

Region 3 of the Arabian Horse Association
Delegate Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2011 – 7:00 pm
Hyatt Regency
Vancouver, British Columbia
****** UNAPPROVED ******

WELCOME and ROLL CALL

Director Steve Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Steve thanked everyone for coming and invited them to visit the Region III suite, room #2313. All delegates and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 9, 2011 delegate meeting were reviewed. Deborah Johnson pointed out that there have been three out-of-region shows since the standing rule has been in place. Motion by Rik Harnden to approve amended minutes. Second by Gretchen McDaniel. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amateur Horsemen – No report.

Marketing & PR Network

Jill Cohn was not present. Steve reported that she is still doing the ads in the Equestrian Connection. She is always looking for Arabian lifestyle photos.

Distance – No report.

Region 3 Championship Show

Steve reported that 2012 show dates are July 8-14. All judges have been contracted. Last Chance judges are Julie Fisher-Adante and Deb McGuire. Regional judges are Leon Mathias, Margaret Rich and Margo Shallcross.

Sport Horse Championship Show

Beverly Stevens reported that the show is moved back a week and will be June 30-July 1 next year. Mike Neilson is the judge for hunter/jumper and sport horse in hand. Beverly Rogers is the dressage judge. Steve thanked Beverly for taking on this job. This year's show resulted in a profit. Rita Mason is helping with show accounting.

Web Site

Rik Harnden reported that the website info is uploaded to the public server but won't work properly. Rik has a request into the server to fix the problem. If AHA's website goes forward with a content management system Region 3 may just ditch Groupole and move to DOTCMS. It should be up fairly quickly and hopefully he will demonstrate it at the January meeting.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATES

Market Development & Promotion (MDP)

Deborah Johnson reported that the committee's main goal is a web initiative. They received an offer today to fund a site that would link up to the AHA site. Christine Ryan has a list of 120 farms that can be referred to for lessons. Christine Ryan, Mary Trowbridge and Julie Goder-Larson are working on Academy organization and a toolkit to get new people started.

AHA Board Highlights

Steve reported on items from the November 15 AHA board meeting:

- President Lance Walters committed \$15,000 to get people into horses.
- Treasurers' Report- The new controller is giving the board lots of financial projections. AHA gets low on cash in April and May until horse show money starts coming in June. Financial results from Canadian Nationals were better than they thought they would be and from US Nationals were very good. Youth Nationals made \$265,000 even though it was less than budgeted. National shows are all allocated part of AHA's overhead. If Canadian Nationals didn't happen some other part of AHA would have to cover \$80,000 of overhead. Tulsa visitors bureau has proposed \$2.8 million in bonuses over 5 years if we sign a new 5-year contract.
- Report from Glen Petty- An evaluation was done of AHA's building. A contractor has done some repairs to get them through the winter. The building has a lot of empty space. He is looking into the possibility of selling the building and leasing space elsewhere.
- Presentation on IT Project- Steve thinks it will be 2-3 years until all tickets are completed. Currently there are 39 B tickets, 49 C tickets and 22 D tickets to be addressed. All A tickets are done. The speed has gotten tolerable but is not optimal.
- Board Elections- Steve was elected to the Internal Audit Committee. Marjie Becker was elected to the Futurity Commission.
- There is no pending legal action.
- PAT has turned over the Arabian Horse Galleries/Museum to the State of Kentucky. According to the Kentucky Horse Park it is their most popular attraction.
- Racing- There are sheiks sponsoring some races.
- Sport Horse Nationals will be in Nampa, ID this year. A four year east-west rotation between Nampa and Lexington has been agreed upon.
- Youth Nationals did not make their budgeted profit but still did OK. They are looking for \$300 jacket sponsorships.
- AHA President Lance Walters brought forward a request for and received \$25,000 for youth programs.
- Resolutions- Opinion on halter resolutions was very split. Others were not very controversial.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT- Youth Activities

Jill Mitchell gave a report on youth activities. Participation was down 20% this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Standing Rule #1

Steve reported that one out-of-region show has been approved. It will be a Region 3 show in Langley, B.C. It met all the criteria of the standing rule and was approved by both directors. Steve had a request from Region 4 to hold a Region 3 show in Nampa, ID. Region 4's delegates rejected both Red Bluff AHA's and Comstock AHA's requests for Region 4 shows. The executive committee has rejected Region 4's request for a show in Nampa.

Rik Harnden reported that AHANC has been approached by Region 2 to have a Regions 2/3 dual qualifying show with a reciprocal show held in Santa Barbara. Gold Coast AHA holds a show in Watsonville that is under 300 miles from Santa Barbara, so the reciprocal show would not meet the mileage criteria in Standing Rule #1. Gold Coast AHA has given their approval for a Region 3 show to be held in Santa Barbara.

Pat Hendershot reported that Diablo AHA has a problem with dual qualifiers.

Motion by Linda Krantz that the subject of changing the mileage criteria in standing rule #1 from a 300 mile limit to a 200 mile limit be postponed until the January meeting, and that a one-time exception to the mileage restriction be granted to AHASFV for a dual qualifier in 2012. Second by Beverly Stevens. Motion carried (9-4).

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

- Linda Krantz asked for trainers' opinions on Resolution 12 (changing horses in Hunt Seat Equitation).
- Steve announced that Pam Bingham will be the new chair of the convention planning committee. Pam reported that Resolution 3 is being withdrawn and there will be a motion from the convention floor instead. Convention will be in Denver for 2014, 2015 and 2016, and is getting \$25,000 per year from Denver.
- Halter resolutions- Resolution 10 is being withdrawn. Resolution 8 has an amendment coming. All were defeated by the professional horsemen committee. They were narrowly approved by the Board of Directors.
- EEC resolutions- Resolution 12 is being withdrawn. Resolution 13 (term limits) was approved by the Board of Directors. Rik Harnden reported from the Commissioners Review Panel that Judges and Stewards Commissioner Stan Morey is for this resolution.

Candidates

Bruce Johnson from Region 7 was nominated from the floor for Vice-President. Pat Hendershot, Rik Harnden, Beverly Stevens and Steve Freeman all spoke very highly of him. Steve recommended that delegates go to the Candidate Forum on Friday.

Next Meeting Dates

Steve asked if there was interest in having a mini-convention. Alternatively for January he suggested a Friday budget meeting with a Saturday delegate meeting or two Friday meetings. Delegate meeting was (tentatively) set for Friday, February 3 at 8 pm. Show and budget committee meetings will be held earlier.

Club Announcements

AHANC will have a wine tasting Saturday night at their show. Ten wineries will come in and there will be a catered sit-down dinner. The wine will be free. They will probably hold three classes that night (one halter, one English, one western) with prize money.

Jill Mitchell reported that the endurance ride date of June 2 has been submitted to AERC.

Beverly Stevens reported that the dressage committee is working on western dressage.

Personal Announcements

Steve reported that he won the 2011 U.S. National Championship in Western Pleasure AAOTR 36-54. It was his first personal performance national championship.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjie Becker
Region 3 Secretary