

Director's Report
AHA Board Meeting November 16, 2011
Convention November 17-19, 2011

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Congratulations to the Regional Level Volunteer Award winners: Chuck Rickart and Gay Jeanne Bower! They are both tireless workers and these awards are very well deserved. Region 10 also had a National Volunteer winner who will be honored at the Region 10 meeting.

I will assume that the delegates will report back to the clubs so I am not doing to give a complete report on the Convention. I encourage delegates to copy their reports to Bev Cole to include on the Region 10 website. This will allow us to share perspectives with all members including those from clubs who did not send delegates this year.

The speeches from Lance Walters, AHA President, and Glenn Petty, AHA Executive Vice President along with the power point screens that accompanied the excellent presentation by the keynote speaker, Dr. James Heird, on *'Issues Critical to the Future of the Equine Industry'*, are available on the AHA website. Also available are the results of elections and other information. The photos of Region 10 members from the Mounties fund raiser are wonderful. It is running on a continuous loop by region. Region 10 photos start at about the 5:30 mark with Van and ends at around 6:15.

Watch AHA President, Lance Walter's State of AHA Address

- [State of the Association](#)
- [Executive Vice President Speech - Friday, November 18, 2011](#)

At The Convention

- [Keynote Presentation: Dr. Jim Heird, Texas A & M University](#)
- [Region 17 AHYA Mounties Photo Fundraiser](#)
- [Results of Board Elected Commissions/Committees/Boards](#)
- [Results of Convention Elected Boards/Committees/Commissions](#)
- [Board of Directors Unapproved Motions \(11/16/11\)](#)
- [Board of Directors Unapproved Motions \(11/18/11\)](#)

2012 National Judges and Stewards: go to http://www.arabianhorses.org/competitions/j-s/docs/12_judges_stewards.pdf

Resolutions

- The resolution to hold all conventions in Denver after the 2013 convention in Lexington KY was withdrawn with the agreement by the Convention Planning Committee to hold conventions in Denver from 2014-2016. At some point, we will evaluate whether this should become standard.
 - 2012 Convention at Denver Marriott Tech Center, November 14-17
- The resolution to change the age for participation in youth classes to 18 and under passed but will not become effective until passed by USEF in mid-January. It is unknown at this time whether it will be in effect for the 2012 show season. Since the USEF meeting is after our next Regional meeting, I will let you all know what happened as soon as I know.
- Our own Mike Bell, acting based on the wishes of the Region 10 Board, successfully proposed a change in Resolution 2 -11 that changed the resolution submission date to August 15th for everyone. The original resolution made this change only for the Board of Directors.
- The bar show resolution based but was amended to allow a single bar attached anywhere on the shoe as opposed to the original wording that allowed a bar only at the back of the shoe. It also stated that the bar is part of the shoe and may not exceed the width and thickness requirements of the rest of the shoe.
- The resolution to allow comparative judging did not pass but there was much productive discussion at the new Breeding/In-Hand committee with EEC involvement and I look forward to seeing the outcome of this ongoing effort to address concerns from the halter community.
- For complete disposition of all resolutions and text of approved resolutions, go to
 - http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/2011/docs/11Conv_Resolution_Action_Report.pdf
 - http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/2011/docs/11Conv_Approved_Resolutions.pdf

Board of Directors Meeting

Highlights

- Continuing to work on a strategic plan that will guide AHA for the next 5 years.
- Financially AHA is maintaining but we are not out of the woods yet. Much better financial controls are in place. Registrations and memberships continue to decline. The audit for FY2011 was completed and approved. A copy is on the Region 10 website below this report. We are very close to having the Sweepstakes trust become a 501(C) (5) which would protect the Sweepstakes funds by separating the Sweepstakes from AHA funds.
- There was discussion about adding an in-uteri component to the Performance Futurities which will be discussed more fully and voted on at the March meeting of the AHA Board of Directors.
- Youth activities will be funded by AHA rather than having to raise all of their own money in the amount of \$25,000 per year starting with FY 2013.
- Monies raised by youth fundraising activities that are not used by Youth in current budget year will no longer be added to the general fund but will be available to the youth programs in the following year.
- Also starting in FY2013, \$15000 will be budgeted annually to support local promotional efforts by providing matching funds to local clubs of up to \$300 per request.
- Starting with the 2012 show season, USEF fees must be itemized either on the entry blank or in the premium/prize list.
- Sport Horse Nationals will resume East/West rotation as follows:
 - Nampa Idaho 2012 and 2014
 - Lexington Virginia 2012 and 2015
 - Virginia instead of Kentucky was due to significantly less cost for Virginia facility
- Effective January 1, 2012, CTR 109.5 and END 108.9 have both been changed for both END to require a ride Steward only if the number of competitors exceeded ten (10) riders in the previous year. If a ride steward is required, then the ride steward must be from the approved AHA Ride Steward list. If there is not a Ride Steward, then, the ride manager shall interpret the AHA rules to the ride management and the veterinarians and process any complaints and protests.

For the text of all actions taken by the AHA Board (unapproved), go to:

- [Board of Directors Unapproved Motions \(11/16/11\)](#)
- [Board of Directors Unapproved Motions \(11/18/11\)](#)

All Region 10 Director's reports and supporting materials are available at http://www.region10arabians.com/director's_report.htm

Committee and Commission Activity Reports

There was not much in the way of reports for this meeting as committees are required to submit a year-end report. These reports will be available on the AHA website hopefully before our next meeting.

I will check and report back on any significant items for our January meeting. Reports can be found at <https://secure.arabianhorses.org/perl/AHA/committeedirectory.cgi?func=start>

Department Annual Reports

Rather than summarizing these reports, I am attaching them. This document is on the Region 10 website below this report. I have highlighted what I think are points of interest or concern.