

MINUTES – Region 6 Delegates Caucus 11-17-2011, at 2011 Convention,  
Vancouver, BC

The meeting was called to order by Cecile Hetzel-Dunn, Region 6 Director.

The Delegates present for each club were as follows:

North Dakota AHA–	Lonnie Arp
Southern Montana AHA –	Cheri Clark
Trail Creww –	Claude Clark
Wyoming AHA –	Carlton Huitt
Tri Arabian Club –	Liz Dagnall
Minn-I-Kota –	Greg Stoffel
Montana AHA –	Joan Rozeboom and Sarah Coker
Nebraska AHA –	Jim Carr and Julie Koch
South Dakota AHA –	Keith McGuire

Additional persons in attendance were Cecile Hetzel-Dunn – Director; Myron Krause – Past AHA President; Deb McGuire- Past Director; Steve Hugus – Alternate; Linda Harrison – Alternate; Dorothe Fisher – Alternate; Laura Lee Anderson – Reg 6 Secretary and Alternate; and Malea, guest of Steve.

Cecile gave as background that membership statistics for AHA would be available to us at General Session II, but generally all membership categories have declined except Life memberships. Probably the biggest downfall is that AHA decided to allow direct memberships so that people do not have to pay club dues to belong to AHA. Cecile believes it will eventually be the demise of the club system.

The Treasurer's report was already given as incorporated in the Minutes of the Show Commission meeting which was held immediately prior to this meeting (and is by this reference incorporated herein). Cecile reported that our Treasurer Susan Haden has resigned for personal reasons and so will not finish out her two-year term. Greg Stoffel has agreed to take over the job of Treasurer and finish out the term through 2012, and we are all grateful for his generosity of time and expertise in doing so. Regarding the Grants approved for 2011, Cecile reported that some clubs did not apply for the \$250.00 grant and reminded the Delegates that the 2011 Grant does not carry over. Probably more grants would have been applied for if it had been made clear that the event just needed to promote the Arabian horse rather than having to be an AHA sanctioned event.

The Reports of the local clubs and events were given:

*Fort Robinson Ride:* By Claude Clark: Management of the site has decided not to give us the same package price as in past years. So if we take over more responsibility for the facilities and meals, it will cost a little more and take more personnel. Claude reviewed the details. We'll try to keep the prices the same, and do have to consider the liability which goes along with donated food. This group's consensus was 50/50 as to who would like this new format. Pictures of 2010 are on-line and Bruce Bates did a clinic. There

was golfing, swimming, guided tours of historic old Fort Robinson. We need to commit to the dates of September 12 thru 15, 2012 by early December 2011.

*Minn-I-Kota:* By Greg Stoffel: Minn-I-Kota did not have a Class A show in 2011 but did have 80 horses per day at two community shows. The shows were profitable and the club supported 3 judging teams that went to World. The club supported 4-H. For 2012, they are looking at having a 1-day Class A show, working with multiple facilities and concurrent judges. Lastly, Greg's daughter Nikki, who is our former Reg 6 Treasurer, just had another baby. Congratulations!

*Tri-Arabian Club:* By Liz Dagnall: Tri-Arabian put on two AERC sanctioned endurance rides, the "Barebones Ride" and the "Pioneer Cabin Ride" as well as an AHA sanctioned two-day dressage show. Their club has interest in hosting a Region 6 Competitive Trail ride and at least one and maybe two dressage schooling shows in 2012. Cecile made the observation that at the World Young Riders Competition in Kentucky, the largest event was Endurance, which shows the great interest in that specific spot.

*North Dakota AHA:* By Lonnie Arp: The North Dakota club put on an endurance ride which offered 50-mile, 30-mile and AHA-75 mile. Also there was a 20-mile course and a 5-mile course for beginners. There were 70 riders and the event lost only \$100.00 which was very good. It appears advisable to appeal to all phases of recreational riding because the trends are in that direction and will be a way to appeal to other breeds as well as Arabian.

*Wyoming AHA:* By Steve Hugus: The Wyoming club did not have a Class A show but did have one community ride and two fun rides. Steve was not able to do his fun ride in 2011. He commented that Wyoming does not have many Youth participants.

*Southern Montana AHA:* By Cheri Clark: The club put on two shows in 2011, one in Townsend, MT, in April and the other in Bozeman, MT, in September.

*Montana AHA:* By Laura Lee Anderson: The class A show usually held by MAHA Memorial Day weekend was shaping up in 2011 to be a larger show with more Arabians and then had to be cancelled because of the EHV situation. Laura stated that MAHA found out that sometimes it is harder to cancel a show than to put it on. However, the local facility and motel were very considerate in not charging for our reservations and many of our sponsors left their contributions in with the club to help out. Now: looking forward to 2012.

*Nebraska AHA:* By Jim Carr: The Nebraska Class A show in May had 155 horses and for Reining had 55 goes. In August they held two 1-day shows which were profitable but were a disappointing turnout as to number of horses. The Club's awards banquet was held in the Fall.

*Region 6 Trail Creww:* By Claude Clark: The South Dakota gals did two trail rides this summer. The Montana crowd had no ride. Everyone was too busy and the mountains

were too wet. Claude stated that the club will help anyone do a recreational ride for any club.

*Youth Report:* By Joan Rozeboom: Joan stated that she has just recently taken the Youth Director position and now is setting up what she needs to do. She will establish methods to keep the youth of our Region unified, in communication and prepared for Youth involvement in events. The group suggested individuals who could give Joan good help in getting the Youth program well started.

Regarding review of our corporate by-laws, Cecile appointed the following committee to prepare a review of our Region 6 corporate by-laws in order to present possible updates and modifications to the delegates for their consideration: Deb McGuire, Greg Stoffel, Laura Lee Anderson, Julie Koch, and Sarah Coker.

As to election of Region 6 officers who will take office at the end of the 2012 Convention, Cecile announced that the election would take place in 2012 and cautioned the delegates that we must be diligent to make sure that the information from the nominating committee is delivered to everyone and the elections take place timely by mail or electronically.

As old business, Julie Koch announced that she continues to seek contributions from all of us for the Region 6 website and Facebook. Julie states that she is making every effort to network so as to get as much interesting information as possible to put on. Cecile commented on how much better our website is now that before. The fees now are paid on time, and Cecile complimented Julie on how she has put in her own skills and resources to develop our Region 6 website.

As new business, Julie Koch suggested we consider bonding our Region 6 Treasurer and anyone else who writes checks on Region 6 bank accounts. Both she and Deb McGuire had obtained quotes from bonding companies and it looks to be in the \$250 to \$500 range and so is affordable. Keith McGuire moved and Joan Rozeboom seconded that we bond officers, our director and any show manager or secretary that signs checks. The motion passed unanimously.

As new business, the motion by Carlton Huitt which was referred to the delegates after a tie vote in the Show Commission meeting was raised in this delegates meeting. The motion was that the 2012 show be held in Rapid City since we have a contractual obligation there. Liz Dagnall had seconded. As part of the discussion here in the delegates meeting, which reiterated the details covered in the Show Commission meeting, Cheri Clark made a statement to the delegates that it can be anticipated that the 2012 show is going to be difficult because of the conflict in scheduling with the Region 4 show in Boise, ID, and Cheri reported added information not brought up earlier in the Show meeting that the Rapid City facility had offered to allow Region 6 to not fulfill our contract with their facility for a payment of approximately \$1800 per year. Cheri stated she felt she had too much emotional involvement as the show manager and so she would abstain from this vote. She maintained that decision to abstain over objections that she

was leaving the club for which she is a delegate without a representative in the vote. The written vote then was taken, which resulted in a tie vote of 5 for holding the show in Rapid City for 2012 and 5 for not holding the show in Rapid City in 2012. Since there was a tie, Cecile as the director broke the tie and voted to not hold the show in Rapid City in 2012.

Cheri then proposed that we make a decision to come back to Rapid City for the show in 2013 and there was some discussion as to whether we can keep the contract with Rapid City for 2013 and how much difficulty there is on show management in moving the show location each year. This discussion included a review of the dates that are available for our show at three locations of Gillette, WY, and Douglas, WY, and Rapid City.

Keith McGuire moved and Lonnie Arp seconded that the 2012 show be held in Lincoln, NB June 18-24<sup>th</sup>. The motion failed 6 to 5.

Additional discussion then was had on the other facilities as well as how to address the question of sweepstakes if we had two shows, and also whether to offer grants by Region 6 to clubs to assist in putting on events to promote Arabian horses. Greg Stoffel moved that we offer a grant in 2012 in the amount of \$350.00 per club and that the criteria to qualify for the grant be that the event promote the Arabian horse. Deb McGuire seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding a location for the 2012 show, after a great deal of discussion which included the characteristics of the facilities at Douglas and Gillette, the report that Billings is not a possibility for a few more years because of lack of an adequate facility, to what each location reasonably could expect to draw sufficient numbers of horses, the reality that the delegates must make a decision on 2012 show location by the end of this convention in order to get the show preparations started, Liz Dagnall then moved that the 2012 show be held in Douglas, WY July 12-15<sup>th</sup> and Carlton Huitt seconded. The motion failed 7 no and 4 yes.

Sarah Coker suggested and then moved that the show be held in Lincoln, NB in 2012 and then back to a central location in 2013 which would decide the location of the show for the next two years. Joan Rozeboom seconded, and the motion passed 9 yes and 2 no. Cecile as director then complimented the delegates for working together to come to this resolution of the show location. As a last point regarding show management, Cecile cautioned generally that we need to be careful that our show steward's written reports contain necessary details on issues that come up at the show such as injuries of horses or persons on the show grounds.

As the last business of the delegates meeting, Cecile reviewed the resolutions before the convention. The meeting was adjourned and Cecile announced that there would be an additional Show Commission meeting on Friday, November 18, 2011, at lunch time.

Laura Lee Anderson  
Region 6 Secretary