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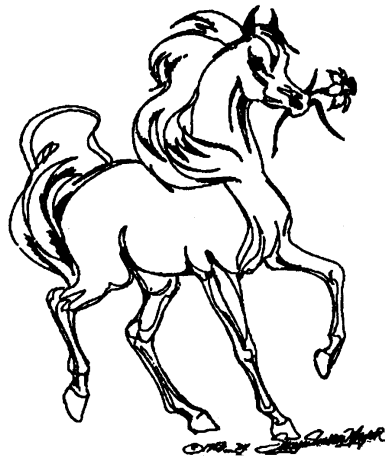
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Out with Old! In with the New!

Another year has ended. 2009 brought some tough times but, even with the hardships that many experienced we can now look to the days and months of 2010 to bring good health, prosperity, and peace to all of us. Let us hope that we will all have that good fortune. May each of you have had a wonderful Holiday Season.

I begin this year with the anticipation that our Region will come together for the betterment of all our members as well as for the Arabian, Half Arabian, and Anglo Arabian horses that are in this Region. May all our efforts with events, shows, pleasure rides, distant rides, club activities, and individual activities be successful.

Cecile Hetzel Dunn

Attention All Region 6 Clubs

If you have club members who would like to have a paper copy of the newsletter, please send me their name and address and they will receive a copy.

Region 6 Minutes

2009 AHA Convention--Region 6 Caucus Meeting (November 19, 2009)

Caucus Attendees: Cecile Dunn, Cheri Clark, Marjorie Pope, Laura Lee Anderson, Lonnie Arp, Mary Bowden, Claude Clark, Dorothe Fisher, Jean Fredrich, Larry Fredrich, Linda Harrison, Steve Hugus, Myron Krause, Deb McGuire, Danielle Schmidt, Kymry Schmidt, Greg Stoffel, Val Stoffel, Brenda Wahler

Cecile Dunn, Region 6 Director, called the annual convention meeting of the Region 6 delegates, alternates, and guests to order on November 19, 2009 at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada at 7:20 pm. Cecile welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a productive convention experience. She went on to say that in today's economy with its many challenges, the key to future horse shows is the enjoyment and fun of the show itself, not just the showing and winning which has been the emphasis in the past.

Minutes of the June Region 6 meeting held in Rapid City, along with the agenda of the current meeting and a print-out of the YTD Regional show financials were handed out to all those present for their review. A correction to the June minutes was to add Sheila Rohne to the list of attendees as she had given a report on the activities of the Minn-I-Kota AHA at the meeting. Cheri Clark handed out a report of the total cash donations that were received by Region 6 for the show, that total being \$11,916. It was then moved and seconded to accept the amended minutes.

Under old business, Cecile brought up the proposed change to the by-laws to elect the regional officers in the same year as they actually take their offices rather than a year in advance, as it now stands. The proposal called for the election to be held between September 1st and 30 days before the actual convention. Deb McGuire suggested holding this election during the regional show in June as so many of our members are present as volunteers at this show. Myron Krause reminded the members that the advantage of electing officers one year in advance allowed them the opportunity to attend an AHA board meeting prior to actually taking their office "just to get their feet wet". Laura Lee Anderson reported that in the nominating committee's efforts to find nominees for the offices, it was found that many are not willing to commit themselves to an office so far in advance due to unforeseen complications that might arise in the interim.

Laura Lee then presented a written amendment to the by-laws regarding the election of officers. She had done much research on this issue and how the South Dakota laws might affect its adoption. After reviewing the proposed amendment, and considering that the AHA board had all ready approved being able to vote electronically (i.e., on-line, etc.), and after discussion pertaining to same, the proposed amendment was amended to include voting electronically as another alternative to an actual physical meeting for the elections. It was noted that this amendment would not be changing any section numbers in the by-laws. Laura Lee then called for the question. The motion was passed unanimously as amended.

The treasurer's report was then given by Greg Stoffel in the absence of the actual treasurer, his daughter Nikkl who was unable to attend the meeting. He reported that the cash donations of \$11,916 had been included in the final show income total of \$83,041.04., as had the in-kind donations totaling \$3,050 from various regional members. Members reviewed the financial statement prepared by Cheri and Greg. It showed an actual show profit of \$2,768.94.

The Regional Show final report was then given by Cheri. She indicated that the final amounts were the same as what she had originally estimated. Dorothe Fisher reported that the demographics of where the various horses that were shown came from included horses from 19 states and 2 provinces (Canada) with the horses coming the farthest distance being from Texas. Cecile then reported to the attendees that Dorothe had gone "the extra mile" by personally hand writing and sending out "thank yous" to each and every exhibitor who had shown at the Region 6 show. Furthermore, Dorothe also paid the postage for these personal notes herself! Cecile and everyone else thanked Dorothe for her efforts and consideration in this endeavor.

Kymry Schmidt then gave the youth report. She had been told that AYHA had 500 new youth members this year and she thanked everyone who had brought Silent Auction items for the youth auction fundraiser at the convention. Cecile reported that of all the national events of AHA this year, the Youth Nationals was the only event that had exceeded the expectations set for the respective events. She proudly went on to report that the youth of Region 6 had been especially successful at this event:

- 1) Chandler Hiser of the Wyoming AHA won Reserve Champion in the junior Reining at Youth Nationals
- 2) Allison Cederberg, a 13 year old MAHA youth competitor, won 6 national championships with her various purebred and half arábians
- 3) Kelsey and Kristen Kimbler of the SDAHA have been very successful and active in competitive and endurance riding events. (Note: I apologize that I was not able to catch the particulars of these girls' successes during the meeting--Marjorie). It was noted that Kelsy is our current regional youth representative.
- 4) The Minn-E-Kota club had 3 teams in the Youth Tournament Competition at Nationals.
- 5) The Wyoming AHA youth judging team was again successful in the horse judging contest at Nationals. They placed 1st in halter, performance, and Overall as a team, and second in reasons in the 4-H division. Ruth Uptain was the high point winner overall and will have the privilege of attending the Arabian horse judging school. Keylee Saylor was third overall individual with teammate McKensie Harris placing seventh overall.

Claude Clark then gave the Competitive/Distance riding report. They had a successful ride October 2-4 at Custer State Park in South Dakota with 15 riders participating. Next year he would like to do a combined event and would also like to make rides available in all areas of the region. If any regional club would like to do a ride, it can be posted on the website so that other people can also take part. Claude can be contacted to help put any ride together. This year the national ride at Stillwater, Oklahoma was very well-received and everyone seemed quite excited to have the riders presented Saturday night in Center Ring at Nationals in Tulsa.

Club Reports: Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota--Deb McGuire read a letter written by Van Jacobson in which he reported that by moving the regional show to Rapid City, they were forced to cancel their own shows. Because of this result, their club is requesting to join Region 10 as they do not feel they can continue to be successful in Region 6.

Minn-E-Kota--They had a very successful ACS double show for which Cecile Dunn judged on the Sunday of the show. There were 50 stalled horses from which there were 80 entries the first day and 50 the next day. They had lots of "first-timers" ranging in ages from 4 to 65 years. This was followed on Monday by a clinic given by Cecile. The funds generated from this ACS show were used to support their youth programs and activities. The fees charged were \$5 per class or \$25 for both days.

Montana AHA--Danielle Schmidt reported they had a very successful 2009 show. They had a very successful open show combined with their regular Arabian show. Given the current challenges faced by the horse industry, they have deduced that this is the only way for a club such as theirs to survive. Drawings for prizes were held throughout the show. Danielle announced that their 2010 show will be both a Region 6 and Region 8 qualifier and will be held on their traditional Memorial Day weekend, the same date as the Denver show. MAHA also held a successful membership drive which was celebrated by an Oktoberfest-type party complete with dark beer and german sausages!

North Dakota AHA--Jean Fredrich reported it had been a difficult year for their club with their planned trail rides having been rained out and the future of their "Double-the-Fun" show presently "up in the air".

South Dakota AHA--Mary Bowden reported that she currently had 16 teams doing the Hippology Contest with most of the teams coming from 4-H clubs. The East River/West River Futurity Show had only 15 horses entered this year with all horses being owned by only 2 people! The show was held the first weekend of September. The club also helped sponsor the Horsin' Around Club show held by an enthusiastic group of people in the Rapid City area.

Southern Montana AHA--Cheri Clark reported that they had two barn parties this year during which they were able to look at everyone's new foals. They also produced two successful open shows.

Tri-Arabian AHA--Brenda Wahler reported that there really does not seem to be a show presence in her area and that members are more interested in trail, endurance and distance riding. Breeders are not breeding much and therefore, not showing much. There seems to be a "blurring" between Region 5 and Region 6 members. They have not only lost their schooling show, but also their big open show (it "died" this year, she said). Endurance rides seem to be the "big push" right now, though she admitted they still have a lot to learn about putting on these rides. They have had quite a few "informal" rides, however. In short, she described her area as being a "community of flux" right now.

Wyoming AHA--Marjorie Pope and Steve Hugus reported that they are in a "down time" right now. With most of their previously-active youth aging out and going to college, most of the adult membership is not active. Outside of the two ACS shows the club puts on, the next biggest activity involves volunteering for the equestrian division of the Special Olympics of Wyoming. Cleo Waters acts as the show manager with other WAHA volunteers helping with the announcing, judging, gates, ring steward responsibilities, etc. Steve Hugus reported on the streamlining of the registration process he uses for the ACS show he has put on at his place since the inception of the ACS concept. Basically, it involves "self-registration" where entries are written and entered by the exhibitors themselves. There were many questions asked by the attendees on how to duplicate this process at their own ACS shows.

CREWW (Competitive Reining, Endurance, Working Western) AHA--Claude Clark reported on this newly-formed club organized in the western part of Montana. Though they all ready have a membership of 17, Claude says they are a "face book club" of over 40 members! He has helped the Horsin' Around Club of Rapid City put on a Class B show this past year. He said he would be available to help any club that would like to sponsor or put on a Competitive/Endurance ride in their area. All that is needed is a campground and open spaces (like a BLM area) to ride.

It was announced that the Nebraska AHA will be joining Region 6 due to some discord with the rest of Region 8. They presently have 85 members. It was noted that they "were happy to come to Rapid City" and its regional show. They will also be holding a Region 6 qualifier show. Discussion then ensued regarding the boundaries of the present regions becoming "blurred" as other clubs are also moving to different regions. Cecile reported that Lance Walters, AHA president, said there is "absolutely no problem" in moving allegiances from one region to another. Greg Stoffel voiced a concern that Region 6 clubs are presently "getting nothing" from their region and that if this continues, none of our clubs will be able to survive financially in the future.

Under new business, a review of the by-laws and reformations for changes to same was suggested. A committee consisting of Myron Krause, Brenda Wahler, Lauralee Anderson, and Deb McGuire was formed to do this review.

Greg Stoffel recommended that an audit of the club finances be reviewed by the membership while still at this convention. Mary Bowden and Cheri Clark agreed to help with this endeavor. A report will be given to the convention attendees before the end of the convention.

Cheri Clark gave a report on the 2010 Regional Show to be held June 24-27. Lovely postcards advertising the show have been printed to be distributed at the convention and to be sent out later. Region 6 convention attendees were each given a sample postcard. Cheri reported that the Foothills and Grand Gateway Hotels will comp a total of 7 rooms for next year at a lesser rate than we had at our previous hotel. The show will be shortened by one day to help reduce the cost of the show.

Discussion was then held regarding the proposed resolutions being presented at the convention with recommendations for approval or disapproval made.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm. However, as an addendum to the meeting, Greg Stoffel moved to use \$2500 of the regional money to be used as "grant money" to help the individual clubs put on their various activities with a maximum \$250/club to be granted. Clubs are asked to apply to the region for this 2010 grant money. As a "friendly amendment", Mary Bowden moved that the clubs apply for these grants to the regional treasurer by March 1, 2010. The clubs will be paid prior to their event. The motion was seconded.

Convention attendees then dispersed for the evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie A. Pope
Region 6 secretary

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2009 CONVENTION

Highlights of this Convention: 334 Delegates were Credentialed for this year's convention. The Club Leadership Seminar was well attended and everyone who attended had nothing but good things to say about what information was shared about improving clubs, activities, promotion, and fund raising. Booklets and Manuals were available for those that attended. The Sky's the Limit and Recipes for Success. Check with your delegates to see if they received one and make sure you review this information with the members of your clubs.

Genetic Disease and the Arabian Horse was another important meeting. The task force reported on different genetic diseases facing our horses and how we can combat them. Both Resolutions concerning Disclosures of Cerebellar Abiotrophy and Lavender Foal Syndrome passed as Extraordinary. Our own delegate Brenda Wahler was most helpful in giving us concise information on the problems incurred with these disorders.

Keynote Speaker Scott Benjamin, gave a comprehensive presentation on the history of the Arabian and the details of form to function.

Claude Clark, from our newest club in this region, gave us good information and a wonderful DVD on the National Distant Rides in Stillwater OK. held in November. The winners were presented on the closing Saturday night at the Nationals in Tulsa.

The report from the Arabian Horse Foundation given by Larry Kinneer revealed that a scholarship fund was established in memory of Patrick Swayze. Each Region was asked to donate \$1,000 dollars. Since our Region has such a limited amount of funds it was decided Region 6 would pledge to raise this money from individuals within our Region. Donations are tax deductible. I need to hear from you as soon as possible with your checks made out to the AH Foundation. Please include P.S. Scholarship Fund on your checks. I had a conversation with a member of the Region that said clubs might want to donate money for this cause as well as individuals. If the majority of clubs did donate it would not take long to raise the \$1,000 dollars. I am happy for anyway we can get these funds together. Please send your checks to me and I will send them to Larry. My address is P.O. Box 330 Weirsdale, Fl. 3219

Congratulations are in order to Claude Clark and Carlton Huitt who received the Regional Volunteer Award and to Dorothe Fisher who received the National Volunteer Award.



Here is our group at the Reno Convention. This beautiful picture was made by my long time friends, photographer Rob Hess, a life member of AHA and his wife Pam. They have dedicated their career to photographing and promoting the Arabian horse. Rob and Pam have photographed many of the conventions throughout the years. We have missed having them here the last few years so it was good to have them back catching all the activities and doing the Regional groups.

North Dakota AHA :Larry and Jean Fredricks, Myron Krause, and Lonnie Arp Minn-I-Kota: AHA Greg and Val Stoffel
TASSD: Deb McGuire SDAHA: Mary Bowden Wyoming AHA: Steve Hugus , Marjorie Pope TriAHC: Brenda Wahler
SOUTHERN MT: Cheri Clark CRÉWW Club: Claude Clark Montana AHA: Laura Lee
Anderson, Danielle Schmidt, Kymry Schmidt, Linda Harrison, Dorothe Fisher, Cecile Dunn

AHA Statistics

Memberships (All Types Combined)

As of September 30, 2008 36,206	Sept 30, 2009 - 32,786
As of October 31, 2008 36,231	October 31, 2009 - 32,694
As of November 30, 2008 36,153	Nov 30, 2009 - 32,633
As of December 31, 2008 36,092	Dec 31, 2009 - 32,580

Memberships (Life Only)

As of September 30, 2008 684	Sept 30, 2009 - 731
As of October 31, 2008 684	October 31, 2009 - 731
As of November 30, 2008 685	Nov 30, 2009 - 733
As of December 31, 2008 686	Dec 31, 2009 - 733

Memberships (Competition Only)

As of September 30, 2008 19,040	Sept 30, 2009 - 16,752
As of October 31, 2008 19,035	October 31, 2009 - 16,749
As of November 30, 2008 19,070	Nov 30, 2009 - 16,744
As of December 31, 2008 19,129	Dec 31, 2009 - 16,786

Registrations (Arabian)

As of September 30, 2008 4,241	Sept 30, 2009 - 3,887
As of October 31, 2008 4,953	October 31, 2009 - 4,395
As of November 30, 2008 5,491	Nov 30, 2009 - 4,910
As of December 31, 2008 6,120	Dec 31, 2009 - 5,544

Memberships (Youth Only)

As of September 30, 2008 4,048	Sept 30, 2009 - 3,541
As of October 31, 2008 4,050	October 31, 2009 - 3,528
As of November 30, 2008 4,036	Nov 30, 2009 - 3,522
As of December 31, 2008 4,060	Dec 31, 2009 - 3,511

Registrations (Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian)

As of September 30, 2008 1,793	Sept 30, 2009 - 1,398
As of October 31, 2008 2,096	October 31, 2009 - 1,592
As of November 30, 2008 2,300	Nov 30, 2009 - 1,771
As of December 31, 2008 2,626	Dec 31, 2009 - 2,056

Steve Hugus read the entire Modern Arabian Horse magazine and found interesting items

The December / January Modern Arabian issue had more items/articles familiar to me than most:

Page 69 - had a report on the Wyoming horse that was flushed through a 3 mile tunnel (thanks Marjorie - I think).

Page 101 - has an advertisement for a purebred Sabino stallion I bred named HAAP MIRAGE. I sold him to a farm in Maine in 2002 when he was 6 months old. Roan Oake Farm bought him only a month or so ago. His web link follows:

<http://www.roanoakefarm.com/HAAP%20Mirage.htm>

Pages 105 & 106 - include a great article about Dorothe Fisher's mare LAST GOODBYE+++/, A.K.A. "PERFECT BABY", who she co-owns with Martha Murdock (Cecile Dunn's daughter).

Page 114 - Claude Clark (incorrectly identified as Eric Rueter) handing a trophy to Meg Sleeper.

Page 129 - Ruth Uptain receiving her Overall Winner Award at the AHYA National Judging contest.



RESOLUTIONS for the clubs in Region 6

As your Director I would ask that every club in Region 6 make the following resolutions:

1. Communicate your club activities with your Director
2. Develop a plan to increase your club membership
3. Send at least one person from your club to work at the Region 6 Championship Show
4. Have one club activity for your members that you have never had before.

If you need suggestions Call Hilary Nixon at AHA (303-696-4580)
or ask your delegate about the publications:

- The Sky's the Limit
- Recipes For Success

YOUTH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The WAHA Judging team for their great successes at US Nationals!

Overall Halter

1st Ruth Uptain
7th Keylee Sayler
8th McKensie Harris
11th Joey Harris

High Team in Halter

Individual Performance

1st Ruth Uptain
5th Keylee Sayler
7th McKensie Harris
31st Joey Harris

High Team in Performance

Individual Reasons

1st Ruth Uptain
6th Keylee Sayler
11th McKensie Harris
33rd Joey Harris

2nd High Team in Reasons

High Individual Overall

Ruth Uptain

3rd High Individual Overall - Keylee Sayler

7th High Individual Overall - McKensie Harris

22nd High Individual Overall - Joey Harris

The team won 1st in High Team Overall

Our team won high team overall in the 4-H/FFA division. Each won a \$250 scholarship, buckle and ribbon. Ruth Uptain from Casper won high individual for the entire contest and our division - winning a total of \$1000 in scholarships, Dale Chavez western saddle, buckle and ribbons - she also won tuition to attend the Arab judging school to be held this winter.

Thanks again we could not have done this without the help of WAHA and its generous donation.



Team on the day of the competition.

The Winners with their prizes!!



The Arabian Horse Galleries will be a new building attachment to the Kentucky Horse Park's International Museum of the Horse. It will consist of two levels containing both "Art & Artifacts" and "Interactive Exhibits."

The magnificent Arabian Horse Trust Museum Collection, in storage since 2001, along with the Arabian Horse Owners Foundation collection, will finally be displayed as a key component of the Galleries. The Galleries are considered to be one of the most significant PERMANENT additions ever made to the Kentucky Horse Park.

SHARE THE *passion*

Over one million visitors enjoy the Kentucky Horse Park each year, a number expected to grow to 1.6 million annually by 2014 largely due to residual effects of the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

Construction will begin in January 2008, and is expected to open June 2009.

FUNDRAISING WILL BEGIN APRIL 2008.



THE Arabian Horse GALLERIES

AT THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK . SPRING 2009



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