

**Region 14 Meeting Minutes**  
**January 18, 2022 @ 1:00 PM**  
**ZOOM Virtual Meeting**

Director Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order, with First Vice Director Dave Daugherty, Second Vice Director Jennifer Tucker, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Joe Hull in attendance. Twelve clubs were represented: ABHAHA, BAHA, BAHAA, DBDR, KAHA, KAHABA, KARABS, NEOAHA, OAATS, OHAHA, OVAHA and SAHIBA.

**Minutes:** Joe moved and Donna Lassanske seconded a motion to approve the November Caucus meeting minutes as submitted. This passed unanimously. A second set of minutes for December 16, 2021 Emergency meeting to discuss the approval of the Region 13 show were submitted, after being amended (wrong name on a motion). Dave moved and Duane seconded to approve those minutes as amended. This also passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe reported that we ended the year with around a \$12,000 negative balance. There had been no activity since the November meeting. Duane moved and Cindy Ryan seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. This passed unanimously.

**Budget Report:** Joe also reported on the Budget that was prepared for this year. We did budget for Equine Affaire and Breyerfest being in-person for 2022, but we tried to set a conservative budget for this year. At this time, we are budgeting for a year-end balance of negative \$10,000. Dave moved and Duane seconded a motion to approve the budget as presented. This passed unanimously.

Joe also had a request that we consider having an assistant Treasurer. He took over in 2017 after the sudden loss of Jean Hedger. It turns out this position is a little more complicated than he thought. He would appreciate having someone to show some of the ins and outs to so that when he decides to give up the position, that person will not be starting from "square one." This person should have some accounting and Excel background. If you are interested, contact Joe at [joe.hull43@gmail.com](mailto:joe.hull43@gmail.com) OR (614) 877-9864.

**Director's Report:** Jeff reported that he doesn't have much to report yet on AHA, as their next meeting will be a virtual meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. They had voted to have an "in-person" meeting in March, but that has been changed to also being virtual. At this time, the 2022 AHA Convention is scheduled to be in-person this year at Myrtle Beach that could be subject to change.

Kaitlin McGarry has been hired for the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director Stan Morey.

For anyone competing this year, please be sure to check the AHA calendar as many shows have changed dates and locations.

Dave recapped the U.S. National (USN) show. They had a lot of horses, which caused some class scheduling issues. Dave stated that anyone with any questions, email him about the 2022 USN proposed schedule. Leslie Lockard is also working on a FAQ list on 2022 Qualifications that will be posted on the AHA website. Dave or Duane can send anyone a Word document of the 2022 Qualifications.

Duane recapped what was decided at the Region 14 emergency meeting that was held in December with our delegates. At our November Caucus meeting, we had voted to approve the Region 13 show at World Equestrian Center (WEC) in Wilmington Ohio for 2022, but to disapprove the Region 13 Sport Horse/Dressage show and the Region 13 Pre-show. At the request of Region 13 delegates and their director Ann Knoop, the KARABS Medallion show committee met virtually with them. A settlement was discussed and in the end, Jackie Ferris MacLaren prepared a legal agreement that was signed by Jeff, Duane and Ann (Region 13 Director) stating that Region 13 would be compensating KARABS with a \$5000 sponsorship for their losses at the 2021 Medallion. In return, Region 14 delegates would review their vote to disapprove the two (2) Region 13 shows for 2022. The agreement will expire at the end of our 2022 Region 14 show. Joe suggested that we put the show approval for the 2023 Region 13 shows on the agenda for the August meeting. The original signed agreement will be sent to Debbie S to add to the regional records. Jeff noted that he put a comment about this change in approval being for 2022 only in the recorded AHA show approval.

Jeff will be announcing the Nominating Committee at the March meeting. To be on this five (5)-member committee, they must be an active member of a Region 14 club but they don't have to be a delegate or alternate. All positions for the Executive Board are up for election this year: Director, First Vice, Second Vice, Secretary and Treasurer.

**First Vice Director's Report:** Dave reported that since Stan Morey is now the Executive Director of AHA, Mary Jane Brown has been chosen to be the Judges and Stewards Commissioner.

**Awards Banquet:** Debbie G, Dave and Joe had a pre-meeting discussion about whether to hold the event in-person or virtual. The topic was opened up for discussion, which noted that if we don't make the effort to meet in-person, we will continue to lose people to other breeds, but we need to be fiscally aware of what it would cost if we would change our mind. Also, it would be nice to know what the Holiday Inn has in place as to air quality, etc. It is unclear if there are any masking protocols in place at the Holiday Inn. There is also the concern as to the risk to the health and safety of our members. A straw vote was taken of the 32 present at this meeting and 25 would like to see us have an in-person banquet. After further discussion and the need to verify the deadlines and penalties with the Holiday Inn contract, Joe moved and Duane seconded a motion that the Executive Board and Debbie Glasener be given the power to authorize whether the Awards Banquet will be either virtual or in-person, no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. This passed by the majority of delegates. [*See Addendum #1 attached to these minutes.*]

**Second Vice Director's Report:** Jennifer is now the Vice Chair of the Local Level Committee (LLC). This May will be "Meet the Arabian" month. The LLC met with the Marketing Development and Promotion (MDP) committee to see how they could help each other to promote in-person events (farm visits, Girl Scouts, Tractor Supply events, etc.) for the coming year. There were over 40 new Discovery Farms signed up at USN. This is a free program and the LLC is now overseeing this program for AHA. They want to make sure that the Discovery Farms and the local clubs have the communication they need. Jennifer noted that Stan Morey and AHA President Deborah Johnson were on the call with LLC and MDP. This provided an opportunity for Stan and Deborah to promote the cooperation of all of the AHA committees to work with each other towards common goals. We need to get exposure of our breed out to the public.

Jennifer is also now on MDP and is learning how that committee works. Deborah has also made MDP part of the AHA Board, again to promote working together. February 19<sup>th</sup> has been designated as National Arabian Horse Day. Jennifer also noted that MDP did provide some monetary promotion for our equestrian entry in the Rose Parade (58 seconds of national TV exposure). She wants to let everyone know that she is here for any questions or ideas from all of the Region 14 clubs. Jeff noted that Region 14 is lucky to have Jennifer on the LLC. Not all of the regions have representation on this committee.

**Youth Director's Report:** Our new youth director Kate Bonafede was not available for this meeting but Jennifer presented her report. The Youth Photo Contest was recently posted to Facebook. The overall winner will receive a \$125 value certificate for a digital image from John McCarthy Photography. All of the photos will be put on the Facebook page as an album. Also Kate would like to have an ice cream social OR a "mini" golf cart parade (like they do at Youth Nationals) at Region 14 show this year. There was a suggestion about having a "horse parade." Kate is open to all ideas.

**Regional Show Report:** Cindy reported the show is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> at WEC. She has the judges hired:

- Silverama Main Ring - Karen Homer-Brown
- Silverama Dressage and Sport Horse - Donna Richardson
  
- Region 14 Main Ring – Kim Morgan, Sherry Odum and Van Jacobson
- Region 14 Dressage and Sport Horse – Jennifer Benoit

She will have more information for the March meeting. She has also been approached about a group of trick riders that would like to perform at the show. They charge \$200 per exhibition. Her concern is that it will interfere with the schedule and the work rings, so she will not be scheduling them but has their information for anyone who is interested. Also Joe mentioned we would need to verify their insurance coverage, which Cindy did ask for that.

**Equine Affaire, Breyerfest & Equitana:** Jennifer presented the following information:

- Equine Affaire is April 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. She has 8-10 horses set for the demo. The theme is “Back to Basics” and she is happy to have the Wikel girls from Pegasus Arabians participating. Let Jennifer know if you have any club information that you want passed out. She is looking for a Native Costume horse for the demo. And she is always looking for volunteers to help out at the booth for a couple of hours.
- Breyerfest is July 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> but Youth Nationals is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, so it is not known if Lorie Henderson will be able to coordinate Breyerfest this year. But we will have a presence there. Most of the event will be in-person but they will also have some options that will be for virtual.
- Equitana USA is not scheduled for 2022. The 2021 event went well and the clinicians were world class. Unfortunately the Equitana Coordination team had lost most of their staff about six (6) months before the event. Thanks to our Region 14 participants, we made some good contacts.

**Old Business:** Duane reported on our Arabian Horse for Humanity model “Believe.” He had been checking on the status of the Dragon Fly Foundation just before COVID hit. He is waiting to see what their functions are for 2022. This group provides for accommodations and funds for out-of-town families of sick children at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.

Duane also noted that Becky Nash was asking us to ship “Believe” to Scottsdale for a gallery exhibition of all the models at the show OR at local restaurants. This raised concerns as to shipping costs and that “Goldie” has had a lot of damage caused by all the moves, resulting in over \$2000 - \$3000 in repair costs.

**New Business:** Jeff reported that he approved the Bluegrass Dressage and Sport Horse AHA Value Show, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Stonehurst Riding Center near Louisville KY. This is a recurring show that we have approved in the past.

The Arabian Horse Association of Florida has asked for our approval to have their holiday show November 25-27, 2022 be a concurrent Region 12 and 14 event. This show is moving to the WEC in Ocala. Even with the changes in qualifications, we still need to give show approval this per AHA. Cindy moved and Duane seconded a motion to approve this show. This passed unanimously.

Danny Thompson moved and Duane seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Swigart  
Region 14 Secretary

**ADDENDUM #1:**

An Executive ZOOM meeting was held January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Those present were Jeff Caldwell, Dave Daugherty, Jennifer Tucker, Debbie Swigart, Duane Esser and Debbie Glasener.

Debbie G reported that she spoke to Brittany at the Holiday Inn and we are past our deadline to cancel without penalties. Duane thinks we should mandate masking and social distancing. Jeff asked if we know how many we need to break even. Duane suggested that we hold the event in-person and work on our own protocols. Debbie G suggested that we charge \$40 per meal with a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. After March 1<sup>st</sup>, we would charge \$50. This should provide us some additional funds to cover the bar fees and gratuity charges, plus encourage folks to prepay and reserve their spot earlier. We need emphasize that we are requiring masks to protect the health and safety of our members, their families and friends. There will be no refunds for the dinners unless we cancel the event. Also, it would be helpful to assign bidder numbers for the Silent Auction, provide pens to each person and make sure hand sanitizer is available. We should also limit the number at a table to just six (6) – usually there are at 8-10. Debbie G also can accept payment via VENMO. Our block of hotel rooms, at the \$99 + tax rate, are available until February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dave moved and Duane seconded a motion to hold our Awards Banquet and regional meeting as an in-person event, making sure we have mask and social distancing protocols in place. This passed unanimously.

## **ADDENDUM #2:**



December 31, 2021

Greetings Region 14 members!

The past two years have been a challenge for most of us and as we look ahead to 2022.

There has been much discussion, disagreement and decisions made at the upper levels of the Arabian Horse Association this past year mostly in response to said pandemic. The first is the return of the Qualification system for our shows. Whereas the previous system was one of points or placings, the new system is that of Participation. Because the availability of qualifying classes is not the same around the country the Competition Advisory Committee adjusted the qualifying system based on this situation. Different classes/disciplines fall under different Categories. Check those categories to see where your classes fall and become familiar with how you must qualify (or not). Here is a link to the new plan:

[https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/AHA\\_Approved\\_Qualifications.pdf](https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/AHA_Approved_Qualifications.pdf)

Further information regarding qualifications and leveling can be found here:

<https://www.arabianhorses.org/competition/resources/qualifications/>

Another decision passed by the AHA BOD is the alternate Virtual/Live Convention plan. This will be a financial savings to AHA by only having In-Person convention every other year. The 2022 AHA Convention will be held in person at Myrtle Beach, SC Nov. 9-12. More information coming soon!

The latest decision by the AHA BOD was the permanent addition of the Midsummer National Show held in conjunction with Youth Nationals. This show was originally created to help manage the cancellation of Canadian Nationals. Because the show proved to be financially successful, it was determined that it should remain a permanent addition to the AHA Calendar. More information regarding this show will be coming from the Commission.

Regarding the Calendar, many regional shows have had to adjust their traditional dates. Make sure you check the AHA Calendar if you plan to attend these competitions as their dates and locations may have changed!

The Region 14 Championship will be held August 17-21, 2022, at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH. At our 2022 August meeting, our election will be held for the next term of the Region 14 Officers. If you have any interest in running for a position, please contact the nominating committee chair (after their appointment), which will be announced at our January meeting and the chair will explain the positions and the responsibilities of each. As always, if you have concerns, questions, or comments, please reach out to your club delegates or to one of the Region 14 Board members. You can also reach me directly at [jcaldwell2995@yahoo.com](mailto:jcaldwell2995@yahoo.com) anytime! As we begin 2022, I wish you all health, blessings, and more time to spend with our wonderful Arabian horses!

Respectfully,  
Jeff Caldwell  
Director Region 14