

MINUTES OF REGION 12 MEETING AND CAUCUS OF DELEGATES AT THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION HELD IN SILVER BARON E ROOM OF THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL, RENO, NEVADA, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2009, AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Director: George Attwood
Secretary: Denni K. Mack
Treasurer: Frank Galovic

Following a buffet dinner, the meeting was called to order by Director George Attwood at 7:30 p.m.

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

It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous vote that we dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the May, 2009 meeting in Perry, Georgia as those Minutes had been circulated and approved by the majority of the Region 12 membership via email.

Director Attwood explained the concept and reasoning behind the need for a Rainy Day Fund which was brought forth and discussed at the Executive Committee meeting held on July 25, 2009. Frank Galovic moved that the \$25,000 remaining in the Convention Fund after the \$5,000 designated for the 2010 AHA Convention was disbursed be set aside as the Region 12 Rainy Day Fund. These funds would be released as needed by a majority vote of the Region 12 delegates. Motion was seconded by Sarah Hendricks and passed.

There was a motion by Ben Smith that a Region 12 audit be performed. Janet Searls suggested that we find out the cost of such an audit. After discussion, Ed Horton moved to table the motion and ask for bids from qualified CPA's in Region 12. Ben Smith amended his motion to have a final vote on a Region 12 audit at our May meeting in Perry after finding out the cost. George Attwood appointed Frank Galovic and Dan Regan to bring that information and present it to the delegates at the May meeting.

REGION 12 TREASURER'S REPORT

Region 12 Treasurer, Frank Galovic, submitted a written report with his comments and clarifications. (Report attached hereto.) The Treasurer's Report was approved by motion, second and unanimous vote.

Denni Mack informed the delegates of the project to retrieve Region 12 historical material being held and stored in several locations: with Eric Wolfe, Tony Shubert, and perhaps Pat Meier. Lynn Glover has volunteered to scan the written documents onto CD/DVD so that these materials will be preserved. The gathering of these documents is in progress.

Bill Fairchild informed the delegates of the discussion that took place at the July 25 joint meeting of the Region 12 Show Commission and the Region 12 Executive Committee concerning the

manner in which Region 12 would honor the memory of Dr. Mike Stewart. There will be a Memorial/Perpetual Trophy, a bronze provided by Bill and Corky Fairchild at their cost, and given to the winner of the Open Half-Arabian or Purebred English Class. The final decision and details were left up to the Show Commission.

REGION 12 SPOTLIGHT FUTURITY

Frank Chisholm, Chairman of the Spotlight Futurity, reported that the 2009 Spotlight Stallion auction raised \$116,200. There were 180 nominated mares in 2007 and 159 nominated mares in 2008. There will be a \$105,000 payout in 2010 including for the first classes for foals resulting from the initial stallion service auction. Janet Searls added that there were 23 mares nominated for the 2010 auction classes.

Director Attwood reminded club presidents that he could supply a list of AHA members in Region 12 that do not belong to a local club and encouraged contact with these people.

Janet Searls informed the delegates that, since the Modern Arabian Horse needed to back out of their commitment to publish our prize list, directory and Spotlight information, this activity went out for bids to the Arabian Horse World and the Arabian Times. The Times was low bidder and has taken over these commitments.

Grace Greenlee reported on Breeders Sweepstakes and noted that given the fact that breeding entries are somewhat tied to the number of registrations, even though the number of new registrations has continued to decline, the percentage of those with breeding entry nominations is actually up. Of the two million dollars plus in Sweepstakes funds, \$53% is allocated to the points program and \$47% to the Sweepstakes classes. There is a 2% hold back on the total for 'insurance' fund purposes.

There was a general discussion on how to involve our youth. It was suggested by Grace Greenlee that we investigate the possibility of a Region 12 on-line youth club which could involve all sorts of virtual horse activities.

Frank Chisholm brought up the existence of the book, *The Sky's The Limit*, which gives information on building club membership. The TAIL program was also discussed and Frank Galovic suggested this be done for either the Region 12 show or the Youth Jamboree.

REGION 12 COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Endurance/Distance – Eric Rueter, Chairman, gave an overview of the distance ride activity in Region 12. Region 12 was the only region to sponsor their own Regional Championship Ride and boasted the largest number of participants.

Youth Jamboree – Mary Alice Hudson reported on the Youth Jamboree. The 2010 Jamboree will be held again at Garrison Arena in Clemson, South Carolina. The dates are Tuesday through Saturday, June 15 through 19, 2010. At the request of many of the parents, this leaves Sunday as a travel home day. The clinicians are: Cyndi Gall, Robin Ginn (Dressage/Sport Horse); Carolyn Hansen (Hunter O/F); Katy Flattich (Hunter Pleasure/Western/Saddle Seat); Jane Garrison (Hunter Pleasure/Western). The judges are Pat Partridge and Elaine Sweet. John

Gersch is the steward. The dressage judge had not been secured as of the date of the Caucus. Mary Alice stressed the need for sponsorships, both individually and from the Region 12 clubs.

Show Commission – In the absence of Nan Harley, Region 12 Show Chairman, Sarah Hendricks reported that the Commission has two new members this year; Marla Flynn and Kathy Hedgepeth. To accommodate the additional Spotlight Futurity classes and the new AATR classes in Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure and County English Pleasure, it was necessary to add a day to the show. It will begin on Monday, May 3rd. The judges for main ring have been hired and are Bill Melendez, Jeff Tracey and Scott Brumfield. The dressage judge is Fran Dearing and the Sport Horse judge is Sandy Chohaney. Dorothy Trapp is the Steward and Bob Cooper is the Technical Delegate.

Due to the passing of Mike Stewart, Region 12 has been without a Vice Director. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided by a vote that, in order to give more delegates an opportunity to vote, the election would be by mail and was to be handled by a non-interested party at the direction of Dan Regan.

Director Attwood moved that we keep the current members of the Nominating Committee. The motion passed and the members are: Frank Galovic, Chairman; Nan Harley, John Gersch, Audrey Ghatas, Lynn Glover, and Ben Smith as alternate. This committee will name candidates for Director and Vice Director to be voted on at the May, 2010 meeting.

There was a consensus that the Region 12 By-Laws contained ambiguities and contradictions and needed to be studied and revised. George has appointed Nan Harley and Frank Galovic to conduct this study.

Director Attwood announced the co-chairs for the 2010 AHA Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida, Michelle Watson and Cliff McCurdy. And they would be aided by Kim Beaudry. The Convention site is the Buena Vista Plaza Hotel and Spa which is located across from Disney.

Only one resolution was discussed, that of awarding a full Top Ten at US Nationals which subsequently passed at Convention.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 3rd, in the Sales Barn at Perry, Georgia.

The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denni K Mack
Region 12 Secretary