

Region 14 Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Director Duane Esser called the meeting to order, with First Vice Director Dave Daugherty, Second Vice Director Jennifer Tucker, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Incoming Treasurer Terry Schafer in attendance. Seven (7) clubs were represented: BAHA, BAHAA, KAHABA, KARABS, OAATS, OHAHA, and SAHIBA.

Minutes: Cindy Ryan moved, and Dave seconded a motion to approve the November Caucus meeting minutes as submitted. This passed.

Treasurer's Report / 2024 Budget: Joe Hull is in the hospital and Terry hasn't gotten with Joe to prepare the year-end report and we also haven't had a Budget Committee meeting yet. After clarification of the situation, Pepper Proffitt moved, and Cindy R seconded a motion to postpone the 2024 Budget approval until the committee meets and then have it submitted to the delegates for an electronic vote so that it will be in place before the next meeting in March. This passed.

Director's Report: Duane reported on the following:

- We will have an in-person AHA convention for 2024 in Reno, NV.
- A resolution from 2023 concerned the Performance Halter classes at U.S. Nationals – specifically how to handle the penalizing of an exhibitor who shows the horse in a “hard stand-up.”
- Duane reviewed the work that was done to modify the “tongue tie” rule that was passed at the 2022 convention but rejected by USEF. After some work, it was approved with the new title of “tongue stabilizer.”
- AHA President Deborah Johnson, Executive Director Stan Morey, and Judges and Stewards Commissioner Mary Jane Brown presented a Fireside Video on YouTube and the AHA Facebook page. It was well received and covered a lot of topics. We will try and send it to all of Region 14 via an eBlast.
- The Board of Directors (BOD) approved a program that will provide all first time AHA Youth members with a free membership for 2024. It is believed this does include the Competition card.
- The issue of the Region 13 Sport Horse show adding a Pre-show date without asking for Region 14 approval was discussed. Duane is working with the incoming Region 13 Director – Ron Gekiere. AHA has modified their show approval process and shortened the window, which occurred just before the holidays. There was much discussion and Duane will follow up on how to handle this. It has been the agreement in the past that Region 13 promotes the Medallion as a qualifier. Dave made the following motion: *Beyond 2024, Region 13 regional shows will no longer be approved to hold any preshow in conjunction with their Region 13 Sport Horse and Main Ring shows in Region 14 unless it is part of a Region 14 club show.* This was seconded by Debbie Glasener and passed by the meeting. Danny Thompson questioned whether we could do something this year, but Duane and Dave aren't sure it can be changed since it has been approved.

Duane will be attending the upcoming USEF Annual Meeting in Louisville, January 12-14. There are several items that he wants to get more information. The unique identification number requirement went into effect December 1, 2023, and AHA and USEF were working together to use the horses' AHA registration number. Biosecurity for horses via a microchip will be mandatory for all show horses starting December 1, 2025. Those chips will have a number that is assigned to the horse. Also, these chips should have the capability to record the horse's temperature. Cindy R noted that this is GR1101.1 (USEF Rule Book: Chapter 11 – paragraph 10) and it reads "... must be microchipped with a 15-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip." Jodi Koford said that the scanner costs from \$80-\$500 and the chip is \$20-\$30 (but that doesn't include the fee that the vet will charge to implant the chip). Cindy R also asked who will be responsible to read and record the horse's temperature (twice a day) – the exhibitor or show management? Duane noted that it would be the trainer or exhibitor to provide a log. Debbie S noted that currently exhibitors must provide the show secretary a log of the horse's temperature for any horse who is not vaccinated, who shows at any USEF show.

Duane will also be attending the awards banquet where several from our breed are being honored: Cecil Hetzel-Dunn, Bill Hughes (posthumously), Karen Homer-Brown, Nancy Harvey, Deborah Johnson, Marin McKee (Youth of Year for both AHA and USEF), Colby Powell and Duane plus the Horse of the Year *Heirs Noble Love*.

First Vice Director's Report: Dave talked about U.S. Nationals and the changes that will be coming in 2024. If you considering putting in a resume for the "Mintee" program for U.S. Nationals, those are due by January 10th. If you only show one horse, this is workable but if you show more than one, you will not be considered. Changes were made to the cut-off numbers as to the preliminary classes: I, II, III sections will be 40+ and A & B sections will be 21. There will only be 16 in the final cut. Dave suggested that folks check out the class statistics on the AHA website per national show. There was discussion that this may interfere with breaks and length of class sessions. Duane, who judged at this past year's show, commented on the challenges when there are so many in the ring at one time, especially if it was a final and the first time they were seeing the horses. Dave also noted that the schedule will not be in the Omnibus, it will be sent out separately.

Awards Banquet: Debbie G reported that she is getting the menu finalized, and the cost will be \$40 per person. The date is Saturday, March 9th. Dave has sent out forms to the club presidents, executive board and past directors to get the nominees for this year. These are due back by January 15th. The form also provides a list of all the winners in the past five (5) years who are not eligible for nomination. He was asking if we still want to have BINGO. Also, Danny Thompson had provided the name of a magician, who could perform during Happy Hour. Carl Malicotte and Jeff Caldwell are working on the Silent Auction. Just as a reminder, all net proceeds from the event goes to the Youth Scholarship fund. Dave put out a challenge - Region 5 started a banquet, and they have 200 reservations. Debbie G noted that we can accommodate more than the 100+ we have had in the past. The room can be expanded from two (2) sections to four (4). But please make your reservations. We will get this info on Facebook and in an eBlast. The deadline for reservations will be March 2nd and then the cost will go up at least \$10.

Second Vice Director's Report: Jennifer was absent today, but Duane reported she wants to have a Promotions Committee meeting this month. Equine Affaire is April 11-14 and she has confirmed ten (10) horses lined up for the demo and booth/stall, including *Darker N Bey* – the

2011AHA Ambassador Award winner. The Region 10 Arabian Horse for Humanity – *Salute* - will be staying in Lexington KY and then will be at Equine Affaire. They are also working with Mary Trowbridge to see if we can put Salute and Believe (Region 14's horse) in the Louisville's Children's Hospital until the Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT) horse is finished by Karen Kasper.

Youth Director's Report: Rachel Vaughn reported that the new Youth Director is Ella Duncan. Rachel will stay on to work with her as a co-director for this year. She has no updates at this time. Also, we need to work on having Region 14 youth get involved with the AHA Team Tournament program. Lorie Henderson's Firelight Arabians had two (2) teams this past year. This was explained as a team of youth that earn points showing their horses and then they are turned in at the end of the year. Jeff commented that the ice cream social at the Region 14 show was a big hit, and we need to make sure that happens again. Debbie G challenged Rachel to work on getting the youth to come to the Awards banquet and even get her a room to meet with these youth to get involvement. Sara Siemon has a lesson program, so she might be a resource. Pepper said she would help Rachel and Ella get things together to submit a request to the Budget committee.

Regional Show Report: Cindy is working on our 2024 show – August 14-18. She has hired the following as judges:

Pre-show: Natalie Lamping - dressage (Classic and Western) and sport horse
Brian Scoggins - working western
Lindsay Rinehart - main ring

Regional Show: Scott Brumfield, Brian Scoggins, Brian Ferguson – main ring
John Power - working western
Heather Stalker - dressage (Classic and Western) and sport horse

She also noted that Jennifer Lewis will be assisting Tony Reid with the Sport Horse and Dressage classes. Everything went so well last year so she is hopeful that all the volunteers will be back for this year.

Equine Affaire & Breyerfest: Duane has agreed to do two (2) clinics on Thursday of Equine Affaire. No news on Breyerfest at this time.

Old Business: Karen Kasper's exhibition at the Kentucky Horse Park ends January 31st. Plans will need to be made on how we move forward with the statues.

Jeff asked that we work on promoting the Youth Scholarship - \$3000, \$2000 and \$1000 for this year. Duane commented that so many youth miss out on scholarships that are offered through the involvement with horses. We will need to update the forms on the website. Rachel asked if we could put something on social media – mainly Instagram. The youth are evidently not that “into” Facebook.

New Business: Duane received requests for three (3) value shows that are new to our region and need delegate approval –

- **BAHA Arabian Legacy Value Show (new for 2024):** June 29-30 at the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park; Jodi moved, and Dave seconded a motion to approve this show and it passed.

- Bluegrass Horse Show Spring Kick Off AVS (also new for 2024): March 10 at Shelby County Fairgrounds; Danny moved, and Jodi seconded a motion to approve this show and it passed.
- Bluegrass Fall Festival (also new for 2024): September 22 at Shelby County Fairgrounds; Dave moved, and Danny seconded a motion to approve this show and it passed.

BAHA is working on another value show [*Kentucky Spring Value Show*] for April 13 at Shelby County Fairgrounds.

We need to keep Joe in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Carl also wanted to ask that we get the word out for items for the Silent Auction. He worked 25 horse shows last year and most have given him something to add to the Silent Auction. He has stuff already at his house but many wait until the last minute to ship to his house and they don't make it in time. We will put out an eBlast. If you are bringing something, let him know no later than noon on Friday, March 8th.

Dave moved and Pepper seconded a motion to adjourn. Our next meeting will be at the Holiday Inn at the Cincinnati Airport March 9th at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Swigart
Region 14 Secretary