

**Minutes from Region 14 Caucus Meeting**  
**November 15, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Hyatt Regency**  
**Tulsa, OK.**

Director Duane Esser called the meeting to order with First Vice Jeff Caldwell, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Joe Hull. Sixteen (16) delegates and three (3) guests were present, representing the following clubs: Bluegrass Arabian Horse Association (BAHA), 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). Four (4) clubs were not represented at convention were: Ablackhorse Arabian Horse Association (ABHAHA), 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 Pepper Proffit seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. This passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Hull presented the Treasurer's report that showed expenses paid through November 13th. Sponsorships were paid to all five (5) national events. He reviewed the Awards Banquet financial report. The Budget committee met here at convention and will present their report at the January meeting. Jeff moved and Kathy Whitmore seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. This passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Duane reviewed highlights of the Board of Directors meeting:

- He was pleased to report that Region 14 was the largest regional show in the U.S. for 2018.
- The Leveling Program has been revised and members can review their status for Select, Choice and Elite on the AHA website effective December 1st. Your status as of that date is good for the 2019 show season.
- Youth Nationals had about 700 horses (down about 100 horses).
- US Nationals was up by about 50 horses (25 in halter).
- The Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT) is planning on investing \$100,000 per year on the Arabian Gallery in the Kentucky Horse Park. This money is being spent on remodeling, including the repair of damage to one of the exhibits (mare and foal in tent).
- Sport Horse Nationals had 398 horses. This show will move to a new venue in 2019 - the Balmoral Park, Crete, Illinois.
- Canadian Nationals was up this year (763 horses were shown). There were 708 shown in 2017.
- Youth Nationals Show Commission is moving forward to add Academy Classes to their show. There was discussion as to offering them at the national level should develop interest in adding them to the local shows. Academy classes are for "lesson" horses that can be shown by multiple riders. They don't ride in full attire for the division.
- As to the status of the PAT vs. AHA lawsuit, the findings are being finalized, with the verdict being in favor of AHA.

**Arabian Horses for Humanity – Region 14's status:** Duane reported that a recent graduate of the Art Institute of Cincinnati is working to complete the painting of our horse. She is being assisted with the finishing touches by Kentucky artist Summer Frost and also a California artist. An auto body shop has agreed to donate the clear coating of the horse. Some pictures were presented at General Session and may also be seen at the MDP Forum on Friday. He hopes that it will be finished in January and he can present pictures to the meeting. Future use of the statue at Region 14 events will depend on arrangements made with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and also on arranging safe transport of the statue. There was discussion as to how to choose a name, something that includes the theme of "making a wish." Jeff congratulated Duane for all his work on this project.

**First Vice Director's Report:** Jeff reported on the plans to move forward on having a regional trail ride in 2019. Money has been set-aside in the budget and Carl Malicote will be working with Mollie Krumlaw Smith on the details. The facility is near Ironton, Ohio. More to follow as plans are finalized.

Jeff presented a report from Jennifer Tucker on Equine Affaire. The dates for 2019 are April 11th through April 14th. Many of the horses will be returning for the demo and booth stall, making use of 26 stalls. One of the horses will be Luna (mare owned by Ellie Troutman) who appeared in the movie *Orphan Horse* (starring Jon

Voight). Volunteers are always needed. Any donations from clubs should be sent through Joe to track them for the region.

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

**Region 14 Awards Banquet:** Jeff presented a report on the Awards Banquet, which will be held March 9th at the Holiday Inn near the Cincinnati airport. A block of ten (10) rooms have been set aside - cost is \$99. Dave reported that he is making adjustments in the time frame to get nominations. He plans on mailing the forms to all club presidents, past regional directors and the executive board by the first of December. He would like them returned in about two (2) weeks. He wants to have the voting set up for January. Each year, we have had about 100-150 votes cast. Carl will again handle the Silent Auction. Duane noted that the gelding that was donated to the auction last year is now in training with Duane. Mark Wharton says that if they donate one again, they will make it a closed bid. His Gift Gelding program has had several horses go on to be regional and national champions.

**Regional Show Report:** Cindy Clinton reported on the changes that will be made to the 2019 regional show. She has decided to make the Pre-show Youth and Main rings concurrent, which should reduce conflicts. She is also hiring judges that will judge both the Pre-show classes and the regional classes - they will switch divisions. Regional judges that have been hired include Terry Holmes, Richard Petty and LaRae Fletcher Powell. She is still working on hiring the other judges. Gloria Bush and Jackie MacDonald were thrilled to have Donna Lassanske, Kathy and Deneb help coordinate the Sport Horse classes. Cindy has agreed to do the Sport Horse In Hand splits (Hunter and Dressage types) one more year. We will continue to offer the Patrons Lounge since it works well for feeding the volunteers and judges. Lori Foster will be working on a charity event. Our Region 14 Hunter-Jumper classes will again be held at the Region 12 show. To get vendors to come to the regional show, patrons of the show need to support them by purchasing their products and/or services. The Kentucky Horse Park management is working to cut some costs.

**Old Business:** *none*

**New Business:** Pepper moved to have the region donate an additional \$1000 to the Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund (AHDF) to help those impacted by the California wildfires. Kathy Whitmore seconded the motion. Joe noted that we have \$500 set aside in the budget for the AHDF general fund and that we also have \$1000 in the emergency fund budget that could be earmarked for the California fires. This passed unanimously.

No new shows have been requested for Region 14 approval for 2019.

Jeff has checked and we can have the Region 14 meeting Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Champions Center in Springfield, Ohio. We have reserved the meeting room for 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM so that if any clubs wish to also meet they have a venue.

Dave wanted to thank Duane Esser for all his service as our regional director. We have already given him a Life AHA membership. Duane thanked the meeting for the honor of serving this region – our ability to work together as a region has made it easy for him. Dave also noted that Duane has been elected to Breeder Sweepstakes.

Dave reported that, with great sadness, former Region 14 director and long-time KAHA president Tony Conner passed away Tuesday, November 13th. Debbie S noted that we found his obituary and were able to send flowers for his funeral, which was today. We need to find a way to honor his service to our region and to the Arabian horse - can we check into the memorial etchings at the Arabian Gallery as a way to honor Tony and also Jean Hedger. Donna L can check on this at the Kentucky Horse Park.

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

Donna Kitchel moved and Cindy seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Swigart*

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