

**COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Gromelski at 7:36PM at Sierra Vista Arabians.

**Board Members present (8 for quorum):**

Jim Gromelski  
Helen Alfaro  
Jim Hitt  
Liz Wheeler  
Ron Harden  
Kathy Scott  
Cheryl McMahan  
Pat Thompson  
Kelly Bell  
Trisha Swift  
Norm Brown

**Board Members absent:**

Lauren Payne  
Melissa Miller  
Mary Wunsch

**Guests:**

Cynthia Richardson  
Jerry Martinez  
Midge Martinez  
Mary Haselow  
Rene Dierdorff  
Donna Brown  
Eleanor Dunn

MOTION by Pat Thompson: Moved to approve the February 2009 CAHC Board of Directors meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Michael Troxler has tendered his resignation as CAHC president. He will now serve in the capacity of immediate past president, replacing Chuck Mangan in that capacity. Chuck is now the chair of the Hunter Jumper committee.

Jim Gromelski distributed an invitation given to him at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo regarding the Hope Charity Trail Ride on April 5, 2009 at Lory State Park. More information about this ride can be found at [http://www.google.com/search?sourceid=navclient&ie=UTF-8&rlz=1T4GGIH\\_enUS239US239&q=hope+charity+trail+ride](http://www.google.com/search?sourceid=navclient&ie=UTF-8&rlz=1T4GGIH_enUS239US239&q=hope+charity+trail+ride).

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Harden:** Distributed financials via email pre-meeting. Christmas Show lost \$5800 compared to budget (mainly attributed to lower number of entries). Joanne Read will submit an ending financial statement for the 2008 Christmas Show. CAHC membership is trailing slightly compared to last year. Newsletter is doing very well. Discussed some capital assets that have been depreciated out and should be removed from the balance sheet. Ron will inventory to determine what can be disposed of in order to adjust the books. Jim Gromelski requested an inventory of assets and show equipment totaling ~\$15,700. Ron will send out an email to board and membership asking if anyone has possession of this equipment.

MOTION by Jim Hitt: Moved to approve the February 2009 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Cheryl McMahan. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION by Jim Hitt:

Whereas, Michael Troxler has resigned his position as CAHC President; Therefore, Be It Moved, That Vice President Jim Gromelski be appointed to serve as CAHC President effective immediately.

Motion seconded by Ron Harden. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Gromelski requests that board members suggest a nominee for CAHC vice president by April board meeting.

**New Meeting location:** The Renaissance Hotel has offered a conference room for \$50 per meeting (same price as Colorado Horse Park but more centrally located). We will like to schedule at least one meeting to see if the location draws more people from the north. Going forward we should be flexible in choosing our meeting place. We have budgeted \$175/year for meeting rooms so we could have at least three paid meetings within budget. Consensus was to keep the meetings scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise announced. Helen Alfaro will send an invitation email to the general membership regarding all CAHC board meetings.

**Spring Show Fees:** Jim Gromelski opened discussion of fee structure for Spring Show. In the past two weeks, some exhibitors have voiced concerns to their trainers about the increased fees and overall affordability of entering Spring Show. Liz Wheeler distributed the 2009 Spring Show budget based on \$60-per-class standard entry fee since this show will be double-judged and double-pointed. Liz used financials from the 2008 show (139 entries) to devise budget for 2009 projecting anticipated additional expenses, but the number of class entries is impossible to project. In light of exhibitor feedback, the Spring Show committee decided to offer two classes for the price of one (\$30 instead of \$60). Several guests and board members discussed advantages and disadvantages of paying an increased fee over \$30.

MOTION by Ron Harden:

Whereas, Negative feedback has been received from some potential exhibitors regarding the published standard class entry fee of \$60 for the double-judged 2009 Spring Show; and

Whereas, There is a risk of losing exhibitor entries to Spring Show because of the higher class entry fees; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That standard class entry fees be reduced from \$60 to \$30; and

Moved, That the 2009 Spring Show Budget be approved as submitted with the lower class entry fee.

Motion seconded by Liz Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Gromelski suggested a flat fee for youth so they could enter as many classes as desired, and advocated budgeting for net-zero show budgets. He will discuss further with Ron Harden.

**ACTIVITIES – Jim Gromelski:** One trail ride planned for fall. Arabian Races May 23 to August 9 at Arapahoe Park.

**MEMBERSHIP – Pat Thompson:** Received materials from Kathy Troxler. Cynthia Richardson reported that as of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, CAHC has 245 1-year adult members, 49 3-year adults, and 6 lifetime members. AHA will send out reports 60-days and 30-days in advance of our club members' renewal dates to notify us of pending expirations.

**NEWSLETTER –** Directory needs to be updated, list was sent around to everyone present to verify email addresses and phone numbers.

**NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Norm Brown:** Larimer County is attempting to review regulations affecting boarding/training facilities (commercial vs agricultural designation). There is concern that this legislation may compel businesses to move out of Larimer County to neighboring counties. Donna Brown commented that the legislation may eventually affect the entire state.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler:** Equine Nutrition clinic to be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1PM, Kit Carson riding Club, Black Forest Rd and Cowpoke Rd. Denise White, DVM will talk about spring shots. There are new vaccines to consider in light of newer strains of transmittable

equine disease. Taylor Moss will also present nutrition information. Light refreshments will be served. Annual Southern Division Tack Sale will be Saturday-Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, also at Kit Carson arena.

**YOUTH DIVISION – Kelly Bell:** High point award jackets have been ordered.

**AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon:** Blankets are being embroidered and Cheryl will assure delivery to high-point award recipients when the embroidery is done.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** CPA report completed, report submitted to the IRS.

**DELEGATES – Cynthia Richardson:** Cynthia will contact Mike Troxler to find out whether or not he wants to relinquish his position as a voted-in delegate. Delegate list needs to be submitted to AHA by August 1<sup>st</sup> so she will request that Mike make a decision by that date.

School N Fool has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. ARHA clinic and RMRHA clinic will be held on Sunday.

**REGION 8 – Jim Hitt:** Last board meeting addressed economy concerns. Budget was more closely scrutinized. Jim Gordon (from the Cowboys & Indians magazine) is in charge of publications.

**STOCK SHOW BOOTH – Jim Gromelski:** Still need someone to take over this committee as well as Rocky Mountain Horse Expo.

**COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Norm Brown:** Rocky Mountain Horse Expo concluded on Sunday; attendance down slightly from last year. Temple Grandin's sessions were well attended. Norm acknowledged the efforts of Jerry Martinez in promoting the Expo to the public through his visits to several area schools and television stations. A few people from AHA (mostly marketing and PR people) visited the Expo after having seen Jerry's interview on Channel 2.

Colorado Horse Development Authority has asked Miss Rodeo Colorado (Audra Dobbs) to help promote the "Support the Horse" license plate. Jerry shared that Ms. Dobbs has pay all of her own expenses for travel to public appearances. Jerry has asked if CAHC could lend some financial support to Ms. Dobbs. Discussed funding her on an event-by-event basis, and Jerry will follow up with her. Jerry will devise an article about the Support the Horse License plate program for the CAHC newsletter.

**DRESSAGE – Kathy Scott:** Dressage Ride for the Cure is April 24<sup>th</sup> at Penrose Stadium in Colorado Springs. Mary Jo Hoepner will be getting some more information out about that. Mary Jo has been named the U.S. #1 Intermediare. Her half-Arabian horse, Shade needs only one more show before entering Grand Prix. Kathy Scott has agreed to liason with Mary Jo Hepner for the Dressage Committee report for future meetings.

**HUNTER JUMPER:** no report

**ENDURANCE:** Liz Wheeler – No word back from Colorado Horse Park on our application to hold an endurance ride there in August. Will contact Chuck Mangan to see if he knows anything.

**HALTER JACKPOT – Kathy Scott:** No committee meeting as of yet to decide how to disburse remaining futurity monies, but plans a fundraising dinner/committee meeting at Grill on the Hill on a Friday evening in mid-April. More information forthcoming.

**PERFORMANCE JACKPOT:** Pat Thompson will recycle performance jackpot ribbons for use at Spring Show since Halter/Performance jackpot classes will no longer be offered at Fall Show.

MOTION by Kathy Scott:

Whereas, Halter and performance jackpot classes are no longer offered at CAHC Fall Show;  
Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the Halter and Performance Jackpot Programs be dissolved and removed from the meeting agendas. Halter Jackpot Committee will remain active until it is decided how the remaining halter futurity funds should be allocated.

Motion seconded by Liz Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

**WEBSITE – Ron Harden:** Spring Show premium book will be posted on the CAHC website with the revised class entry fees.

**SPRING SHOW – Liz Wheeler:** Discussed in New Business (above).

**ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson:** Nothing new to report

**FALL SHOW – Pat Thompson:** Nothing new to report.

**CHRISTMAS SHOW:** no report

Jim Gromelski requests that show managers submit their preliminary show budgets 120 days prior to their respective shows. Jim will discuss the feasibility of this target interval with Ron Harden.

**OLD BUSINESS:** no report

MOTION by Pat Thompson to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Harden. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 8 , 2009 at 7PM at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street in Denver (Stapleton area).

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Alfaro