

Minutes from Region 14 Caucus Meeting
November 21, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
Hyatt Regency and Lexington Convention Center
Lexington, KY

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. We had 21 delegates, 10 alternates and 12 guests present – representing thirteen clubs: ABAHA, BAHA, BAHAA, DBDR, KAHA, KARABS, NEOAHA, NWOAHA, OHAHA, OVAHA, OAATS, SAHIBA and SAHS.

Frank commented that, even though the convention has just started, he has heard nothing but positive comments about this event and wanted to thank everyone for all their hard work.

Minutes: Tony Conner moved and Dave Daugherty seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. It passed unanimously.

Debbie S also passed around two cards for the attendees to sign. One is for Shirley Nowak and the other is for Larry and Shirley Izor. All three are long time members and wanted to attend this year's convention but were unable due to health problems.

Treasurer's Report: Jean reported that all clubs have paid their dues and we have 630 members. She has received \$37,500 from the regional show - \$7,500 goes toward the AHA Convention Welcome Party. She has paid the final installment for our website upgrade, which is up and running. Currently we have a positive net income of \$907.43. (This doesn't include that regional show check and the last club dues that were paid.) Tony moved and Debbie Glasener seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. This passed unanimously. Jean noted that she has yet to receive any of the bills for the convention, so that will be reported in January.

Director's Report: Frank reported on the Friday night activity. We will be bused to the Kentucky Horse Park, where we will tour the Al-Marah Arabian Gallery. Then we will re-board the buses and go just down the road to Spindle Top Farm for dinner and a tour of this 50,000 square foot mansion, which is now owned by the University of Kentucky. Saturday night is the President' Banquet and Region 14 has two (2) full tables (20 people) reserved.

Frank led a discussion on the approval of the 2014 Arabian Celebration in Louisville, KY. Cindy Clinton noted that we have a resolution (20-13) for consideration this year that would allow shows to apply to AHA for a dispensation from using the Arabian Scoring System for their show. If this passes, it will offer the Celebration the option to get AHA approval to not use the score card system. Neil Henderson stated that the Celebration would abide by the Arabian rules in all divisions. With that said, Dave moved that we approve the Arabian Horse Celebration for September 17-20, 2014, as long as they use the AHA approved scoring system that is in place for 2014. Cindy seconded the motion. Joe Hull offered a friendly amendment to allow them to apply for the dispensation (if it passes) for the halter classes. Dave seconded the friendly amendment. Duane had talked with Bob Battaglia and they were considering moving the show dates forward. There are issues with this because of the USEF distance rules and other shows that might be scheduled in the area.

Martha Murdock started a discussion as to the state of our region and its clubs. She sited how social media and the internet have changed how we deal with the issues that are facing the horse industry. We need to promote our breed and the shows that showcase our horses. We need positive communication. There were discussions as to the comments that are on Facebook and that some exhibitors don't feel welcome at the shows. We need to become more family oriented and welcome newcomers to our breed and shows. But the comments ended on the note that the members of Region 14 should be proud of their efforts.

After the above discussion, the motion – as amended – passed unanimously. [NOTE: Lollie Ames came to speak to our meeting, asking us to support the Celebration. She was pleasantly surprised that we had already approved the show.]

By-Laws Committee: Dave reported that Joe has sent the changes to Dave's wife, Annge, to type and then the committee will verify the recommended changes and then send them to the executive board. Joe noted that we can

only vote on the changes at the August (annual) meeting so we will have time to review these. Debbie S will put the current by-laws (amended in 2006) on the website so they are available for reference. One of the changes is the addition of guidelines so that we can have electronic voting by the delegates.

Regional Awards: Dave plans on sending out the nomination forms in December to all the club presidents and the executive board so that we can select the nominees. Once the nominees are chosen and verified, a ballot will be posted on the website as well as the biographies of the candidates. We need to promote this program and encourage more participation in the voting process. Dave stated he usually only gets ballots from a little over 100 out of the 600+ Region 14 members. Debbie G noted that the date is March 22, 2014, and that this date was set so that Frank will be able to attend. She commented that this is a positive Region 14 event, and that we need to promote this social occasion and have it better attended, especially by the nominees. This is a fun event with a buffet dinner and cash bar, as well as the popular Silent Auction.

First Vice Director's Report: Duane stated that we should be proud of our efforts in hosting this convention and thanked everyone who made it possible.

Second Vice Director's Report: Jackie echoed Duane's comments and also thanked everyone.

Regional Show Report: Cindy noted that we will be at the Kentucky Horse Park June 25-29, 2014. If you have any suggestions for the show, let her know. She again thanked everyone that made the 2013 show such a success.

Calendar: Kathy Whitmore reported that the 2014 calendar is still in production. There are five (5) who need to pay for their ads and that the calendar won't be printed until these are paid. She has been having a hard time getting the ad print and payment for the ads. It was suggested that we include ads for the 2015 calendar at the Silent Auction. There was a lively discussion as to the problem and some solutions.

New Business: Kathy made a motion asking the region for a \$375 sponsorship for the Kentucky Round-Up at the Kentucky Horse Park. This is an all breed youth event. Debbie G seconded the motion. Both BAHA and SAHIBA had booths at this event last year. This passed unanimously.

Debbie S reported that we lost one club in Region 14. She verified with AHA that the Arabian Club of Greater Toledo (AHC GT) voluntarily disbanded this year on March 22nd.

Resolutions: Joe led the discussion of the 21 resolutions being considered this year. Cindy moved and Sherri seconded a motion to dispense with reading of the full resolution, since some were very lengthy. Many were housekeeping, but some produced some lively discussion and debate.

We will try to schedule the 2014 January meeting for either the 12th or 26th at the Champions Center, Springfield, Ohio.

Jackie moved and Duane seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Swigart
Region 14 Secretary