

Region 14 Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2013 @ 1:00 PM
Kings Island Conference Center
Mason, OH

Former Director Dave Daugherty called the meeting to order (He is filling in for Director Frank Gaddie who was at the AHA Board of Directors meeting). Also present was Second Vice Director Jackie Robinson, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Jean Hedger. [First Vice Director Duane Esser was not present – out-of-town judging.] There were 12 clubs represented: BAHA, BAHA, DBDR, KAHABA, KARABS, NEOAHA, NWOAHA, OHAHA, OVAHA, OAATS, SAHIBA and SAHS. Dave amended the agenda and also welcomed a couple of guests. Long time owners of MiMar Tack, Mildred and Marie Stakelin, with renewed health, are back in business.

Arabian Celebration follow-up: A motion was presented on-behalf of the Arabian Horse Celebration who requested the reconsideration of the motion that the delegates disapproved at the November, 2012 regional caucus meeting. Cindy Clinton presented the following: “I move to approve the 2013 Arabian Celebration contingent on them obtaining AHA approval for all Arabian, Half Arabian and Anglo Arabian classes and they must use the approved Arabian scoring system for Breeding/Gelding In Hand classes.” Dave seconded the motion and opened it for discussion. John Morici asked why we want to approve the show and there was a discussion as to the “history” behind this issue. The region wants the show to be AHA approved for all of the classes so then they count towards regionals and nationals. Cindy and Dave have been working behind the scenes to get this issue resolved. The motion passed unanimously in its original form.

Minutes: Linda Ferris moved and Lana Chaffin seconded a motion for the draft of the January minutes to be approved as submitted. This passed unanimously.

There was a discussion as to who should receive the draft minutes. Debbie S. sent them only to the appointed delegates but we have some alternates at this meeting who are filling in for their club’s delegate(s). Debbie Glasener moved and Deneb Thompson seconded a motion to add the certified alternates to the e-mail list of delegates for the minutes and also for the treasurer’s report.

Treasurer’s Report: Jean reported that we had a total of \$635 paid members for 2012. This is down from the 2011 total of \$705 and \$740 for 2010. The calendar finances are finalized and we did make a profit of \$512.88. We have made a down payment on the website upgrade. At this time we have a deficient balance of \$2948.08. Cindy moved and Debbie G. seconded a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. This passed unanimously. There was a request to clarify how we plan for the income and costs in our budget guidelines. Basically we are counting on the regional show, the awards banquet and the trail ride (if scheduled) to bring in our income and, for this year, the major expenses will be the cost of the convention, the show and the awards.

By-Laws Committee Report: This committee consists of Dave, Jackie, Joe Hull and Duane. They are to provide a full report and recommendations at the August meeting. They want to include a provision for electronic (e-mail) or telephone voting by the delegates. Once the by-laws are revised and approved, we can look into making them accessible on the website.

Website Update Report: Debbie S affirmed that we sent the down payment to Jeremy Ball to start upgrading our website. There was a lot of discussion as to why this process has been so slow to get

started. Part of the problem is that Jeremy moved to Texas so the logistics have changed but he still feels he can accommodate our wants and needs. We have no written deadline. Debbie S will be addressing our concerns with him and getting the site up and running before the next meeting – hopefully in early summer.

Regional Awards Banquet: Dave and Debbie G. reported that we are down this year – 85 compared to last year’s 115 and Dave feels that some of the issue is the lack of communication our region is experiencing at this time. Ellie Troutman stated that we have a lot of nice items for the silent auction and she hopes we have a good “non-horse show” time with friends. Dave noted that we have been asked to consider separating the Endurance/Competitive Trail rides (ETR/CTR) from Trail Riding, thus giving two (2) awards. Jeff Caldwell commented that they are distinct and different disciplines and that the Trail Riding award could include recreational riding, which would encourage participation. Dave also commented that OAATS and DBDR are not getting support from AHA but they are supported by our region. More to follow.

Youth Director’s Report: Our current youth director was not present and Dave noted that we need to get more youth involvement. We have had exceptional youth directors in the past but we have been lacking in participation in the last couple of years.

Special Rescue Report: Ellie Troutman (and her brother, J.T. Keller) are originally from Illinois where they worked with their dad who was the brood mare manager for the Fernwood Farm in Chicago. She owns Windy Meadows and Ellingsworth Ridge (a farm that works with under privileged kids and also has re-homed 3000 horses since 1999). She spoke to the meeting as to a recent situation where she helped with the rescuing of distressed Arabian horses from Woodford Co, KY. She was contacted by animal control officers, whose hands were tied and couldn’t act to help these animals. The Humane Society has trouble working with horses that you can’t put a halter on and don’t have current Coggins testing. Clark Vesty had seen the situation and said the 40 horses were not in good shape (body scores of 3) and that the water tanks were empty. The owner of the farm was a “hoarder,” also having 37 dogs and 78 chickens in the barn and numerous dogs and cats in an apartment. Of 18 stallions found in the barn, 17 had died in their stalls and one in the aisle. There were 17 horses in the pasture. There needs to be education and legislation that can help push for tougher penalties for these types of offenses. This owner was sentenced to less than one year in jail and fined less than \$1,000. And she will be able to legally own animals again in two (2) years. Ellie asked that we all get involved with 4-H and FFA to help educate our kids to be responsible animal owners, as well as get involved with the rescues and establish a network to help with these situations.

Regional Show Report: Cindy reported that she has hired most of the judges for this year’s regional show. Gloria Bush will be coordinating the dressage classes and Bill Pennington will manage the Sport Horse and Carriage classes. The show, which runs June 26th through 30th, will have eight (8) added classes. There will be no charge for the class and will be open to only adult amateur owners (AAOTR) who win a Top 5 in selected classes at this year’s show. She is considering awards like a jacket for the champion and vest for reserve champion. We have a new caterer (through the Kentucky Horse Park) and Cindy is hoping to have an ice cream vendor.

Regional Trail Ride: Dave reported that Mollie Krumlaw cannot do the regional trail ride in August this year but is working on setting up a scaled-down version at a location in Ohio. She will need help, especially on-site, with this. More info to follow.

KAHABA: Martha Murdock has stepped down as president of KAHABA so Jeff Caldwell, First Vice President, will present their report. He thanked Martha for all her work with this association and stated that Jennifer Hudson is now the president. 2012 was a great year, awarding over \$48,000 in prize money and 300 points were earned in multiple disciplines. This really encourages the grass roots and they saw increased numbers in the Arabian/Half Arabian classes at the fairs. Breeder classes doubled in 2012. Jeff read a list of the winners and encouraged folks to go to their website: www.kyarabian.com for more information. Martha reported that she spoke to the Kentucky State subcommittee about Arabian involvement in the horse industry. She also encourages the meeting to get involved with politics, especially the legislation that relates to our animals.

Calendar: Kathy Whitmore asked that anyone wanting ads need to see her.

Convention: Tony Conner and Frank were not here to update the meeting on the convention arrangements. Dave spoke with Tony and Frank and has tried to emphasize to them the need for folks to know what is going on in November. There is to be a site visit, including AHA staff, in the next couple of weeks. Martha's barn will be hosting the reception at the Al-Marah Gallery. We need donations for the delegate bags (at least 400-500 are needed for each item). Frank needs to put out an e-blast with a detailed list of where we stand and what we still need to work on.

Equine Affaire (April 11-14): Mickie Newman is handling the OAATS and Region 14 booth this year. She needs to get brochures from the region and needs a horse to be at the stall for both Thursday and Friday. Of course, volunteers are needed. The breed demo is Saturday at 1:00 PM and Sherri Lewis stated that OVAHA have the script and horses. We need stallion info and giveaways. We will have 200 calendars to pass out at the event.

Kathy noted that we might want to order extra calendars for the coming year to give out at the Kentucky Round-Up, a youth program at the Kentucky Horse Park.

New Business: Joe moved to give \$500 to help the rescued horses, since we have that in the budget under "distress fund." Dave countered that \$500 could be used from his past director's budget and Debbie G noted that we could also use \$500 from the profit of last year's awards banquet. Joe then amended his motion to present Ellie \$1,000 to be used to care for the horses from the Woodford Co. KY rescue. Debbie G seconded and the motion passed.

It was noted that Shirley Nowak is now at home recovering from her recent health problems. We need to reach out to her and wish her well.

Our next meeting is August 11th hopefully at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington, KY. Frank will need to make the arrangements so we can review where we stand for convention.

Linda Ferris moved and Deneb Thompson seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Swigart

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