

COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Gromelski at 7:02 PM at Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

Board Members present (8 for quorum):

Jim Gromelski
Lauren Payne
Helen Alfaro
Cheryl McMahon
Liz Wheeler
Ron Harden
Jim Hitt
Pat Thompson

Trisha Swift
Melissa Miller
Mary Wunsch
Kelly Bell
Kathy Scott

Guests:

Ann Wegener
Mary Jo Hoepner
Ellin Smith
Paul Smith

Board Members absent:

Jerry Martinez
Norm Brown

MINUTES – MOTION by Pat Thompson to approve the August 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. Delegates have received their funds for AHA convention. Received financials from Estes Park show, income \$1800.

MOTION by Liz Wheeler to approve the September 2009 financial statements as presented. Motion seconded by Cheryl McMahon. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received request for \$1600 from Jodi Zeier for Youth Judging Team.

Cynthia Richardson submitted a report about the ACS. The show earned a net income of \$887.21.

OLD BUSINESS: Cynthia Richardson is preparing for brainstorming committee meeting.

Ron is accumulating asset inventory reports. He has not yet received information about CAHC-owned perpetual memorial trophies (e.g., Mona Betts trophy, Diane Alderson trophy, David Howland trophy, and others). Discussed assigning a committee or individual to oversee the perpetual trophies to better control their whereabouts for location and insurance purposes. Helen Alfaro agreed to track down and maintain this information.

NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Norm Brown (via email): Fun Show schedule was distributed, scheduled for October 4th at Double D Ranch at 10231 WCR 141/2 in Fort Lupton.

SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler: The September 12th tack sale at Kit Carson Riding Club earned \$2527 and was well attended. General election results are: president – Liz Wheeler, vice president – Kathy Scott, secretary – Denis White, treasurer – JoAnne Read, director – Vicki Borelli.

Christmas social pot luck dinner will be Sunday December 13th, tentatively at Kit Carson Riding Club. Community Show April 25th 2010. Will be scheduling some other clinics, and plan more Tack Sales.

YOUTH DIVISION – Cheryl McMahon: Nicole McMahon requested bylaws from Kelly Bell and has not yet received them. Jim Gromelski has an old copy of youth bylaws but is not sure if they have been updated. Youth mail-in ballots have not been distributed yet because a slate of officers has not been assembled (not enough youth members are interested in running). Discussed the need for better representation for youth to enhance participation. Jim Gromelski will contact a few adult individuals who may be interested in taking on this responsibility.

REGION 8 – Jim Hitt: Sent out an email regarding the Nebraska club's desire to switch from Region 8 to Region 6. Current Region 8 financials show about \$10K profit from Region 8 show.

SPRING SHOW – Liz Wheeler: Still working on staffing and judges. Some contracts are out. The 2010 Spring Show falls on the weekend after Classic horse show.

ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson: Todd Hickerson (from California) performance judge. Dressage judge Dolly Hannon, hunter/jumper judge Jenny Paisley.

FALL SHOW – Pat Thompson: 118 horses, down about 10% from last year. Show ran smoothly, lots of positive feedback about the judge (Ted Carson). No financials yet.

CHRISTMAS SHOW – Lauren Payne: Class list for premium book will be posted soon; will send email blast announcing show location, dates, etc. Still working on budget spreadsheet. May need to find an alternative to Mobile Music Express, which charges \$350/day. Discussed possibilities but all agreed that \$350/day may be an average charge for any music service.

ACTIVITIES – Lauren Payne: Nothing to report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Jim Gromelski discussed that our current bylaws support maintaining an audit committee year-round, which should include 3 members (excluding a board member or officer) and that this committee will perform an annual audit. Gwen Mahoney, who is a CPA, has offered to chair this committee. She will talk with others who might be willing to serve on this committee.

AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon: All volunteer hours are collected except for last year's Christmas Show. After Fall Show results are in, points will be calculated for high point year-end awards. Cheryl is still looking for ideas for award gifts. Discussed feedback Cheryl received from people about not being able to get all of their high point hours from Region 8, rather than a CAHC activity. Cheryl will put together a proposal and present at next meeting.

BY-LAWS – Jim Gromelski: The board is scheduled to meet in November to discuss revisions to the by-laws.

COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Norm Brown: no report

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER – Ellin Smith: Many people have asked about using email blast advertisements (rates, etc). Constant Contact service was a \$153 investment and we have netted \$200 income from email advertisements to date. First notice will go out in this coming newsletter about transitioning to electronic newsletter. Some people will still need receive hard copy.

DELEGATES – Jim Hitt: Delegate funds have been distributed and delegates should be getting their hotel reservations and travel plans made for AHA convention. The 2010 School N Fool cannot be held on a weekend prior to Spring Show because of schedule at NW Events Center.

DRESSAGE – Mary Jo Hoepner: Ride A Test Clinic and Show to be held October 11th, anyone is welcome to ride a dressage test or bring a sport horse and run a pattern. Judge Kristi Wysocki will provide feedback and suggestions. RMDS championships are next week. Patricia Weed wants to be active in CAHC again and has offered her facility for schooling shows or clinics.

ENDURANCE – Liz Wheeler: The Kenlyn Urban Challenge and Colorado Breeders Cup Endurance Ride is Sept 26th, and is a qualifier for high point year-end awards. The 50-mile ride starts 7:30Am, briefing is 30 minutes before; 25-mile ride starts at 8:30AM. There is also a Fun ride that can be ridden at any gait.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

FUN TRAIL RIDES – Paula Koch (via email): Bijou Springs ride went well. 100 riders participated, BBQ at the end of the day. Hunt ride was modeled at various gaits and levels. The club hosts a hunt every Wednesday and Sunday, coyote not fox. Seven CAHC members attended, there were also many Arabs and half-Arabs in use among non-CAHC members, who commented that Arabs were well suited to the hunt because of their stamina. The website for the hunt club is www.bijouspringshunt.com

HALTER JACKPOT: It was discussed that the Halter Jackpot committee needs to determine a use for the leftover funds, or the money will be designated to special items in other areas.

HUNTER JUMPER: Chuck will attend hunter/jumper meeting at Sport Horse Nationals next week. No response yet to the email request for a donated trailer for jump and trail equipment.

INSURANCE – Lauren Payne: Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP – Pat Thompson: 258 adult (down 2 from last report), 50 3-yr, 6 life (314 total), 42 youth.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – Ann Wegener/Pat Thompson: Sealed and verified ballots were brought to the meeting for counting by Anne Wegener and Ellin and Paul Smith. Discussed the definition of CAHC voting membership. According to Jim Gromelski's conversation with AHA, voting privileges in CAHC should be valid only for members who are affiliated with AHA through CAHC. Discussed the need for revisions to the membership application and the CAHC Bylaws pertaining to voting rights in CAHC.

Election results:

President – 35 votes for Jim Gromelski, 28 votes for Chuck Mangan
Vice Pres – 33 votes for Lauren Payne, 24 votes for Donna Martino, 6 votes for Jaime Ciarla
Secretary – 39 votes for Helen Alfaro, 24 votes for Barb Arkin
Treasurer – Ron Harden, unanimous

STOCK SHOW BOOTH – Jim Gromelski: Have made 50% down payment. Still need a coordinator.

WEBSITE – Ron Harden: Nothing to report.

WORKING HORSE – Jim Hitt: Nothing to report.

YOUTH JUDGING TEAM – Jodi Zeier: no report

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – Discussed putting on clinics as a club activity.

MOTION by Lauren Payne to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Cheryl McMahon. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Alfaro