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Director's Message

Dear Region 9 Members,

First off I want to thank all of the wonderful individuals that came out and volunteered to work the Region 9 Championships in Fort Worth and the Region 9 Sport Horse Championships in Waco - what a fabulous group of people!

Also, I cannot thank the following people enough for all the "behind the scenes" work they have done throughout the year to make the Region 9 Championship show such a success:

Kristen Fisher, Show Manager (who worked tirelessly for months to give us a well-run show); Lisa Skalski, ESC member and Class Schedule Coordinator; Kathy Braden, ESC member and Working Western Coordinator; Diane Mack, ESC member and Patrons Coordinator (Loved the new room for the Patrons' Lounge!); Bill Eash, who coordinated and purchased all the ribbons and trophies for the show and then, along with Margo Shallcross, made sure the ribbons and trophies were where they needed to be for each session and each ring; and Carrie Woolverton for getting all the "smiling" volunteers for the show!

If you ever run into any of these people, please take a moment to thank them for all their time and efforts to give this region one of the best Regionals in the country!



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AHA Region 9 Newsletter

Editor: Bill Eash

The next Region 9 meeting will be held in Dallas during the State Fair of Texas Arabian Show. The Board of Directors will meet at 11:00 AM and the Region 9 Delegate/Member meeting will start at 1:00 PM. As soon as I know the exact room location of the meeting I will let you know. I have some very important information to share with all of you in regards to future Region 9 Championship Shows, so please plan to attend and encourage your delegates to be at this meeting.

I hope everyone got their Region 9 Horseman's Award nominations turned in by the August 31st deadline. This has been a great program for the Region and I would hate to see it discontinued due to lack of support. The awards will be presented at the Region 9 Awards Banquet and Stallion Service Auction to be held January 21, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza South Hotel in Fort Worth.

All clubs please get your list of certified convention delegates and alternates for the AHA Convention sent to AHA today, September 1st! Don't forget that the "early bird" registration discount for the convention is only good until September 15th. Convention will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, Canada, November 16-19th. You will need a passport to travel to Canada.

At the June Annual Meeting the delegates elected officers for the 2012-2013 years:

Elected as Director was Margo Shallcross (1st term)

Vice-Director will be Mark Himmel (1st term)

Secretary will be Jane Ann Godsey (2nd term)

Treasurer will be Cindy Savage

Arkansas State Representative is Jeremy Harper (1st term)

Louisiana State Representative is Debbie Himmel (1st term)

Oklahoma State Representative is Herb Meites (2nd term)

Texas State Representative is Carrie Woolverton (1st term)

I will continue on the board as Past Director.

The new board will take over at the end of the AHA National Convention. Congratulations to all and thank you to all for making the commitment to serve this great region!

Hope everyone will have a much cooler fall than this summer we have had! Remember to enjoy your horses each and every day; they are truly a gift to us all.

Best Regards,
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Region 9 Delegate Meeting Minutes

By Jane Ann Godsey, Secretary

Unapproved Minutes
Region 9 AHA
Delegates Meeting-Ft. Worth, Texas
June 18, 2011

1. Call to Order-Pat Barton was done at 11:02 am.
2. Officers and Delegate Roll Call was officiated by Jane Ann Godsey. A quorum was established.
3. Meeting Agenda. A change to the meeting agenda was motioned by Carla Jo and seconded by Margo. The agenda change was approved.
4. Recessed to Youth Foundation at 11:15 am. Motion to call to order done by Cindy Savage. Report done by Cindy Savage, and seconded by Carla and Carolyn. Approved by delegates. Report by Sandy Bentley to motion to approve \$14,400 this year for Alexa Nichols and Rachel Cinotto for scholarships. Thank you was delivered to stallion service program, box seat programs.
5. The youth foundation has several downloadable forms that include trade schools and junior schools. The Youth Foundation meeting adjourned at 11:21 am
6. Youth foundation Adjourned
7. Reconvening of and call to order for region 9 Meeting was done by Pat Barton.
8. Approval of January 22, 2011 Delegates meeting minutes. Charles Bass recommended that the portion of the minutes pertaining to the Youth Foundation be removed from the minutes of the Region 9 delegates meeting as they are covered in the minutes of the Youth Foundation. Karlan made the motion to accept the minutes as revised, Karen Meites seconded, and the minutes were approved.
9. Treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was presented by Cindy Savage. See attached. It was noted that the Youth Fund was approximately \$8400.00.

Charles Bass moved to approve budget, Mark Himmel seconded, and the report was approved.

10. Budget revisited.

- a. Financial audit. Larry Leahy noted the treasurer used generally accepted accounting procedures. Some recommendations were made to the board.
- b. Newsletter expense adjustment. An amendment was made to line item #8. Charles Bass made the proposal from the financial planning committee to amend line #8 to \$3650, which will be a bottom line savings of \$2650.00. Karlan seconded, and motion was approved.
- c. Sponsorship. After discussion, Charles Bass made the motion to sponsor a \$300.00 Youth Nationals jacket, Karlan seconded, and the motion was approved.

1. Election of Region 9 BOD Officers. Ballots were handed out, and nominations were taken from the floor.

- a. Charles presented the nominations for Director: Karlan made the motion that the nominations cease, and this was seconded by Beth Walker. The new Director will be Margo Shallcross.
- b. Nomination for Vice-Director. Mark Himmel was nominated for Vice-Director in addition to the listed nominee. Mark Himmel was elected Vice-Director.
- c. Secretary. Karlan moved the nominations cease, Carla Jo Bass seconded, and the winner was Jane Ann Godsey.
- d. Treasurer. Charles moved the treasurer Cindy Savage be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Karlan and approved by delegates.
- e. Arkansas State Representative. With no further nominations, Charles moved, and Karlan seconded to elect Jeremy Harper by acclamation.
- f. Louisiana State Representative. There were two nominations, and Debbie Himmel was the winner of the Louisiana State Rep.
- g. Oklahoma State Rep. With no further nominations, Charles recommended the nominations cease, and Herb Meites was elected
- h. Texas State Representative. Carla Jo Bass moved the nominations cease, and Karlan seconded, and Carrie Woolverton was elected Texas State Rep.

1. Guest Speaker was Stan Morey, the AHA Judges & Stewards Commissioner.

Stan noted the next judging seminar would be December 1-2, 2011 at the Scottsdale Millennium show. He explained what his office does, and that he is accessible via phone (303) 883-2612. There was also discussion of points of emphasis with regards to halter, and also noted the videos that are available.

1. Region 9 Championship Show Report was presented by Kristen Fisher. At closing date, there were 450 horses, however, there ended up being a total of 504 horses. Last year saw 533 horses. There were several larger classes and the AATR classes were great. The weather had made things challenging. The dirt in the arena was too dry at the start of the show, but was better towards the end of the show. The exhibitor's party was planned for 400 people but had about 280 to come. The analysis of shavings would have cost the Region approximately \$6000.00 additional. Working western events were down.
2. Sport Horse Regionals. Bill Eash reported the show would be in Waco on July 14-17th. There were still 4 more pages available in the program, and sponsorships were still welcomed.
3. Results of contested elections-already noted.
4. Committee reports.

- a. Youth Committee-Monies received for youth shirt sponsorships. Youth delegates discussed. Also there was discussion about the golf cart decorations (yellow submarine theme) at Youth Nationals.
- b. Texas Horseman's Legislation-Carrie Woolverton noted the bill did not pass, and everyone needs to keep in touch with their legislator.
- c. High Point Awards-Jane Ann Godsey noted there was participation, and the forms still need to be retyped.
- d. Horseman's Awards-Pat noted that Betty Bechtold would be in charge of receiving nominations.

1. Unfinished business.
2. New Business.

- a. Cowgirl Hall of Fame Inductee Luncheon-this will be held October 26th, 2011. It is during US Nationals. Debbie Cinotto will set up and Jane Ann Godsey will help with ideas.
- b. AHA Strategic Planning questionnaire-Dale Harvill discussed the questionnaire.
- c. Any other new business.
 1. September Meeting. Discussion among the members that they would like the meeting during the State Fair Show. Jane Ann will find a room for the meeting.
 1. Dates reminder. Pat reminded the delegates that the meeting at Convention did not yet have a location, but that would be communicated to delegates.
 2. Directory. The directory would be published, and the cost would be about \$4000.00.

It would be published using data from August 1.
19.The meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.

Region 9 Championship Show

By Kristen Fisher, Show Manager

Thank you to all the exhibitors, trainers, and spectators that made the 2011 Region 9 Championship Show a success this year. Despite the issues surrounding the EHV-1 outbreak, the economy, and a host of other factors - we had 504 horses at the show!



We were also delighted to see the popularity of the AATR classes. We were very optimistic about how they would be received when we added them to the schedule, and you didn't disappoint us - they were some of the largest classes of the entire show!

I would like to thank the many staff who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes to provide a wonderful show environment for us:

- Executive Show Committee: Pat Barton, Lisa Skalski, Diane Mack, and Kathy Braden
- Will Rogers Memorial Center: Allison, Jackie, Ashley, Dana & the entire Barn Crew
- Show Office: Melanni Hershberger, Judie Mitten, & Beth Walker
- Barn Manager: Randy Reid

- Patrons Lounge: Diane Mack
- Hospitality Coordinator: Becca Beckham
- Vendor Coordinator: Pat Barton
- Working Western: Kathy & Travis Braden and Bob Barton
- Prizes/ Ribbons: Bill Eash and Margo Shallcross
- USEF Stewards: Dorothy Trapp and Francie Newsom
- Center Ring: Tim Moerbe and Katrina Bracewell
- Ring Stewards: Juan Stuckey and Dennis Eikenberry
- Paddock Master: Donna Wakefield
- Gate Coordinator: Carrie Woolverton
- Vet on Site: Chat Kleinpeter DVM
- Farriers: Eric Grall and Dennis Weick

Thanks again to all of our volunteers, and take a final look at our advertisers, listed here: http://region9aha.org/Regional_Show.html. Show results are also posted there as well.

Mark your calendars for June 13 - 16, 2012 for next year's Region 9 Championship Show!

Region 9 Sport Horse Championship

By Bill Eash, Show Manager

The Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show was well attended this year with a slight increase in horses that entered the show. I want to thank all those exhibitors, patrons, sponsors and advertisers that supported this show.



Bill Eash

Due to professional obligations, I was unable to attend the show and asked Debbie Cinotto, Margo Shallcross and Sherri Re to step up and manage the show. They did an awesome job and kept the show flowing without incident.

Dr. Downing and Karen Campbell rounded up many supporters to gain their sponsorships to help make the show a success.

We were very pleased to have such a good turnout considering the current economy and the dreadful Texas heat. The big fans in the stall area were a savior for horses and riders.

Canter Across Region 9: News From Across the Region

Michele Smith of Chandler, Oklahoma notified us that her horse passed away.

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Fire Strikes Goslin Farm

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 the Arabian Community was visited by another cataclysmic nightmare when a barn fire struck the Fred Goslin/Gwen Nix farm in Magnolia, Texas. The blaze erupted at 6 a.m. in the training barn housing 28 show horses. 14 horses were lost in the fire, but 14 were rescued by Fred and Jennifer and their children Casey and Crizta. The barn housed nationally decorated horses for people throughout the Southwest area, including several of the family's children's horses.

Tom McNutt is organizing on-site assistance to help with clean-up and to prepare for re-building. If you are interested in donating "In-Kind" assistance, contact Tom at 936-756-2724 to offer assistance. For those supplying In Kind donations, whether of service or product, the assistance can be deducted through the Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund. Contact mary@trowbridgesltd.com for more information. (The website for the Horsemen's Distress Fund is <http://www.horsemensdistressfund.com/ahdf-news/goslin-nix-barn-fire/> .)

If you would like to assist with donations for the Goslin/Nix family, simply go to the How You Can Help page on this website, where you will find a secure PayPal button to make an online, 100% deductible donation. All monies generated on behalf of the family will be available for their use - no money is utilized towards administrative expenses. To earmark your online donation to help the Goslins, just send an e-mail to mary@trowbridgesltd.com with a copy of the PayPal receipt you will receive via e-mail and ask that the money be applied to the Goslins.

If you would prefer to assist by check, simply make your check payable to The Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund and send it to:

236 Henry Sanford Road
Bridgewater, CT 06752

Include a note with the check relating to the Goslin/Nix fire.

Please join us in reaching out with a Leg Up to one of our horsemen in need.

Any help for the Goslins from our Region 9 membership will be greatly appreciated. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. Our sympathy goes out to all the families that lost their beloved horses in this fire.

NOTE:

We will be having a silent auction during the State Fair of Texas Arabian Horse Show to benefit Fred & Jennifer Goslin. All products and services welcomed, but please, no live animals. Donations will be accepted at the horse show office, or if you would like to ship something, please contact Nancy Braesicke at 903/498-8755 or Nan1147@aol.com.

Please help our friends, the Goslins, get through this difficult time of loss and rebuilding.

Alamo Arabian Horse Association

By Mark Williams, President

Alamo Arabian Horse Association has put together a challenge grant to help raise much needed funds for the Goslin Family Recovery effort. AAHA will match any AAHA member donation up to a total matching grant of \$2,000 to assist the Goslin family to "get back in the saddle". The deadline for the matching effort is September 15th. Some of the AAHA members went to the Goslin-Nix Training Center in Magnolia, Texas for the video taping of the Extreme Home Makeover video application, and it was very heart breaking to see the damage and know the emotional stress everyone - the Goslin Family and the many owners that lost their horses - is going through as a result of this tragedy. Our club is able to do this kind of relief effort because exhibitors support our shows - OktoberFest and Fiesta. These shows provide the funds so AAHA can help those in need when tragedy strikes.

Speaking of shows, the Alamo Arabian Horse Association has been busy preparing for the OktoberFest Open Show which is scheduled on October 8th at the San Antonio Rose Palace. It will start at 8:00 A.M. Kim Morgan will be our judge and we are all looking forward to having her place the classes. You can get more information later this month at our website: www.alamoarabians.org. We look forward to seeing you there.

American Foundation Arabian Horse Association

By Carrie Woolverton

The American Foundation Arabian Horse Association and the Bluebonnet Arabian Horse Club are having a Halter Futurity on October 15. Classes include weanlings through three year olds, get of sire, produce of dam, most classic, Arabians, Half-Arabians and Non-Arabians. We also offer a Breeder's Class for offspring of nominated stallions. Stallions should be nominated by Sept. 15. Halter futurity entries are due Oct 1. We have sponsorship opportunities and program advertising. The futurity will be held at Mystic Acres near Terrell, Texas. Money paybacks to Champions and Reserve Champions in all categories. Please contact Carrie Woolverton for more information, entry forms, etc. honeycrek2@aol.com.

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If you have suggestions for judges for the Region 9 Championship Show in June 2012, please send them to Carrie Woolverton, honeycrek2@aol.com. Thank you kindly.

Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

By Juliet Redding, President

2011 Gulf Coast Arabian Christmas Horse Show
December 2-4 at Great Southwest Equestrian Center
Judge: Bruce Bates

For the 2nd year, we are featuring our Prize Money/SIRE Donation Program, "Help Out and Get Rewarded".

A minimum total of \$10,200 plus any money that you and others donate for this program will be divided between AATR, ATR, and JTR Championships. That means a minimum of \$850 prize money in each class! In addition, \$500 will be divided between selected Reining classes. The 2010 premium book can still be viewed on our web site for further information until the 2011 book comes out. Also this year: Door Prizes, Stick Horse Workshop, Santa's visit, Youth Event and a Progressive Barn Party Dinner

We hope to see you there enjoying cooler weather, your friends, fellow exhibitors and horses.

Legacy Arabian Horse Club

By Debbie Cinotto, President

Legacy Arabian Horse Club would like to congratulate Rachel Cinotto on being one of the Region 9 Youth Foundation Scholarship Recipients. Rachel will be attending Weatherford College this fall.

Also congratulations on the success at SH Regionals to the team from Wind Crest Farm: Natasha Costello for her 4 - Top Fives, Debbie Cinotto on her two championships as well as earning her USDF Silver Medal Rider Award, Carol Thigpen on her Championship & Reserve Championship, Mona Tobias on her 2 championships, reserve championship, and 2 top fives. Other Legacy members who also had a successful show were Emily & Sara Craig, Wendye Gardiner, and Elizabeth Petty.

Legacy is planning a club trail ride for October 16th at Benbrook Lake, just south of Fort Worth. For more details go to our website: www.legacyarabianhorseclub.com.

Preparation for our 2012 Cowtown Classic have begun, the dates are March 15-18, 2012, at Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort Worth. If you have any questions in regard to the show, please contact Debbie Cinotto at windcrestdc@aol.com or 817-319-9815.

North Texas Arabian Horse Club

By Kristen Fisher

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Star of Texas Arabian Horse Club

By Virginia Cherry

Star of Texas Arabian Horse Club, announces we will hold our Fall Fun Open Horse Show on November 5, 2011 at San Patricio County Fairgrounds, Sinton, TX.

We canceled last year and disappointed a lot of our exhibitors and there are so few open shows in our area and we also offer Arabian classes. The facility has added a brand new stall barn with 200 stalls and 30 RV spaces, the facility is awesome.

We hope you will support this schooling show, we offer a broad spectrum of classes, nice awards, in a fun atmosphere of competition. for class list etc. go to www.stararabian.com or contact Virginia 361-358-2320 cherrytopstables@yahoo.com

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