-24, 2017**
 - **June 16-23, 2018**
- The Region 4 Show Commission would like to propose a By-Law change. To help conserve resources, we would like to change to a five member commission. Since a by-law change requires 30 days advance notice, we are presenting it here and are requesting that it be emailed to all Region 4 voting delegates for an email vote to be concluded 30 days from now. See the proposal on a separate handout.
- Our wonderful show staff and great exhibitors combine to produce a show that is recognized as one of the most successful in the country. As I attend National shows, I continue to hear many positive comments from across the nation. A big thank-you to all who help with this success.

Judges's Selection Committee

Dawn Gossler reported that they met this morning, and they have a list of judges for 2015 to submit to the Show Commission, so they can start the hiring process. Jill Mitchell, Michelle Blackwell, Julie Goder-Larson, Brian Murch, Brian Scoggins and Abby Cozenza.

Sport Horse/Dressage Committee

Terie - Show was a positive. In 2015 they will take the hunters outside to free up arena time. Dressage exceeded expectations, SHIH was strong. Good crossover entries from SHC to main ring.

Kaye reported that SHN was over 10% and had to add extra ring. Net year SHN goes to Raleigh NC. And then back to Nampa 2016. SHN will grow to a 5 day show. SHUS Splits next year.

1. Region 4 Sport Horse Championship show management grants permission for the 2015 Region 4 Fourth Level, Prix St. Georges, Intermediate-I, Intermediate-II and Grand Prix Dressage Championships to be held 'off-off-site' during the Region 5 Sport Horse Show at Donida Farm in Auburn, Washington on May 30-31, 2015. Donida Farm will purchase all awards for these championships from Region 4 Sport Horse show management at cost and will assume all other expenses related to these championships. There will be no cost to Region 4 or Des Arab for these five championships.
2. Donida Farm requests permission to offer Region 4 qualifying classes at the Arabian Sport Horse Celebration (pre-show) on May 28-29, 2015. Region 4 qualifying classes will be offered only for the five Region 4 dressage championships listed above: Fourth Level through Grand Prix. Donida Farm will assume all expenses for these classes, including awards.

Scholarship Committee – Connie Chapman

Peggy Weems announced that this year they gave out 2 Adult Awards. Mikayla Waltos and Megan Bromley were this year's recipients. Their photos and biographies are on the website. <http://www.aharegioniv.com/scholarship.php>

Youth Committee

Mary Jane reported that she was happy to announce our new Youth director, Kade Spencer.

Performance Futurity Committee

Karla Moffitt reported on the futurity. This year there was over \$20,000 in Purse and Awards. The futurity committee will be re-writing the rules to clarify some points that continue to be an issue.

Breed Promotion

Albany Northwest Horse Expo Contact Kay at (503)702-0678 or khrb8@aol.com. As Region 4 is one of the long- time supporters of the Albany Horse Expo, we once again were given a prime location for the booth. Thank you to the great group of volunteers that helped the booth be a big success. Sue Thompson, Vicky Robbins, Amy Pike, Lisa and Loree Ethell, Brenda Maher, Haley Vachter, Sarah Asby, Billy Jo Morley and Sue Norman. Linda Waagen volunteered, but due to a family illness had to cancel. We had a large supply of AHA brochures and Modern Arabian magazines to share thanks to Chris Bickford. We only had a few Region 4 Handbooks to hand out. We decided to only give them to those that wanted to visit a farm or were inquiring about where to buy an Arabian. Only one farm had brochures featuring their sale horses. Each year we ask for clubs and farms to supply the booth with info. As usual, the Patrick Swayze poster attracted a lot of attention. We didn't have it up at first and a request was made by some of his fans to please share it with the world. We came in under budget. Expenses \$637.83. The dates for the 2015 Albany Horse Expo are March 20-21-22. Amy Pike will be participating in the "Breed Challenge" representing Region 4. AHA has confirmed our reservation for the booth on the dates in 2015 as requested. I would like to have a co-chair named to help with the 2015 Expo, as this will be my last year to chair this event.

Idaho Expo & Western Idaho State Fair Lynn Kinney

Oregon State Fair Sue Thompson reported that the State fair. This year we had 23 horses show in Western, Hunter, Trail and Halter Divisions. New for 2014 we added AATR and AAOTR classes for Western, Hunter, and Trail. We had a great turn out for Halter classes and added an Overall Champion of Champions Class a beautiful award was donated by Judy Ashard as were most Halter Class awards. All Halter awards were given in memory of Carolyn Sheppard Burdick. New also this year was a hospitality room filled with bottled water and lots of snacks for all exhibitors. This was a really big hit and enjoyed by all. We had a booth filled with AHA promotional materials. A lot were given out. We had a new sign outside the barn that read "Come Meet the Arabian Horse". I believe the sign really brought the people in and it is reusable. Lots of exhibitors opened stall doors so people could meet, pet and take pictures of the horses. Sonjya Luke did a wonderful job with the awards, embroidered totes went to 1st - 5th place and chairs for Championships. Exhibitors loved these useful awards. Sonjya donated totes and embroidery on the items and also donated a beautiful overall High Point. Our budget this year was \$800.00 and I asked for that to be the same in 2015. Hopefully there will be a show. I really enjoyed being the promotion person for Region IV for State Fair, I'm going to step aside and Sonjya Luke has expressed her desire to take over the job of State Fair Promotions for 2015. I still believe that the best way to promote our Arabian Horse as a family horse are venues like State Fair. Thank You, Sue Thompson.

Audit Committee – Ben Mallery.

No report given.

Benefit Activities Committee – (Judi Booth & Kaye Phaneuf)

No report given.

Distance (Endurance & Competitive) – Carlene Benson

I've been working with DeWayne Brown to reinvigorate AHA participation in Region 4 endurance. Janelle Wilde did a nice job for the past few years, but as participation in general has fallen off nationally in endurance due to the economy, job losses, gas prices and the aging out of veteran riders, AHA participation has followed and it's been a struggle to keep the numbers up. But the last 2 years we've seen an increase in new riders, many on Arabs, so we're focusing on getting them involved as well as targeting the past AHA riders. I plan to spend the winter months educating riders on the intricacies on all the AHA distance riding awards and goals and hope to get more signed up. We're still using DeWayne's fabulous Region 4 End of the Year award as an incentive to ride in the Regional ride. Region 4 AHA Championship Ride was held consecutively with the Oregon 100 ride Sept. 14, in Brothers Oregon. We had 2 half Arabs compete and 5 Purebreds. I don't know how that compares to previous years but this was with the AHA Nationals held in Region 4 the following weekend, so not too bad! We'll be shooting for more next year.

Membership Directory – Mary Ann Milette

No report given.

Recognition Committee – Sue Silver, Sonya Bickford

No report given.

Finance/Budget

No report given.

Region 4 High Point Jackpot

2013 results and 2014 application are on the website. <http://www.aharegioniv.com/jackpot.php>

OLD BUSINESS

Utah's Autumn Classic Horse Show

Removed from table, **Motion #2013-06** by Terie Ellis to revisit the Utah (Region 7) club to hold a Region 4 qualifier in September, 2014. Motion Failed. (The Region 7/Region 4 qualifying show in Utah will be approved for 2015)

Breeder's Spotlight

No report given.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Budget-

Chris Bickford and Barb Garcia presented their budget proposal. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion #2014-15 Approved

Requests for Region 4 Show Approvals-

- Request from Nicoline Mueller for Canadian Qualifier – **Motion #2014-12 Failed**
- Request for Aurora Show- Alberta, June 2015- **Motion #2014-13 Approved**
- Request for qualifier in Region 3 - **Motion #2014-14 Failed**
- Request for AHBAO to have the option of offering a dual judges show for 3 years starting in 2015
Motion #2014-15 Approved
- Going forward, All requests for show approvals from outside parties are to be sent to the Region 4 Secretary. After collecting all pertinent information, the Secretary and Director will bring to the board for a vote. **Motion #2014-16 Approved**

By-Law Changes –

Proposed changes to be conducted by email ballot in accordance with current By-Laws Article XI.

- **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

Background

It has been determined that Article VI Section 5 & Section 6 contradict each other. This is a "housekeeping measure" to align the two sections

Section 5: Quorum

ADD: The absence of any response by a voting delegate within 10 days from the communication of due notice shall be considered a favorable vote on the action taken.

Section 6: Voting by Email

~~**STRIKE: The absence of any response shall be considered not a vote.**~~

Motion to move forward to vote #2014-17 Approved

- **Article VIII – COMMITTEES**

Background

The show commission concept has been successful, but the current commission feels it is larger than it needs to be to be effective. They would like to reduce the commission to 5. This would

provide a reduction in volunteers. A new commission policy manual is being drafted to identify duties and separate "paid" jobs from volunteer jobs. The policy manual will be shared with the board of directors when it is completed. It is the intent for all activities surrounding the adoption of the new show commission to be transparent to the board.

Process

*How do we reduce the commission? Upon a favorable vote of the delegates to amend the by-laws (within 30 days), the current commission will be retired and the entire commission reseated by a popular vote of the delegates. All interested parties should declare their candidacy to the President. The president will then submit the candidates to the board for approval, by either **A)** a ballot emailed to all voting delegates or **B)** election at the November Caucus Meeting in Denver, Colorado.*

Motion to move forward to vote #2014-18 Approved

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting date will be November 14 2014 at the AHA Convention.

The spring meeting will be held April 4, 2015 at a location in the upper Willamette Valley.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

-Lisa Kolke

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Secretary

Region 4 AHA

The foregoing minutes are not final until approved by the Region 4 AHA Board of Delegates at a regularly scheduled meeting.