

Region 14 Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2013 @ 1:00 PM
Clark County Champions Center
Springfield, Ohio

Director Frank Gaddie called the meeting to order, with First Vice Director Duane Esser, Second Vice Director Jackie Robinson, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Jean Hedger in attendance. There were 14 clubs represented: AHCGT, BAHA, BAHAA, DBDR, KAHA, KAHABA, KARABS, NEOAHA, NWOAHA, OHAHA, OVAHA, OAATS, SAHIBA and SAHS.

Frank thanked Dave for helping him to get information out since Frank did not have access to his computer. He hopes to have the issue resolved very soon.

Minutes: Dave Daugherty asked that the November, 2012 minutes be amended in the **Show Approval** paragraph where the Celebration was discussed. There were comments that were misquoted by Debbie Swigart. Some of the conversations at that meeting referenced another show, not the Celebration. Under the **First Vice Director's Report**, concerning the approval of the show, Frank had approved the show as a qualifier early in the year and then the Celebration withdrew the halter classes from AHA sanctioning. Also Cindy Clinton asked that comments and names be removed from the paragraph that referred to Region 14 approving a qualifier in Region 16. Dave moved to have these amendments made to the minutes submitted. Debbie Glasener seconded the motion and it was passed.

It was asked who gets the minutes. Debbie noted that she sends them to those that sign the clipboard at each meeting. These are sent before they are approved. To change this practice, Dave moved that, in the future, the minutes be sent in their "unapproved" form to the regional officers and certified delegates only. It was suggested that they be "watermarked" as a draft version. Debbie Glasener also seconded this motion. This also passed.

Finally Linda Ferris asked that the amended minutes be resent. Debbie Swigart will follow-up with these amendments and resend these minutes.

Director's Report: Frank reviewed some of the highlights from the recent convention. Cynthia Richardson (Colorado) has been elected as the new AHA president. She has been busy at AHA, including making new appointments to various committees.

As of December 31, 2012, AHA is solvent – we don't owe anyone any money. To insure our programs' solvencies in the future, AHA has instituted new guidelines based on the laws of the state of Colorado that will govern the handling of the Sweepstakes money.

Our 2013 convention will need a lot of help. One request is that our tour be offered that Tuesday to the Board of Directors. Also Frank will be meeting with Kate Cooper at the Hyatt in Lexington February 12th. At this time, we have set aside \$7500 plus an additional \$1000 for the convention but Frank feels it will not cost our region that much.

The FFA convention will be October 30th through November 2nd in Louisville, KY (Freedom Hall). We are offering a \$1000 scholarship and we have a two booth space (shared with AHA).

We have a saddle to give away. And we will probably give away wrist bands again with an Arabian horse theme.

Again there was more discussion about the Arabian Celebration show that was held last September in Louisville, KY. Dave noted that at the July, 2011 regional meeting, there was a discussion about these halter shows and that we made a motion to not support these “private entity” shows, but to support AHA and U.S. Nationals. Frank’s approving that show was unintentional. Dave is concerned that it will hurt our regional clubs’ shows. If we don’t give our region’s (AHA) approval, it means that you cannot qualify for U.S. Nationals. One way this can be overturned is if they appeal to the AHA Board of Directors. Dave notes that the delegates moved to not approve the 2013 show as a Region 14 qualifier. If we want this reconsidered, a motion and a second must be made by a delegate that attended convention and can only be voted on by those delegates present at the 2012 convention. There was more discussion as to the pros and cons of that show. Neil Henderson of BAHA noted that their club will be supporting that show this year.

Our by-laws have not been reviewed and updated for several years (August, 2006) so Frank appointed a committee to present revisions to the by-laws at the March meeting. Those appointed included: Dave (chair), Joe Hull, Jackie and Duane.

First Vice Director’s Report: Duane noted that the KAHA Bluegrass Festival / Classic show has been cancelled this year. He remembers showing there as a teenager. He suggests we send an e-mail to Tony Conner offering support for the future of the show for next year. They are considering a Region 12 - Region 14 concurrent format. Per Frank, KAHA have a two (2) year contract with the Kentucky Horse Park so they should not lose their dates for 2014.

Regional Awards Banquet: Debbie Glasener reported that the banquet will be held March 16th at the Kings Island Convention Center. The hotel rooms are \$55 per night. The dinner is \$30 for adults and \$15.00 for children 13 and under. (Send your paid reservations to Debbie Glasener). We will not have a guest speaker this year but we will have the Silent Auction which Ellie Troutman is handling (including the live segment with Ralph Brown). Let Debbie know if your club wants to have a meeting that day – meeting rooms are available from 11AM to 3PM. The regional meeting will be at 3PM. Social hour is at 6:30PM and dinner starts at 7:30 PM. Duane will be conducting the meeting that day as Frank will be in Denver at the AHA board meeting.

Dave read the slate of nominees for this year. He noted that this is the sixth year, so folks who won five (5) years ago are now eligible to be nominated again. Sponsors are needed for the awards at a cost of \$125 each. Debbie Glasener needs that information by February 15th if you want your name included on the trophy that you sponsor. Debbie Swigart will put this info put on the regional website.

Regional Show Report: Cindy noted that the show dates are June 26th through June 30th. She read us her list of Silverama and Regional judges that she has contracted. Tony Schubert will be the announcer. Since the KAHA show is cancelled this year, Cindy has added the Region 14 Hunt Seat Equitation (on-the-flat) classes back into the regional show schedule. She is also adding non-rated classes – Grand Champion Amateur performance classes. She will need a lot of help including scribes and scorers for the trail, dressage and sport horse classes. Again, early arrival and late departure times will be enforced by the Kentucky Horse Park.

A venue for the regional hunter-jumper classes was discussed. The Western Carolinas Spring Show, Clemson, SC (Region 12) is being held April 5th through 7th and they are asking to have Region 14 concurrent show including the hunter-jumper classes. That would mean that our regional classes would then be held at the Region 12 show held in Perry, GA (May). Cindy made a motion and Deneb Thompson seconded a motion to approve these classes for this year. This passed unanimously.

USEF: Since Shirley Nowak was unable to attend the meeting today, Cindy presented her report. She noted that USEF changes to our AHA rules will be in red. The rating system for our shows has changed from the A, B and C to being based on the number of horses shown. Congratulations to all those (human and horse) from Region 14 who will be getting awards at the USEF Pegasus Awards Dinner. Be sure to mark “Arabian” when getting your USEF membership so we don’t lose any more seats in the USEF board. They have downsized their board from 40 to 20. Check out the information on the restrictions on calming medications you can use for your horse. Western Dressage is growing in popularity. USAE gave \$300,000 in grant money – AHA did benefit from this. The USEF also has a new president, Chrystine Tauber. Dave noted that USEF will be enforcing the professional status vs. being an amateur. Cindy also reported that all AHA classes use the 18 years of age as the cut-off for juniors while the other breeds are still 17 years of age (like UPHA, etc.).

Calendar: Kathy Whitmore reported that the spreadsheet format that was used in the directory portion of the 2013 calendar would be costly and time consuming to re-format. Dave believes that AHA could provide that information in a different format. It was noted that we need to get more dates included (regional events like the banquet and meetings) – but they must be correct or that causes more problems. The clubs and officers list were incorrect (information about two years old). Kathy noted that the calendar should show a profit this year. And Frank noted he has received four (4) e-mails from folks who like the new format. Dave and Frank thanked Kathy for her efforts.

Budget Committee: Since Tony was ill and could not be at the meeting today, Joe reported on the highlights of the 2013 budget. Most of the items (calendar, awards banquet, Midwest trail ride, etc.) have been set as “break-even.” We have added the cost of updating the website to the budget. It will again be a negative budget and our assets may go down. Cindy moved and Debbie Glasener seconded a motion to pass the budget as presented. This passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Jean noted that there was a correction to the report that was e-mailed to the delegates. Overall we had a good year and ended with a positive net income of \$6,766.91. Currently the calendar shows a negative balance but should be slightly ahead when the outstanding fees are collected. Not much was paid in January, mainly the annual fee for the website. Dave noted that it would be easier for Jean if the budget committee meets at the convention so that she has more time to prepare the report for the January meeting. Cindy moved and Shirley Izor seconded a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. This passed.

Website Update Report: Debbie Swigart reported that the update has been delayed due to the webmaster’s selling his house. They had put it on the market, expecting it to take six (6) months

to sell. However, it sold in six (6) days. Once he can get settled again, they will begin working on the updates.

New Business: Deneb reported that the Kentucky Horse Council is holding the Kentucky Round-Up the first weekend in February at the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. This is aimed at non-horse owning youth. There will be booths and clinics and both BAHA and SAHIBA will have a presence there.

Our next meeting is March 16th prior to the Region 14 Awards Banquet. Our summer meeting should be sometime in August – Frank will check his board meeting schedule to determine the date for that meeting and hold that at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington.

Annge Daugherty was upset that the parades that were televised at the holidays always show the Arabians only attired in native costume.

Eric Schultz asked everyone present to wish long time member Juanita Dayringer a “happy birthday” today at this meeting.

Neil noted that the Arabian Jockey Club has been able to schedule another Arabian race at Churchill Downs – the 7th race at the Kentucky Derby! Although probably unlikely, it is hoped there might be some tickets available for that day. They are working on getting a race set-up at Belmont, since they already have an Arabian race for the Preakness. If this can be arranged, we will have races at the Kentucky Derby, Belmont and the Preakness - creating an Arabian Triple Crown with a \$1,000,000 purse.

Equine Affaire (April 11-14): Mickie Newman reported that again OAATS will need help with the Region 14 booth. Suzy Zech is not able to coordinate the breed demo and stall presence this year, so they will need help with this too. Contact Mickie if you can help.

Those interested in being on the convention committee should plan on attending the March regional meeting to discuss what is needed.

Sherri Lewis reported on the emphasis of getting youth involvement – this was major point of discussion at the convention. OVAHA offers an “earned” scholarship program called C.O.M.M.I.T. which provides AHA and USEF youth memberships, a stall and two classes for the Summer Sizzler in July. She would like to challenge the other clubs and the Region 14 to establish more programs to promote youth involvement. This should be sent to everyone in an e-blast and also be sent to the numerous 4-H offices within the region.

Donna Kitchel moved and Debbie Glasener seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Swigart
Region 14 Secretary