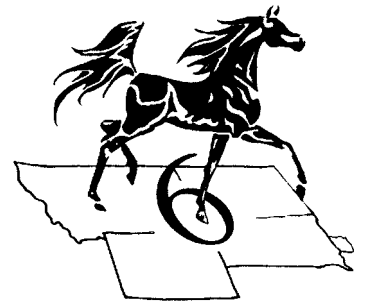




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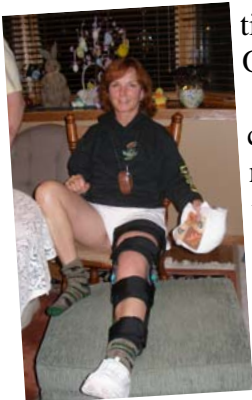
The Regional Omnibus have been mailed, we only sent to one household address and cross referenced the past 3 years of exhibitors with the AHA competition members from Region 6 for the mailing. We sent out 560 books. We printed 1000 so if anyone needs more please contact Cheri, Jeannie or myself. The Pre Show and Regional information is posted on our website. Most Regional Shows are now doing all their premium books online and not printing or mailing. I realize there are still many that prefer to have a mailing. This also goes for members that would like to receive a newsletter. Please contact me if that is your wishes. I usually mail Newsletter to the Board of Delegates, Club Presidents and Membership Chairs from our Region. JUST APPROVED for \$1000 grant from USEF for our Regional Show!!! I will not be able to attend the May Board meeting however our Vice, Dick Peterson will be there. The President's letter just put out is excellent, all members should read this to more fully understand how very much is going on at AHA and how great a job our President Myron is doing!

Some of the highlights from the BOD meeting in March are: Our EVP continues to seek a Membership Health care provider. In February the FBR Open Golf tournament in Scottsdale was a promotion point for AHA with a tent on the 18th green. I have a DVD showing the promotion that took place and WOW is it impressive!!! I also have a DVD from The Best Mess computer program with comparisons for 5 different scoring systems that is worth taking a look at now that we have changed to 3 judge system. Breeders Sweepstakes was a great success this year paying out \$37.86 in the points program. For a full report check out the website.

New Life Time members special- for all adult Life Time members a lower fee of \$650 starting April 1, 2007 through April 1, 2008; Region 6 paid the \$1500 for sponsoring the National Endurance Ride for 2007 held in Ashland, ND. There are three scheduled AHA trail rides this year and looks like 6 or more next year. Also they are working on a format that will be available next year for each club to put on their own.

The Association is making great strides in improving the duties of the Regional Directors with a new manual. All board meetings are open to the public, therefore anyone interested in becoming a director should attend a meeting or talk to your director for information about what it takes. AHA is undergoing a total re-structure and some of the changes will effect the duties of the directors as well.

Much time was spent on restructuring AHA, and we (The AHA Board) have no intentions of eliminating the Delegates; in fact many directors suggested that we need a system that utilizes our committees, commissions, and delegates in a very efficient, productive manner. All the Directors were invited to the Think Tank in AZ this year and I am planning on attending June 2-3. Now on the AHA Website the continuation of the Forums!! Many have been waiting for IT to get this up and running again. Online points qualifications will be up on the website soon!



Other important Regional information that you all should be aware of; By Law changes, we will vote at the June meeting; Regional Scholarship Fund, included in this newsletter; and election of Officers this year at Convention. We are a Member Organization so please talk to your club members and contact our nominating committee Cindy Krause and Claude Clark if anyone is interested. I will include a description of the officer duties in this newsletter. As you can see I recently injured my knee and will probably have to have surgery. No time now it's show season, you will see me wearing a brace. Surgery most likely this fall!

Respectfully yours, Deb McGuire

BOD Conference Call

Conference Call for the Board of Delegates held 7 PM Tuesday March 20, 2007.

Attending were: Deb McGuire, Dick Peterson, Cheri Clark, Mary Bowden, Steve Hugus, Darlene Labelle, Cecile Hetzel-Dunn, Val Stoffel. Missing were Carlton Huit, Cindy Krause, Marjorie Pope, Heather Swanson, Lonnie Arp. (12 Delegates)

Director Deb McGuire called a special meeting of the Board of Delegates via email.

Sponsorship for the Regional Ride for \$250 was discussed. Cheri informed the group that there would be no Regional Ride this year because of the Sweepstakes allocation changes.

The Scholarship Fund was discussed after Deb recited the letter to her from the Wyoming Club. The initial presentation at Convention was referred to from our Newsletter stipulating that we had \$4000 available. Cheri handed out an application at that meeting. After much discussion it was decided to have a Delegate vote on the application stipulating the requirements and amounts for each AHA event applied for. Deb will email the BOD with a request for a vote next week.

Show Commission reported that Karol Reed, our scorer, is not available but that Marion Enders from Canada is available. The printing of the Omnibus has been sponsored by Brookings along with their CVB \$2000. Thanks Brookings!!! And Dick!!! The Awards will be the bust horse heads we had a couple years ago for champions and looking at bridle bags for reserve.

Reminder about Elections in November, and our vote on our new By Laws in June.

Cecile announced that USEF just passed Opportunity Classes that can be held during your approved shows. Check out the USEF website – effective April 1, 2007.

Carlton Huit has officially retired and now resides at his home in Lusk, WY.

The Directory is in the hands of Heather and Nikki, would be nice to have them at our Regional Show.

Montana is still in discord with our Region and is working toward moving to Region 8.

Notes from your Regional Director, Deb McGuire.

Since this conference call there have been numerous emails about the scholarship money. The executive board is in agreement that the money was just for this year because we did not disburse any profits to the clubs. We would assume that the money not allocated would go into the profits for this year to be disbursed to the clubs again. If we continue to not have a profit to disburse we could keep the money for future scholarships as needed.?

Please read over the By Laws

Published in the December newsletter

We will need to make some decisions in June.

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Region 6 Scholarship Application Form

DATE _____

CLUB NAME _____

Event Manager/Show Secretary _____

Mailing Address _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

The following are a list of the Region Six Approved Events. Please Select one.

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| CLASS A, B, or C Rated Arabian Show | \$350 | _____ |
| Arabian Community Show | \$250 | _____ |
| Local Ride or Show | \$150 | _____ |
| Equine Fair/Expo | \$50 | _____ |

This scholarship fund was available from the 2006 Region 6 Show Profits that were not disbursed to each club. Please submit along with a copy of AHA application form and or booth rental space receipt. Scholarship application forms must be submitted to Region 6 Secretary for reimbursement within 30 days upon completion of event.

Deadline for the application is June 1, 2007.

Send to Secretary:

**Cheri Clark
1486 Cameron Bridge Rd
Bozeman, MT 59718**

Completion verification is due within 30 days after event.

The Board of Delegates approved this Application for 2007

Region 6 Youth News



Hey all Region 6 Youth!

First off I would like to congratulate some outstanding Region 6 Youth.

Stephanie Schroeder is the 2007 Arabian Horse Association Youth of the Year (she is also Region 6 Youth Vice Director).

Heather and Jennifer Steven competed on the first ever US Endurance Young Rider Team in the President's Cup in Dubai

Kelsey Kimbler for receiving the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) National 100 Mile Junior Award.

So I'm super excited to be gearing up for show season (this is my last year in the Youth Division). I have been extremely busy as Region 6 Youth Director and Vice President of the Arabian Horse Youth Association (AHYA). My term as Region 6 Youth Director is coming up in June so I would like to highlight the things that the Youth Director does.

Most recently, March 9-11, I attended the AHYA Board of Directors meeting in Denver, Colorado. At our meeting we discuss Arabian Promotion, Activities, Education, Youth Convention and many other topics. We also have a ton of fun and I truly enjoy being around so many other Youth with the same passion for Arabians. As Youth Director you get to attend 3 meetings per year. One before youth nationals, one at the end of US National Arabian Horse Show, and one in March in Denver.

At the Regional Level I organize the Regional Youth Meeting, plan fundraisers, youth activities and so much more.

Being Region 6 Director has been a blast! I have had the opportunity to meet so many enthusiastic, exquisite people. I will value my experiences as Region 6 Youth Director forever.

Sincerely,
Kirsten Kimbler

Officer Elections 2007

Section 2. Election. Officers shall be elected by the current voting delegates of the Board of Delegates. Elections shall be held at the annual meetings the year preceding the AHA Annual Conventions held in (*even*) numbered years. Term of office shall be for approximately two years commencing at the end of the AHA Annual Convention even numbered years following their election and continuing until the election and qualification of their respective successors. The majority of the voting delegates from a member organization may nominate a candidate for office provided he is on the qualified membership list (as defined in AHA By-Laws) of a member organization.

Section 3. Duties of the Director The Director shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Delegates and shall manage and conduct the affairs and business of Region 6, subject to the limitations imposed by these By-Laws and the Board of Delegates.

Section 4. Duties of the Vice Director The Vice-Director shall assume the duties of the Director in the event of his absence or inability to act or at his request.

Section 5. Duties of the Secretary

- a) Keeping the minutes of all meeting of the Board of Delegates and action taken by mail
- b) Maintaining the name and address of all current delegates.
- c) Handling all necessary correspondence, communications and notice of meetings, including email correspondence from the website.
- d) Maintaining and updating the information on the website.

Section 6. Duties of the Treasurer

- (a) Receiving, disbursing and maintaining records of all moneys belonging to and/or handled by Region 6.

Section 7. Other Duties of the Officers. In addition to the duties outlined in the preceding sections, the officers shall have such other duties, individually or collectively, as may be specifically delegated by the Board of Delegates.

Region 6 AHA Public Relations Rep.

Dear Region VI members:

Happy spring-time! It is hard not to get spring fever and the horse show bug. First, in the event we have not met I would like to tell you about me. Please bear with the introduction in the event we have already met. I am excited to serve as your Region VI AHA Public Relations representative. I had a wonderful opportunity this fall at Convention to learn about the position, AHA in general and how our rule making and leadership works. Additionally, I learned of AHA's vision for the breed and our organization. We are lucky to be part of an organization with huge vision and future plans for our breed. We all, as individual horse owners and as local club leaders, play an important role in that vision.

I grew up in Sioux Falls. I got riding lessons as a Christmas gift at age 9. I was lucky enough to start riding at Performance Plus Arabians....I have been involved with the breed and owned an Arabian or Half-Arabian ever sense. Those of us that get to know an Arabian are fiercely loyal....my first experience with a horse turned in to a life long journey with the Arabian. I competed from 4-H to Nationals as a youth exhibitor. I, unfortunately, had to grow up....and was consequently away from horses for several years as I finished college and then law school.

I now live in Pierre, SD and work as a Staff Attorney for the Public Utilities Commission. My most immediate decision in 2004 upon law school graduation (with Deb McGuire's help...thanks Deb!) was to purchase Magoo, my half Arabian gelding. Magoo and I do not spend much time in the show ring, rather, we spend time on the trail exploring the South Dakota grasslands. Our horses can go from show horse to pet and companion without missing a beat....we need to communicate this message loud and clear to all those missing out on a potentially fabulous equine experience.

We are no longer a competition organization; rather, we are a breed organization. Our clubs need to proceed accordingly. It can be uncomfortable for non-horse people to take in an Arabian Horse Show as spectators. We want to encourage participation of all types. Horse shows are an event for spectators and exhibitors alike. Let's not only invite spectators to take part in our shows....lets show them a good time. The T.A.I.L.S. program (an AHA program) provides us with all the material we need to create a spectator event. I urge you to research the program on the Internet. Call me with any questions.... The demographics of Arabian Horse owners make it clear misconceptions exist regarding the usefulness of the Arabian....it appears most people believe it is an expensive horse....with which you can only do expensive things (aka horse shows!). This simply is just not true. No one can hold a stick to Magoo when it comes to exploring the Bad River and the brutal grass lands of Central South Dakota. I know many of you have similar experiences with Arabians and part Arabians. Lets get the word out! AHA provides a venue for everything from dressage, to competitive trail riding to endurance. Let's not only participate in those AHA programs....but within your local arena. For example, take your Arabian to a local all breed trail ride or horse show. Be proud of our horses...and more than that be vocal about it! Actions speak louder than words so demonstrate the versatility and talent of our horses.

Horse fairs, farm shows and the like give us the perfect opportunity to show off our horses. AHA provided each Region with a booth display material and table cover. It is beautiful and is sure to make a great impression at any such event you attend. Our booth display was sent to my home.....so I have it here in Pierre. Just let me know if you want to use it. Also, it has "custom fit" ability. So, by ordering a club specific panel, you have a booth display that is custom fit for your club. Contact me for additional information. In addition, AHA has a stand-up, wonderful booth display for use. It used along with our Regional display conveys a very professional and impressive message. Please contact AHA if you want to their display at any upcoming event. Horse fairs and other such events are a great way to reach a crowd we may not otherwise have access to. Let me help in any way with such events....please contact me. If possible I will also attend the event to help.

I have contacted your local club leadership and asked for a good time to visit your clubs and get to know you and your membership. I would love to either take part in a meeting or one of your other summer events. I may even haul my horse along if you have something in mind for both me and Magoo! I look forward to meeting you-----

Good luck with all your spring plans. It is a big and busy time of year with babies and horse shows.
AND....don't forget to give your horse a hug!

Sincerely,
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Region 6 Club Scholarship Money Applications in this Newsletter

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Spring brings new life...