

Region 10 --- March 7, 2010
Holiday Inn, Eau Claire, WI

Present: Regional Director Van Jacobsen, Past Director Dean Meier, Delegates -- Sahara Sands: Kitty Omitt; Indianhead: Connie Curtis; WAHA: Joan Rose, Juli Larson, Bev Cole, Jessica Cole, Dick Hoeft (Alternate), Nancy Miller; MHAHA : Chuck Rickart, Christine Rickart; MAHA: Hilary Hoffman, Anita Grant, Toni Marie O'Daniel, Laura Mickelson, Lori Conway; WDHA: Amy Thalacker, Rachel Rhein (Alternate), Kristin Urban; GLAHA: Mary Lindow, (Alternate), Katie Lindow (Guest); TAHSSD: Connie Kurtz, Heather Swanson: NMAH: Joel Wood, Muriel Besser (Alternate), Kathleen Monico.

Show Committee Meeting

Lori Conway will follow up with MAH re the Region 10 Show one page ad and 2 e-mail blasts. The office fee will be increased by \$2 to off set the AHA increase in reporting fee. Friday evening progressive party - Plan on food for 400 people. Toni Marie will do the music. Discussion was held for adding a day to the Regional Show or having a 5 day show and no preshow. Nancy will do a survey for exhibitors to complete at the Region 10 show for input on format (number of days and preshow, etc)

Regional Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Director Van Jacobsen at 12:15 PM.

Anita Grant announced that Wayne Thompson's 80th birthday is next week and she is having a birthday party for him Sunday,

Toni Marie O'Daniel moved and Chuck Rickart seconded that the January 10, 2010 minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Christine Rickart circulated an updated treasurer's report. Kathy Monico moved and Lori Conway seconded that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Director's Report

The AHA Board of Directors met January 20-30, Van's Director's Report from that meeting:

- There is general concern over AHA finances, a lot of time was spent discussing the budget and the shape that the books are in. There needs to be more accountability for the numbers. Significant changes are being made in an effort to be responsive to changes in the economy. The quarterly financial report is on the AHA website. Life memberships will be amortized based on competition membership of \$65. The current software is not really adequate for financial reporting but AHA is willing to work with it.

- Stan Morey reported that the 9-90 fee does not need to be paid at shows with less than 100 horses. Only one 9 -90 fee needs to be paid at concurrent shows.

- At the National Shows the halter horses will come back into the ring. There will be a new level of patronship at US of \$1500.

- The issue with the national plaques that had to replaced is being addressed.

- Starting this year 1st and 2nd placings in addition to points may be used to qualify for Regional Shows. Entry closing dates and added classes for the National Shows were given.

- Customer service reports that membership continues to decline, down about 2000 from a year ago. There is a 9% decrease in purebred registrations and 22% decline in half Arabian.
- Starting with membership renewals there will be a \$10 fee to receive *Modern Arabian Horse*. No membership dollars are allocated to MAH.
- Starting with this show season the reporting fee for horses shown is increasing from \$1 to \$3 per horse.
- Annual Convention Planning Committee is asking for sponsorships since Orlando is a non-sponsored convention.
- The Gallery grand opening is the same week-end as the St. Paul Region 10 Show.
- AHA is working on sanctioning a show if someone is on the grounds who has been sanctioned by USEF.
- The AHA Board discussed two clubs that want to move Regions. An overwhelming majority was for allowing such moves. In response to a Region 10 Board query if there are any guidelines in place to use when a club asks to change Regions, Van responded that no research was done to determine what had been done previously.

Sweepstakes - Dean Meier

2009 point payout was \$11.67

A new program is being implemented. An internet Stallion auction will be held and the auction will close June 15. The additional money will go into the Sweepstakes program. The stallion owner can designate halter or performance and purebred or half Arabian for the stallion service. If one buys a performance breeding the buyer can designate the national class they want the money to go to (junior horse and yearling sweepstakes).

For halter breedings income will be split 75% to Regionals and 25% to Nationals. The final auction will be at the US Nationals on Wednesday evening.

A program is being run for stallions that are not Sweepstakes nominated enabling them to buy into the Sweepstakes at a lower amount. There will be a yearly \$100 renomination fee.

Regional Shows Reports

Everyone was present for the show committee meeting.

Joan Rose passed around flyers for the Youth Roundup

Region 10 Youth Director - no report

AHAY meet next week end, Sydney Arnold is unable to attend but there is a representative going. Chills and Thrills is the theme for 2010 Youth Nationals.

Old Business

Bev Cole asked that everyone please check their club's page and let her know if there are any changes. She also needs information for the South Dakota club.

A copy of the calendar was passed around and delegates were asked to indicate any changes. A

reminder that April 15 is the deadline for ordering the club president's award.

Gay Jeanne Bower stated that the Region 10 Scholarship application postmark deadline is May 7. The Mark Larscheidt Scholarship applications are due May 14.

There was no report for the High Point awards.

Laura Mickelson will do the insurance for the Youth Show and the club insurance in May.

New Business

Election of Officers 2011 -2013

There being no nominations from the floor the following were elected as presented by the nominating committee:

Regional Director - Laura Mickelson, Moved by Dick Hoeft, seconded by Connie Curtis

Vice Director - Ann Benson, moved by Hillary Hoffman, seconded by Connie Curtis

Secretary - Nancy Miller, moved by Dick Hoeft, seconded by Connie Curtis

Treasurer - Christine Rickart, moved by Kathy Monico, seconded by Connie Curtis

Regional Youth Director

Joan Rose discussed the two applications she had received. She suggested that the Youth Director be elected for only one year this time. Kristin Eckelberg is graduating this year, however she has filled in for twice for Sydney Arnold. The voting was postponed until later in the meeting so that everyone could review the applications.

Discussion of rotating the Regional Show between St. Paul and Milwaukee was held. Information of the cost of each site was passed out as well as other pros and cons were discussed. Lori Conway moved and Hillary Hoffman seconded that the Region 10 Championship Show should continue to be held in Minnesota. Motion passed.

Judges lists for future years were discussed. There is a need to address how soon the Region wants to reuse a judge who has judged the Regional. The current list is extremely long and needs to be shortened. The lists were reviewed and names were deleted. If a name was vetoed, a reason needed to be given for the veto. It was decided to vote for five in each category, giving the first choice a 5.

The number of delegates and alternates was confirmed.

A request had been received from the Canadian Nationals for a sponsorship. It was the consensus of the Board that unless it is something specific a donation would not be made. Motion by Connie Curtis and second by Laura Mickelson that a donation would not be made. Passed

Voting for the Regional Youth Director

Joan Rose moved and Connie Curtis seconded that the Youth Director be a one year term.

Passed. Voting will be by written ballot and vote for one person

The following were elected: Director - Kristin Eckelberg

Vice Director - Aloya Spry.

Other Business

Laura Mickelson moved that a \$100 gift card be given to Ken Rose in appreciation of his help transitioning the Regional accounting system from one person to another. Kitty Omitt seconded and the motion passed.

Juli Goder-Larson called attention to the Nasiad rule change.

Van Jacobsen reminded delegates that the Region 10 e-mail address is to be used for horse business only.

Jessie Cole stated that she is hearing a number of WAHA members saying they would like a set date for the membership year a rolling date. Van indicated there is a lot of discussion about this.

Dean Meier moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Juli Goder-Larson.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Miller
Regional Secretary.

Results of written opinion survey taken at Regionals re the number of days, preshow and days of the week for the Regional Show: 80 people responded to the survey at the Regionals with 65 of those responses wanting the current format: preshow, 4 day Regionals, Wednesday - Sunday.

October 11, 2010

Following the passing of Dick Hoeft, a long time WAHA member and Regional delegate and alternate, a motion by Laura Mickelson, seconded by Nancy Miller was passed by the Executive committee to donate \$50 to a scholarship fund in memory of Dick.