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DIRECTOR'S REPORT Dean Meier

Because there has not been an AHA Board of Directors meeting since the convention, I do not have much news to report on the AHA side of things.

I am sure most you have heard there have been big changes with the Sweepstakes program. For the first time, a member will be able to win Sweepstakes money in a selected class at the local rated show level; this will allow more people to win money than ever before.

Another major change is that the breeder/nominator (the person who writes the check for \$400.00) can earn 10% of that

horse's point value earnings for the life of that horse!

The fee for the nominated dam (mare) category has been reduced to \$1000.00. This will enable people who are breeding half Arabs to nominate their purebred mares at a reasonable fee, and have their foals be able to participate in the program, regardless of the breed of the stallion they breed the mare to.

Please be aware, the cost to enroll a 2006 foal is \$400 and the date to enroll has been extended to March 1st (for this year only). The date to enroll your horse under all current specials has also been extended to March 1st.

PLEASE NOTE – the price of an original entry nomination will be increased to \$15,000 after March 1, 2006. You can still nominate any of your horses for the current special fee of \$2,500 to \$3,500 up until that time. AHA does accept charge cards and does offer terms of one year on amounts less than \$2,500 and 2 years for amounts above \$2,500. If you have questions, there is a Sweepstakes logo on the lower left hand corner of the AHA website, www.arabianhorses.com, where you can view more information on the new program. You can also email me your questions at meier@wisonline.net.

The Region 10 Show will be in St. Paul again this year. We will have a preshow on Wednesday, June 14th followed by 4 days of regional classes on June 15th through June 18th. The later date will enable more youths to participate because most schools will be out and allow us to return to a more balanced

schedule. Putting on a show of this magnitude is a HUGE undertaking. Volunteers are needed to help make your Regional show a success. Please contact Nancy Miller at nmfr7@isp.com to volunteer.

Thanks to the Wisconsin Desert HA, the Region 10 Sport Horse/Dressage Show will be held in conjunction with their D/SH Show the weekend of June 24th and 25th in Waukesha WI. The show committee is working on the schedule now to determine if it is financially feasible to expand the show from last year's one day format.

One of Region 10's biggest assets is our youth – and in 2005, two of our many outstanding youth members were acknowledged by USEF – Teal Dowling from Wisconsin was named USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year, and Morgan Kelly from Minnesota, great purebred Hunter, W.R. Sonaskada was one of the USEF Horse of the Year finalists. Both Teal and Morgan were honored at the USEF Convention in January.

Please join me in congratulating the Dowling and Kelly families!

Hope you all have enjoyed the mild January weather! Hopefully, spring is right around the corner and we will have warmer days to welcome this year's foals and renew our enjoyment of the horses we love!

Dowling is USED Junior Equestrian of the Year

Teal Downing, Sun Prairie Wisconsin, has been named the 2005 U.S. Equestrian Federation Junior Equestrian of the Year. The 18 year old competes with Arabians and Half-Arabians in multiple disciplines. A pre-med major at Carthage College, Teal has decided to pursue a career in reconstructive surgery.



“I didn’t want to be a regular doctor, I wanted to be different” she said. “It’s about helping people out and improving the quality of their life. If someone has been burned, you’re able to graft skin and improve the quality of their life – to help them get back to normal.”

That’s just one in a series of future goals that also includes starting up her own breeding business for Arabians and perhaps competing in the Olympics.

Teal recently accepted the Ruth O’Keefe Meredith Trophy during the Pegasus Awards Dinner of the 2006 USEF Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. The award was established in 1985 to honor a junior equestrian who exemplifies exceptional talent, sportsmanship and dedication to the sport and has made outstanding contributions to equestrian competition.

Congratulations, Teal!

2005 Region 10 Director’s Award Recipient Jackie Johnson

Region 10 is blessed with many terrific people who work tirelessly to ensure the goals of our Region are met.

It is my pleasure to present the 2005 Region 10 Director’s Award to long time W.D.H.A. member and many times R10 delegate, Jackie Johnson.

Jackie is currently serving the Region as its secretary. A big part of that job is publishing our newsletter, The Region 10 Communicator. We have an active Region and I have always felt the one thing we need to offer all our members is an informative newsletter that is produced in a timely fashion. Jackie makes sure this occurs.

To say Jackie takes her duties seriously is an understatement! I was trying to present the award to her at our November Board meeting

and she was so busy concentrating on typing the minutes, she didn't even look up until I tapped her on the shoulder! I think she was truly surprised as her computer screen said "Dean Meier presented this year's Region 10 Director's Award to!"

The Clubs are the back bone of the Region and Jackie has been a pillar in the W.D.H.A. organization for more than 20 years. Few members of any club have served as their club President more than 10 times, or managed more than a dozen of their shows. Jackie is a true volunteer – always ready to help in any way she can, and so dependable, you know she can be counted on to perform at an exemplary level.

Please join me in congratulating Jackie, and recognizing her years of service to the Region 10 Arabian Horse Committee!



2005 WAHA Region 10 Gelding Award

The criteria for the selection of an individual horse for the Region 10 Gelding Award requires that the gelding nominated be a good will ambassador for the Arabian breed. This special horse should have also introduced a new part of the industry to the Arabian horse. This award specifies it is NOT to be given to a horse that just exhibits in our "Class A" shows, but rather one that has exhibited the trustworthiness, intelligence and affection that makes the Arabian stand out from other breeds.

The gelding we honored in 2005 exhibits these qualities and more. This talented gelding has been a 4H mount for young riders in the show ring and in the lesson arena where he has taught kids everything from lounging, long lining and basic riding. He has visited day care centers, and grade schools, teaching children about the Arabian horse. He stands patiently as a visual aid to teach them about the parts of the horse, grooming and basic safety.

He exemplifies what an Arabian gelding – beauty, kindness, intelligence, heart and character. . . . B.C. Huck Finn, alias, "Dennis" owned by Stacey Dunn.

Wisconsin Registration Information

Wisconsin residents – Wisconsin passed the Wisconsin Premises Registration Act last fall. It requires everyone who keeps livestock (all equines, goats, chickens, cows, etc) to register their premises. This will allow quicker response and tracking time to minimize the economic impact in the event of animal disease. Premises were required to register by January 1, 2006. For more information or to register online call 1-888-808-1910 or www.datcp.state.wi.us/premises/index.isp

Region 10 Bylaws with changes made in January 2005 can be found on the Region 10 website. Standing Rules have been adopted and can also be found on the website.

Region 10 Offers Two Scholarships for 2006

Region 10 is proud to announce that for the **sixteenth** year scholarships will be awarded for post high school education. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be offered. The deadline for these scholarships is **May 5, 2006**.

Applicants must have been Region 10 residents within the previous five years and be current members of a Region 10 affiliated club, and have been members for at least two of the last five years. A copy of your membership card is required. These scholarships are open to **both** youth and adult members returning to school.

These scholarships are open to eligible applicants planning to or currently majoring in any profession—college or other training equivalent to two or four years in length. The general criteria are (1) sense of direction in furthering education, (2) financial need, (3) academic records, including attendance, (4) equine background, and (5) leadership. For

information and applications contact: Gay Jeanne Bower, PO Box 6, Johnson Creek, WI 53038—(920) 699-3690—e-mail: gayjbower@yahoo.com.

2005 AHA REGIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Region 10 was pleased to honor Christine Rickart and Jackie Johnson as recipients of the AHA Regional Level Volunteer Service Awards at the 2005 AHA convention in Fort Worth TX last November.

Christine Rickart is an enthusiastic delegate to Region 10 for the Minnesota ½ Arabian H.A. Her focus is on youth activities and promoting the Arabian horse. Chris worked with their club youth group and parents to produce the Region's first Arabian Horse Celebration on June 18th that had attendance of about 500 people. It was a huge success with 10 different games, horse presentations, an AHA booth with the Arabian Horse Times, food, pony rides, groom a horse and other activities. Active advertising brought in many non-horse owning families for a day their children will never forget!

Jackie Johnson is a dedicated member of AHA and of Region 10. Jackie has been a Region 10 delegate for 15 years. She currently is the Region 10 secretary, a job that also requires her to publish our newsletter, The Communicator, several times a year. An active member of the Wisconsin Desert Horse Association, Jackie brings her knowledge, gained from serving as their president 11 times, to our meetings and is well respected for her expertise by the entire Region – she is most deserving of this award!

Both of these women are dedicated volunteers who are instrumental in the success of Region 10.

Please join me in congratulating Chris and Jackie on their awards, and in thanking them for the time and talents they continue to provide Region 10!



Spirit Presidents Award By Tracy Day, President

It is my pleasure to present Spirit's President's Award to Jess Henschel (even though it was presented by the United States Postal Service). Spirit is small in numbers but big in heart and Jess is always there to help out whether it is out in the blistering hot sun as ring master or running errands or attending meetings between his swing shift. Congratulations Jess and thanks for all you do!!

ANNOUNCING THE ARABIAN OPEN SHOWS CHAMPIONSHIPS

As part of the Minnesota Arabian Horse Association's ongoing effort to connect with all people who love and show Arabians or Half Arabians, we are offering championship classes for Arabians who participate in unrated shows. The show will be held on Saturday, Aug 19 at the Steel County Fairgrounds, Owatonna, MN.

The Steele County Fair has hosted an Arabian show for many years so you get two Arabian shows on the same day! Both shows are OEIP shows for AHA.

Classes:

Halter, Mares and Fillies, all ages
Halter, Colts, Stallions, Geldings, all ages
Showmanship
Western Pleasure (Jr, Sr)
English Pleasure (Jr, Sr) includes hunt and saddle seats
Mounted Native Costume
Western Horsemanship
English Equitation

The fees will be \$5 per class and a \$5 per horse office fee. Stalls are free, however, tack stalls are

\$15 with a minimum of three horses. The judge will be an Arab judge, soon to be announced. In order to compete in the championships, the horse must have been shown and judged in 3 shows not rated by AHA/USEF in the current qualification year. The qualifications for the 2006 show started 8/1/05 and runs until closing of entries for the 2006 show (except that horses may qualify at the Steele County Fair show). The qualifying show does not have to be an Arabian show and you do not have to place or show in any particular class, you just have to show at the show.

MAHA reserves the right to inspect and approve horses without registration. Must be registered to participate in OEIP. You do not have to be a member of MAHA or any Arab or saddle club. Membership in AHA or USEF is not required.

This is all about fun and REALLY COOL awards which include: Champion: neck garland
Reserve Champion: neck garland, Ribbons 1st - 5th Championships Ribbons. Each participant gets a qualifier ribbon when they pick up their packet.

We are looking for sponsors! Each championship will be sponsored by a farm, trainer, your favorite horse, local business. If we get the sponsorships in time, will include the Sponsor name in premium and garlands. The cost is \$50.

Contact Laura Mickelson, 652-423-5879 or lauramickelson@aol.com for more information.

Summary of New Sweepstakes Programs By Laura Mickelson Information Courtesy of MAHA

The Sweepstakes program has a whole new look - classes and payout amounts have been changed. A 'points' payout program available at all levels of showing is now available for sweepstakes nominated horses. This requires an additional fee each year. In addition, sweepstakes nominated horses are eligible to win extra 'allocated' money at regionals and nationals.

Nominator gets 10 % of all point money earned by horse(s) he nominated regardless of

whether the horse is enrolled in the point program. Stallion owners continue to get 5% of all money earned. Original entry fee is \$15,000 after March 1, 2006 and there will be no more specials. If your horse is not a breeding entry, it will be very expensive to get in later. All deadlines have been moved to March 1, 2006. For additional information: http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/2005/new_sweepstakes.asp

The Q&A section:

<http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/2005/docs/SweepstakesQ&A05.pdf>

SWEEPSTAKES POINT PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND PRIZE MONEY

PAYOUT: If your horse is sweepstakes nominated and you have paid the \$100 annual Sweepstakes Point Program, your horse is eligible for prize money payout for accumulated points in Sweepstakes designated classes at National, Regional, and Local shows and events. Enrollments must be made on-line or postmarked or electronic transaction dated to the AHA office before the first say of the show. **Show secretaries may not accept Sweepstakes Point Program Enrollments. The annual enrollment fee is \$100 per horse that must be paid prior to any points being earned.** The enrollment fee is not refundable and not transferable. Any points won before the payment of the \$100 enrollment fee will not be paid. Sweepstakes ribbons will not be awarded at Local shows and events. Participating horses will receive points up to sixth place based on the number in the class.

Regional and National shows will pay points up to 5 and 10 placings respectively, but if there are fewer than nine entries in regional classes or nineteen entries in national classes, 50%, rounded up, will earn points.

Prize money will be calculated annually based on nominations and enrollment fees and will be paid after the show season has ended. For additional detail, refer to AHA 2006 Handbook, Article 1817(4-15).

SWEEPSTAKES ALLOCATED PRIZE

MONEY: When all Sweepstakes requirements are met, horses are automatically eligible to receive Allocated Prize Money in designated regional and national classes. There is no additional fee.

DESIGNATED SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES

Regional & Local CODE #	ARABIAN SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES	USN	CAN	SHN	Reg	Pts
1075	IABS Arabian Yearling Colt/Gelding	\$			\$	\$
1076	IABS Arabian Yearling Filly	\$			\$	\$
8	* IABS Arabian Mare Breeding 2 yr & Over	\$	\$		\$	\$
19	* IABS Arabian Stallion Breeding 2 yr & Over	\$	\$		\$	\$
33	IABS Arabian Gelding In-Hand AAO 2 yr & Over	\$	\$		\$	\$
93	IABS Arabian English Pleasure Junior Horse	\$				\$
114	IABS Arabian Country English Pleasure Junior Horse	\$				\$
308	IABS Arabian Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse	\$	\$			\$
207	IABS Arabian Western Pleasure Junior Horse	\$	\$			\$
94	* IABS Arabian English Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
115	* IABS Arabian Country English Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
309	* IABS Arabian Hunter Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
208	* IABS Arabian Western Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
239	IABS Arabian Reining Horse	\$				\$
204	* IABS Arabian Reining Horse AAO	\$				\$
343	IABS Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle AT			\$		\$
45	IABS Arabian Sport Horse Mares In-Hand AT 2 yr & Over			\$		\$
59	IABS Arabian Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand AT 2 yr & Over			\$		\$
CODE #	HALF-ARABIAN, ANGLO-ARABIAN SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES	USN	CAN	SHN	Reg	Pts
1078	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Yearling Colt/Gelding	\$			\$	\$
1079	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Yearling Filly	\$			\$	\$
422	** IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Mare Breeding 2 yr & Over	\$	\$		\$	\$
533	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian English Pleasure Junior Horse	\$				\$
559	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Country English Pleasure Junior Horse	\$				\$
751	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse	\$	\$			\$
639	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Western Pleasure Junior Horse	\$	\$			\$
534	* IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian English Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
560	* IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Country English Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
752	* IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Hunter Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
640	* IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Western Pleasure AAO	\$	\$		\$	\$
670	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Reining Horse	\$				\$
671	* IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Reining Horse AAO	\$				\$
781	IABS Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle AT			\$		\$
CODE #	ARABIAN, HALF-ARABIAN, ANGLO-ARABIAN SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES	USN	CAN	SHN	Reg	Pts
1815	*** IABS Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Dressage Level 2-AT			\$	T4	\$
822	*** IABS Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Dressage Level 3-AT			\$	T3	\$
1100	IABS Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Competitive Trail					\$
1150	IABS Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Endurance Ride					\$

* IABS Classes eligible to be split into multiple age divisions. When AAO classes are split into multiple age divisions, they must include all ages. Weanlings and Yearlings are not permitted in classes titled 2 & over.

** IABS Class eligible to be split into Saddle/Pleasure, Stock/Hunter. Weanlings and Yearlings are not permitted in this class.

*** At Local shows, Test 1 will be used for points. At the Regional shows, the highest Test will be used for points. At the National shows, the highest Test will be used for points.

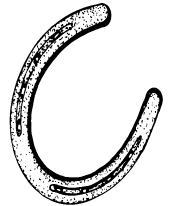
CONGRATULATIONS TO MHAHA!!!

Winner of the 2005 AHA Club Excellence Award for Breed Promotion and Community Involvement. MHAHA was also one of three finalists for the AHA Club of the Year Award.

Read about their hugely successful breed promotion on the Region 10 website www.region10arabians.com.

Heads-Up to USEF Arabian Members and Licensed Officials!

Changes to Arabian/HA/AA Shoeing Rule



*******Effective 1/16/06*******

To help keep our members abreast of important rule changes the USEF wishes to alert all Arabian members and licensed officials about the new Arabian shoeing regulations passed at the USEF Annual Meeting. The new rules are effective as of January 16, 2006.

Please note as stated in point 6 below: All horses competing in the Arabian, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian Hunter, Jumper, Dressage, Eventing, Combined Driving, Pleasure (Carriage) Driving, Working Western, and Sport Horse Sections shall be exempt from shoeing regulations. This does not exempt horses that are cross entered into any other classes from compliance with applicable shoeing requirements while competing in those classes.

The complete rule changes are as follows:

AR103 Shoeing Regulations.

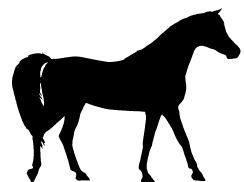
1. Horses less than two years of age must be shown barefoot. Horses two years of age may be shown with a shoe in accordance with AR103.2. However, the use of a pad(s) of any type or configuration between hoof and shoe is strictly prohibited.

2. **Through November 30, 2008, any machine made (keg) or handmade shoe made of magnetic steel, mild steel, or aluminum is allowable. No part of the shoe may exceed the dimensions of 3/8 inch thick by 1 1/8 inches wide (nail heads and/or toe clips are not considered when measuring the shoe).** The shoe may be of any type and configuration except in the case of a bar shoe, the bar may not extend below the ground surface of the shoe. If a shoe band is used, it **may** be attached to the shoe, or the pad, if present.

3. Maximum length of toe is 4 1/2" for purebred Arabians. **Maximum length of toe is 5" for Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians.**

4. The use of pad(s) (either full or partial, including rim) made of leather or plastic, is allowed as long as the overall length of toe measurement (See GR510) does not exceed the maximum toe length of 4 1/2" for purebred Arabians or **5" for Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians.** The introduction of a foreign material within the pad, between the pad and shoe or between the pad and hoof (other than accepted packing material such as oakum, pine tar, silicone, foam rubber, etc.) designed to add additional weight or enhance action is strictly prohibited. Material with anticoncussive qualities (such as rubber, silicone, latex, etc.) may be used between the pad and hoof for additional support, provided such material does not extend beyond the inner rim (edge) of the shoe.

5. At the discretion of a judge or a steward officiating at a licensed Arabian competition, or at the request of the Show Committee (See GR1201)



inspection (including **measuring the shoe**, measurement of hoof length, and presence of a pad) of shoes, pad(s) and/or hoof length may be required. Shoes and pads, if present, cast after entering or before exiting the arena in any class shall be inspected. Said inspection shall be performed by a licensed steward or judge designated by the Show Committee (The Show Committee may at its discretion designate more than one licensed official to perform inspections). Any trainer, exhibitor and/or agent of a horse subject to the inspection each may request to be present and heard while said inspection is being performed by said licensed official(s). Prior to any disqualification and/or other penalties imposed on a horse at a competition, the inspecting officials shall make reasonable efforts to notify and have present the owner(s) and trainer(s) of said horse, or agent(s) at the inspection. The inspecting officials shall take possession of any shoe, and/or pad and **measure** the shoe with an accurate **gauge**. Measurement of hoof length shall be made in accordance with GR510. In the event that the inspecting officials find a violation of the shoe **measurements**, hoof length and/or pad presence the horse shall be disqualified for the entire competition, and the owner shall be required to forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes and trophies, entry fees, ribbons, and points won at said competition by said horse. Additionally, if any forbidden foreign material is found between the pad and/or shoe, or pad and hoof, within the pad, and/or the pad composition is in violation of AR103.1, the steward shall file a charge against the owner(s) and trainer(s) with the Federation Hearing Committee in accordance with GR604 and a hearing shall be held in accordance with General Rules, Chapter GR6. The trainer of a horse found to be shod with any forbidden material as described, is subject to whatever additional penalty or penalties are assessed by the Hearing Committee following a hearing. Said trainer may be fined and/or suspended from all competitions for a period of up to one year for the first offense, said suspension to be served at any time at the discretion of the Hearing Committee. The

horse may be suspended for any period of time specified by the Hearing Committee.

6. All horses competing in the Arabian, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian Hunter, Jumper, Dressage, Eventing, Combined Driving, Pleasure (Carriage) Driving, **Working Western**, and Sport Horse Sections shall be exempt from shoeing regulations. This does not exempt horses that are cross entered into any other classes from compliance with applicable shoeing requirements while competing in those classes.

Deadline for the Fall 2006 Communicator will be September 15th.
Send anything at any time to scentedgardens@msn.com for inclusion.

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**Region 10 Board Meeting
March 26, 2006
Sweetwater's, Eau Claire WI**

11:00 Show Committee (everyone welcome to attend)

12:00 Meal and Meeting

Region 10 Elections will be held at the March meeting. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following:

Director – Dean Meier
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