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Since I was unable to attend the August Board of Directors Meeting Larry Kinneer was kind enough to let me use his notes.

The Most Productive AHA Meet Ever — by Larry Kinneer

The August meeting of the AHA board of directors in Denver proved to be one of the most active and productive ever, with decisions made to move the U.S. Nationals to Tulsa beginning in 2008, cancellation of a search for a new executive vice-president while retaining current EVP Barbara Burck, adoption of a point system for regional and national qualifications, and approval to upgrade the AHA computer system for over \$700,000. Directors also heard that the association continues to show a 'serious' revenue decline.

THE MOVE TO TULSA

Following a presentation on a comparison of sites — Albuquerque, Louisville, and Tulsa — by U.S. Show Commission chairman Lance Walters, with the exception of one dissenting vote from vice-president Gary Dearth, the board approved the move of the U.S. Nationals to Tulsa for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Walters urged the board to approve the move, basing his recommendation on the size and accommodations afforded by the new facility as well as the increase in profit for AHA. Currently, the U.S. Nationals produces 22% of the association's income. He pointed out that in a comparison of having the nationals in Louisville in 2008 versus having the show in Tulsa, there would be an increase of \$204,830 in revenue with the Tulsa site.

The Tulsa site has more stalls than either of the other two facilities. Tulsa has 2,560 stalls; Louisville has 2,152 stalls, and Albuquerque has 2,250. The main arena at Tulsa, once enlarged as requested by AHA, will be 203 feet by 104 feet wide (smaller than Freedom Hall in Kentucky). There will be 18 private corporate boxes added as well. Currently the skyboxes bring in \$115,000 at the Louisville site. The new facility's boxes will not bring in that total, Walters said. The main arena, once reconfigured, will seat 3,500. There was some discussion about the size of the stalls at the facility. They will be a mixture of 9 x 6 stalls, and 10 x 10 stalls. Dearth questioned the stall size, pointing out that he thought the 12 x 12 size (which are the norm for Albuquerque) is desirable. Walters explained that there was consideration by the Tulsa group to provide some 12 x 12 sizes, but he had no definite confirmation on this. The year 2006 will be the last year for the Kentucky site.

DECISION ON EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT SEARCH

Directors had been requested to come in a day early purposefully for interviewing EVP candidates on Thursday, August 12. It was not until directors arrived at the hotel on Wednesday evening that they learned there were no candidates to be interviewed. Following a search by a search firm which cost AHA \$50,000, the search produced no qualified candidates for the position, AHA president Bill Hughes told the disgruntled board on Thursday morning. Vice-president at large, Bob Fauls, who along with treasurer, Alan Sankpill, had served as a subcommittee to oversee the search, told directors that "unfortunately, our reputation is not that great."

Some candidates, when told of the AHA structure and recent merger, backed away from the position. Some view the organization as 'dysfunctional,' the board was told. In an earlier meeting the day before of the executive committee, a vote was taken by that committee to recommend abandoning the search. There were some on that committee who wanted to continue the search until January, but that idea was quashed by the vote to present the recommendation to the board. In a vote of 16 to 12, the board of directors voted to stop the search and retain Barbara Burck in the position. Those dissenting pointed out that the association had a lot invested in the search and could continue the search (with no additional added to the \$50,000) for several more months. At this point, with the search ended, the contract with the consulting group is ended. Hence, a new search would require a new contract with a consulting firm. Over 170 resumes were received.

NEW QUALIFYING POINT SYSTEM

Following a proposal by the U.S. Show Commission, the board voted to adopt a point system which is based on the number of horses beaten. This concept has been discussed before and brought to the board by Local Shows & Events chairman, Myron Krause. This time, directors supported the idea. While the directors voted to approve the point system, some expressed reservations that the points are 'too low.' Cindy Cinton, U.S. Show Commission vice chairman and presenter of the point system to the board, explained that there can be adjustments to the point system later. The new multi-page point system will soon be available to members who can access the program on the AHA website. Qualifications earned this year under the current plan will remain for 2005 showing. The new point system will go into effect in year 2005.



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THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AHA MEET EVER — by Larry Kinneer (Cont. from page 1)

COMPUTER UPGRADE RECOMMENDATION

A comprehensive report was given by an ad hoc committee made up of several Arabian Horse Association officials along with two computer system experts. Directors were told that the merging of the two associations — Arabian Horse Registry with the International Arabian Horse Association had brought two computer systems together which 'need fixing.'

Basically, the two systems, in order to be most effective for the organization, need overhauling. It was pointed out since we have two systems in operation, there are pieces of information stored in a variety of places versus in one location.

It was approved by the board that the computer system recommendations be phased in four periods, with completion expected in 480 days. Executive vice-president, Barbara Burck, was directed to pursue options for payments of the overhaul, which will cost the association \$710,000. Also, the ad hoc committee recommended an individual for the Information Systems position. A decision is due soon on this as well, which, incidentally, will mark an increase in salaries for the organization.

DIRE FINANCIAL SITUATION

Treasurer Alan Sankpill told us that "there is not good news" for the association as to our financial condition. While memberships are up, he told us, "revenue is down." In our February meeting, he reported that last year our assets declined by approximately \$500,000, reducing our net assets to \$1 million. This is in addition to our ownership of the building in Aurora. "We're on our way to running out of cash." Currently, the association has only \$1 million to pay our bills. "We need to get back to making money," he told us. A bright spot on the horizon, he said, is that our two major income sources, the Canadian Nationals and U.S. Nationals were upcoming and cash can be expected from those two shows.

ODDS AND ENDS

There were several other items covered at the meeting and I wanted to share those with you. Currently under construction is a 'ginger testing' procedure that may soon become part of our Arabian horse show world. The Youth Nationals show was considered a great success, with the showing coming in \$10,000 over anticipated earnings.

The Registration Commission recently approved a Registration Amnesty (older horses special program) which will soon be in effect and is expected to get more horses registered using a special pricing, producing income for the association. Watch for more information on this.

Later this fall, registration papers will carry Achievement Awards symbols and certification of Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes participation. Also, coming before us at the convention in Alaska will be a motion to select two options of membership: one based on an anniversary date, the other on the calendar year. Each will carry a 'base' membership with an 'add on' competition category. For you delegates, remember to get your information in to AHA to take advantage of the 'early bird' sign up discount, and if you sign up later for membership on a committee, be sure to send it certified or in a manner where you can assure your form has been delivered. Last year, many sign up sheets were lost.

FAITH IN OUR BREED

Remember, in all of this negativism, that our horses are the most valued asset, we have. No one can replace their dispositions, their beauty and loving nature. As long as we have that common thread of belief in our breed, we will work all of this out.



2004 Youth Nationals Photos

REGION SIX MEETING MINUTES — JUNE 23, 2004

Director Peterson called the meeting to order. There were 22 members present representing all Region Six clubs with the exception of the Tri Arabian club.

Deb McGuire gave the Treasurer's Report. She presented an Income and Expense report for Region Six through 8/1/03 through 6/21/04.

Cheri Clark gave a report on the upcoming Region Six Sport Horse Championship to be held in Brookings, SD on August 15th. The SDAHA club will hold a Class A qualifying show on August 14th at the Swiftel Center as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

This years premium book was reviewed and several changes will be made for 2005. Deb McGuire and her staff volunteered to steer head the project again next year. A printing company in Brookings has donated the printing of the books for us. As a result, the closing date of submissions to Deb must be no later than Jan. 25th, 2005 in order to enable the printer to work this project into his normal business flow. Discussion again turned to the subject of selling ads for the book. Deb will devise a price sheet that can be submitted to each club for advertising promotion.

Director Peterson related the high cost of the insurance bond. It was decided to forego the purchase of such a bond at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was made to the group for volunteers for the Summer Classic and the Region Six Sport Horse Championship show. Dick Peterson, Mary Bowden, Jean Frederichs and Cheri Clark will staff both shows. SDAHA will provide volunteer support services.

Manager Krause gave a brief rundown on the Gillette show with the numbers he had available at this time. Pre-Show numbers of horses appear to be down by approx. 20%; the Region show numbers appear to be about the same as last year.

Director Peterson answered questions about the new Swiftel facility in Brookings where the show will be held next year. It was agreed to keep the same format; a two day Pre-Show followed by a four day Regional Show. Discussion followed regarding the schedule for the Thursday of the Regional Show. It was suggested that this day be deemed Western day with possible Team Penning or Cutting exhibitions as well as the judged cow, trail, and reining classes.

The group discussed the possibility of holding the 2005 Region Six Sport Horse Champ at the same time as the Regional Show and it was decided to hold it separately in 2005.

Myron Krause was introduced as one of the candidates for office of President of AHA. Linda Harrison moved the Region Six allocate up to \$2000 for advertising toward his campaign. It was seconded by Nikki Stoffel. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Cheri Van Bockel Clark, Region Six Secretary

REGION SIX SHOW CHAIR REPORT

Once again Region Six has pulled off another successful pair of shows and we could not have done it without the help of our faithful volunteers and staff. The WAHA club really did a fantastic job this year of keeping up supplied with lovely young ladies as photographer's helpers and ribbon girls. My sincere appreciation goes out to Marjorie Pope, Susan Dunn, and Linda Bullcock; our faithful gate keepers. Linda Harrison and Val Dangerfield, from the MAHA club were so very helpful in Center Ring as time keepers and photo assistants. I must say, we had FANTASTIC volunteers this year. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

We initiated a couple of new things this year; the Dog Costume Class was a HUGE success with our very own Debbie Raszler and her little office mascot winning the grand prize as an Arabian Shiek and her costume horse. We also gave an Exhibitor Appreciation Award for the first time. Sterling and Melissa Bradley (Lazy MD) from Salt Lake City, Utah were the recipients. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize those who have been faithful to Region Six for so many years.

I would be amiss if I didn't mention our hard working staff: Jeannie & Deb (office), Dorothe Fisher, (center ring), Mary B. (awards), Matt A. (barns and anything else we need done!) Dick P (winner of the best host award) and Myron (the man with the patience of Job!) I look forward to working with all of you again next year in Brookings, S.D.

We will give a full accounting of the Regional Show and Sport Horse Championship at the convention in Alaska. But, I must extol the virtues of the Brookings Swiftel Center. We had a wonderful time in Brookings on August 14 & 15. Brookings is a great town with all the amenities we horse show people like; good motels, good restaurant all within walking distance of the Swiftel Center. The staff at the facility couldn't have been more helpful. The Swiftel is a lovely arena and we know that the exhibitors will be happy with the set up and stalling for 2005.

A special thank you to Keith McGuire for his special talent in announcing both the summer classic and dressage show.

Though our members were small for the first Regional Sport Horse Show, it was an excellent opportunity to try out the Facility and get the "kinks worked out" before 2005. The Show Commission feels very confident that we will be efficient in our endeavors next year. We are really impressed and hope you will be too!

Sincerely, Cheri Clark, Region Six Show Chair

Congratulations! Results From Youth Nationals/Canadian Nationals:

YOUTH NATIONALS RESULTS:

KARA LARSON AND ALEX: Champ Saddle Seat Dq, HA JTR and Top Ten UPHA Challenge Cup.

KARA LARSON AND CAPTAIN N KING: Champion Saddle Seat EQ JTR 13 & U

KARA LARSON AND CAFE LATTE: Champion HA Hunter PL JOTR 13 & U, Jr 13 & U, Res. Champ HA Mare, Breed Stock/Hunter in Hand JOTR 17 & U, Top Ten Showmanship 11-13

KARA LARSON AND JAM SESSION: Reserve Champion HA English PL JTR 13 & U and JOTR 13 & U

PAIGE ROSS AND ALEX: Champion CEP Walk Trot 10 & U, Reserve Champion HA Saddle Seat Eq 10 & U, and Top Ten UPHA Walk Trot 10 & U

KATHERINE KIRBY AND HI-C: Champion HA Hunt Seat Eq 13 & U, Top Ten Hunter PL JTR 13 & U & JOTR 13 & U

KATHERINE KIRBY AND FOREVER AFIRE: Top Ten CEP JOTR 13 & U

LIZ STEFFES AND BRAVEHEART: Top Ten HA Hunt Seat Eq 14-17

CANADIAN NATIONAL RESULTS:

KELSEY KIMBLER & KOTA: Champion Walk Trot Hunter Pleasure

KIRSTEN KIMBLER AND KOTA: Top 10 Hunter PI JOTR 17 & U and JTR 14-17

KIRSTEN KIMBLER AND JEWELS: Top 10 Showmanship 14-17

DEB MCGUIRE AND KOTA: Champion Sport Horse under Saddle

In Memory of Sandra Lea Johnson



CASPER — Services for Casper resident Sandra Lea Johnson, 64, were held August 2nd at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church by Fr. Roy Baker.

She died July 28, 2004 at Central Wyoming Hospice Home.

Born Dec. 7, 1939, in Moline, Ill., she was the daughter of Helen and Francis Velge; and at age 6, moved to Casper with her family. She was raised and educated here and graduated from Natrona County High School in 1957.

In 1959, she married Dick Johnson. They were the parents of three children.

After receiving a degree in elementary education from the University of Wyoming, she worked for Natrona County School District No. 1.

She had a lifelong love of children and horses and volunteered with the 4-H Horse Program, Wyoming Arabian Horse Association and WAH Youth Association.

Survivors include her children, Mike Johnson of Casper, Kathy Fodor of Farmington, N.M., and Dan Johnson of Casper; mother Helen Smith of Casper; brother, Tim Smith of Jackson; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father; stepfather, Raymond Smith; and a sister, Shirley Young.

Memorials may be made to Central Wyoming Hospice Program, 319 S. Wilson, Casper, WY 82601; or the Wyoming Arabian Horse Association Youth Program, in care of Newcomer Family Funeral Home, 710 E. Second St., Casper, WY 82601.

SANDRA JOHNSON — Our first thoughts of Sandy is that she was always there for us and for anyone she thought might need some help. She was so generous with her time and talents. She was always there for lost or abused animals.

Sandy loved kids. School teacher was her chosen profession, and she liked to work with kids with difficulties the most. She mentored so many kids through the Wyoming Arabian Horse Association, 4-H, dog clubs and just helping them with their riding in her backyard. She donated several stallion services from her beloved Dancer to kids who could not afford a high quality horse. The WAHA youth group was Sandy's passion and for years she hoped to get a group started and unfortunately she became ill about the time the group began to grow and become active, but she was so very happy to hear about their achievements.

She was the Secretary and Manager for the WAHA class A show for many years and also put on several Regional shows which is a monumental task. She had a wonderful knowledge of horse shows and state and national association rules and was always glad to help any who was putting on a show. The exhibitors loved to come to her shows and they came back year after year. She always said "I am here for the exhibitors." She was a WAHA delegate many times to the National Arabian Horse Association. She served as WAHA president, secretary-treasurer and newsletter editor. She was always dedicated to the club and its activities, and she always had such wonderful ideas for the club activities. She was the recipient of the WY volunteer of the year award from the Arabian Horse Association in 2003. She always had such wonderful ideas for our club activities and we cannot begin to count the things she did for WAHA. **WE WILL MISS HER SO MUCH. WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE KNOWN HER.**

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