

COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2009

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

Board Members present (8 for quorum):

Jim Gromelski
Lauren Payne
Ron Harden
Helen Alfaro
Jerry Martinez
Cheryl McMahon
Kathy Scott
Liz Wheeler
Jim Hitt
Pat Thompson

Board Members absent:

Melissa Miller
Michael Troxler
Mary Wunsch
Norm Brown
Trisha Swift
Kelly Bell

Guests:

Cynthia Richardson
Cindy Gromelski
Mary Jo Hoepner

MINUTES – MOTION by Ron Harden to approve the April 2009 CAHC Board of Directors meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Harden: Distributed financials via email pre-meeting. Minimal activity to report; all books reconciled. Balance sheet currently shows accumulated depreciation appx (\$7500) adjustment as discussed at March 2009 board of directors meeting; inventory of assets still in progress. Income statement shows funds raised by School N Fool, \$2821. Discussed how depreciation expenses are allocated in the balance sheet.

MOTION by Jim Hitt:

Whereas, The recent action of assessing 3 years worth of depreciation to the Dressage Committee fund for the dressage arena equipment has substantially depleted the committee's fund; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the balance sheet be amended for the Dressage Committee by recalculating the equipment depreciation based on fees collected for the use of the arena on an annual basis until the original purchase has been paid off.

Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Pat Thompson to approve the April 2009 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Ron Harden. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank-you card from Lauren Payne for flowers sent as condolence after her mother passed away.

OLD BUSINESS: Cynthia Richardson is still researching how to have the base updated on the Diane Alderson memorial (halter) perpetual trophy. Discussed whether this and other perpetual trophies are insured.

Discussed appreciation gift for Michael Troxler for his many years of service as CAHC president. Cynthia suggests a leather custom-tooled laptop case with the CAHC logo, at a cost of \$200.

MOTION by Jim Hitt:

Whereas, Gary Martinez has offered to create the laptop case for Michael Troxler's gift at a substantial discount to the club; Therefore, Be It Moved, That funds be allocated to pay Gary Martinez the appx \$200 for this gift. Motion seconded by Liz Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Gromelski thanked all division presidents for getting their by-laws in to the secretary for filing in club records.

Meeting location: We have budgeted enough to hold one more meeting at the Renaissance Hotel. Jim Gromelski asked everyone to submit suggestions on a new location.

NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Trisha Swift: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th. Will discuss either partnering with Mountain View Arabians or another farm to hold a fun show. Will submit dates and location in time for the next newsletter.

SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler: April tack sale was canceled due to weather. Rescheduled date TBD. Southern Division participated in the dressage show at Penrose, provided volunteers, etc. Planning another fund-raising activity.

YOUTH DIVISION – Kelly Bell: Nothing new to report. Youth was unable to have their meeting at the Spring Show, so they have rescheduled it to be held during the Larimer County Show.

REGION 8 – Jim Hitt: Board of Directors meeting starts tomorrow. Region 8 email blast list is now incorporated in ConstantContact.

SPRING SHOW – Liz Wheeler: Received many positive comments about the judges. Not all financials are in yet. Had 152 horses (more than last year). Income and paybacks will be down but how much is yet to be determined. Stalls and facility fees were up, and NWECA also now charges fees for overtime pay for staff; we're still awaiting final invoice. Judges were complimentary about how our show was run. The only complaint was the amount of time required on Saturday for individually-judged classes and splitting youth classes.

ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson: Received email from an architect soliciting our input regarding improvements that will be made to the Stanley Park grandstands. Any comments should be given to Pat this week. Premium book will be online next week.

FALL SHOW – Pat Thompson: Nothing new to report.

CHRISTMAS SHOW – Lauren Payne: December 11-13 at NWECA, Barb Arkin will be assistant show manager. Lauren is taking inventory of Christmas Show supplies she received this week. Lauren has surveyed several people who indicated they would attend Christmas Show if it were at National Western rather than another location. Also again discussed the pros and cons of changing from an 'A' rating to a 'B' rating. Ron Harden offered that the requirement for payback would be the only factor impacting show expenses. Lauren questions whether or not we need to even hold a Christmas Show. We deposited \$500 to NWECA, but a contract has not yet been signed. Ron will get a copy of the canceled check. Jim Hitt suggested that we shorten Christmas Show to 2 days for the optimal budgetary impact. Jerry Martinez stated that not holding this show would hurt the trainers because if not for the Christmas show, many clients would take their horses out of training for the 6-month "off season." Liz Wheeler questioned if we should investigate whether Arabian classes could be put back into the Stock Show schedule.

ACTIVITIES – Jim Gromelski: This committee will be turned over to Lauren Payne next month. Paula Koch is still planning one trail ride in the fall. Valerie Lynn is interested in

providing us with information on behalf of Arabian Racing, and asked for CAHC sponsorship of a cooler or blanket. This request will be formally made in June. Race day is July 19th.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Finished until 2010. Discussed whether the auditor should submit an audit completion/compliance report directly to the board, also to be filed for official club documentation.

AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon: Adult high-point awards have all been distributed. Need to change volunteer hours form on the website with Cheryl's name. Youth award jackets have been ordered. Cheryl doesn't know who has done the embroidery in the past, and she says there is a one-time setup fee of \$250 if we want to use the CAHC logo. The vendor is Colorado Custom Clothing.

MOTION by Pat Thompson:

Whereas, The club wants to display the CAHC logo on all of the youth high-point award jackets, but the set-up fee is significant; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That the cost of the \$250 logo setup fee be split equally between the CAHC youth club fund and the general fund.

Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Norm Brown: No report

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER – Ellin Smith: Ellin will be preparing a budget for this committee. Printing newsletter is appx \$230, not including postage. Constant Contact subscription \$153 per year. Currently have 300 emails in list, and Ellin can create sublists as needed. Email ads total \$75 so far, \$80 in pending ads.

Non-CAHC horse shows have been listed on our website for many years at no cost. It is a benefit to our members to be able to find a shows list and downloadable premium books in one place. Ron states that this list also brings traffic to the CAHC web site. Will continue this practice.

DELEGATES – Cynthia Richardson: School N Fool was the largest ever. Appx 27 members (some brought multiple horses), and 13 non-members. Having the event on a Saturday was beneficial. May increase the fees for reining next year based on the amount of time required. Also may start earlier.

DRESSAGE – Mary Jo Hoepner: Arabians for the Cure (pink-ribbon event) was held April 24th as part of Dressage for the Cure. Arabians represented 30 goes. Gained at least one CAHC member through this event, and he plans to become active in the Southern Division activities. Four Southern Division members volunteered during the event. A \$250 donation was paid out of the Dressage Committee fund. CSDA is planning on holding this event again next year and is hoping CAHC will participate again. Also planning to partner with Southern Division to hold a ride test clinic in early October prior to USDF regional championships. Would like to expand Arabian class offerings next year. Jim Gromelski suggested incorporating dressage points into our year-end high point awards to increase membership among dressage riders.

ENDURANCE – Liz Wheeler: An endurance ride was held the first weekend in May. There are several rides coming up and Liz will create a calendar for the June meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – no report

FUN TRAIL RIDES – Paula Koch: Jim Gromelski asked if Paula would be interested in participating in the regional trail ride. No definite answer yet.

HALTER JACKPOT – Kathy Scott: Deferred until next month.

HUNTER JUMPER – Chuck Mangan: Will purchase jump standards

INSURANCE – Lauren Payne: Need a count and appraised value of all our perpetual trophies to get insurance for them. Lauren will ask Ellin Smith to send an email blast find out who has these trophies and where they are located.

MEMBERSHIP – Pat Thompson: Current membership count is 256 one-year adult members, 50 three-year adults, 6 lifetime members, and 42 youth. We are now allowed 7 delegates; we'd need 351 adult members to be allowed an 8th delegate.

NOMINATING – Ann Wegener: Committee met on May 6th and came up with a list of potential nominees for the 2010 slate of officers, numbered in order of preference. They have begun contacting potential candidates to gauge their interest. When they have secured a list of candidates, they will publicize it. They also worked on a list of CAHC members they think might be qualified; interested parties will be invited to serve on committees and other CAHC projects in hopes of introducing new people into our endeavors. Ann will e-mail that list to Jim Gromelski for distribution to the appropriate individuals.

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

WEBSITE – Ron Harden: Nothing new to report.

WORKING HORSE – Jim Hitt: Need to refurbish trail equipment. Liz Wheeler commented that expenses for holding working cow horses at Spring Show have increased dramatically. Cost at Spring Show was \$62 per go, not including awards. May need to reconsider this offering at future shows, as much as we dislike having to discontinue it. We either need more goes or more sponsorships.

YOUTH JUDGING TEAM – Jodi Zeier: No report

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – Pat Thompson reports that both pending sales of Colorado Horse Park have fallen through. They are considering a possible bond issue to build a new 450'x550' arena (tentative groundbreaking slated for November). CHP asked if our group would consider using this new facility. They are offering use of their existing arena for free Mondays through Fridays. Helen Alfaro will contact Debbie Terry to see if we can negotiate a more reasonable price for use of a meeting room for our board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

BY-LAWS – Jim Gromelski: Deferred until next month.

MOTION by Jim Hitt to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Harden. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 10, 2009 at 7PM at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street in Denver (Stapleton area).

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Alfaro