

**Region 14 Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 2017 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Clark County Champions Center**  
**Springfield, Ohio**

Director Duane Esser called the meeting to order, with First Vice Director Jeff Caldwell, Second Vice Director Debbie Glasener, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Jean Hedger in attendance. There were 11 clubs represented: BAHA, BAHAA, DBDR, KAHA, KAHABA, KARABS, NEOAHA, OHAHA, OVAHA, OAATS and SAHIBA.

**Minutes:** Debbie noted that the minutes had been amended: BAHAA pledged \$1500, not \$1000 to the William Pennington Youth Scholarship fund. Cindy Clinton moved and Donna Lassanske seconded a motion to approve the amended minutes as submitted. This passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jean reported that she paid \$100 for the Arabian Gallery cards, \$500 for AHDF, caucus dinner for \$789.00, \$59.22 for convention door prize and 12 delegate packets; \$65 for flowers and other end of year expenses. For 2016, we are over budget by \$15,203.41. So far in January, she has received some late club membership dues, donated \$50.00 to St. Francis of Assisi in Fairfield Glade, TN in honor of John Morici and the Constant Contact charges. To date, we have a positive balance of \$2.03. Cindy moved and Tony Conner seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. This passed unanimously. Joe Hull asked that the secretary report "over budget" vs. reporting a "negative balance."

**Budget Report:** Jeff was chair of the Budget committee that met at convention. There were two minor changes from 2016, with Breyerfest budget increased from \$500 to \$1000. Also, \$100 added for each of the Kentucky promotion programs that happen throughout the year. Nothing is budgeted for FFA as the convention has moved to Indianapolis. Cindy moved and Tony seconded a motion to accept the budget as presented. This passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Duane reported on the status of the William Pennington Youth Scholarship fund. At the start of convention, it was at about \$7000-8000. \$20,000 was needed to activate the fund. It was estimated that after all the pledges from convention, the fund stands at \$22,000. It was very moving that so many pledged and spoke about Bill's influence

With all the changes with the AHA website, they are sending out email invoices for anyone who completes a transaction on the website. It should reflect the balance due, but many members are finding it confusing. Duane has talked with them and it is a "work in progress."

At this time, AHA and the Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT) are in litigation over the rights to the registry software IF AHA would default. AHA has paid for all the upgrades in the software. This will hopefully be settled soon. Duane spoke with Deborah Johnson, the new Vice President and they will work on this situation. Kathy Hart and Jim Hick have resigned their PAT positions as directors-at-large.

Keeping the halter classes at U.S. Nationals has been under discussion, so the AHA Executive Board recently met with halter trainers. Duane commented that he, as a judge, has gotten used to using the scorecard. There was a discussion as to whether shows have to use cards or can have comparative judging. Duane believes that you still request a dispensation for your show if you want to have comparative judging vs. the cards. If you have comparative judging, then the judge must present the class with the reasons for the placings. If it is a concurrent show, only one judge must present reasons. AHA is looking to have national classes in the style of international competition. A group of three (an amateur, a breeder and a trainer) has been chosen to work with the U.S. Nationals show commission on the halter issues.

Arabian Horses for Humanity is off and running. Currently Region 14 is looking for a sponsor. These statues are to be numbered, named and registered as art. Once you determine the charity and purchase a horse for \$3500, it will arrive in 30 days. The decorated statue fund raising must be completed within one year. Horse statues can be purchased privately for \$7500, but it was noted that that cost was lowered to \$5000. "Goldie" will be at Scottsdale in February and then hopefully it will be shipped to us to be displayed at the March Region 14 Awards Banquet.

Debbie S has a copy of the brochure and will scan it into a PDF format and send to the regional board so they can be printed as needed.

The region suffered a huge loss with the death of SAHIBA delegate John Morici. John passed away suddenly on December 24<sup>th</sup>. As noted in the treasurer's report, in lieu of flowers, the region donated to his church, St. Francis of Assisi in Fairfield Glade, TN.

**USEF:** Duane was unable to attend the USEF convention earlier this month. Tony attended and spoke to the problems and unhappy membership who feels the board is all professional equestrian athletes. Many would like to see the average horse owner represented on the board. The new President is Murray Kessler (retired Hunter-Jumper trainer) and the CEO is Bill Moroney (also has a Hunter-Jumper background). Both are sympathetic to this issue and will work on solving the problems. The recent horseshoeing pad ruling was discussed. The Tennessee Walkers were directly targeted as to this change. It is meant to reduce the abuse that is caused by the way Walkers and racking horses are padded. At this time Arabians are excluded, pads and shoes are allowed.

There was also a discussion as the "Gaba" drug rule. This is a substance that is natural in a horse, but in high doses, it can be used as neuro-transmitter sedative. One professional who violated this rule as fined \$24,000 and a 24-month suspension. The assistant involved in the same case was fined \$12,000 and a 12-month suspension.

It was also noted that Arabians are the largest breed in USEF and the Hunter-Jumpers are the largest discipline.

**First Vice Director's Report:** Jeff apologized that he missed the deadline for the first 2017 AHA Regional Insider e-blast. He also announced that his job will require him to move out of Region 14 to South Carolina, but it will not happen until June 2018. He plans on staying involved with our region.

He also read the obituary of John P. Morici. He was actively involved with the SAHIBA club and Region 14 even while living in Tennessee. He was passionate about life and is survived by his wife Betty, one daughter Roseanne and three (3) sisters. Duane and others spoke as to how much he will be missed.

**Second Vice Director's Report / Regional Awards Banquet:** Debbie G updated the status of our Region 14 Awards Banquet. It will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn at the Cincinnati Airport, Erlanger, KY. At this time, three (3) clubs will have meetings before the Region 14 meeting at 3:00 PM. There will be a "happy hour" from 6:00-7:00 PM and during this time, Jennifer Henderson and her partner will be presenting a ballroom dancing demonstration. The meals remain the same cost of \$35 but she will have to check on the cost for kids. After the awards, the entertainment is going to be five (5) member teams playing Family Feud. There will be prizes awarded to the winning teams. We don't have a secured room rate, as we can't guarantee a number of reservations. She believes the current rate is \$89. A flyer will be posted to the Region 14 Awards Facebook page and postcards are being created to be mailed to all regional members. As long as we have 100 meals for the banquet, there will be no charge for the extra club meeting rooms. Cindy would like to issue a challenge to the clubs to pay for their board of directors' meals. Carl Malicote has taken over the Silent Auction. Ellie Troutman will help Carl in taking charge of this part of the program. Carl will also serve as our auctioneer for those items we want to present in a live auction. He would appreciate any help. We will have tables available for advertising material, show bills and show packages. Also remember to send your "horse" pictures to [Region14photos@yahoo.com](mailto:Region14photos@yahoo.com). Duane has a board meeting that day so Jeff will be in charge of the meeting, but Duane hopes to be able to fly back and be there for the banquet.

**Equine Affaire (April 6-9):** Mickie Newman reported that since we paid early, we got a discount on the cost of the booth. She is planning on someone from AHYA who will be bringing AHA handouts this year, but don't forget to get her any show bills, farm literature, etc. Debbie S and Jean will provide her with Region 14 Event handouts. She always needs volunteers to help at this event. She would also like someone to help with breed demo and then take over that task in 2018. Danny Thompson asked if it would be possible for us to get "Goldie" for this event. This will be checked into as well as maybe having it at the booth at Breyerfest in July.

**Regional Show Report:** Cindy reported that the 2016 show was had a slightly lower profit from 2015, but a check has been given to Jean. She noted that the dates are June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. She reported on many of the show officials and she will be using the Fairfield and Marriott as hotels for the region. She has contracted with the following as judges:

Pre-Show: Jan Decker (Halter, Trail and Reining)  
Doug Stewart (Main Ring)  
Tom Brede (Sport Horse In Hand-H/J)  
Sue Kolstad (Dressage & Sport Horse)  
Hillary Hoffman (Youth)

Regionals: DeDe Bisch  
Brian Scoggins  
Richard Wright  
Carrie Dahmer (Sport Horse In Hand-H/J)  
Joanna Flynn (Dressage & Sport Horse)

Sport Horse In Hand will be split into Hunter/Jumper and Dressage. Because of lack of participation, Cindy has decided not to offer the Carriage classes this year. She is working with Arabian Horse Global on the live feed for the show. She will also be raising the fees on stalls for the first time in a number of years and is considering raising the Bistro fees. We don't offer patron packages and are still one of the cheapest regional shows. There was discussion that we need to promote our show as a "destination" event since we are at the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP).

**Old Business:** Since the Mind, Body, Spirit program is being dissolved, we need to wrap up some loose ends. Tammy Hawkey is getting requests to honor the GroupOn promotion. Michele Reser is mailing the bracelets she has left to Duane. Jeff commented that this was a good concept. It was asked if we can recover any fees from Artistic Inspirations since the website was never "live." An official letter needs to be sent to GroupOn to remove this promotion and with the three (3) stables that participated. Duane will follow-up on that. Since no one spoke to re-instate the program, it has been terminated as of November 2016.

**New Business:** Duane noted that the KARABS show, Medallion I & II will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Judges will be Karen Winn (Sport Horse) and Dawn Coons and Terry Johnson for main ring.

Pepper Proffit moved and Deneb Thompson seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Swigart  
Region 14 Secretary