

REGION 10 MEETING – January 20, 2008
Sweetwaters, Eau Claire, WI

Regional Director, Dean Meier called the meeting to order about 12 Noon. Present were; Director Dean Meier, Gay Jeanne Bower, Dick Hoeft, Nancy Miller, Joan Rose, Connie Curtis, Chuck Rickart, Christine Rickart, Bob Gordon, Jill Frieders, Laura Mickelson, Anita Grant, Jessica Cole, Bevra Cole, Valerie Temp, and Kathy Monico. He also notified the Board that Van Jacobsen was not there because his father had suffered a stroke. Director Meier discussed the next regional meeting in March and location and possible food choices.

Director Meier thanked everyone for the AHA life membership and asked that everyone introduce themselves. He then presented the AHA Region 10 Volunteer Award to Laura Mickelson amid much applause. He noted the second AHA Region 10 Volunteer Award recipient was Bevra Cole to more applause.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November caucus at the AHA convention were approved on a motion by Bevra Cole, seconded by Nancy Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kathy Monico gave the treasurer's report and passed out printed copies. (Copy attached.) There was some discussion. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Nancy Miller, seconded by Bevra Cole.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dean Meier reported that AHA has problems and doesn't "test market" things they just implement them. He presented an idea to have resolutions "marked" 1, 2 & 3 in order of importance. He noted that we all need to be "United for the Arabian Horse". There was much discussion on how things are handled at the AHA Convention from voting to "call for the question". Laura Mickelson made a motion to set up a committee to study this problem and hopefully bring back some solutions. She was seconded by Bevra Cole and the motion carried. The committee will be; Dean Meier, Bevra Cole, Laura Mickelson, Gay Jeanne Bower, Anita Grant, Jill Frieders, Christine Rickart and Ann Benson. Director Meier also noted we need to get younger people involved with both Region 10 and AHA. He reported that the SWEEPSTAKES payout will be approximately \$20.00 a point for 2007 and noted that PB Western Pleasure Open and HA Western Pleasure Open would be added for 2008. He also noted the new halter scoring would be available on the AHA website and a DVD should be available to show managers and judges. He also noted the AHA handbook is available by request from AHA. He also discussed some problems with AHA corporate sponsors.

REGION 10 SHOW REPORT

Nancy Miller reported that at the show committee meeting it had been decided to raise the office fee for both the pre-show and the Region 10 Show to \$20.00. She also discussed some of the other issues that were covered at the show committee meeting.

REGION 10 YOUTH ROUND-UP

Joan Rose reported the show will be held in Winona, MN on May 10 & 11, 2008. The judge is Deb McGuire. She asked everyone to support this show.

REGION 10 YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Meier read an e-mail report he received from Youth Director, Adam Rickart. Adam noted the next youth meeting will be on March 9th and the theme for the Youth nationals is "Christmas in July". It was noted that we will need to vote for a Region 10 Youth Director at the March meeting.

REGION 10 COMMUNICATOR

Since Secretary Jackie Johnson was unable to attend, Director Meier noted the deadline for the upcoming issue is February 15th and that it would be the last "hard copy".

REVENUE SHARING PLAN

Director Meier led the discussion from the committee that had reviewed options on this plan involving the pay outs to clubs. Bevra Cole discussed the comparisons between little clubs and larger clubs and the benefits to both. There was much discussion on what an active club within the Region is. The committee had suggested that an "active club" is one that had attended 3 out of the 4 Region 10 meetings (including the AHA convention) in the calendar year. Since this would be a new program, it was decided to make it 2 out of 4 meetings for 2008 and 3 out of 4 meetings there after. After more discussion, Bevra Cole made the motion that Region 10 distribute the amount in excess of \$100,000.00 based on the December bank statement, to those clubs that have been active for that year; active being defined that 50% of that club's delegate count must attend 2 out of 4 Region 10 meetings for 2008 and must attend 3 out of 4 meetings thereafter. Exceptions may be approved by the Region 10 Executive Board. In no case will a club be considered active if it did not attend any Region 10 meetings. Funds to be divided 70% to the clubs and 30% per member on the basis of the active clubs. Delegate and membership count as of June 30th of that year. It was seconded by Jill Frieders and the motion carried.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Youth Scholarship Fund that was presented at the AHA convention was discussed. Gay Jeanne Bower made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the 510C Youth Scholarship Fund. She was seconded by Nancy Miller and the motion carried.

TAIL PROGRAM

Gay Jeanne Bower spoke about the program. Joan Rose made a motion to leave \$1,000.00 in the budget. Connie Curtis seconded and the motion carried. It was noted a request should be brought to the March Region 10 Board meeting.

REGION 10 HIGH POINT SYSTEM

Gay Jeanne Bower reported on the program, read off the winners for 2007 and asked for input from Board members. There was some discussion on how the points were counted and it was decided to count them the same as AHA. A budget amount of \$1,000.00 was approved for 2008.

REGION 10 WEBSITE

Bevra Cole asked for updates for the website and volunteers to work on improving it. The committee will be Bevra Cole, Jessie Cole, Chuck Rickart and Christine Rickart. They will bring suggestions to the next Board meeting.

PR NETWORK

Gay Jeanne Bower (WI) reported on the MDP newsletter and some of the projects they are working on. She also noted the presentation by Dan Grunewald about the Interscholastic Horsemanship Association and the opportunity for the youth to earn "letters" in horsemanship. Anita Grant (MN) reported on the things she is working on. The Board had many good suggestions.

MARCH REGION 10 MEETING

It was noted that the meeting will be at the holiday Inn and pizzas were suggested. Joan Rose suggested that each Board member pay \$10.00 and the region would pay the difference. The region would cover the cost of the soda and coffee.

REGION 10 BUDGET

Bevra Cole presented the Board the proposed budget. After much discussion and changes the Region 10 budget was approved on a motion by Nancy Miller, seconded by Jill Frieders. (Copy attached)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jessie Cole presented the following; for Region 10 Director-Van Jacobsen, Vice-Lori Conway, Treasurer-Christine Rickart, Secretary-Nancy Miller.

RESOLUTION FOR 2 JUDGES

There was extended discussion on the resolution passed at the AHA convention to allow 2 judges at an approved Arabian show. Laura Mickelson presented the many problems with this and noted the AHA Handbook does not allow for 2 judges in a Championship class. She noted that the Paso Fino's use this system with some of their classes and it is in the USEF rulebook. Laura volunteered to send an e-mail to all the delegates listing the disadvantages. Much discussion on the problems this rule change represents. Jill Frieders made a motion to bring a resolution, pending a study by a committee, to rescind this resolution to the next AHA convention. Bevra Cole seconded and the motion carried.

Board members were reminded of the next Region 10 meeting date of March 16th in Eau Claire at the Holiday Inn. It was also noted that the minutes will be sent out via e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dick Hoeft, seconded by Valerie Temp.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Jeanne Bower
Acting Secretary