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REQUEST FOR VOTE REGION 4 AHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION WITHOUT MEETING December 9, 2014

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NEW SHOW APPROVAL

The Inland Empire Arabian Horse Club (IEAHC) of Spokane, Washington is seeking APPROVAL for Region 4 qualifying classes to be held in conjunction with their 2 back-to-back shows. This is a "main ring" show and does not currently offer Sport Horse Classes. The proposed format would be a Region 4/5 qualifier (two judges, two sets of awards) for their first show, held on Thursday and Friday, May 21-22, 2015. The second show would be a Region 5 qualifier only and held on Saturday and Sunday, May 23-24, 2015. This would be one week after the AHACO show, two weeks after the Treasure Valley show and four weeks before the Region 4 Pre-Show.

BACKGROUND

IEAHC has been holding their back-to-back shows in Spokane for the past 25 years for the benefit of the Shriner's Children's Hospital. They are currently the only Region 5 show held east of the Cascade Mountains and provides a show venue for Arabian enthusiasts in Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, the Idaho Panhandle and Western Montana. Unlike members located west of the cascades, attending shows on the I-5 corridor is both a logistical and financial hardship. They are located 477 miles, (8-1/2 hours driving time) from the Oregon Horse Center. They are located 388 miles, (7-1/2 hours driving time) from the Ford Idaho Horse Park.

There are a few exhibitors from Spokane and North Idaho area that attend the Region 4 championship show. Many other east side exhibitors have expressed interest in making the drive to Nampa because of its growing reputation as THE SHOW to attend, but they are concerned about not being qualified when they leave home. They are also concerned for their horse's well-being – a long drive, compete in the pre-show and then showing immediately again at the regional championships. These are youth members and amateur owners that will never make the trek to the west side because of logistics and work-life-school time constraints. Being able to qualify for the Region 4 Championships in Spokane could potentially bring another 60-80 horses to the show.

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

-Lisa Kolke

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