

**Minutes from Region 14 Caucus Meeting**  
**November 16, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Denver Marriott Tech Center**  
**Denver, Colorado**

Director Duane Esser called the meeting to order with Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Joe Hull in attendance. We had 13 delegates, 1 alternate and 1 guest present – representing 8 of 12 regional clubs: Abblackhorse Arabian Horse Association (ABHAHA), Buckeye Arabian and Half Arabian Alliance (BAHAA), Daniel Boone Distance Riders (DBDR), Kentucky Arabian Riders And Breeders Society (KARABS), Northeastern Ohio Arabian Horse Association (NEOAHA), Ohio Arabian and All-Breed Trail Society (OAATS), Ohio Half Arabian Horse Association (OHAHA), and Society for Arabian Horses In the Bluegrass Area (SAHIBA). Those clubs not represented at convention were: Bluegrass Arabian Horse Association (BAHA), Kentucky Arabian Horse Association (KAHA), Kentucky Arabian and Half Arabian Breeders Alliance (KAHABA) and Ohio Valley Arabian Horse Association (OVAHA).

**Minutes:** Dave Daugherty moved and Michele Reser seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. This passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe reported we have 529 members paid (down from last year). There is one club yet to pay. The Awards Banquet made \$1600. Dave thanked Joe for taking over the treasurer's position and moved to approve the report as presented. Pepper Proffit seconded the motion. This passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Duane reported that the lawsuit between AHA and the Purebred Arabian Trust has not been settled. A court date has been set and they expect it to last about a week.

We will again pledge \$500 to the Arabian Horsemen's Distress fund and also \$100 to the Arabian Horse Foundation. Dave moved and Tom McManus seconded a motion to approve these donations. This passed unanimously.

He updated us on the region's involvement in getting one of the horse statues, as part of the Arabian Horses for Humanity project. He spoke to Paul Heiman at U.S. Nationals and Paul is willing to help with this effort. We will be using this horse statue to raise money for Cincinnati Children's Hospital, potentially as part of their new wing that is being added. A theme will be chosen and an artist will paint the horse statue. KARABS has donated \$1000 towards the painting. We would like to use it for one year for Region 14 promotions like Equine Affaire, the Region 14 show and Breyerfest. There are challenges like where Children's would exhibit the statue in the hospital. The theme needs to be unique, high quality and when it goes to auction, it has to have value. It will take a month to be shipped, so we need to move on this ASAP with the hopes of maybe having it done in time to be displayed at the Awards Banquet in March. There was considerable discussion with some of the following suggestions:

- check with the hospital to see if they want a "specialty" or mission statement to be incorporated;
- it will need to appeal to a non-horse person;
- it will also need to appeal to children;
- it needs to represent us and our beautiful horses – a beautiful piece of art;
- it needs to be clear-coated for presentation and durability.

Duane will move forward aggressively to get this project off the ground.

Duane introduced our newest delegate: Carol Broyles for KARABS. He also welcomed guest Martha Rattner.

**First Vice Director's Report:** Jeff Caldwell was unable to attend convention this year. He has just recently moved to North Carolina and couldn't get the time off. Duane and talked with him and there are questions as to whether he plans on remaining active for Region 14. He has been re-elected as president of SAHIBA. Also, we need to determine if Carl Malicote will still handle the silent auction at the Awards Banquet. Pepper asked if Jeff still intends to run for Director next year. Hopefully they will be able to attend the January meeting.

**Second Vice Director's Report:** Debbie Glasener was also unable to attend convention.

**Region 14 Awards Banquet:** Duane reported that the banquet is set for March 17, 2018 at the Holiday Inn at the Cincinnati Airport. It was set for March 10<sup>th</sup>, but was changed to accommodate the AHA Board of Directors

meeting. The regional meeting will be at 3:00 PM, with rooms available for club meetings. The cash bar will be 6:00 to 7:00 PM followed by the banquet. We reaffirmed that we want to have the Family Feud as 'after banquet' entertainment. Dave mentioned and Deneb agreed that the postcards worked well and she will work on them again this year. Debbie S read the previous meeting minutes , verifying that the room rate is set at \$99.

Dave will send out letters to all club presidents, the Board of Directors, and all past directors in December. These are for nominations for the awards. He is also looking for sponsors for each of the ten (10) awards. Last year the cost was \$125.00 each. This event was established to promote regional club memberships and never meant to be a moneymaker. He has had issues in the past with ballots being returned in bunches or "farm packets." These will no longer be accepted. A cover letter will be included that explains the rules of voting. Each ballot must be returned by an individual or a family – by snail-mail, email or fax. Clubs can nominate AHA members outside their club. We also need to encourage voting. Dave noted that he has provided the information to another region to start the same program. He also commented that having the dancing demonstration was really fun. He learned how to "live feed" on Facebook. Donna Kitchel commented that 2017 was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event. It has kept going, it has grown and it has been self-sustaining.

Deneb reported that at one of the AHA forums, they discussed fun events. She is proposing that we have a "Dessert Dash" – a fund-raiser for a charity. At the banquet, fancy desserts would be purchased equivalent to the number of tables. These would be displayed prior to the banquet. An envelope would be at each table and guests are encouraged to put money in that envelope. At the appointed time, the table with the most funds raised gets one (1) minute to "dash" up and pick the dessert of their choice. There are details that need to be reviewed.

**Regional Show Report:** Cindy Clinton again thanked everyone that made this past year a wonderful show. There were some minor "in-house staff issues." Ryan Chambers, the new show secretary did a wonderful job. She had raised the stalling fee by \$40 to cover the increases that the Kentucky Horse Park added. The exhibitors were great. A couple of reoccurring issues are the lack of lighting in many areas and there is a need to post "permanent" NO LUNGING signs. She is not planning on expanding the show for 2018. Duane thanked Cindy for all her work.

Also, it was announced that Dave and Cindy are both on the U.S. Nationals Show Commission.

**Old Business:** *none*

**New Business:** Deneb Thompson announced that SAHIBA is sponsoring an event December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Windy Meadows Equestrian Center (Ellie Troutman) in La Grange, KY. Martin Schwartz, a carded judge and Ellie's trainer, will present a free clinic on the newer division of Ranch Riding classes. Duane will plan on sending out an e-blast.

**Resolutions:** There was a brief discussion of a couple of the resolutions.

Dave moved and Pepper seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Swigart  
Region 14 Secretary