



2009-2010 Officers

Peggy Weems, Director
Mary Jane Brown, Vice-Director
Barb Garcia, Treasurer
Lisa Kolke, Secretary

Arabian Horse Association
AHA REGION 4

Minutes Region 4 Fall Budget Meeting Red Lion, Salem, OR

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 9:00 am ~ Oregon Room

Meeting was called to order by Director Peggy Weems at 9:05 am. Roll call was made to establish a quorum. The following 4 clubs and 8 delegates, plus immediate past director were seated:

AHACO – Lori Sage

AHACO – Barbara Zellner

AHBAO – Barb Garcia

AHBAO – Kay Herbst

Past Director – Mary Jane Brown

AiM – Sarah Asby

AiM – Jon Howell

AiM – Kaye Phaneuf

EVAHC – Dawn Gossler

Not Present: Arabian Horse Club of Central Oregon; Arabian Reining Horse Assn (excused) Des Arab Arabian Horse Association, Eastern Idaho Arabian Horse Association, Mid-Columbia Arabian Horse Club, Magic Valley Arabian Horse Association, Rogue Valley Arabian Horse Association.

Guests were introduced: Sandy Ahlin; Dick & Punky Ahlin, Sue Silver, Toni Van Wyck, Marcia Donnelly.

Agenda additions/modifications

Approval of minutes from April, 2009 Spring meeting

Motion #2009-06 To accept the minutes of the last meeting as posted on the website. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report and approval

Barb Garcia reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual statement as of 11/06/09. She answered questions from the floor. **Motion #2009-07** To accept the treasurer's report as presented by Barb Garcia. Motion passed.

AHA update

Director's report – Peggy reviewed a proposal from Cindy Clinton at the last AHA board meeting to allow exhibitors to designate points from shows in other regions to qualify them for multiple regions. The idea is to help people save gas. The concern is that those people won't attend the local shows. Mary Jane spoke on behalf of the proposal, stating that trainers are struggling, and if they could get more horses qualified at home, they could attend regionals. One option would be for the exhibitor would take a form to the office. The other option would be to have the points pooled and you use your points anywhere you want to go to show.

AHA's Financial situation is improving. They've replaced the CFO. Revenues are slightly below budget and expenses have been cut. Some Sweepstakes funds had been co-mingled in the general fund and they are working to separate them all out and develop a payback schedule. MAH is a non-performing asset and the CFO will be focusing on turning that around.

Stan Morey has taken the position as the new Judges & Stewards commissioner. He is very well respected within the equestrian community and has great plans for improving the education and evaluation process.

Committee Reports:

Region 4 Championship Horse Show Commission

Russ Harris has resigned as Show Chairman. Beth Garvison and Lori Phelps have also resigned. Mary Jane Brown has been appointed to replace Russ Harris. The other Show Commissioners are Robin Burnside, Dawn Gossler, Sue Irwin,

Sue Silver & Toni Van Wyck. The Show Commission will operate with 6 commissioners. Peggy, Mary Jane and Toni Van Wyck made a trip to the Idaho Horse Park and had a very good tour. They are impressed with all of the features that the facility has to offer. A 10 minute video of the park was played. Everyone was really excited at the end of the video. The Show Commission has put together a very tight budget. They will try to keep costs to the exhibitor the same as they were in Salem in 2009. 2 day pre-show, 4 day regional, with evening classes, to cut expenses for everyone. Lorne Robertson will be designing the trail courses and is also helping the park build all new obstacles. Regional show dates are June 21- 26, 2010. DVD's are being sent to all of the Trainers and key exhibitors. For more information on the Idaho Horse Park, go to www.idahohorsepark.com

Judges Selection Committee

Dawn Gossler (10), Chris Bickford (10), Mary Jane Brown (10) Kaye Phaneuf (11), Lisa Kolke (11), Note: Mary Jane's position is filled by the Show Commission. Dawn Gossler reported that the committee had met that morning and came up with a list for 2011 pending Chris Bickford's approval, as he was absent (excused) from the meeting.

Sport Horse/Dressage

Kaye Phaneuf reported that the Region 4 Sport Horse Championship 2009 was a great show, entries were down only 5%. Expenses were up. Next year's dates are August 6-8, 2010 at Devonwood. **Motion #2009-08** for Arabians in Motion continue to operate the Region 4 AHA Off-Site Sport Horse Championships for the years 2011 through 2013; Awards to be subsidized by Region 4 AHA, commensurate with overall regional awards budget. Motion passed unanimously. Marcia Donnelly, new AiM president thanked the region for their generous support and vote of confidence. The regional Dressage budget was used for the ODS Omnibus (1200 copies) to advertise all of the shows that hold sport horse classes. Also monies were used for ribbons for breed awards at open dressage shows.

Scholarship Foundation

Peggy Weems reported that Jeenie Balkins has resigned and a new chair is needed. Peggy Weems, Nancy Baker Louise Lamb, Karen Pitassi are current members of this committee.

Youth

No report was submitted.

Youth director: Kristina Sebastian not present. Youth coordinator: Ahna Bowman not present.

Region 4 Performance Futurity

Sandra Ahlin, Chair; Dick Ahlin, Mary Jane Brown, Russ Brown, Jim Garvison, Karla Moffitt, The committee is going to get together to update the rules and have a new version posted on the website by December 1st. Need to separate the registration and payment process away from the regional show. Performance Futurity results have been posted on the Region 4 AHA website and invitations to post the winner's pictures on the website have been sent to the 7 Futurity Champions.

Breed Promotion

Albany Expo ~ Scott & Ahna Bowman are lead co-chairs and the AiM club will be hosting this event. They will be looking for help from everyone who has done it in the past. Kaye Phaneuf will follow up to make sure that our registration form and payment has been made.

Idaho Expo & Fair – 2 events – no report

Oregon State Fair – no report

Nominating Committee

Lori Sage volunteered to chair the nominating committee. Names must be submitted by the Caucus meeting, for voting on at the March 2010 meeting, and they take office in November 2010.

Audit Committee

Lisa Kolke, Barb Garcia and Dawn Gossler. Lisa Kolke presented a written report outlining the audit steps used to review Show Results and entries for the Regional Championship Show. There were a number of corrections to both results and entries. She presented a list of tentative Outstanding Accounts Receivables from the show. **Motion#2009-09** that Region 4 AHA refund credit balances the audit has identified and invoice exhibitors for all debts owed to Region 4 over \$10, excluding the debt that involved the 2008 show.

Benefit Activities Committee - Judi Booth, Kaye Phaneuf. This committee helps provide "seed" money for clubs and members who want to host activities that benefit the Arabian horse. The money is then paid back to the fund after the activity has been completed.

Distance (Endurance & Competitive) –No report given. Jannelle Wilde not present

Handbook - Mary Ann Milette has been hired and will be starting to contact members for advertisements.

Newsletter

Information is now posted on the website and Peggy sends it electronically in an e-mail blast if it is time sensitive. This service is also available to clubs to promote events they are holding within the region.

Recognition Committee

Sue Silver, Sonya Bickford, Bunny Hayen. This committee recognizes individuals within the region that provide support and go the extra mile for the region.

Old Business

Region 4 High Point Jackpot – Peggy Weems, Barb Garcia, Jim Garvison, Major Defoe
Peggy presented the results for the Jackpot. They want to do it in 2010. Katie Walther will help with promotion. Results will be posted to the Region 4 AHA website and the winners will be solicited to put their pictures on the website.

New Business

On behalf of AHACO, Barbara Zellner made **Motion#2009-10** that any major change of venue or dates of the Region 4 Championship Show or Off-Site Championships be brought to a vote of the Region 4 AHA board of delegates. Motion failed (1 yes, 8 no)

By-Law Revision

Proposed By Law revisions were posted on the website and handed out. Peggy pointed out that Article XI, Amendments to By-Laws should remain 30 days notice. **Motion #2009-11** to accept the Region 4 AHA By-Laws revisions as corrected. Motion passed.

Finance/Budget

Chris Bickford, Barb Garcia committee members. Barb Garcia reviewed the 2010 proposed budget. A couple of corrections were made. **Motion #2009-12** to approve the budget as amended. Motion passed.

Pleasure Riding Project

Kay Herbst gave a short report on the new Pleasure Riding Project that AHA is developing.

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Location

Date and location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

-Lisa Kolke

Lisa Kolke
Secretary
Region 4 AHA

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Region 4 AHA Board of Delegates at a regularly scheduled board meeting on November 19, 2009.