

**COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Gromelski at 7:10 PM at Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

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

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

**Board Members absent:**

Jerry Martinez  
Kathy Scott  
Jim Hitt  
Kelly Bell  
Michael Troxler

**Guests:**

Cynthia Richardson

**MINUTES – MOTION** by Mary Wunsch to approve the September 2009 CAHC Board of Directors meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Cheryl McMahon. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Harden:** Distributed financials via email pre-meeting. Cynthia Richardson asked about the status of pending delegate funding. Discussed prospective use of unused halter futurity monies (~\$7400), putting it into a special reserves fund for youth, education, breed promotion, etc. It was commented by Liz Wheeler that according to Robert's Rules, approval of the Treasurer's interim report does not require a motion to approve.

MOTION by Ron Harden:

Whereas, There is approximately \$7400 in unused Arabian and Half-Arabian halter and performance futurity funds on the balance sheet; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That these funds be placed under special reserves fund to be expended under the direction of the BOD.

Motion seconded by Pat Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jim Gromelski shared email from Mike Troxler, who plans to keep his primary membership through CAHC to sustain our numbers for delegate count for convention. Jim sees no practical reason for Mike not to serve as the immediate past president, especially if he retains his AHA membership affiliated with CAHC.

Cynthia Richardson sent thanks for a wall plaque sent to her in memory of her mother.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ron Harden is still gathering information about depreciated assets (location, etc). Chuck Mangan still maintains a storage area that contains some things belonging to the club, including old financial records. Jim will talk to Chuck about what is still in storage.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Norm Brown:** October 4<sup>th</sup> Fun show was canceled. Discussed the potential use of Double D Ranch in Fort Lupton for future community shows. Bill Culbertson died August 23<sup>rd</sup>; he was state extension horse specialist, retired. Trish Swift is still involved in the Larimer County horse business review committee. ND Board meeting is next week, will discuss resolutions and by-laws.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler:** Ride the Test scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> needs to be postponed; judge had a last-minute emergency. Will try to reschedule. Christmas party is Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> during the day; details TBA.

**YOUTH DIVISION – Kelly Bell (via email):** Still working on recruiting people to run for the Officer's positions of JCAHC. Both Kelly and Nicole McMahon have sent out several emails and hard-copy mailings, as well as phone calls to individual youth members. Kelly is currently tabulating High Point results and is awaiting Fall Show results from JoAnne Read for final tabulation. Kelly has also created a Facebook page for JCAHC, which currently has 25 "friends" confirmed after being up for less than a week. Kelly is hopeful that this will be an effective communication tool, since a lot of kids are on Facebook daily and this might help them connect with each other, share their stories and photos, despite their different locales.

Jim Gromelski spoke with Kelly and she still wants to be involved with youth division. Suggested email blast to survey what youth members would like from the club. Gayle Zeier and others may be willing to help with youth division.

**REGION 8 – Jim Hitt:** no report

**SPRING SHOW – Liz Wheeler:** Judges are not yet confirmed, nothing else to report.

**ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson:** Jenny Paisley cannot judge so Pat will be looking for a replacement Hunter/Jumper judge.

**FALL SHOW – Pat Thompson:** Awaiting financials, thinks it will break even.

**CHRISTMAS SHOW – Lauren Payne:** Distributed budget. Discussed hotel contracts (Embassy Suites vs Renaissance). Show dates are December 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION by Lauren Payne to approve the 2009 Christmas Show budget. Motion seconded by Ron Harden. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**ACTIVITIES – Lauren Payne:** Planning awards party for some time in January. No venue or date yet.

**AUDIT – Gwen Mahoney:** Jim Gromelski says Gwen is enthusiastic about chairing this committee.

**AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon:** Still needs Fall Show results and final volunteer hours to tabulate awards.

**BRAINSTORMING SHOW – Cynthia Richardson:** Plans to get some statistics from AHA to put together a report of helpful ideas about show planning, budgeting, etc.

**BY-LAWS – Jim Gromelski:** Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Pat Thompson's house to discuss revisions to by-laws.

**COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Norm Brown:** Annual meeting is Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Pavilion in Colorado Springs at 1PM.

**COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER – Ellin Smith:** Email blasts continue to be of good use to the membership.

**DELEGATES – Cynthia Richardson/Jim Hitt:** Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Delegates should have received the packet of 19 resolutions for review. Proposal for a new halter system (again). Some resolutions pertain to certain genetic equine diseases.

Cynthia suggested that delegate fundraisers need to be better volunteer-staffed by all delegates or their stand-in representatives. Many delegates recently have not participated in any fundraisers, even though they receive delegate funds. Cynthia suggests that all delegates should participate in these fundraisers or they should not be delegates. Cynthia will prepare a delegate/alternate contract to present to the board for their approval.

**DRESSAGE – Mary Jo Hoepner (via email):** Show/clinic planned for Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. Many Arabians were present at RMDS Championships, but for the first time in about 7 years no Arabs were shown in-hand. High scores were in the upper 60's. We are investigating having activities out on Elbert Highway at a nice facility there. More to come.

**ENDURANCE – Liz Wheeler:** Breeders Cup Endurance Ride was last Saturday. This was the last of Linda Fisher's rides for 2009. No report about future rides.

**FINANCE – Executive Committee:** Ron Harden says all board members need to look at Income Statement, budget, start thinking about 2009-2010 budget. After November 1<sup>st</sup> we will need to address the club's budget to finalize by December. Look at your own line items and be frugal.

**FUN TRAIL RIDES – Paula Koch:** no report

**HALTER JACKPOT – Kathy Scott** (delete from agenda after October) no report

**HUNTER JUMPER – Chuck Mangan:** Cynthia Richardson received negative feedback about our jumps, specifically for young horses. Cynthia suggests soliciting recommendations from those with some expertise about the jumps.

**INSURANCE – Lauren Payne:** Equisure does not offer accident insurance in our show policies now. Lauren will follow-up on the specifics about this new rule.

**MEMBERSHIP – Pat Thompson:** 256 adults, 49 3-yr, 41 youth, 6 life. Currently 23 associate members.

Discussed membership form and membership levels (affiliate, associate, family) proposed in email correspondence during September among board members. Pat will revise membership form as discussed.

**NOMINATING – Ann Wegener:** nothing to report

**STOCK SHOW BOOTH –** \$1110 has been paid, which is the total cost for the booth. Jeff Janson will again set-up and tear-down the booth

**WEBSITE – Ron Harden:** nothing to report

**WORKING HORSE – Jim Hitt:** no report

**YOUTH JUDGING TEAM – Jodi Zeier:** no report

Liz Wheeler mentioned Mark Boyle's memorial service.

MOTION by Ron Harden to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Mary Wunsch. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 11, 2009 at 7PM at Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street in Denver (Stapleton area).

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Alfaro