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# Region 6 News



January 2008

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Happy New Year, and I hope you all had a great Holiday season with family and friends! This photo is on the convention floor with our President Myron. This is his last year in office so we need to plan something fun for his last convention in 2008. We have some ideas but keep your thinking caps on!! Included in this newsletter are the minutes from our annual meeting at convention in Tulsa. I will be putting some photos that I took at this last convention on the website shortly so be sure to log on and view. We all went on a tour of the new facility that will host our National Show this year and it was quite impressive.



Now that the Holidays are over it is time to get the ball rolling on the Regional Show to be held in Rapid City this year. Our Show Manager Cheri Clark has some great ideas and the forming of another Arabian Club in the Region should be exciting. We will not be having the Omnibus for all the Regional Shows this year, so look for the Pre Show and Regional Book early in March.

Keep the dates of your Club events coming to me to be posted on the web site so people can see what we offer in our Region. Also please send me any AHA updates of your Club officers for 2008.

We will be changing officers after convention this year as elected, Cecile Dunn will take over my role as your new Regional Director, Cheri Clark as Vice Director, Marjorie Pope as Secretary, and Nikki Lewis (Stoffel) as Treasurer.



Our Region should be extremely proud of our AHA Youth of the Year Kirsten Kimbler, who also was awarded the USEF Youth Sportman's Award. We had the pleasure of taking Kirsten and her family to lunch in Tulsa. Kirsten is a Freshman at SDSU in Brookings SD this year.

Be sure to keep up with the news flashes as well as the AHA website, recently announcing the exciting awards that the *Modern Arabian Horse* magazine has won. Hot off the press - SD is now included in the Health Plan. More information will be coming soon! I am including the MDP update on our Region 6 website...be sure to log on and see what great things they have done to promote our fabulous Arabian Horse.

Look for an email on our upcoming Show Commission Conference Call. I will be headed to the Scottsdale Show early in February.

*Deb McGuire, Region 6 Director*

**Region 6 Caucus Minutes**  
**November 15, 2007 - Tulsa Ok.**

The meeting was called to order by Director McGuire. She introduced our two new delegates, Pepper Jensen from the NDAHA club and Greg Stoffel, representing the Minn-I-Kota club.

**YOUTH JUDGING TEAM:**

Director McGuire presented a brief overview of the activities of the youth judging teams at the U. S. Nationals. Marjorie Pope (WAHA) gave a summary of what the Wyoming team accomplished at the judging contest. The team won second place overall and WAHA's member, Stephanie Schroeder (AHA 2006 Youth of the Year) won first place overall in the area of Reasons. WAHA plans to take two judging teams to Scottsdale in 2008. Dick Peterson, SDAHA, had sponsored 1000.00 dollars for the Youth Region 6 team that attended the 2007 Youth Nationals.

**CORPORATE SPONSOR:**

AHA introduced a new corporate sponsor at the Convention. The company is Cardinale Way.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING:**

Director McGuire reviewed the highlights of the latest BOD meeting including the adoption of the governance structure and the new computer software for AHA.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:**

Kara Van Bockern ( Region 6 P R Representative) sent a letter to be shared with the Caucus attendees. Director McGuire read it to the group and discussion followed concerning the problems our P R Representative has in servicing an area as large as Region 6.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Bowden reported the following as the account balances in the different Region 6 checking accounts:

General Fund	2,076.55
Show Account	31,780.06
Youth Account	<u>2,075.28</u>
Total Funds	35,931.89
Deposit to be made	<u>100.61</u>
Available Funds	36,032.50

Secretary Clark made a motion to move the 2007 budgeted 1500.00 emergency fund to a bank Certificate of Deposit; seconded by Delegate Stoffel.

**REGIONAL DIRECTORY:**

Director McGuire presented the name of a member from Region 5 who would put together a Regional directory at no expense to the Region. This person would do the ad sales and printing.

**2007 REGION 6 SHOW REPORT:**

Treasurer Bowden passed out the financial reports for the 2007 Regional Show. Show Manager Clark gave a brief summary of the show for 2007. A list of all of the club representatives for the Show Commission was reviewed by Director McGuire.

**CARGO TRAILER UPDATE:**

Claude Clark gave a report on his search for used cargo trailers that Region 6 could purchase for equipment storage. He found that adequate trailers could be purchased from 1500.00 (used ) to 2700.00 dollars (new). After discussion; it was decided to work out a way to store the Regional equipment in Rapid City when it comes west for the Show.

Delegate Huitt made a motion distribute the show profits to the club in the manner that it had been done in the past years. Seconded by Mr. Peterson. A hearty discussion followed, exploring the pros and cons of club allocation based upon membership and the need to keep a larger amount of the show profits available for next years show since the show will again be moving to a new venue. The question was called before resolution and the motion was defeated.

Delegate Stoffel made a motion to increase the available Grant monies from 4000 to 5000.00 dollars and no Club could exceed the application for four grants. It was seconded by Delegate Dunn. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Director McGuire suggested that Region 6 pledge 500.00 dollars for the 2008 Convention to be held in Denver (no host). Delegate Stoffel made a motion to that effect, seconded by Director McGuire. Motion passed.

Claude Clark made a request of 1500.00 dollars to be set aside in the 2008 Regional budget for the Distance riding events. He asked that 750.00 dollars be allocated for each event; Region 6 Endurance Ride and Region 6 Competitive Trail Ride.

Director McGuire suggested that the Region 6 Youth have the same opportunity to apply for youth activity Grants. A motion was made by Delegate Stoffel for a club's Youth group to be able to apply for grant monies, seconded by Delegate Arp.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Campaign speeches were given by the two candidates for Director; Cecile Dunn and Cheri Clark. Ms. Dunn was elected as the Region 6 Director, term to start at the end of Convention in 2008. Cindy Krause nominated Cheri Clark for Vice Director and Delegate Arp made a motion that all nominations cease.

Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer were made and all accepted the positions as follows:

Vice Director - Cheri Clark, Secretary - Marjorie Pope, Treasurer - Nikki Stoffel Lewis

**ANOTHER AHA YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR REGION 6!:**

Director McGuire announced the Kirsten Kimbler of Aberdeen SD (TAHSSD) was named 2007 AHA Youth of the Year. That makes two for two for Region 6! Last year was Stephanie Schroeder from WY.

Motion to adjourn by Delegate Stoffel, seconded by Delegate LaBelle.

## **AHA President's Bulletin** **January 2008**

Dear AHA Members,

This is the first communication to you following the holidays and a wrap up of Convention 2008 in Tulsa. There is considerable activity to report to you including administrative changes at AHA, the successful conclusion of talks between AHA and WAHO, honors and awards at the United States Equestrian Federation convention, financial challenges ahead, an update on our new Arabian Horse Foundation and, a report on construction plans for the Arabian Horse Museum at the Kentucky Horse Park.

### **Search for New Executive Vice President to Start**

Gary Zimmerman, Executive Vice President of AHA for nearly two years, announced his resignation recently. Gary will remain on board through the end of this month and possibly early into February. In his resignation letter, Gary explained that he was leaving AHA "to lead an organization with a substantial public policy mission." Gary expressed gratitude to the membership and board of directors for the opportunity to serve AHA. "I will leave with admiration of and best wishes for the Association. I will value the many friendships and fond memories made during the last two years." I know I speak for all of us in wishing Gary the best in his endeavors and thank him for his contributions to the Association during his tenure as Executive Vice President. A search for a new EVP will be launched soon and I anticipate having candidates for Board of Director review at the May meeting. I will keep you updated on the search for a new administrative leader.

### **USEF Honors Arabian Horse Leaders & AHA Magazine**



Photo credit: USEF Archives/Geoff Oliver Bugbee. The Arabian Horse Association's Myron Krause (center) accepts the United States Equestrian Federation's highest USEF Media Awards honor – the Daniel Lenehan Trophy for Overall Excellence – for the AHA magazine *Modern Arabian Horse*. Presenting the award is USEF Awards Director Kristyn Kay (left) and USEF President David O'Connor (right).

I attended the United States Equestrian Federation convention and was proud of the honors which were bestowed upon leaders in our Arabian horse community, and two prestigious awards for our AHA *Modern Arabian Horse* magazine. The late Jay Stream earned the Richard E. McDevitt Award of Merit that is named for Richard McDevitt, past president of the American Horse Shows Association. The Junior Equestrian of the Year Award and Ruth O'Keefe Meredith Memorial Trophy was given to AHA's Youth of the Year, Kirsten Kimbler. She also earned the Youth Sportsman's Award. The USEF 2007 Equestrians of Honor were Stanley White Jr., earning the Barbara Worth Oakford Trophy, and Andrew Sellman, the Norman K. Dunn Trophy. *Modern Arabian Horse*, our official AHA magazine, was awarded the 2007 Pegasus Award for Media as Equine Publication of the Year, and the prestigious Daniel P. Lenehan Memorial Trophy for Overall Excellence in Media. A hearty congratulations to our staff for earning such an honor for us! We continue to work with USEF officials to partner in areas that will be beneficial to both AHA and USEF.

And, speaking of USEF, another notable honor is that the 2008 Chair of the USEF Youth Council is an Arabian Horse Association member, former AHA Youth of the Year, Monica Christian of Ohio. Pertaining to youth, USEF will now have youth representation on the USEF Board and Monica will be that representative. This is a first. Monica said she views this representation as an "excellent opportunity" to speak on behalf of the youth in the horse industry. She added that serving in such a role helps prepare youth for leadership in our equine world. I am proud and pleased to have Monica represent us on the Youth Council and being named to the USEF Board!

## Foundation Moving Forward



The new Arabian Horse Foundation is moving forward with increased visibility. A new website is being completed and when done will be the [Arabianhorsefoundation.org](http://Arabianhorsefoundation.org). New informational material about the Foundation explaining the various giving levels, and funding designation areas is being completed in time for distribution at the Scottsdale Show in February. You can select the need you want your contribution to go toward: Youth (scholarships); Education; Equine Research, and Disaster Relief for horses. Three prominent veterinarians and AHA members make up an advisory panel for equine research expertise. The Foundation has also had dialogue with USEF which has a disaster relief fund and sent funds to help horses in the California fires. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Kinneer, President of the Foundation at [larlv@aol.com](mailto:larlv@aol.com).

## New Museum of the Arabian Horse Groundbreaking in Spring

A formal groundbreaking will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park early in the Spring for the new Museum of the Arabian Horse. The Purebred Arabian Trust is leading efforts to construct and furnish the museum with artifacts. Artifacts from the former headquarters for the Registry in Westminster, Colorado, are being shipped to the park for cataloging and planning for appropriate display. The museum will be opened in 2009 and readied for the huge number of visitors to the park for the World Equestrian Games in 2010. You will be updated periodically on the progress of the museum.

## Arabian Horse Association Now Included in World Registries

After nearly a decade of negotiations, an agreement was reached in December between the Purebred Arabian Trust (representing the Arabian Horse Association's 100-year-old purebred Arabian horse registry) and the World Arabian Horse Organization (WAHO) granted the Arabian Horse Association Registry exclusive authority over American registrations as recognized by WAHO. The status change was effective January 1 of this year. This is a significant and momentous occasion promising a bright future of significant benefit to the Arabian horse community.

## New Arabian Scoring System - Judge's Education

As you all know, our Arabian Scoring System goes into effect April 1 of this year. George Johnson, Judges & Stewards Commissioner, said his office is mailing out nearly 300 new DVD's this month to judges and to AHA Directors on the new system. This new DVD is a step-by-step explanation of the new system. This educational outreach to judges will help prepare them for the new system. Our Judge's Seminar in March in Denver will be the third seminar where judges receive information about the new scoring system. I would encourage those of you who plan to show halter to educate yourselves about the new system. Click [here](#) for more information on the Arabian Scoring System. We will all have a learning curve on this before we are comfortable with the new system. I believe the new system will bring new folks to the halter arena, and some folks who left will be inclined to come back. I know clubs are always looking for educational program ideas. This might be a good subject for a meeting with perhaps a live demonstration on how it will work.

## Registrations Continue Sliding and Memberships are Down

The problem of declining registrations and membership numbers continue to frustrate all of us in leadership at AHA. Purebred registrations and Half-Arabian registrations have been declining for a number of years. This past year, Purebreds declined by seven percent and Half-Arabians by 11 percent. And, as of the end of December our membership declined by nearly 2,000 members. I think the horse industry in America in general is taking some serious hits. With rising gasoline prices, higher hay, feed, sawdust/bedding prices, and many with lessened incomes, people are selecting very carefully where they want to put their expendable dollars. Other breeds are experiencing similar declines. However, we can't just accept this as a reality without taking proactive steps to try to correct the slide. I believe this situation calls for the efforts of all of us within our Arabian horse community: our regional leaders and delegates, our club presidents and club members. We've all got to take a piece of this problem and apply ourselves to fixing it. At the March 7-8 Board of Director's meeting, I am setting aside time for dialogue and exchange of ideas on registrations and membership. At that time, I will look to our Board to bring forth innovative ideas, ideas that may be working in their regions particularly pertaining to membership. There are many people out there who own Arabians and Half-Arabians that have not registered their horses, nor joined AHA as a member. We've got to concentrate on assuring people there is value in membership and registrations. Any ideas you have, forward to your Regional Directors so the ideas and suggestions can be incorporated at our meeting in March. While on the subject of declining numbers, such drops along with many other variables have an impact on our budget. Our Budget & Finance Committee is meeting to prepare our next fiscal year budget. We've had substantial budget variances over the last year, and we are facing a tight financial period in FY 2008. We will have to work harder and smarter with our finances to be successful.

## Facing Our Challenges


I realize that in this bulletin I have not given you the most positive of situations. But, you will recall, I promised I would always be forthright with you, giving you information whether it is good or bad. Facing up to our problems and challenges is realistic. We can't hide from them. They won't just go away. We are addressing areas where we have some hurdles. I have faith we will get through these times and emerge stronger than before. Once again, we have a void in AHA leadership that will be trying. However, our AHA staff will remain on the job conducting "business as usual." I will devote more of my personal time at the AHA offices to insure continuity and encouragement to staff. I expect to have a new Executive Vice President in place by early summer. We've tremendous momentum going for us, a positive outlook, and a determination to be the best breed organization in North America. Let's not lose sight of that vision. As always, I appreciate your belief in where we are going, and hope that you will continue supporting me as your President in 2008.

*Thank You and God Bless,*

*Myron Krause*

Thank you note from Kirsten Kimbler,  
2007 AHA Youth of the Year!

Region 6,  
Thank you so much for making my first  
AHA Convention so special. It was so  
nice of you to take my family and I  
to lunch, It was delicious. I LOVED  
the flowers. They were proudly displayed  
in my dorm until they got old. You  
made my debut so much more special  
and I truly appreciate it!

Kirsten Nicole Kimbler 



Region 6 Family in Tulsa—  
not everyone was present on our way to the facility for 2008 US Nationals

**For more fun photos, look on our website at [www.aharegion6.com](http://www.aharegion6.com)!**

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## 2008 REGION 6 GRANT APPLICATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT MANAGER / CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E- MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING REGION 6 APPROVED EVENTS,  
LIMIT FOUR PER CLUB:

**CLASS A SHOW (\$450) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**ACS SHOW (\$300) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**LOCAL RIDE (\$200) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**LOCAL SHOW (\$200) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**HORSE EXPO (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**YOUTH SPONSORSHIP (\$300 PER EVENT) DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

**TYPE OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**MONEY TO BE USED FOR: \_\_\_\_\_**

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS REQUEST FORM ALONG WITH COPY OF  
AHA Application, or Booth Rental specific to event By June 1, 2008.

PROOF OF EVENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO REGION 6 TREASURER FOR REIM-  
BURSEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON COMPLETION OF EVENT.

**MAIL TO:**

**MARY BOWDEN  
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**JUDGES:**  
Ann Hiller  
Brian Murch  
Shannon Armstrong

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# Regional Championship Horse Show

## June 19-22, Rapid City, SD

Regional Pre Show June 18th Judge: Gene Holloway-Regional Championships includes Regional Sport Horse

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