

COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Gromelski at 7:16 PM at Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

Board Members present (8 for quorum):

Jim Gromelski
Helen Alfaro
Jim Hitt
Ron Harden
Pat Thompson
Cheryl McMahon
Mary Wunsch
Kathy Scott
Liz Wheeler
Melissa Miller
Trisha Swift
Norm Brown

Board Members absent:

Lauren Payne
Kelly Bell
Michael Troxler

Guests:

Cynthia Richardson
Jerry Martinez
Ellin Smith
Paul Smith

MINUTES – MOTION by Pat Thompson: Moved to approve the March 2009 CAHC Board of Directors meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Jim Hitt. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Harden: Distributed financials via email pre-meeting. Minimal activity to report; all books reconciled. Interest earnings are dramatically decreased.

MOTION by Cheryl McMahon: Moved to approve the March 2009 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Melissa Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Lauren Payne's mother passed away on Monday. Will send flowers and will include a notice via email blast.

Pat Thompson shared a letter from Stacy Raymond (Mobile Music Express) regarding a new business she is starting called The Kids Corral; will provide daycare services at horse shows.

OLD BUSINESS: No progress on accounting for depreciated items (zero value or otherwise) on our balance sheet. Ron is still researching.

Cynthia Richardson spoke with Michael Troxler about continuing as a CAHC delegate and he plans to postpone that decision until August.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Gromelski has nominated Lauren Payne for vice president.

MOTION by Jim Hitt:

Whereas, Jim Gromelski has vacated the position of CAHC Vice President; Therefore, Be It Moved, That Lauren Payne is elected CAHC Vice President effective immediately. Motion seconded by Melissa Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Gromelski has nominated Jerry Martinez for general director.

MOTION by Liz Wheeler:

Whereas, Lauren Payne has been elected CAHC Vice President and has vacated her position as a general director; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That Jerry Martinez is elected to serve on the board as a general director effective immediately.

Motion seconded by Melissa Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Norm Brown: Larimer County is reviewing regulations affecting boarding/training facilities (commercial vs agricultural designation) and Trisha Swift is now participating on that group. No division events to report at this time. Trisha is also participating in Hearts and Horses benefit for therapeutic riding program on Sunday April 19th.

SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler: Equine Nutrition clinic was held on March 29th. Veterinarians Denise White and Taylor Moss presented. Third annual Southern Division Tack Sale will be Saturday-Sunday April 18th-19th at Kit Carson arena. Consignments are welcome. Small businesses are also welcome to provide anything non-equine to consign. Unsold items will be donated to a therapeutic riding program unless consignors are there to pick them up after the sale.

YOUTH DIVISION – Kelly Bell: no report

REGION 8 – Jim Hitt: Nothing new to report.

SPRING SHOW – Liz Wheeler: Buy-A-Classes are full. Judges are in place as scheduled. A center ring will be constructed after the reining classes. New vendors include Triple T Sales and Aussie Rescue group.

ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson: Distributed show budget based on 2008 show. Amended payback line item to comply with USEF regulations.

MOTION by Mary Wunsch to approve the Estes Park show budget. Motion seconded by Ron Harden. Motion passed unanimously.

FALL SHOW – Pat Thompson: Nothing new to report.

CHRISTMAS SHOW: Ron distributed explanation of 2008 Christmas Show financials pre-meeting. Discussed potential location (Larimer County vs National Western) and pros and cons of each. Jim Gromelski will talk with Lauren Payne about the planned location. Our dates at National Western have been secured with a \$500 deposit. Also discussed the pros and cons of changing from an 'A' rating to a 'B' rating.

ACTIVITIES – Jim Gromelski: Arabian Races; Jim will talk with Valerie Lynn. Lauren Payne will take over the Activities Committee in her role as vice president. Also renamed two committees: "Fun Trail Rides" and "Communications/Newsletter."

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Finished until 2010.

AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon: Blankets are done for adult high point awards. Youth high point jackets have been ordered and Cheryl will assure delivery to high-point award recipients when the embroidery is done. News about volunteer hours will be published in the newsletter and on the website. Cheryl will update the Volunteer Form for the website. Cheryl will take over as the keeper of volunteer hours as a part of her Awards Committee duties.

BY-LAWS – Jim Gromelski: Jim had made some amendment proposals several months ago. Wants to continue working on them, to include looking at restructuring the Standing Committees, before presenting finalized version. Tabled until further notice.

COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Norm Brown: Rocky Mountain Horse Expo July 3-5 in Colorado Springs at Penrose Events Center; July 24-26 in Eagle with the WRCA Championship Rodeo at Eagle County Fairgrounds; September 18-20 in Ignacio. Horse Coalition is working on improving their approach to the legislature in an effort to resubmit their proposed bill that did not pass. Support the Horse license plates are still selling well. Miss Colorado may be able to make an appearance at Region 8 horse show.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER – Ellin Smith: Ellin distributed a rate sheet for email, web, and print ads. Discussed giving members an initial opportunity to "opt-out" of receiving advertisements and/or CAHC news via email. Ellin would like to have a liaison from each division to distribute information to their groups, and provide information to her for distribution through the Club's communications venues. Trisha Swift will serve in this capacity for the Northern Division, Liz Wheeler for the Southern Division. Discussed using an email server (such as Constant Contact or iContact) to send out email blasts. Also discussed how to survey our membership about preferences to email, hard mailings, division affiliations, opting out of receiving emails, etc. Need to maintain the privacy of members' information.

MOTION by Jim Hitt:

Whereas, Management of CAHC member email addresses has historically been decentralized and cumbersome; and

Whereas, Fees for Email "blasts" (broadcast email advertisements distributed to CAHC members) have not been consistently charged to or collected from advertisers;
Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the proposed advertising rates be approved, and that iContact be selected as our email service provider. We will revisit cost-effectiveness of this plan as needed.

Motion seconded by Pat Thompson. Trisha Swift abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATES – Cynthia Richardson: Needs volunteers to work School N Fool, Saturday, May 2nd. No overnight stalling for those who wish to also participate in the reining clinic the following day. Need to send out another email blast inviting everyone to School N Fool. KM will allow us to have our own concessions under the guise of a fund-raising activity.

DRESSAGE – Kathy Scott: Dressage Ride for the Cure is April 24th. Closing date is April 16th. "Intro" classes (non-formal attire) will be offered. Mary Jo Hoepner plans to make a donation to the ride from her committee fund, which currently contains appx \$1100. Melissa Miller reported a request from another breed group to rent our portable dressage arena. After discussion about the amount of time and effort involved in transporting and cleaning the materials, the board decided not to offer rental of our dressage arena any longer.

ENDURANCE – Liz Wheeler: Linda Brownelder is the new manager for the Endurance Ride on August 22-23 at Colorado Horse Park; includes Colorado Breeders Cup on Saturday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – no report

FUN TRAIL RIDES – Paula Koch: Jim Gromelski reported that one trail ride is planned for the fall, location and date TBD. Jim Hitt reported that AHA is talking about holding smaller "Fort Robinson"-like rides on a state-by-state basis.

HALTER JACKPOT – Kathy Scott: Next and last meeting will be on April 18th at 4:00 at the Southern Division Tack Sale, to discuss and decide on an equitable distribution of the remaining jackpot funds. Chili dinner will be served.

HUNTER JUMPER – Chuck Mangan: Jim Gromelski reported that despite prior approval to purchase new jumps, Chuck reinstated that we really just need to purchase four more standards. Jim Gromelski will notify Chuck to proceed with acquisition in compliance with the Board's approval.

INSURANCE – Jim Gromelski: Lauren Payne will take over this committee.

MEMBERSHIP – Pat Thompson: Current membership count is 247 one-year adult members, 50 three-year adults, 6 lifetime members, and 39 youth. We are now allowed 7 delegates; we'd need 351 members to be allowed an 8th delegate.

NOMINATING – Ann Wegener: Pat Thompson reported that she will meet with Ann Wegener and Cindy Gromelski within the next month to discuss Nominations Committee.

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

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

WORKING HORSE – Jim Hitt: ARHA will offer reining clinic in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Reining Horse Association on Sunday May 3rd.

YOUTH JUDGING TEAM – Jodi Zeier

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – Cynthia Richardson has the Diane Alderson memorial (halter) perpetual trophy and notes that the recipient names have not been updated on the trophy for several years. In addition, a new base needs to be attached to the trophy because there are no more places to add additional winners.

MOTION by Ron Harden:

Whereas, The Diane Alderson memorial perpetual trophy labels have not been updated with winners' names and year of award, and that the trophy needs a new base, more name plates, and new engraving of those winners' names that have not been kept up to date.; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That CAHC allocate funds from the unused Futurity monies to recondition and update the trophy.

Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

New Meeting location: We have budgeted enough to hold at least two more meetings at The Renaissance Hotel.

MOTION by Jim Hitt to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Cheryl McMahon. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 13, 2009 at 7PM at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street in Denver (Stapleton area).

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Alfaro