

MINUTES OF REGION 12 2007 ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2007
PERRY, GEORGIA

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Director Cecil Butler, followed by roll call of delegates.

Present were: Director, Cecil Butler; Vice-Director, Eric Wolfe; Secretary, Denni Mack; Treasurer, Frank Galovic.

Director Cecil Butler explained to the delegates the ability to now do an email flash to all members of Region 12 having email capability. This information will be added to the new Region 12 web site.

The Minutes of the November meeting were read by Secretary, Denni Mack. Ben Smith moved to approve. Seconded by Nan Harley, and Minutes were approved by unanimous vote. The approval of the Minutes of the special Executive Board meeting in Louisville was handled by prior e-mail voting and those Minutes were approved.

Cecil Butler presented a list of Region 12 rides and shows currently approved. This list will be attached to these Minutes. Janet Searls suggested the approved Minutes appear on the web site.

Frank Galovic presented a treasurer's report which shows a general account balance as of 4/30/2007 of \$122,176.32; a balance of \$76,981.40 in the Spotlight account and \$28,660.65 in the Region 12 Futurity account. The Margaret Shuey account is \$48,616.53. Frank made a motion to open a money market account for the Spotlight Stallion Futurity. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Frank also agreed to come back with a recommendation for a money market account for the general fund. Ben Smith moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Cecil Butler reported that the URL for the Region 12 web site is now www.AHARegion12.com and is being hosted by arabhorse.com. A committee for the web site is to be established. Janet Searls agreed to oversee the web site in the interim.

Regional Show Commission Report. Mike Stewart reported that there were over 700 horses entered in the Region 12 2007 show. The 2008 show will be held one week later in May and hopefully will accommodate students. The Region 12 working hunter division would be held in conjunction with the Georgia Arabian Horse Association Class A show in Conyers in June. The Show Treasurer's report was not given.

Frank Galovic gave the Youth Jamboree Committee report in the absence of Alice Payne.

Cecil Butler informed that the Youth Judging Committee would now be handled by Marijo Kent First.

Cecil Butler informed that there had been several excellent applications submitted for Youth Scholarships and that they had been awarded to Emily Cosgrove of North Carolina and Ashton Paisley of Ocala, Florida. In view of the high standards of the applicants, Cecil suggested that, in the future, we award three scholarships of \$3,000; \$2,000 and \$1,000.

Mary Alice Hudson encouraged applicants for Youth of the Year.

Mary Alice Hudson reported on the Region 12 Futurity. Because of the confusion with the new Spotlight Futurity, nominations have been way off this year for Purebreds and Half Arabians. As an example, there were 114 original nominations for purebred halter with 38 eligible to show in 2007 and only 7 entries in the 2007 show. There was discussion on extending the deadline for nominations and Mary Alice moved that the Region 12 Futurity be reopened for nominations and renewals September 1 for 2007 only. There was a second by Mohamed Ghatas and a discussion ensued. The motion was defeated. The information for the Region 12 Futurity will be added to the Region 12 web site.

Dan Regan, Chairman, reported on the Region 12 Spotlight Futurity which included an overview of the program. To date, there were 42 right holders with 55 stallions nominated or sponsored and 110 pregnant mares in the program with a target next year of having 100 stallions in the program and 200 – 250 mares nominated. It was anticipated that over \$50,000 would be raised in the first Stallion Services auction to be held on May 3rd, 2007. Next year's Region 12 Championships show will have the first Futurity classes. The program is fully presented on the Region 12 web site. Frank Galovic pointed out that the Spotlight Futurity Program generated the money to promote the program and no Region 12 general funds were being expended.

Election of Region 12 State Executive Board Members. Candidates were presented and the following individuals were elected without opposition:

Tennessee: Eric Rueter
North Carolina: Alice Martin
South Carolina: Patti Rowe
Florida: John Gersch
Alabama: Debbi Attwood
Mississippi: Mohamed Ghatas

There were two nominations for the member from Georgia; a vote was taken and Nan Harley was voted in as the Board member from Georgia.

Cheryl Van Deusen, Endurance Committee, cited that AHA membership is up by 150 members in Region 12 and she felt this was probably due to the rise in interest in AHA-recognized endurance events.

There was discussion concerning the Region 12 meeting for 2008 and the majority of delegates present were in favor of the Monday before the commencement of the Region 12 Championship Show.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of moving the Region 12 Championship Sport Horse and Dressage divisions to Conyers during the Georgia Arabian Horse Association show. This year (2007) will be a test run for the Working Hunter division.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denni K. Mack
Region 12 Secretary