

**Minutes from Region 14 Caucus Meeting**  
**November 15, 2021 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Virtual ZOOM Meeting**

Director Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order with First Vice Dave Daugherty, Second Vice Jennifer Tucker, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Joe Hull. Eighteen (18) delegates and Nine (9) guests were present on-line, representing the following eleven (11) clubs: Bluegrass Arabian Horse Association (BAHA), Buckeye Arabian and Half Arabian Alliance (BAHAA), Daniel Boone Distance Riders (DBDR), Kentucky Arabian Horse Association (KAHA), Kentucky Arabian and Half Arabian Breeders Alliance (KAHABA), 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), Ohio Valley Arabian Horse Association (OVAHA) and Society for Arabian Horses In the Bluegrass Area (SAHIBA). The Ablackhorse Arabian Horse Association (ABHABA) was not eligible for delegate representation (club has <10 members), but their president was present.

**Minutes:** Debbie noted that she had amended the minutes due to misspelling the video company Eqsposure (not Exposure). Donna Lassanske moved and Dave seconded a motion to approve the minutes submitted as amended. This passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe reported that he had paid some of the promotion items. He also noted that the region has a few more members for 2021 at 416. Dave moved and Duane Esser seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. This passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Jeff reported some of the items that will be reviewed at the Board of Directors meeting (BOD) that will be held virtually Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. He sent all delegates two (2) reports that he compiled. [*Copies of these reports are attached to these minutes for the record and will also be posted on the Region 14 website.*] He touched on the recovery from the ransom ware that occurred this year; AHA has hired a Public Relations firm; AHA has an offer on their building – the school next door. He also reported that the leveling information has been updated on AHA website. As to all qualifying shows, we are down 30.9% and Regionals were flat at 23%. Convention representation is down this year: 214 delegates (269 in 2020) and 34 alternates/guests (89 in 2020). Jeff's second report is about what is being discussed as to the 2022 convention: virtual or in-person. For AHA, virtual is better for the bottom line financially. Jeff also reviewed the 2021 national shows and other statistics.

Duane reported on the discussions and how the qualifications will be handled in the 2022 show season. AHA tracks only the horses that placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> for 2021, but moving forward for 2022, it will be based on participation in the class (must be entered, shown and judged). This could be confusing, so check your status. Professionals cannot qualify for amateurs, but amateurs can qualify in an open class for a professional. To qualify for a regional, you only have to participate at one show in the division you want to show in that region. If you participate at two (2) shows, you are qualified to show that division at any AHA region. For National qualification, you must have either a Top 5 at a regional show or have participated at three (3) shows [Junior horse only need two (2) shows]. The special divisions (Working Cow, Dressage, etc.) have different requirements. [*A copy of the Qualifications report is also attached to these minutes for the record and will also be posted on the Region 14 website.*] Thanks to Duane for all his work on this committee.

Dave also reviewed some of the discussion as to how to handle the Mid-Summer show for 2022. At this time it will be a championship type show, like Scottsdale and maintain the Youth Nationals as is. More to follow on this topic.

The approval of the Region 13 shows to be held at the World Equestrian Center (WEC) again in 2022 was brought up for discussion. The deadline for the approval of their shows is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Their move of the Region 13 Sport Horse show from Hoosier Horse Park in Edinburg, Indiana to WEC in 2021, was not presented for Region 14 approval and hurt the KARABS Medallion show that has been held at WEC for many years, especially their Sport Horse and Dressage classes. After more discussion, three (3) motions were presented:

1. Dave moved and Joe seconded a motion to disapprove the Region 13 Sport Horse/Dressage show being held in Region 14, on the dates specified for 2022. This passed unanimously.
2. Dave moved and Jennifer seconded a motion to disapprove the Region 13 Pre-show being held in Region 14, on the dates specified for 2022. This passed by a majority of delegates.
3. Dave moved and Duane seconded a motion to approve the Region 13 Championship show being held Region 14, on the dates specified on 2022. This passed unanimously.

Joe will prepare copies of these motions, with the appropriate language that spells out our objections for them holding the shows in Region 14. These will be sent to AHA and Region 13 Director Ann Knoop. Per the AHA handbook, the Board of Directors could overrule our vote if Region 13 appeals our disapprovals.

The Budget Committee, appointed by Jeff, will include all of the Region 14 Executive Board. Joe will pick a date and time for the committee meet (virtually).

After some discussion about whether to meet virtually or in-person, Duane moved and Dave seconded a motion to approve to meet virtually for the January 2022. This passed unanimously. Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM was approved as a virtual ZOOM meeting.

**Youth Director's Report:** Our new youth director, Kate Bonafede is not available for this meeting. But she is working with Jennifer on ideas how to improve the youth presence in our region. They are looking at either a scavenger hunt or an ice cream "social" at our regional show this coming year or even a mini version of the golf cart parade like they do at Youth Nationals. They want to set up a Winter Photo contest on social media for the month of December. They are also looking at promotional videos too.

**Regional Reimbursement of Delegate Packet Motion:** Joe moved and Danny Thompson seconded a motion to approve the payment of the Delegate packet (\$180.25 – this includes credit card fee) for 2022. This will be paid to all delegates that attend both this caucus meeting and the convention general session. This passed unanimously.

**Regional Club Dues Waiver:** The club dues paid to Region 14 in 2021 was \$410. There had been a discussion as to paying this could be a hardship for some of our clubs due to the lack of revenue in 2020 and 2021. A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Dave to waive the regional club dues for 2022. This passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the attendance to this year's convention and Jeff feels that Region 14 deserves a "pat on the back" for being proactive in having delegates for all but one club in our region. Danny reported that of 215 clubs in AHA, only 116 clubs that submitted 226 delegates and 99 AHA clubs that didn't submit any delegates to this year's convention. With the convention being virtual, there isn't a lot of expense for the clubs, but this may represent the state of AHA's relationship with its membership.

**First Vice Director's Report:** Dave reported that Region 14 was well represented with volunteers at the 2021 U.S. Nationals (USN) and wants to thank everyone that helped. There was great teamwork and this was one of the best shows in years. There will be some adjustments to the schedule for 2022.

Dave also wanted to thank Cindy Clinton for her work on making the move of the regional show from the Kentucky Horse Park to WEC and to change the dates to August. He also wanted to thank Jeff for his support even though there were many who were not pleased with the decision.

**Second Vice Director's Report:** Jennifer reported that she continues to be involved with the Local Level Committee and that there will be another virtual horse show, sponsored by AHA, for December. The "Lucky Listener," a literacy program will come out in December. Also look for the following in 2022:

- AHA will host an virtual Airbnb experience.
- Nancy Harvey is working with the Girl Scouts on a Horsemanship badge.
- There will be a "Ride An Arabian Horse Week" in April.
- They are updating the T.A.I.L. program.
- The "Meet An Arabian Horse" program will be in May.

She also reminded the meeting that the Discovery Farm program is FREE to those who want to participate. The facility is included on the map on the AHA website, plus they get a sign to post and promotional items. We have several Region 14 farms that are participating, including Esser Valley, Tiara, Double Infinity, Silver Knight, Train Robbery, Bella Vista, Exodus, Firelight, Stonehurst, Windfield, Stachowski, Imperial Equestrian and Phoenix Stables, plus all the region's clubs are listed. Duane spoke to how great this program is for our breed.

So far Lauren Ashe with Esposure and Jennifer have done two (2) videos for our region, with plans to do more in December. Also Brinley Swears (a former Region 14 Youth Director) is working with Donna L. on the mentoring program to work with colleges to encourage young adult involvement with AHA.

**Awards Banquet Report:** Debbie Glasener has confirmed that our in-person banquet will be held March 12, 2022 at the Holiday Inn at the Cincinnati Airport (Erlanger, KY). There is a block of rooms that will cost \$99/night but they must be reserved by February 9<sup>th</sup>. She is going to work hard with the facility's menu to keep the cost at \$35.00 for adults. So far she has two (2) clubs that have reserved rooms for their meetings (KARABS and OHAHA). Dave noted that we have the new Awards guidelines posted on the region's website under Regional Info. Jeff and Jennifer want to encourage more club presidents to nominate for these awards.

The use of the on-line nomination form was well received last year, so we will handle that on-line again this year. That should be available to all club presidents, past directors and the executive board by January 1<sup>st</sup>, with the deadline for returning it by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Dave confirmed that Danny and Deneb Thompson will send out the post cards. And Carl Malicote will handle the Silent Auction. Plus, Dave reminded everyone that he has the BINGO equipment and we will give away a big screen TV as the grand prize (card cover-all).

**Regional Show Report:** Cindy reported that although the regional show ended with a financial loss, it was successful. She may be traveling to Scottsdale, to promote the Buckeye and the Region 14 show changes. Duane moved and Danny seconded a motion for her to rent a golf cart at Scottsdale for Wednesday through Sunday. This will come out of the show budget account. This passed unanimously. The regional show has been confirmed with WEC for August 17<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. She doesn't have any judges contracted yet. There was some discussion that there has been some negative comments that our show is leaving the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) and will be held at the same time as Canadian Nationals.

**Equitana:** Jennifer reported that the event, held October 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> at the KHP, was a success. The format was a combination of Equine Affaire and Breyerfest. We got the use of our new Region 14 stall curtains. The crowds were smaller than anticipated but still they were well received. There were 12 horses that showed in the following disciplines: side saddle, hunter pleasure, halter, native costume, dressage, western pleasure, jumping, barrels and sport horse. Two (2) of our horses also participated in the jumping clinic, which included Olympic riders. Deneb noted that we would have liked to have more volunteers for the booth. It's not hard and you meet some very interesting people.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Resolutions:** Dave asked that we dispense with the reading of the 16 resolutions. Joe lead the discussion, with at least one, 16-21 had been withdrawn. One resolution that is of concern is 02-21 that addresses the penalty for a horse that fails the shoeing measurement in a class that they placed. Cindy noted that we made these shoeing rules for a reason. Dave commented that he knows a lot of Country and English pleasure horse owners that pay to have the farriers measure their horses' feet measured twice a day at the show. Another resolution that needs clarification is 01-21 which addresses showing horses that have lost sight in one eye. This addresses halter but not sport horse in-hand classes. If the loss is due to injury and not genetic, why does it matter. Joe is also concerned that, unless the delegates object, all the resolutions could be voted on as a "consent agenda" which means there would be no discussion and they would be voted on all at one time. He spoke with Charles Bass and suggested that it would be helpful for the delegates to know how the committees voted on the resolutions, to take that into consideration for the ones that need to be voted on individually.

We have several members who are being nominated for the various committees and the delegates are encouraged to vote for those from our region for the following positions:

- Jacqueline Ferris MacLaren is nominated for the EPRB, to take over for Joe's position. He has served on that committee for 20 years. Thank you Joe for your service!
- Jeff is nominated for the Commissioners Review Panel.
- Carl is nominated for Judges and Stewards Selection Committee.
- Jennifer is nominated for Marketing and Promotion Development.
- Debbie G is nominated for the Sport Horse Show Commission.
- Duane is nominated for Breeders Sweepstakes Commission.

It was also noted that they are downsizing the USN Show Commission from seven (7) to six (6) members. Sherry Lewis asked that we post the above nominees to our regional Facebook page. Jennifer will see what she can do, but it needs to be done within the next 24 hours since the directors will vote on some of these positions at Wednesday's board meeting.

Dave moved and Duane seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Swigart*

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Region 14 Secretary



To All Region 14 Members,

November 8, 2021

I feel as your regional director; I have an obligation and responsibility to keep you informed, as to what is happening in our association.

The Competitions Advisory Committee (CAC) has been working on the 2022 qualifications, which was presented to the membership in a virtual Town Hall. The (CAC) proposed an updated qualifications version. Jim Hitt gave a report on the proposal under consideration.

1. Qualifications—revised 9/27/21(Draft) 1. Qualification period is the previous year plus the current year up to the close of entries. (Placings in year 2021 count towards next year’s qualification period—if your placing was not previously recorded, you will need to qualify in year 2022 under the participation system)2. Compete in any qualifying AHA Recognized show in any region (which includes Concurrent, Pre-Show, Value Show).3. An Amateur must qualify the horse to participate in an Amateur or Amateur Owner class.4. Compete in a recognized section, i.e. HA/AA Western Pleasure, Arabian Country English Pleasure, Arabian Hunter Pleasure, etc.5. Compete in any recognized class within that section (Note: for Dressage, each level is considered its own section).6. Participate in that one recognized class in that section now qualifies you to compete in as many classes within that section at any one Regional Championship Show of your choice. a. Example: Participate at a qualifying show in HA/AA Western Pleasure ATR qualifies for any and as many classes in HA/AA Western Pleasure as long as you meet the definition for an Amateur, Amateur Owner, Leveling, Jr. Horse, etc. The qualification could have been earned in Region 8 but was used for the Region 6 Championship Show.7. Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows and compete at any and as many Regional Championships in that section.8. Equitation is based on the rider and the rider must participate in their qualifying section .A. Youth-National Championship Show, a rider must win: 1. A Medal, in a class of three or more entries; or 2. obtain participation qualifications in AHA Medal classes (see current chart); or 3. a Top Five or better from corresponding classes in Regional Championship Shows, East Coast Championship or Pacific Slope Championship, or a Top Six or better from corresponding classes in Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship Classes. B. Adult-National Championship Show, a rider must win: 1. obtain participation qualifications in classes requiring a pattern; or 2. a Top Five or better from corresponding classes in Regional Championship Shows, East Coast Championship or Pacific Slope Championship, or a Top Six or better from corresponding classes in Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship Classes. 9 .Participation can also be used to qualify in Specialty classes and can be obtained through Open Shows (and placings for Working Western/Dressage/Western Dressage).10. A National Show Commission has the right to place restrictions on cross entry into classes.11. The USEF/EC family definition and two distinct non-family owner definition must be adhered to.12. East Coast and Pacific Slope (Top Five), Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders (Top Six) all count as Regional Placings.13. Participation definition: A. In a class where horses compete together, participated means a horse/rider/driver/handler must have been entered, shown, and judged (perform at all required gaits both ways of the ring and remain in the ring until excused by the judge). In other words, finishing the class. B. In a class where horses compete individually, participated means a horse/rider must have completed the individual requirements of the class and be eligible to receive a score. C. Horses which are excused/disqualified/eliminated/received a “no score” are not considered “adjudicated”.

Category I—Main Ring Regional Qualifications: National Qualifications Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show Regional Top 5 or better or in order to compete at one Regional Championship of your choice Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships Participate at

three (3) AHA Approved Shows (one of which choice may be participation at a Regional show) Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships.

Category II–Main Ring Exceptions/Sport Horse/Working Western (cannot receive a “no score”) Junior Horses (unless affected by other category below)Pleasure Driving Country Pleasure Driving Park Horse Walk Trot–10 and Under/11 & Over(Pleasure, Equitation and other)Sport Horse In-Hand Sport Horse Under Saddle Sport Horse Show Hack Reining Trail Reined Cow Horse Limited Reined Cow Horse Working Cow Horse Herd Work Cutting Ranch Riding Ranch Reining Ranch Trail Ranch Working Cow Ranch Horse Cow Work Versatility Ranch Riding Ranch Cutting Ranch Rail Ranch Horse Conformation.

**\*\*See Category IV for Youth cattle classes\*\***Regional Qualifications: National Qualifications Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show Regional Top 5 or better or “Open Qualifying Show” (for Working Western) in order to Participate at any and as many Regional Championship two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows (one of which may be participation at a Regional show) or “Open Qualifying Show” (for Working Western)

Category III–Program Enrollment ABS Yearling Classes (Arabian Filly/Colt/Gelding & HA/AA Filly/Gelding)–Breeding Entry only and received a Top10 from Regional ABS Yearling class ABS Sport Horse Yearling Classes–Breeding Entry only ABS Canadian Yearling Classes–Breeding Entry only ABS AAOTR Jackpots (Arabian and HA/AA Western Pl, County Pl, Hunter Pl, English Pl, Reining)–Breeding or Original Entry ABS AAO Performance Halter–Breeding Entry or Original Entry–must be adjudicated at Nationals in a Performance Class ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot–Breeding or Original Entry ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive–Breeding or Original Entry ABS Green Working Hunter Derby–Breeding or Original Entry Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby–program enrollment Breeding/In-Hand Futurity–program enrollment Category IV-Other Youth Herd Work Youth Reined Cow Horse and Limited Reined Cow Horse Carriage Driving (all)Working Hunter Hunter Seat Equitation Over Fences Hunter Hack (all) Jumpers Green Working Hunter Dressage Seat Equitation Regional and Nationals-No Qualifications-(same as it was 2020 and prior)

Category V-DRESSAGE-Horse/Rider must not be eliminated Regional Qualifications: National Qualifications Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show or “Open Qualifying Show" in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships. Regional Top 5 or better or Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows (one of which may be participation at a Regional show) or “Open Qualifying Shows. Freestyle

Must have a Minimum Score of 63% in Fourth Level and below, and 60% for FEI Levels, in highest test in level or higher level.

MOTION: Peter Conway moved, Lisa Blackstone seconded to amend delete Participate at three (3) AHA Qualifying Shows add: “Participate at three (3) AHA approved Shows (one of which may be participation at a Regional Show)”

MOTION: Question was called by John Simmons.

MOTION: Agreed by consent Motion #13 -09/28/2021-BOD)

MOTION: Unanimously Passed (Motion #12-09/28/2021-BOD

### **SPORT HORSE NATIONALS:**

The SHN Commission finished the 19thAnnual Arabian Sport Horse Nationals, held September 13-18 in Wilmington, Ohio at the World Equestrian Center with the 2ndlargest show since Lexington,2007. That show had613horses entered. **This year we had 602 horses entered.** This was the first year at the WEC location and the SHN Commission looks forward to being able to tweak aspects of the show now that we have a working knowledge of the facility. Once again, we are appreciative of the support we have gotten from the Arabian Breeder’s Sweepstakes program and feel those classes will continue to be well received. The quality of the horses at the show was outstanding across the board and the future of the Arabian Sport Horse in unlimited. Looking forward to seeing the financial report and hope to share that with the BOD at Convention. Next year will be our 20thAnniversary and the SHN Commission already has several ideas in the works to make next year’s show commemorative

### **YOUTH NATIONALS/MID-SUMMER:**

2021 YOUTH NATIONAL & MID SUMMER NATIONAL SHOWS was diligently planned and successfully held in July 2021. **1406 horses were entered** with 90 vet & other scratches = **1316 total horses were shown.** This years’ show was a

larger than 2020 YN/MSN combo show (1353 entered with 131 scratches Covid/vet scratches = 1220 were shown in 2020). **At the BOD meeting in October, the future of the Mid-Summer Show was thoroughly discussed.** A motion was passed to continue Mid-Summer Show with Youth National Championship Show. **The title of the Mid-Summer Show will be changed to a Championship show, not a National Championship Show**, with the intent that it would have the same level as a Regional Show. Plans are in progress to make the necessary changes. At our October 5th Zoom meeting, the Youth Show Commission thoroughly discussed the BOD motion to. It was now the job of this commission to set up perimeters for the new venue and make it all happen. The following ideas and items are being considered: 1) Make the Youth National Championship & Mid-Summer Championship a MUST ATTEND show for everyone. 2) Revise the Show Schedule for 2022. 3) NEW trophies will be designed for Mid-Summer show. 4) Awards are changing for Mid-Summer show. Top Ten will be recognized, instead of Top Five, and receive recognition & prizes. Trophies will be changed to Gold(1st), Silver(2nd) and Bronze(3rd) to further recognize our 3rd place horse in the Top Ten. 5) Jackpot classes will be added to reward outstanding competition. 6) Achievement Award Points will be equal to Regional Show points. 7) Exhibitors must qualify for Mid-Summer show just like a Regional Show. 8) A letter from Youth National Show Commission was sent to the Sweepstakes Commission requesting the Sweepstakes Regional Funds be allocated to the appropriate Mid-Summer classes. We are not requesting Top Ten funding but same funds as allocated of other Regional Championships, East & West Coast Championships. 9) A letter was sent to Kathy Callahan Smith regarding the USEF proposal to change Youth ages to 21 years & under. The YN show commission voted unanimously to ask for an exemption for future USEF rule proposals to change the age of the Youth exhibitor to 21 years & under. We feel it is in the best interest of AHA to have our current exemption, 19 years & under, remain in place. 10) Our plans are to have a new look for the 2022 Mid-Summer Show and make it feel like "no other AHA competition".

Brief outline of Motions to come before the Board of Directors: Leslie Lockard to work with Competition Advisory Committee to bring forward the necessary motions needed to make the Mid-Summer Show to be the same level as a Regional show in the areas necessary in the AHA Rulebook.

Please let your members know that online registration is still open for convention, and we hope to have many members attending.

This is all I have until after our BOD's meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday November 17.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Caldwell  
Director Region 14

To All Region 14 Members,

November 15, 2021

I feel as your regional director; I have an obligation and responsibility to keep you informed, as to what is happening in our association.

Executive Director: Stan Morey

The Arabian Horse Association is committed to our member services including our website and DataSource. Recovery from the ransomware attack is mostly complete, with several new security systems put into place, new servers, etc. the multi-view system is back to normal.

AHA has hired a public relations firm to help with getting information out to its members in a professional manner, note that we are financially stable.

We have an offer on the building, the interested parties are the school next door, several things are being negotiated, one being to have a year to get everything completely out of the building.

Competitions and Convention, Senior Director Leslie Lockard: The leveling views for 2022 will be available on December 1<sup>st</sup>, on the AHA website, notification will be sent out to all members. 2019-2021 horse figures in all qualifying shows, we are down 30.49%. Regionals comparing 2019-2021 we are flat at 0.12%, adding Pacific Slopes, East Coast, Eastern & Western Canadian Breeders to the 18-Regionals we are flat .23%. Convention updates, as of 11/12/21 Registered Delegated 214, compared to 269 in 2020 and Registered Alternates & Guest 34, compared to 89 in 2020. There are 16-resolutions, resolution 16 was placed last as it only affects the AHA Handbook. The executive committee has been in discussions of having the 2022 convention virtual also, due to the financial impact.

Director of Events and Marketing, Kelsey Berglund: The Ranch Horse Championship Show was a success with approximately 400 entries.

The 2021 Distance Nationals, which was held in Oneida, TN. In conjunction with Big South Fork had 133 starters. Next years dates are September 30-October 2, 2022, in Gooding, ID.

Sport Horse Nationals: Held at the new facility "WEC" in Wilmington, OH. Had approximately 600 horses in attendance the budgeted and previously rotation was 480. 4.83 average entries per horse, with a total of 2912 entries entered.

US Nationals: had approximately 1,840 horses, with 2.44 average entries per horse and 4,517 entries entered. The new Ranch Rail classes were between 30-50 entries and the new Hunt Seat Equitation class had 24-entries.

Marketing: Push to highlight the Local Level programs with the Discovery Farms, continued growth of new farms. 20-new farms were registered during Nationals, we introduced a new incentive for a discovery farm. The winner will receive \$1,000 and the winner will be announced during convention, we owe a big thank you to region 14 member Jennifer Tucker for all her efforts in this as she was one of the local level committee members during nationals to help with getting new discovery farms to register.

Human Resources and Office Services Manager, Cristina Miranda: Active Employment, 33-total employees, 30-full time and 2-part time. We hired 3-new employees for the registry services department, Megan Corgan, Denise Parker & Andrea Brummett. Most staff will continue to work from home.

Judges and Stewards Commissioners Report, Stan Morey: Education and evaluation Commission, Exhibitors/Judges School, will be virtual for the first time this year. The executive committee has selected a new commissioner and they will be voted on during our board meeting on Wednesday November 17. Stan stated that a new assistance position will also be filled, due to Pat Thompson will not be returning to work, he reported that Pat was in a rehabilitation facility.

Registry Services: Debbie Fuentes, we have registered 1,613 Purebred Arabians through October 31<sup>st</sup>, completed registrations is down compared to last year, we have registered 532 Half-Arabians which is up compared to last year.

Membership, as of October 31<sup>st</sup> we have 15,201 members compared to 15,688 in 2020 a 2.7% decline, 9,060 of the 15,201 members have a competition card. There are 1,801 youth members an increase of 9% COMPARED TO 2020.

Report Submitted by:  
Jeff Caldwell  
Director Region 14

*Courtesy of Duane Esser (Competitions Advisory Committee):*

### **2022 AHA Qualifications – revised 9/27/21 (Draft)**

1. Qualification period is the previous year plus the current year up to the close of entries. (Placings in year 2021 count towards next year's qualification period – if your placing was not previously recorded, you will need to qualify in year 2022 under the participation system)
2. Compete in any qualifying AHA Recognized show in any region (which includes Concurrent, Pre-Show, Value Show).
3. An Amateur must qualify the horse to participate in an Amateur or Amateur Owner class.
4. Compete in a recognized section, i.e. HA/AA Western Pleasure, Arabian Country English Pleasure, Arabian Hunter Pleasure, etc.
5. Compete in any recognized class within that section (Note: for Dressage, each level is considered its own section).
6. Participate in that one recognized class in that section now qualifies you to compete in as many classes within that section at any one Regional Championship Show of your choice.
  - a. Example: Participate at a qualifying show in HA/AA Western Pleasure ATR qualifies for any and as many classes in HA/AA Western Pleasure as long as you meet the definition for an Amateur, Amateur Owner, Leveling, Jr. Horse, etc. The qualification could have been earned in Region 8 but was used for the Region 6 Championship Show.
7. Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows and compete at any and as many Regional Championships in that section.
8. Equitation is based on the rider and the rider must participate in their qualifying section.
  - A. Youth - National Championship Show, a rider must win:
    1. A Medal, in a class of three or more entries; or
    2. obtain participation qualifications in AHA Medal classes (see current chart); or
    3. a Top Five or better from corresponding classes in Regional Championship Shows, East Coast Championship or Pacific Slope Championship, or a Top Six or better from corresponding classes in Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship Classes.
  - B. Adult - National Championship Show, a rider must win:
    1. obtain participation qualifications in classes requiring a pattern; or
    2. a Top Five or better from corresponding classes in Regional Championship Shows, East Coast Championship or Pacific Slope Championship, or a Top Six or better from corresponding classes in Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship Classes.
9. Participation can also be used to qualify in Specialty classes and can be obtained through Open Shows (and placings for Working Western/Dressage/Western Dressage).
10. A National Show Commission has the right to place restrictions on cross entry into classes.
11. The USEF/EC family definition and two distinct non-family owner definition must be adhered to.

12. East Coast and Pacific Slope (Top Five), Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders (Top Six) all count as Regional Placings.
13. Participation definition:
  - a. In a class where horses compete together, participated means a horse/rider/driver/handler must have been entered, shown, and judged (perform at all required gaits both ways of the ring and remain in the ring until excused by the judge). In other words, finishing the class.
  - b. In a class where horses compete individually, participated means a horse/rider must have completed the individual requirements of the class and be eligible to receive a score.
  - c. Horses which are excused/disqualified/eliminated/received a "no score" are not considered "adjudicated".

### **Category I – Main Ring**

#### **Regional Qualifications:**

Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show  
in order to compete at one Regional Championship of your  
choice  
Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows  
in order to compete at any and as many Regional Championships

#### **National Qualifications**

Regional Top 5 or better or  
Participate at three (3) AHA Qualifying Shows

### **Category II – Main Ring Exceptions/Sport Horse/Working Western (cannot receive a "no score")**

Junior Horses (unless affected by other category below)  
Pleasure Driving  
Country Pleasure Driving  
Park Horse  
Walk Trot - 10 and Under/**11 & Over** (Pleasure, Equitation and other)  
Sport Horse In-Hand  
Sport Horse Under Saddle  
Sport Horse Show Hack  
Reining  
Trail  
Reined Cow Horse  
Limited Reined Cow Horse  
Working Cow Horse  
Herd Work  
Cutting  
Ranch Riding  
Ranch Reining  
Ranch Trail  
Ranch Working Cow  
Ranch Horse Cow Work  
Versatility Ranch Riding  
Ranch Cutting  
Ranch Rail  
Ranch Horse Conformation

\*\*See Category IV for Youth cattle classes\*\*

#### **Regional Qualifications:**

Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show  
or "Open Qualifying Show" (for Working Western) in order to  
compete at any and as many Regional Championships

#### **National Qualifications**

Regional Top 5 or better or  
Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows  
or "Open Qualifying Show" (for Working Western)

### **Category III – Program Enrollment**

ABS Yearling Classes (Arabian Filly/Colt/Gelding & HA/AA Filly/Gelding) – Breeding Entry only and received a Top 10 from  
Regional ABS Yearling class  
ABS Sport Horse Yearling Classes – Breeding Entry only  
ABS Canadian Yearling Classes – Breeding Entry only  
ABS AAOTR Jackpots (Arabian and HA/AA Western PI, County PI, Hunter PI, English PI, Reining) – Breeding or Original Entry  
ABS AAO Performance Halter – Breeding Entry or Original Entry – must be adjudicated at Nationals in a Performance Class



ABS Sport Horse Under Saddle AO Jackpot – Breeding or Original Entry  
ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive – Breeding or Original Entry  
ABS Green Working Hunter Derby – Breeding or Original Entry  
Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby – program enrollment  
Breeding/In-Hand Futurity – program enrollment

**Category IV - Other**

Youth Herd Work  
Youth Reined Cow Horse and Limited Reined Cow Horse  
Carriage Driving (all)  
Working Hunter  
Hunter Seat Equitation Over Fences  
Hunter Hack (all)  
Jumpers  
Green Working Hunter  
Dressage Seat Equitation

**Regional and Nationals - No Qualifications** - (same as it was 2020 and prior)

**Category V - DRESSAGE - Horse/Rider must not be eliminated**

**Regional Qualifications:**

Participate at one (1) AHA Qualifying Show  
or "Open Qualifying Show" in order to  
compete at any and as many Regional Championships

**National Qualifications**

Regional Top 5 or better or  
Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows  
or "Open Qualifying Show"

Freestyle – Must have a Minimum Score of 63% in Fourth Level and below, and 60% for FEI Levels, in highest test in level or higher level