

**MINUTES OF REGION 12 MEETING AND CAUCUS OF DELEGATES AT THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION HELD IN PIKES PEAK ROOM OF THE DENVER MARIOTT, DENVER, COLORADO, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Director: Cecil A. Butler  
Incoming Director: George Attwood  
Secretary: Denni K. Mack  
Treasurer: Frank Galovic

Following a buffet dinner, the meeting was called to order by Director, Cecil Butler, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Butler recognized and gave thanks to the following Region 12 members for their hard work and contribution of time.

Eric Rueter  
Cheryl Van Deusen  
Grace Greenlee  
Linda and Ben Smith  
Pat Webb  
Denni Mack  
Frank Galovic

Director Butler introduced and recognized the Region 12 incoming Director George Attwood.

Roll call and announcement of credentialed Region 12 voting delegates by Region 12 Secretary, Denni Mack. Roster is attached

Director Butler introduced Tim Farley, son of Walter Farley, author of the Black Stallion series, who spoke concerning the Black Stallion Literacy Foundation and Project. Mr. Farley gave an overview and discussed the extent of the far-reaching goals of the Project.

It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous vote that we dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the May, 2008 meeting in Perry, Georgia as those Minutes had been circulated and approved by the majority of the Region 12 membership via email. Grace Greenlee had one correction in that she was referred to as Chairperson of the Region 12 Sport Horse Committee in the Minutes and she indicated she was not the Chairperson.

**REGION 12 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Region 12 Treasurer, Frank Galovic, submitted a written report with his comments and clarifications. (Written report attached.)

There was discussion concerning the \$6,000 in scholarships awarded to youth in Region 12. Linda Smith suggested that a separate account be opened for Youth Jamboree so that there could be a better accounting of funds received and spent for that activity. Grace Greenlee gave an overview and history of Margaret Shuey and how Region 12 became the benefactor of the funds in the Margaret Shuey Foundation.

Frank Galovic suggested that Region 12 actively raise money to keep the Margaret Shuey funds growing and enable Region 12 to give scholarships from this fund. Cheryl Van Deusen made a motion that Director George Attwood set up a task force to study how best to raise money to contribute to the Margaret Shuey account. Seconded by CA Butler and passed unanimously.

### **REGION 12 COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Grace Greenlee from the Sport Horse National Commission reported that the Sport Horse Nationals would take place in Lexington, Kentucky, September 22 through the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. They expect between 700 and 800 horses. Classes have been added and the show expanded an additional day. There will be two sets of judges.

Pat Webb from the National Show Commission reported that, in Tulsa, the working western classes were way up in 2008. There were 92 goes in cutting and over 100 in working cow. And there will be additions for the US National Show in 2009.

Mike Stewart, also from the National Show Commission, complimented the staff and personnel in Tulsa saying that they were wonderful to work with. There were kinks that had to be worked out in a new venue, but, all in all, the show went very well.

The Region 12 Show report was given by Mike Stewart stating that we were down 100 horses in 2008 accounting for less profit. The magic number to show a substantial profit is 700 horses. Mike asked for suggestions from the delegates for judges for our 2009 Region 13 show as he will be endeavoring to get them hired and firmed up as soon as possible.

Grace Greenlee reported that the payout for Sweepstakes points for 2008 would be between \$18 to \$20 a point. Also, the new classes funded are Dressage, Level 2, Test 4, and the 100 mile National Champion Endurance Ride.

Mary Alice Hudson discussed the 2008 Youth Jamboree held in Clemson, SC. The Jamboree was extremely successful with contributions of time and sponsorships from Region 12 members. There were 57 horses and 204 entries. A special thanks to Mary Alice Hudson, John Gersch and Linda Roberts for their dedication, time and effort put forth for the success of the Youth Jamboree. (Financial statement attached.)

Director Butler announced Region 12 members serving on National Show Commissions.

Eric Rueter – National Distance Commission

Mike Stewart – National Show Commission

Pat Webb – National Show Commission

Grace Greenlee – National Sport Horse Commission

Dan Regan reported that the Region 12 Spotlight Futurity Committee, as of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, became a Florida corporation and will hereby be known as Region 12 Spotlight Stallion Futurity Incorporated. The Bylaws call for a five-member Board and within 90 days of this meeting (November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008), there will be an election for three (3) members to the Board from those that are Rightholders. Two more Directors will be appointed by the current Region 12 Director. The terms of the five Directors shall be staggered as explained in the Bylaws (attached). The

five (5) Directors will then meet and elect a President and Vice President. The Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by mutual consent of the voting members of the Board.

Pursuant to that explanation, Dan made the following motion: "I move that Region 12 go forward with the Spotlight Corporation in the plan for a five-person Board of Directors for the Region 12 Spotlight Stallion Futurity Corporation with two of the Directors appointed by the Regional Director and three Directors elected by the rightholders of the Spotlight Corporation."

Frank Galovic offered a friendly amendment stating that the Spotlight Corporation become a 501(c) 5 not for profit corporation. Dan Regan withdrew his earlier motion in order to incorporate the friendly amendment and he then made the following motion:

"I move that Region 12 go forward with the Spotlight Corporation in the plan for a five person Board of Directors for The Region 12 Spotlight Stallion Futurity Corporation with two of the Directors appointed by the Regional Director and three Directors elected by the rightholders of the Spotlight Corporation; that following approval from the IRS for the Spotlight Corporation to become a 501(c) 5 not for profit corporation, Region 12 transfer the Spotlight Fund it now holds to Region 12 Spotlight Stallion Futurity Incorporated." Motion was seconded by Ed Horton and passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Butler, along with Janet Searls, explained the offer by Jim Sullivan of the Modern Arabian Horse magazine to publish the Region 12 Directory previously published by the Arabian Horse Times. There was a lengthy discussion during which the benefits of this arrangement were brought forth which included most importantly no cost to Region 12; unlimited email blasts concerning Region 12 activities such as Spotlight Futurity, Youth Jamboree, shows and endurance rides; and distribution to all members (36,000) of AHA. CA Butler informed the delegates that members of the Executive Committee, which included CA Butler, George Attwood, Debbie Attwood, Mohamed Ghatas, Denni Mack, and John Gersch (by telephone) had met at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Caucus, discussed the Modern Arabian Horse proposal and had voted to accept it. CA Butler moved to accept the proposal from the Modern Arabian Horse to publish the Region 12 Directory and Spotlight Futurity brochure and handle the Region 12 communications via email blasts. This would be for two years. Motion seconded by George Attwood. Motion passed with Frank Galovic abstaining because of his office with Arabian Horse Association.

It was decided that our next meeting would be Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia.

There was a brief discussion surrounding the AHA candidates for election.

After a brief discussion of Resolution #37, National Show Judging Rotation & Assignments, a straw vote was taken and this resolution failed. It was later withdrawn from consideration on the convention floor.

In light of the zero budget in AHA for Youth Activities, Mary Alice Hudson asked for support from Region 12 for the AHA Youth.

There was discussion concerning the locations for upcoming conventions. Region 12 had set aside \$30,000 in case we wanted to bid for a future convention. Given the fact that the 2010 convention would be non-hosted and one of two sites under consideration is Orlando, Florida, a motion was made to negotiate a donation up to \$8,000 to a non-hosted convention in Orlando. It was seconded by Ann Stover and passed.

CA Butler brought up the subject of Region 12 donating to the Arabian Horse Foundation. He reported that, since its inception, it had given 52 scholarships and donated \$15,000 to rehoming neglected and abused horses in our Region. The decision to donate from Region 12 was tabled until the financial results of our 2009 Region 12 show are complete.

Incoming Director George Attwood spoke to the delegates and expressed his concern that Region 12 stay financially viable and that activities submit budgets 60 days prior to an event. And there would be strict accounting with receipts and purchase orders.

Mr. Attwood presented outgoing Director CA Butler with a beautiful pair of cufflinks bearing the Region 12 logo and expressed gratitude to CA for all he has done for Region 12 in the two years as our Director.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Denni Mack.

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This 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.