

## **Youth Director's Report**

Last weekend was a very busy weekend for the adult and youth board of directors. Jessica Hornung and I have been planning our trip for quite a few weeks. Getting the arrangements organized as well as making sure the Region 10 report was written. Jessica and I flew out to Denver on Friday evening to meet with the other regional directors in order to put ideas and plans together for the upcoming show season. We also had the opportunity to speak with our regional adult director.

We started Saturday morning with getting many papers; regional reports, committee reports, and the agenda. After giving our regional reports we began the committee reports. The Youth Activities committee was discussed greatly because of the need to gather plans and ideas for fundraisers in order to follow through with our budget. Because the raffle for the trailer almost fell through last year, we thought maybe going a different route for a raffle item and talked about the benefits of the raffle item. Regional, National, and Equitation classes were also discussed. We made a motion to make a change for the Hunter Hack warm-up arrangements and a motion to bring the topic of whether or not the top four riders in a regional or national equitation class can switch horses as a test to the attention of U.S.E.F.

We then moved on to the Youth Nationals arrangements. The board chose to ask Gorden Potts and Jean Holloway to be the key note speakers at convention. We also decided to pursue with the Guitar Hero tournament as a fundraiser for another year. Because the region 10 youth director last year helped provide the televisions used, I decided to help again this year. I have talked with Joan Rose and have been brain storming and contemplating over fundraising ideas in order to pay for the rented televisions this year. Some ideas include selling donuts and coffee at local and club shows as well as holding an Ice Cream Social at the Desert/WAHA show. Because I have heard nothing but good comments from the youth who participated in the activity at Youth Nationals, I really feel that the AHYA should continue with this proposal another year.

After going through each committee, AHYA secretary, Nikki Burns, and her mother shared an amazing idea to fundraise as well as to bring the Arabian horse lovers together at Youth Nationals. They had both looked into the Guinness World Records to see what our association would be capable of competing with. They found a record of 1,049 people who had held together for a specific chain walk. The board wanted to go with the Monkey Walk chain and charge each individual one dollar to participate. Our goal would be to beat the record with at least 1,050 people on the race track and do the Monkey Walk. This event would not only attract people with in the Arabian Horse Association, but also the public because of its national recognition. Subsequent to creating more specific preparations for the event, we finished our meeting with certain deadline reminders.

On our last day, the youth board met up once more in the hotel to finish committee topics and any unsettled business. Because members had to catch flights at different times, we were only able to meet for a couple of hours. Fortunately, we had accomplished much and got through everything that needed to be covered over the weekend. Both Jessica and I had gained a great deal of information from attending the March meeting.

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