

Region 14 Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Director Dave Daugherty called the meeting to order, with First Vice Director Jackie MacLaren, Second Vice Director Kara Hatzai, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Terry Schafer in attendance. Ten (10) clubs were represented: AAA, BAHA, BAHAA, DBDR, KAHA, KAHABA, KARABS, OAATS, OHAHA and SAHIBA.

Agenda Amended: Dave asked that these items be added to the agenda: 2026 Equine Affaire (between Breyerfest and Region 14 Show report) and Bylaws Review (under New Business). Pepper Proffit moved, and Duane Esser seconded a motion to approve amendments. This passed unanimously.

Minutes: Pepper moved, and Kara seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. This passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Terry reviewed where we stand with respect to our budget, hoping to match income and expenses. He'll defer to Cindy's report on where we stand with the regional show. He also noted that we have received sponsorships for the Youth towards activities for the regional show. Awards Banquet netted about \$4000 – to be paid for Youth Scholarships. He reported that all National sponsorships have been paid but he still hasn't heard about the Sport Horse Lucky Ponies. Danny Thompson stated that that will be forthcoming. We had no expenses for Equine Affaire or Breyerfest this year. Pepper thanked Terry for his help with figuring out a budget for the Youth. And Dave thanked him for his changes that are providing interest income on our funds. Jeff Caldwell moved, and Danny seconded a motion to approve the report as presented. This also passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Dave gave the following report:

- The Board of Directors will meet later this month.
- He wants to remind everyone about the USEF requirement that all show horses must be microchipped by December 1st this year. He noted that they will be testing hair samples. Also, there are disturbing reports that one of the breeds are injecting the euthanasia drug to horses as shows – very scary.
- The Youth Nationals/Mid-Summer was down about 75-80 horses, but the quality was great. There were construction issues. But the new coliseum is really nice.
- There are no numbers yet on Sport Horse Nationals.
- U.S. Nationals has added a new restriction with no golf carts or vehicles allowed in the Ford Arena lower level. This area is now being used for by the Breeding Pays Futurity for food, drink and events.
- Our AHA convention will again be in-person at Reno Nevada and runs the week of November 18th through 22nd at The Silver Legacy Hotel. He reminded the delegates to make sure their club presidents get their delegate/alternate nominees into AHA by September 1st and that they send a copy to Debbie S. for the regional records.
- We welcome a new club to our region – Arabian Action Alliance (AAA), with President Mike Miller. They have 47 adult members and 1 youth member. We lost the Ablackhorse club. Dave notes that there are issues with the OVAHA club. Debbie S. noted that Cassie Greutman (listed OVAHA president) is no longer in Arabians, she's in Quarter Horses. Currently Sherri Lewis (membership) and Sharon Hanks (secretary) are listed with AHA. Debbie S. spoke to Sharon and there is very little interest in keeping the club going, no one wants to be active or hold an office. Sharon's concern is, if the club is dissolved, what happens to their funds. Pepper has offered to help Dave with this club's situation.
- Dave appointed the Budget Committee to consist of the Executive Board (Dave, Jackie, Kara, Debbie, Terry, Duane and Jeff), Cindy Clinton, Deneb Thompson and Susan Racey. They will meet at convention. Danny moved and Pepper seconded a motion to approve the Budget committee appointments. Motion passed.

First Vice Director's Report: Jackie had no report.

Second Vice Director's Report: Kara reported that the application for the 2026 Equine Affaire (April 9th-12th) is due December 1st and would like Susan to help. Terry asked if the 2026 dates will conflict with our shows again.

Kara noted that the BAHA show will be making changes and may be able to help. Dave noted that the OHAHA show is April 10th-12th so we will have to “divide and conquer” to help maintain our presence at Equine Affaire. Susan noted she helped man the AHA booth this year for a couple of days. She hopes we can get connected with the grassroots horse owners and engage the youth. She also noted the Jim Stachowski has some ideas about a clinic, etc. for next year. She really wants to change things up that will grow our breed.

Youth Director Report: Ella Duncan reported she will only be at the regional show August 15th-17th but Abigail Brown will be available for the entire Region 14 show and Amelia Sutton will also help. They have sponsors for the T-shirts. We will have the Golden Horseshoe, coloring contest, candy and sunglasses.

Pepper reported that they are planning to provide more support for our youth. We will have a water gun showdown on Saturday evening. All Youth champions will get a leather bracelet with a Region 14 Champion brass plate. Also, they will be passing out beaded bracelets as a welcome gift. Dave asked Pepper to send him a list of activities and would like for these to be posted to Facebook. Jennifer Tucker has posted a preliminary list on Facebook. Ella will also post on Instagram.

Breyerfest: Danny reported that we had no booth this year. They will try again for a booth and breed demo in 2026 - July 10th-12th.

Regional Show Report: Cindy C reported that the show numbers are looking wonderful, and we have sold out of the regular stalls. There is a waiting list. Thanks to Dave for taking over the stalling. Also, there are no refunds on stalls. She thanked Pepper for helping with the Youth and their activities preparation. Susan sponsored all the added Choice classes. Schedule will be adjusted since she needs to have three (3) judges for Performance Halter. We will have pizza for all Tuesday evening, cookies at check-in, box-lunches on Thursday and BBQ dinner on Saturday at the Paddock Club. After huge cost from last year for the Home Away from Home and cabins, she decided to use Airbnb housing for a lot of the volunteers. She does get two (2) Home Away from Home units and two (2) cabins at a reduced “comp” rate so those will be used by Dave, Ryan, Tony, Cindy, Dave and Lisa so they can stay on the grounds. She has moved the Ranch and Trail classes to the far end of the R & L arena (to avoid cost of another outdoor ring) and Sport Horse classes (in-hand and under saddle) will be in Roberts. She has also decided to not give out halters this year but will award garment bags to all champions. The golf carts are sold out. Dave will post the stall charts on Facebook. It was also noted that WEC finished their paving project in the back of Barn A, at the end of R & L and in front of Barn U. Also, they remodeled Barn J: stalls and lighting. We will not order the temporary stalls for Barn S, because we must pay for all 152 even if we only need 18 or 19. She is trying to get a couple of farms in on Sunday afternoon, but definitely by Monday afternoon with early arrival on stalls being charged prior to Tuesday, August 12th before 10 AM.

Region 14 Youth Scholarship: Jeff reported that we had no applications this year for any of our scholarships. Duane noted that is not unusual. Susan asked if we could award a scholarship to a youth class. Jeff noted that it would involve changing our criteria. Jackie noted we could not do that for the Joe Hull Law Scholarship. After some confusion, it was explained that we already have an established regular Youth Scholarship and in 2024, we awarded three (3) recipients. Susan suggested contacting Hillary McGowan Lang about her youth riding program, she’s located in Region 14.

Awards Banquet: Debbie G. thanked everyone for a great year. She is asking if folks are satisfied with this venue. Carl likes the access we have to the tables and space for the auction. Pepper and Kara also noted it is a good facility for us. Dave asked that when the request for nominees goes out, that the Executive Board, club presidents and past directors expand their horizons as to who they nominate. Right now, Debbie G. is looking for the 2026 date to be March 7th or 14th. Dave thanked Carl and Jeff for all they do with the auction. And he thanked Debbie G. who checked on when we started, and this was our 18th year (started in 2008).

Old Business: Debbie S. gave a report on the ongoing issues with our website and that she has researched the possibilities for our site to be updated. She looked at all the other AHA regional websites and whose platforms they use and presented the results of her search. She also shared the info initially with Danny and Kara. Debbie S. is recommending we explore Pappy Productions. Mark Anderson is the “webmaster” and is located in northeastern Ohio. He handled the websites for Regions 2 and 5, and a couple of Arabian farms. He is also friends on Facebook with several Region 14 members. Susan stated that local clubs and the regions need to keep their websites up to

date. She noted that the Local Level Committee (LLC) looked at club and farm websites. She noted that Hillary Hoffman, AHA Marketing is offering help and Lindsay Rinehart will do a webinar on websites and how to be effective. She noted that they looked at our site during their meeting, and it is pretty good. Duane asked if websites are still relevant and Susan said they are as long as they're kept up to date. Dave agrees we need to explore the possibilities. It needs to be refreshed and updated – this is our second version, and it has been in place since 2014.

New Business:

- Mike Miller thanked everyone for their welcome to their new club and that they are getting organized.
- Susan wants to extend our condolences to Martha Rattner on the passing of her mother Cecile Hetzel Dunn.
- Bylaws Review: Jeff commented that we need to review and revise our current Bylaws. The following committee has been appointed:
 - Susan Racey – Chair
 - Jeff Caldwell - Vice Chair
 - Jackie MacLaren
 - Terry Schafer
 - Debbie Swigart
 - Duane Esser

An email should be sent to determine what changes need addressed. Debbie G. moved and Pepper seconded a motion to establish this committee. This passed unanimously.

- With the new club in Region 14, there was a discussion about trainers forming clubs and whether they require the approval of the regional director. Dave stated that AHA Bylaws, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 2 – paragraphs A, B, C outline the specifics and path that needs to be taken to form a club in AHA. AHA will notify the regional director and request an acknowledgment receipt. It doesn't require an approval or disapproval by the director and/or delegates.
- Cindy noted that Endurance ribbons were returned due to a bad address. Dave will follow up.
- Kara noted that the BAHA show, scheduled for October 4th and 5th will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park. It will be in the covered arena, and they are planning some fun stuff. They are always in need of volunteers. In addition to the show, judge Debbie Witty will hold a clinic. Kara noted that this is a Value show and does qualify for U.S. Nationals.
- Susan noted that the LLC are busy, encouraging Discovery Farms to sign-up and keep up their info on the AHA website up to date. She also noted that Amateurs are allowed to give lessons up to 20 hours/week. Also, there is still "Meet An Arabian" Event grant money available. They are addressing the fact that our volunteers are getting older and they are starting a "call for help" to get more folks to volunteer.

[Our convention Caucus meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 PM, at the in-person AHA convention in Reno Nevada.]

Pepper moved and Danny seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Swigart

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Region 14 Secretary