

**Minutes from Region 14 Meeting**  
**March 22, 2014 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Kings Island Conference Center**  
**Mason, 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. Twelve clubs were represented: BAHA, BAHAA, KAHA, KAHABA, KARABS, NEOAHA, NWOAHA, OHAHA, OVAHA, OAATS, SAHIBA and SAHS.

**Minutes:** Duane Esser moved and the motion was seconded to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as submitted. This passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jean Hedger reported that the calendar has cleared a profit of \$79.44 but there is still one \$25 ad that has to be paid to the region. She paid for the lunch for the AHA staff as a "thank-you" for their help at the convention. She also paid the annual fee for the website, and for a judging team. At this time, we have a negative net income of \$1,116.09. Cindy Clinton moved and Debbie Glasener seconded a motion to approve the report. It passed unanimously.

**2013 Convention Report:** There have been numerous calls and emails exchanged between Frank, Jean and AHA in an attempt to finalize the financial report for this past convention. Yesterday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, she received a report from AHA but it is not complete. Most items we paid, but the delegates paid for the tours, dinner, etc. through AHA so then they need to reimburse us that money. We may end up having a slight loss for the whole event but Jean wants to wait until we get things settled with AHA before she gives her final report. Some of the loss will be from what we paid for the Welcome party (cost was \$11,600) but we never planned on the convention being a money making project. And that party was a huge success.

**Director's Report:** Frank reported that at the AHA Board of Directors (BOD) meeting last week, the annual financial report was presented showing that we have no debt and a positive income – we are financially stable. We will probably keep our 30+-year-old building (estimated value of \$1.4 million) in Aurora and have the work done on the various maintenance projects (approximately \$350,000) to renovate it. We continue to get income from memberships but 85% of our money comes from the national shows. The Sweepstakes program is fully funded but, with breedings down, they may reduce the payout. At this time, Frank stated that the implementation of the Strategic Plan has been put on hold since there are costs involved in putting that in place.

The Reichart Celebration Show (Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) is one of the largest all-breed shows in the country. After our breed has been absent for some time, they have added back the Arabian / Half Arabian classes again (Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>). It will be a Region 9 qualifier and we were approached to also make it a Region 14 qualifier. A tentative "motion" was sent, via email, to the delegates and all 22 returned were affirmative votes. Dave Daugherty moved and Debbie G seconded a motion to officially vote on the show by the delegates present. The question was asked that if we allow these horses to qualify, would it not hurt our Silverama entries in 2015? Cindy commented that she feels it will help the regional show and that this is an honor to be asked to be part of this show. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee Appointment:** Frank presented his slate of club representatives he would like to serve on the nominating committee for the election of officers at our August annual meeting. He asked Jackie, Second Vice Director to serve as chair of the committee, however she declined, citing that it does not follow Robert's Rule of Order, since she is planning to run this year. Frank then amended his committee to consist of the following:

Sherry Lewis (OVAHA) – Chair  
Neil Henderson (BAHA)

Carl Malicote (SAHIBA)  
Cindy Clinton (BAHAA)  
Jill Bailey (KAHABA)

Dave moved and Debbie G seconded a motion to accept the nominating committee members as presented. This passed.

**Youth Director:** Frank has been trying to find a youth to serve as our Region 14 Youth Director and he has found a very capable young lady. Brinley Swears, age 14, from Louisville, is a member of BAHA and is very active in both horse activities and also community projects. She has been riding for the past five (5) years and an AHA member for the past four (4) years. Dave moved and Duane seconded a motion to appoint Brinley as our new Youth Director. This passed unanimously.

**First Vice Director's Report:** Duane had nothing to report.

**Second Vice Director's Report:** Jackie wanted to invite everyone in the region to the open house for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Jack McDonald Stables on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Quite a milestone for a facility.

**Region 14 Awards Banquet:** Debbie G reported that Ellie Troutman was setting up for the Silent Auction. Debbie G wanted to thank all the sponsors of the trophies for their donations: BAHA, BAHAA, Double G Arabians, Esser Valley Arabians, KAHA, OHAHA, SAHIBA, and Setting Sun Stables. The cash bar will start at 6:30 PM and the buffet dinner will be served at 7:30 PM. The live auction will follow with specific items from the Silent Auction. Everyone can look forward to a good time.

**Equine Affaire:** Mickie Newman reported that she has received handouts and is finalizing the horses that will be present. She still needs volunteers.

**By-laws Update:** Dave has asked that any specific issues with the amendments that have been proposed to the By-laws be sent to him. Once he has finalized these amendments, they will be sent to the delegates. Then they must be made available for public review at least 30 days prior to our annual meeting, probably sometime in early August. Joe Hull noted that Article 3/Section 5 will delete the October reference and Article 4/ Section 2 will read "at least 30 days" to match Article 6. There is still the contradiction of having a Second Vice Director that "moves up" since there is no comparable language in the AHA By-laws. He will work on the verbage to reflect that the delegates would vote on the "move." It was asked that we clarify the way the By-laws define who can be on the nominating committee.

**Regional Show Update:** Cindy reported that the prizelist is out. The Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) raised our contract by \$20,000 but Cindy negotiated it down by \$10,000. One of the new requirements includes having "crossing guards" to insure the horses safety when they cross the roads. They also want to start charging the region \$100 per month to store our equipment trailer. This was discussed and it will be arranged to have the trailer moved off grounds and yet close enough to have those items in the trailer available for the show.

**Calendar:** Kathy Whitmore reported she has full monthly and business card ads that have not been reserved and are available. Those that cannot be resolved today will be put into the auction tonight.

**USEF:** no report

**Constant Contact E-blasts:** Frank apologized for the lack of and delays in sending out e-blasts but once again, he is having computer issues that he needs to get resolved. He thanked Debbie S for helping get out the e-blasts.

**Web Site:** There was a brief discussion on the differences of this new site and how to navigate the Events calendar.

**Club Activity Announcements:** Lorie Henderson reported on the Arabian presence at the Kentucky Round-Up, held at the Altech Arena, February 15 and 16. The region paid for the booth. They gave out 1000 blue bags that had been made up with the logos of all the sponsors, including SAHIBA and BAHA. We had 10 horses in the demo - check out *Youtube*, under Firelight Arabians, for a video of the presentation. She wanted to thank the volunteers.

Another upcoming event is the Breyerfest, being held July 11-13 at the KHP – this will be their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Last year, over 10,000 attended the event. A 10 X 10 booth cost \$500 and Firelight has reserved the space. Carl proposed a challenge that clubs pledge \$100 towards the cost of this event. Kristen Herder then amended that challenge, proposing that the clubs contribute the funds needed to purchase bags (like those given out at the Round-Up) and that the region pay for the booth space. Kathy seconded the motion and it passed.

Jill Bailey reported that KAHABA has had another successful year, with \$48,370 in funds awarded by the Racing Commission to numerous Arabians and Half Arabians shown this past year. To see all the award winners, go to the club's website – [www.kyarabian.com](http://www.kyarabian.com) - which will be updated soon and also the KAHABA Facebook group page. The club will have to renew later this year for another three (3) years.

SAHBIA representative, Mayra Soles, along with Cindy and Carl, reported on the upcoming raffle that is being held to raise funds for local trainer Erin Reed, who suffers with MS. The money raised will go towards “Erin’s Journey” which will send Erin to a facility to receive stem cell therapy to help treat her condition so that she can continue her career of working with youth in training and showing their horses. The limited number of tickets, \$50 each, are for a drawing that will be at the May SAHIBA show in Frankfort, KY.

BAHA will hold it’s first one-day “class A” show that will be a Region 14 qualifier at the end of April.

Neil moved and Kathy seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, somewhere in Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Swigart*

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