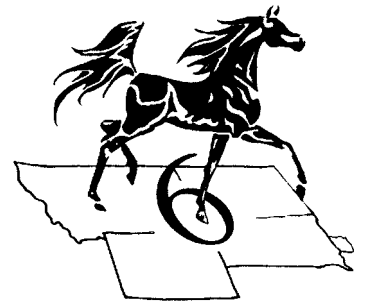




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Region 6 News

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I must apologize for the delay in this newsletter. This summer has been quite a busy one for my travels and with my father suffering from Alzheimer's disease. This May our Vice Director Dick Peterson attended the May BOD meeting for me. He was a great voice for the Assoc. as we continue to work on our Governance and Policies. Youth Nationals in Albuquerque took me away for 3 weeks with 9 horses and 5 youth competing, and now I am off to Canadian Nationals. I recently returned from the August BOD meeting in Colorado. If you have been following the AHA News Flash, AHA is busy promoting our wonderful Arabian Horse in all areas of the equine world. We were privileged to see a preview of the video advertisement for use on RFDTV and others, one of the major sponsors for Tommy Garlands series. And also we previewed the first of a possible 3-part documentary on Arabian/Half Arabian horses that will be sold to cable networks ready the end of the summer.

Some other exciting things in the works, are a world endurance competition, and an all breeds Show Championship. There has been another points change for qualifications, and more clarification for the three judge scoring system for shows.

Our Regional Show in June was a success, however the number of horses was down some from last year. Statistics still show that most Regional and 'A' shows are down in numbers but National Shows still seem to flourish, as well as the Community Shows. It seems that this is the case for the majority of shows all over the nation. As our show moves to Rapid City next year we will once again be adjusting our volunteers and staff and would encourage anyone who wants to work to contact Cheri Clark our manager. The dates will be June 18-22. Tentatively we still plan on having a one day pre show, 3 days of regular classes and running our Trail and Sport Horse on Sunday as we did this year. There will be some changes to the class schedule as well. We are excited about a new club forming in the Rapid City area that will be called The Black Hills Arabian Horse Association.

You should all have been thinking about electing your Convention Delegates by now, and as I understand there are only 30 motel rooms left under the AHA block. So get busy and get your rooms reserved. Also the early bird special is due soon. Anyone interested in being on a committee should go online before Sept. 4th. All members of committees will be voting on their Chairman by Oct. 15th. If you do NOT wish to Chair a committee you must designate that on your sign up. I realize that with the restructure of committees and commissions with the two tiers, there is a bit of confusion, but please don't be silent, get involved! The only way you will be comfortable with our Association is to become more informed and educated about the process. Every member is important and has something to share about our true love, the Arabian Horse.

Convention is non hosted this year and next, therefore we as a Region must help sponsor with a donation, and also present two gifts for door prizes. If anyone has any ideas, or would like to bring a gift please let me know before October. It will be exciting to see the facility in Tulsa, where our US Nationals will move for three years starting next year. Youth Nationals will remain in Albuquerque and our EVP has received some additional funding from the Governor and City. Our own Myron Krause will complete his term next year and we will be electing his successor this year in Tulsa. I hope you all can think about attending.

Our Region will also be electing a new slate of officers at our Annual meeting this year to take over after convention next year.

Respectfully yours, Deb McGuire

Region 6 Meeting

June 21, 2007

Attendees: Carlton Huitt, Steve Hugus, John Visser, Dick Peterson, Val and Greg Stoffel, Deb & Keith McGuire, Nikki Stoffel, John and Maria Garofalo, Dorothe Fisher, Darlene Labelle, Cheri Clark

The meeting was called to order by Director Deb McGuire. A new club in the Black Hills region of South Dakota is applying for a charter with the Arabian Horse Association. Their membership is interested in hosting an Arabian Horse Expo in conjunction the Region Six show to be held in 2008 in Rapid City. They would also like to hold a Class A qualifying show in the spring before the Regional show.

Director Mc Guire gave a brief summary of the Think Tank meeting that she attended at Bazy Tankersly's ranch in early June.

Vice Director Peterson gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of Mary Bowden.

The account balances as of 6/20/07 were:

General Fund	\$ 8,020.86	Outstanding monies to be applied yet
Show Account	\$ 91,462.07	750.00 Brookings CVB
Youth Account	\$ 1,783.83	1000.00 Rapid City CVB
Total Funds	\$101,266.76	

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Old Business:

Scholarship Applications:

Secretary Clark reviewed the scholarship fund applications that she had received. The total applied for by the clubs so far is 2700.00. V Dir. Peterson made a motion to approve the scholarship applications for funding; seconded by Greg Stoffel. Motion passed.

Regional Directory:

The fate of the Regional Directory lies in the hands of a yet unnamed volunteer who would be willing to come forward to solicit ads to help pay for the project. Nikki Stoffel volunteered to contact Heather Swanson on the advertising revenue needed to pay for the cost of printing and distribution.

By Laws:

The revised By Laws were reviewed and approved by the Regional Board of Directors.

New Business:

2007 Show Report:

Show Manager Clark gave a brief report on the stats for the Show. 81 horses have competed in the Pre Show and 250 horses are registered at this time for the Regional Show. There are approximately 22 horses that will be competing in the Sport Horse division and 20 Dressage tests to schedule. Approximately 350 stalls are in use

Volunteers:

Director Mc Guire suggested that we re-visit the structure currently in place that require each club to send volunteers to the Regional show in order to receive profit allocations. Discussion followed pertaining to suggestions as to how to change the system in the forth coming years. It was suggested that volunteer positions be paid and budgeted for the 2008 shows. No motions were made at this time and it was decided to revisit the issue at the meeting in Tulsa in November.

Carlton Huitt requested a monetary reimbursement for the travel expenses incurred by the Wyoming volunteers. It was decided that he would submit gas receipts to the Show Manager and she would issue a check upon approval.

Director McGuire read a letter from Kara Van Bockern describing the responsibilities of the P R representative (See attached)

Storage Trailer:

Keith McGuire brought forward the idea of purchasing a storage trailer for Region Six. It was decided that a cargo - type pull trailer would best suit the Region's needs for storage of the Dressage arena and trail equip. etc. Show Manager Clark will do some checking into cost and sizes and will bring that information to the meeting in Tulsa.

Club Nominations for Officers:

Claude Clark and Cindy Krause will be contacting each club to solicit names for nominations for the officer positions that are to be voted on at the 2007 Region Six meeting in Tulsa in November.

The motion to adjourn was made by Nikki Stoffel, second by Keith McGuire.

Show Commission Meeting

Friday afternoon, June 22, 2007 Swiftel Center, Brookings, SD

Attendance: Carlton Huitt, Val Stoffel, John Visser, Dorothe Fischer, Steve Hugus, Deb McGuire, Darlene LaBelle, Cheri Clark, Mary Bowden, Dick Peterson, and Jean Fredrichs

Director Deb McGuire stated that the Show Commission consists of one representative from each Region 6 Club. The Tri-State Arabian Horse Club does not have a representative on the Show Commission. The 2007 Show Commission members are Dick Peterson, Chair; Cheri Clark, Show Manager; Mary Bowden, SDAHA; Val Stoffel, MIK; Lonnie Arp, NDAHA; Heather Swanson, TAHSSD; Linda Harrison, MAHA; Carlton Huit, WAHA; and Deb McGuire, Director.

Pre-Show

Show Manager Cheri Clark asked for suggestions on the class schedule for the 2008 Pre-Show and Regional Show. Cheri stated that the 2007 Pre-Show had 67 classes and lasted 8 ½ hours with three 15-minute breaks. All TBA class slots were used except one.

Carlton Huitt stated that the breaks should be listed as TBA not with actual times as he thought the show would run smoother.

The Pre-Show judge thought that the morning classes ran too long without a break. It was mentioned it was standard to have a break after the halter classes.

Carlton Huitt thought that we should use a stop watch for timing the gate. Dick Peterson stated he would contact Daktronics about getting a large digital display with the time counting down and when the time expired using the wording "Gate Closed".

It was asked if it was necessary to continue having a Pre-Show. Cheri felt that we should stay with a 1-day Pre-Show as some exhibitors came to qualify at the Pre-Show.

Regional Show

It was mentioned to have a 3-day Regional Show. Val Stoffel and Deb McGuire prefer having 1 to 1 ½ hour breaks not 4 hour breaks. It was suggested to have 2 class sessions on Thursday with the Regional meeting after the last afternoon class and move the Thursday night classes to Friday so that Thursday night would be open.

To eliminate some of the no entry classes and 1-horse Championships, it was suggested to combine the age groups together to 17 & under and 18 & over. The 40 & over AO and AT classes should change to 18 & over. It also was suggested to combine the saddle-seat, country, and hunt seat walk trot classes; combine the english and western sidesaddle classes; and combine both age groups of the horsemanship class to 17 & under. It was general consensus to keep the AATR classes. Most of the amateur halter classes should be listed as ATH instead of AAO except for the purebred gelding sweepstakes class.

Purebred and Half-Arabian sidesaddle classes should be added to the TBA list.

Sport Horse classes should use the continuation of the class numbers in the class schedule. It was also suggested to add Dressage Show Coordinator to the budget.

Deb McGuire mentioned moving the Exhibitor Party to Friday night from Saturday night as several exhibitors may leave before Saturday night. It was suggested to ask the new Rapid City Club if they would be interested in hosting the Exhibitor Party.

Jean Fredrichs also asked to have the Regional Show post entries and the Show Office close 2 hours after the Pre-Show. Mary Bowden stated that the Dressage entries close one week prior to the first day (Thursday) of the Regional Show. Jean also recommended adding more classes to the TBA list.

Shavings and Hay

It was recommended to use the wording "Shavings and hay may be purchased at the Show Office at market price." rather than listing a pre-determined amount in the Premium Book. It was also suggested to have the exhibitors pre-order their shavings. It was not recommended to use a separate dealer for the shavings as it would be more expensive for the exhibitor.

Patron Packages

Cheri stated that the Patron Packages were down to 20 from 30 last year. Usually the determining factor in being a Patron is having better stall locations not necessarily the food. It was suggested to lower the cost of the Patron Packages by giving a gift such as fruit trays/baskets, wine/cheese, etc. rather than providing meals. The decision on the Patron Packages was tabled to the Convention in November. It was recommended to have a map of the stalling area in Rapid City available at the Convention and to print a map in the Premium Book of the stalling area with the prices, distance to the arena, and the size of the stalls.

Mary Bowden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Val Stoffel. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene LaBelle



Region 6 Youth News

ATTENTION ALL ARABIAN YOUTH!

Hey Guys!

Kirsten Kimbler, Region 6 Youth Director here! So my term will be up this summer so we are currently looking for a new Region 6 Youth Director. Being Youth Director is a TON of FUN! You get to go to 3 meetings a year; One at Youth Nationals, One US Nationals, and One in Denver, Colorado. Every meeting I've been to has been a blast! You also get to promote the Arabian Horse and plan fun activities. If you have any questions you can call me on my cell: 605-380-6721.

I hope you all apply!

Kirsten Nicole Kimbler
Region 6 Youth Director
AHYA Vice President



Officer Elections 2007

**REGION 6 OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED AT CONVENTION
NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS:**

CINDY KRAUSE

CLAUDE CLARK mrlifter@hotmail.com

AHA OFFICES/COMMISSIONS

We have a number of qualified people in our Region that should consider running. It was suggested anyone interested to Attend at least one board meeting and meet with the incumbent to better understand their role.

It is the goal of the Nominating committee to have two candidates for each office.



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The below procedures are guidelines only.

Regions are not required to follow these guidelines when placing youth officers.

Procedures

Application deadline is June 1st (postmark/ electronic transaction). Applications must be sent to your Regional Youth Coordinator (not AHA). Contact information is on ArabianHorses.org/youth under "Who's Who." Applicants must be a member of a club within their region. Applications will be reviewed by your Regional Youth Coordinator and Regional Director. A Regional Youth Director may be chosen as follows:

1. By appointment per the Regional Youth Coordinator and Regional Director, or by other regional officers at a board meeting.
2. By a special selection committee composed of adult regional officers.
3. In the event no suitable applications are received by June 10th, the Regional Director and Regional Youth

Coordinator shall appoint aRegional Youth Director at their discretion.Other regional youth officers shall be elected by regional youth members during a meeting at the discretion of the Regional Youth Coordinator and Regional Youth Director. Terms are a minimum of one year and maximum of two years; youth officers may serve an unlimited number of terms. Officers become effective immediately following the election. Vice Directors are required to attend at least one AHYA Board meeting annually. Complete all information below.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

AHA Membership # Applicant Name

Address E-Mail

City State/Prov. Zip/Postal

Home # Work # Fax #

I have read and reviewed the Regional Youth Director responsibilities according to the AHYA Board of Directors Reference Manual with my parent or guardian. I agree to fulfill those responsibilities, uphold all standards set forth by AHA and AHYA, and will represent my region and AHYA to the best of my abilities.

Applicant
Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please answer the following questions (Use additional sheets if necessary.):

Describe your previous leadership experience (FFA, 4-H, school, regional, national, etc.): _____

Why are you interested in this position?

AHYA REGIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR APPLICATION

AHA 2442 (4/04)

Convention Delegates

Register Early by Sept 14th.

**Committee Sign up
By September 4th!!**

Youth Director Still Open !

Application inside...

*Deb McGuire Region 6 Director
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