



Region 6 News



APRIL 2011

Report from your director

Hello everyone.

Spring has come, but for many who live in Region 6 it still seems like winter.

Horse show time is just around the corner and I would like to remind all of you that our Region 6 show needs your support in any way possible. We could use your help at the show and if you could sponsor a class or two that would certainly be appreciated. Remember, every club in this region benefits from the success of our regional show.

The AHA board meeting was held on April 8-9 and I will share with you some of the motions that were presented and voted on during those two days. First, many of you already know that our contract with Regina for Canadian Nationals was not renewed. The Canadian Show Commission moved that we move to Brandon, Manitoba. After the presentation of the facility and the desire of the community for us to come there, the board voted to hold the show in that new location. It is important to hold the show from a financial aspect and this may prove to be a good location for the future.

The Futurity Commission reported that the Country English Pleasure AAOTR Performance Maturity classes be changed to 5- and 6-year-old Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian performance horses. The 4-year-old horses that showed in

2010 will be allowed to show as either a 5-year-old or 6-year-old and may not show more than two times in these classes. This is effective Jan. 1, 2012.

The National Events Operating Procedures will develop a guideline manual for all events. Additions to the already existing rules will be: 1. A hospitality coordinator. 2. Update of distance ride fees for ride steward, ride manager and veterinarian. 3. New wording of the dog rule on showgrounds. 4. New wording regarding Top Ten plaques for champion and reserve at all national shows.

There will be a new committee added: Breeding /In Hand Committee. Initial chair and members will be appointed by the president and be in place by the 2011 AHA Convention.

For regional and national shows: Addition of English Pleasure AATR and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian English Pleasure AATR to the regional/national class list. Points to be as follows: Nationals 5, Regionals 2. This is effective immediately. Hunter Hack Jr. Horse is added to the regional and national class list. For this year, these classes require no qualifications. This class is offered at Sport Horse Nationals. Reining Jr. Horse classes also were added. Point are: Arabian Jr. Horse: Nationals 2 points or 2 scores of 68 or better; Regionals 1 point or 1 score of 68 or better. Half-Arab/Anglo-Arab are the same qualifications.

A long discussion was held with regard to the Regional Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee report. As some of you remember, an open session was held at the 2010 Convention with the data and status presented. A great deal of discussion was held, with some regions and clubs being highly opposed to the recommendations presented by the committee. At that time, delegates were told the BOD would vote on the committee's recommendations at the April meeting. A motion was made to approve the committee's recommendations. The motion failed. A majority of the regions did not want to make a change. Ensuing discussion indicated some regions felt that further study of the committee's recommendations was warranted and a resolution establishing ways to implement the recommendations should be brought forward. A motion was made that the ad hoc committee continue looking at regional boundaries and be prepared to bring the issue to the 2014 Convention. That motion passed.

A motion was made by one of the directors to reverse the AHA Board of Directors' position regarding the re-establishment of equine slaughter facilities in the U.S. This motion was defeated, with only one director voting to reverse the original vote.

Vice President Dale Harvill reported that work is being done on a strategic plan for the Association. To move forward with this huge task, a strategic planning questionnaire was given to each director. You are encouraged to fill out one of these if you would like to do so. They can be obtained by emailing dnharvill@aol.com or terryandresen@hotmail.com

A report from the Distance Riding Committee found that a poll was taken by the committee on whether the National Championship Endurance Ride and the National Championship Competitive Trail Ride should be held separately. The vote was 14 in favor of them being separate and 2 voted no. The committee was polled as to whether the National Championship Endurance Ride should be held in conjunction with the National Championship AERC ride. Vote was 12 yes and 4 no. Polled the committee on if held separately should the National Championship CTR be rotated around the U.S. and Canada, giving CTR governing bodies a prearranged rotating schedule. Vote was 14 yes and 2 no. Polled the committee on the need for a National Distance Commission: 8 yes and 8 no. These results were given to the committee. The National CTR ride is still to be held together with the Endurance Ride despite the committee's overwhelming recommendation and willingness of a sanctioned group to host the ride.

Heads up! The Equine Stress Committee included in its report that the shoeing/pad committee is in fact in a gathering mode and future recommendations for changes will be forthcoming at the Convention this year in the form of a resolution. Sounds like maybe we will be having a shoeing change?

The HRH project is still being monitored. We were given a preview of what this computer system will be able to do. Many of the directors wonder when this will end and we will be on the new system. Well over \$1.5 million has been spent. I certainly feel this is the number one cause of our association being in the financial state it is in. We all wonder when will it end.

As it was decided not to hold the only Region 6 meeting other than the Convention at the Region 6 show, I will be holding one at the MAHA Show in May and at the Minn-

A-Kota Show in July. During the Region 6 show I will be available with a report for anyone attending to have a copy and ask questions or make recommendations.

Happy Trails and I look forward to seeing some of you soon.

Here are the latest membership and registration numbers:

Memberships as of March 31, 2010 March 31, 2011

All types 31,343 28,761

Competition only 15,871 14,932

Youth 3,392 3,044

Registrations as of March 31, 2010 March 31, 2011

Purebred 1,222 1,039

Half-Arabian/AA 483 250

INHERENT RISK LAW

Are you aware that every state with the exception of New York, Nevada, Maryland, and California has some form of Inherent Risk Law? Marlene Kriegbaum of Region 16 brought this to the attention of the BOD during the April Board Meeting. She asked for a letter from AHA to the State Legislature of N.Y. supporting the law to be passed in the best interest of the equine industry. States not covered under this IRL put horse owners, clubs and associations with lack of protection, which could pose serious problems of litigation, should accidents occur. If you are interested in how your EALA law is written in your state (all states are not written the same) go to <http://www.animallawinfo/article/dduseala.htm#11>. On the top of the page you will see a link that takes you to a map – click on a state and it brings up the state statute in full. It is in your best interest to post a sign as a reminder that your farm or stable is protected by law. It certainly will not keep someone from bringing a lawsuit against you, but this states the risk factor in dealing with equines and it might just help you win your case. In the last three states I have lived in I was able to purchase signs from the state to be posted on the property. If you have questions or would like to find out more, I am sure Marilyn would be happy to talk to you. Her email address is mkriegbaum@roadrunner.com All states in Region 6 are covered by this law.