

Region 14 Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2018 @ 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 Joe Hull in attendance. There were 9 clubs represented: BAHAA, DBDR, KAHABA, KARABS, NEOAHA, OHAHA, OVAHA, OAATS and SAHIBA.

Minutes: Joe moved and Debbie G seconded a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that the paid regional club dues are up to 529, with only one club yet to pay. Joe then moved and Debbie G seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. This passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion about the delegate count and the resolution that changes how many delegates clubs can have. Previously, you were allotted one delegate for up to 50 AHA members, then another delegate for the next 50, etc. Now that has been changed to every 35 members. They also changed the cut-off for a club losing its charter from less than 10 to now it is less than 2. However, to qualify for one delegate, your club must have 10 to 35 members. We will have to amend our By-Laws to reflect that change. We also discussed that even if a club's delegate(s) are attending convention or not, the club needs to send in the list to AHA for certification so that your club can be represented and vote at the regional meetings. Debbie S gets that info from most clubs but checks with Credentials at the AHA convention for the official list of eligible delegates and alternates. We need to look at whether we need two (2) delegate/alternate lists – one for convention and one for regional meeting votes. Jeff would be willing to include an article on this change and how it applies to representation at both convention and at local level in the next *AHA Regional Insider*.

Treasurer's Report: Joe first presented the year-end report. He started with the numbers that were Jean Hedger's figures from January through March 2017. Then Joe started over to bring all up to date from bank account statements, etc. He reported on our current assets, budget tracking and expenses. He also noted that we got a 'thank you' from the national Distance Ride Commission for the sponsorship. Also thanks to Donna Kitchel's negotiating skills, we saved on the regional caucus meal. We had a positive net balance for 2017. Pepper Proffit moved and Debbie G seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. This passed unanimously.

Budget Report: Joe also reported on the Budget that was prepared at the convention. The only significant changes were to what we set aside more for Breyerfest and the national shows' sponsorships. We've been conservative and budgeted at a slight loss for 2018. Cindy Clinton moved and Pepper seconded a motion to approve the 2018 Budget. This passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Duane reported on the litigation that is still pending with AHA vs. the Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT). The court date is set for March 19th and should take about a week. Cindy asked why this is happening. Joe explained that they are looking for a "declaratory judgement" from the court. PAT basically wants a court order that the software belongs to them. Part of this has to do with what has changed since the merger of IAHA and PAT and the software that handled the registrations of all the horses. The question may come down to how that software licensure or code has changed.

Duane also reported that for 2017, registrations of Purebreds were up 1%, the first time in ten (10) years. Half Arabian registrations were slightly down.

Multiview, the updated web site is moving forward.

Qualifying horse shows have declined by 3.4% and the regional shows are down 7%. Jeff asked if the changes to the types of shows are discussed at the board meetings. Duane noted it is presented to the board but Competitions Advisory has the authorization to make the changes.

Deneb Thompson explained the One-Day show and the new "value show" formats that AHA has started for the coming year. To be a One-Day show, it had to have ≤ 150 horses. If you had two (2) years of >125 horses, you could no longer be a One-Day show. Value shows can be 1, 2 or 3 day shows and your show fees to AHA are based on whether you use an 'r' judge vs. a 'R' judge. There is no need for USEF membership or show pass fees, no EMT

requirement, no Steward, no Vet or Vet-on-call, no Farrier and no drug fees are charged per horse. They also changed that if you are a One-Day show, you must use a 'r' judge and no specialty judges (like Sport Horse, etc.).

Jeff reported on the recent USEF change in terminology of Competition 'Light.' You don't have to have breed membership but USEF membership, an EMT, a steward, etc. and less per horse fees.

Duane also noted there is a shortage of stewards. The Judge's school will move from Scottsdale, AZ to Tulsa, OK next December.

Duane reported that Mollie Krumlaw has found a new location for a potential weekend Region 14 Fun Ride - Elkin's Creek near Ironton, in Pedro, Ohio. They have 100 stalls, can provide meals and have 50-60 miles of trails. Mickie Newman commented that it is a wonderful place. Jeff would like to put together a committee to pursue this. We would like Mollie to come to the March meeting and present her proposal.

There is a new Breyer horse that is modelled after the Arabian stallion Empres++++// (who resides in Canada) and he will be at Breyerfest. A Polish import, he is by Monogramm out of a Probat daughter. They have arranged to have him at the event and his appearance will be part of our booth presence at the festival. He is a Reserve National Champion in Sport Horse at Canadian Nationals. Also the theme this year is "Off to the Races" and Sue Meyer, the president of the Arabian Jockey Club will also be there with an Arabian racing horse that will have a jockey in racing silks. Our booth costs \$500 and Lorie Henderson is asking each club to donate \$200 towards the bags and literature printing costs for the thousands that attend that event. Each club that donates will get their logo on the bag. She also creates trading cards of all those that perform in the demo, which is always a big hit. Lana Chaffin asked that anyone with extra horse magazines that they want to donate could bring them to the March meeting. These are passed out to the kids at Breyerfest. It should be noted that we are one of the few breeds with a physical presence at this event. The Breyerfest staff has asked us back each year.

Our Region 14 "Goldie" horse (Arabian Horses for Humanity) has been paid for and is being manufactured (somewhere north of Chicago). They will need to confirm an address to ship it to. The 30 students at the Cincinnati Art Institute are working on coming up with a design that we will use. We will still need to get donations for the artwork creation. The director of the Institute is a horse person. Mary Trowbridge has asked that we document with pictures our step-by-step process.

First Vice Director's Report: Jeff reported that he is not getting any responses from the club presidents for news for the *AHA Regional Insider* and wants help to get information. He will try to include the journey of our "Goldie" horse over the next several months and will add our Banquet postcard to the March issue. He will also try to spotlight Equine Affaire and Breyerfest and our presence there this year. Cindy asked how they were transitioning to their new place. It is an 8 hour drive to get to this meeting. Carl Malicote, who is retired, noted that he has made connections with the Clemson University Equine facility and is riding their trails. They are both committed to staying connected to Kentucky and Region 14.

Second Vice Director's Report / Regional Awards Banquet: Debbie G reported on the status of the banquet preparation. Since it is March 17th, we will have a St Patrick's Day theme. Family Feud will be back and Jeff and Carl are working on the Silent Auction. Deneb presented an idea that she heard about at the AHA convention. It is called a "Dessert Dash." Each of the tables will be numbered and there will be an envelope on each table. There will be an area where special desserts will be displayed. The premise is that your table decides on a dessert and then tries to collect the most money. The table with the highest amount then gets one minute to 'dash' to get their dessert choice. We will have to check with the hotel to see if this is allowed, since it involves bringing in food from the outside. Reservations should be made with Debbie G by March 15th. The meals are \$35 for adults, \$15 for kids 2-12 and kids under 2 years of age are free. The room rate to spend the night is \$99. Carl will need help with donations for the Silent Auction. Ralph Brown has agreed to come back and handle the 'live' part of the auction which attendees love. We discussed and agreed to pay his room for the night. Debbie G commented that the ballroom dancing demo was a huge success last year. Maybe we could have it again. It was a fun event and Goldie was a big hit, too.

Joe asked if we could look at reserving the Hamilton room at this hotel for our August meeting, which includes the election of the officers. In July last year, they charged us over \$400 and all we had was water. Maybe we can get a discount since we are having the banquet at the same place.

Jeff reported that Dave still needs sponsorships for the awards, at \$120 each. These are made by Bill Fairchild (All Things Equine). Jeff will include this information in the article for the *AHA Regional Insider*. Pepper inquired if they had a form for the award sponsorship. We need to include information on our regional Facebook page.

Equine Affaire (April 12-15): Mickie Newman reported that Jennifer Tucker will be taking over the breed demo and stall horses and will also be coordinating the booth. Goldie is coming and the cost has been covered. Jennifer noted that she still needs a regional champion quality Country Pleasure horse. It is \$150 for a stall in the horse and farm exhibit area vs. \$40 for back stalls and no bedding is included but the exhibitor will get passes. The demos are one each day - Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is the 25th anniversary of Equine Affaire – started by an Arabian owner, Eugenia “GeGe” Snyder. Jennifer has been working on a lot of ideas for the event. Our booth has moved to a premier location for more exposure and since we need more space for Goldie. Jennifer would like \$1500-2000 more for costs. Joe reported that \$1225 was budgeted for booth but we only paid \$775, so we have about \$450 left. Jennifer thinks it will be about \$350-450 for the space for Goldie. Mickie noted that she has the AHA banner. Cindy moved and Debbie G seconded a motion to give Equine Affaire an additional \$1000 to work with for promotion and other expenses. They encouraged her to also ask the clubs for donations or literature.

Regional Show Report: Cindy updated us on the regional show. 2017 was a great show. In 2018, there should be no new increases except with the food. It is important to keep the Bistro, including feeding the volunteers. She will be expanding the Ranch Horse division to include In-Hand Trail. After discussion, Jeff suggested we include in the prizelist that there will be a minimum of 5 or more that must enter for those classes with pre-entries or the classes will not be held. The discussion is that we need to offer these classes, as it is the regional show. Cindy will have to hire an additional judge. There was discussion as to what ring we can use for the trail classes. Jeff also noted that USEF rules state that the course designer of the trail division must be present at the time when the classes are held. There was also discussion as to how to better handle the Sport Horse division, as there were issues at the show last year.

Cindy has hired the following judges:

Pre-Show: Youth - Jason Daniels
Main Ring - Mary Campbell
Halter, Trail, Ranch Riding and Reining - TBA
Dressage – Heidi Berry
Sport Horse In-Hand (H/J) – Frank Conway
Sport Horse – Wayne Quarles

Regionals: Main Ring – Bruce McCrea
Deb Witty
Susan Witte
Corky Sutton
Halter, Trail, Ranch Riding and Reining – John Power
Dressage and Sport Horse – Lisa El-Ramey
Sport Horse In-Hand, Hunter Type – Heather Campbell Lieberman

She has rehired Ryan Chambers as Show Secretary, Eric Schultz and Carl Malicote as ringmasters and Pam Kittredge as Youth ring announcer.

Duane commented that Cindy does such a great job and that she needs to update some equipment. There was some discussion and Sherry Hull moved and Deneb seconded a motion to give Cindy a \$1000 bonus for the coming year. This will come out of the show account.

Old Business: none

New Business: Pepper wanted to let us know about Jennifer McCormick who represents Tribute Feed, which is only sold area east of the Mississippi (based in Finlay, OH). Tribute would like to get involved with our Arabian shows and events. They want to provide sponsorships in the form of either money for feed.

Deneb reported that there would be a clinic January 28th at Ellie Troutman’s Windy Meadows Equestrian Center. It is being promoted by KAHABA. It will be about filling out paperwork at the local level shows. Jeff noted that Ellie

has remodeled her facility to accommodate more meetings and clinics. Jeff also added that she has guesthouses. We may consider it for a future regional meeting.

There was discussion on the Sweepstakes program and how they are handling the change of having two amateurs own and register a horse together. This was passed at convention and will allow both to show in owner classes. If they register the horse using an 'AND' between the names, no prize money will be awarded. If they register the horse with an 'OR' then there will be a \$2500 payout limit. The horses can show in the Sweepstakes classes. They cannot show in Maturity or Jackpot classes at nationals.

The meeting was also reminded that the AHA membership fees are going up as of April 1, 2018. It was requested that Jeff include this information in his article for the *AHA Regional Insider*.

Cindy moved and Pepper seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Swigart".

Debbie Swigart
Region 14 Secretary