

## COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Gromelski at 7:09 PM at Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

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

Jim Gromelski  
Lauren Payne  
Ron Harden  
Helen Alfaro  
Liz Wheeler  
Kathy Scott  
Jim Hitt  
Pat Thompson  
Mary Wunsch

Rene Dierdorff  
Gwen Mahoney

### **Board Members absent:**

Jerry Martinez  
Trisha Swift  
Norm Brown  
Cheryl McMahan  
Melissa Miller  
Michael Troxler  
Kelly Bell

### **Guests:**

Cynthia Richardson

### **MINUTES:**

MOTION by Ron Harden to approve October 2009 CAHC Board of Director's meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Liz Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Harden:** Distributed 2009 Income Statement and Balance Sheet, and 2010 Budget via email pre-meeting. Club will realize an approximate \$5000 loss for the year. Discussed minor questions on the Income Statement. All books are balanced and ready to be sent to the CPA for tax filing.

Discussed 2010 Budget and made adjustments as needed.

MOTION by Jim Hitt to approve the 2009 Income Statement, 2009 Balance Sheet, and 2010 Budget. Motion seconded by Liz Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Note from Jodi Zeier acknowledging Region 8 Youth Judging Team Nationals results. Email from AHA regarding recent downsizing at headquarters. Jim Gromelski distributed email sent to him by a petitioner objecting to the AHA Board of Directors May 2009 decision endorsing the reestablishment of US horse slaughterhouses.

MOTION by Pat Thompson:

Whereas, The AHA Board of Director's decision to endorse reestablishment of US horse slaughterhouses was presumably intended to mitigate market over-saturation, as well as animal neglect, cruelty, or abandonment; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That, while opinions on this matter may vary among the CAHC general membership, the CAHC Board of Directors shall not petition the AHA for a reversal of the decision.

Motion seconded by Ron Harden. Liz Wheeler and Mary Wunsch abstained. Motion passed by majority of votes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Club assets inventory – Ron has received lists from several people about what they have in their possession that belongs to the club. He plans to have a consolidated list by the December 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Some items are jointly owned by CAHC and Region 8.

Discussed advantages and disadvantages of centralizing the location of assets. Secretary should maintain a record of asset locations.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pat Thompson asked about the need to meet every month.

MOTION by Liz Wheeler:

Whereas, Within the past 12 months, a total of 3 CAHC board meetings (December 2008, February 2009, and July 2009) were canceled due to weather or other conflicts that would not render assembly of a full quorum; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That, a minimum of the December 2009, February 2010, and July 2010 board meetings be conducted electronically (via email) as deemed appropriate by the board of directors.

Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND by Ron Harden: No more than 6 meetings per year shall be held electronically and those electronic meetings shall be considered as regular board meetings. Motion to Amend seconded by Jim Hitt. Motion to Amend passed unanimously.

MOTION by Ron Harden to pass original motion as amended. Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

The December 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be conducted electronically.

**Membership Form** – Jim Gromelski distributed revised membership form via email pre-meeting.

MOTION by Pat Thompson:

Whereas, The revised membership form has previously been reviewed and discussed at the October board meeting; Therefore, Be It

Moved, The membership form be accepted as revised.

Motion seconded by Jim Hitt. Motion passed unanimously.

**Standard Show Manager Contract** – Discussed contract proposed by Jim Gromelski and distributed via email pre-meeting. Made revisions as agreed by those in attendance.

MOTION by Jim Hitt:

Whereas, The Standard Show Manager Contract has been reviewed and discussed; Therefore, Be It

Moved, The Standard Show Manager Contract form be accepted as revised.

Motion seconded by Pat Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Gromelski added that the contract should be signed by show manager as soon as possible prior to the show (e.g., immediately after the standing show if that manager plans to renew his/her position as show manager for the following year).

**NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Norm Brown:** Will have an after-holiday party, date TBD. May have an informational meeting in early spring, and host a speaker to see if we can increase member involvement. We would like to obtain a list of CAHC members who want to be affiliated with the Northern Division. Neither Eleanor Dunn nor Trisha Swift will be able to attend the AHA Convention as a delegate. (This has already been reported, but not in a general report to the entire CAHC board). Kathy Scott will attend as alternate delegate.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler:** Christmas social December 13<sup>th</sup> mid-day at Kit Carson Riding Club. Details TBA.

**YOUTH DIVISION** – Elections are completed, final ballot-count is tomorrow. High point awards are tabulated. High-point committee will be elected once new officers are in place. Our Facebook page now has 35 "friends" and should be an effective method of communication. Need to collect all available email addresses for the Youth club (only have 22 so far). Should have a Youth Club activity and meeting organized by Christmas Show, and will be working on fundraising ideas. Gail Zeier will help organize the kids who live up North, and Nicole Piercey will be helping me with kids who live south. Ellin is working on separating the CAHC email address list into adults and youth members. May need to solicit feedback from the parents about what is needed.

**REGION 8 – Jim Hitt:** Went to Nebraska on Sunday for their meeting. They questioned the benefits of relocating their club to Region 6 vs Region 8. They feel like “little fish in a big pond” being in Region 8. AHA stated that Nebraska could not simply relocate at will. AHA is reviewing regional boundaries this year (they review these every 5 years). Region 8 election ballot has been formulated.

**CHRISTMAS SHOW – Lauren Payne:** Need to reserve dates for 2010 (December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) ASAP.

MOTION by Liz Wheeler:

Whereas, We may lose our preferred show dates for 2010 if we don't act immediately;  
Therefore, Be It

Moved, That, Lauren Payne shall contact National Western to secure the 2010 dates of  
December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion seconded by Jim Hitt. Motion passed unanimously.

**SPRING SHOW – Liz Wheeler:** Will host concurrent shows as we did in 2009. No judges hired yet. Will have team penning class and ranch horse versatility classes (subject to local rule only, not AHA approved). Will also have sport horse classes. Budget will be ready by January.

**ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson:** Grandstands are being updated.

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

**ACTIVITIES – Lauren Payne:** Awards party will be January 30<sup>th</sup> at Renaissance Hotel in Denver. Budgeted for 100 people, \$12 for youth, \$15 adults. Cash bar.

**AUDIT – Gwen Mahoney:** Gwen is currently formalizing the role that the audit committee will have within the BOD, and is forming an understanding about the financial aspects of the club. She would like to see more comparison and consolidation of like expenses across the budget areas.

**AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon:** no report

**BRAINSTORMING SHOW – Cynthia Richardson:** Will continue to correspond with show managers about different ideas and suggesting concerning the shows (venues, budgets, etc).

**BY-LAWS – Jim Gromelski:** Nothing to report.

**COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Norm Brown:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER – Ellin Smith:** No report.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Mary Wunsch:** Trying to start a 1<sup>st</sup>-grade Black Stallion Literacy Project program, hoping to get some interest among membership; need volunteers. Need members to help host TAIL project at Spring Show.

**DELEGATES – Cynthia Richardson/Jim Hitt:** Met last Sunday, went through all resolutions for upcoming AHA convention. Cynthia presented a delegate agreement pertaining to involvement and participation in delegate activities and fundraisers. Will send it to Helen, who will send it out to everyone.

MOTION by Pat Thompson to approve the delegate agreement. Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

**DRESSAGE – Mary Jo Hoepner (via email):** Arabians for the Cure is Friday April 23, Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, . in conjunction with Dressage for the Cure. Sport Horse in Hand, Under Saddle, and Show Hack and full offering of dressage Training level through Grand Prix (FEI test of Choice). Judges Trenna Atkins and Maryal Barnett--both 'S' judges. This show is Region 8 and Nationals qualifier. Great opportunity for dressage competitors. Compete Saturday and Sunday in Open USDF/USEF show and qualify for USDF Regionals in early September. Accepting donations for silent auction –clothing, tack, dining/lodging certificates, etc. Raised \$8000 last year. Southern Division also involved in volunteering.

**ENDURANCE – Liz Wheeler:** Nothing to report.

**FINANCE – Executive Committee:** No report

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

**HUNTER JUMPER – Chuck Mangan:** No report

**INSURANCE – Lauren Payne:** No report

**MEMBERSHIP – Pat Thompson:** 259 adults, 48 3-yr, 39 youth, 6 life. Adults up 3, 3-yr down 2, youth down 3.

**NOMINATING – Ann Wegener:** No report. Jim G will talk to Annie about generating interest in next round of elections for the three directors whose terms expire in 2010.

**Rocky Mountain Horse Expo** will be March 12 -14, 2010. Jennifer Deasaro submitted a budget proposal via email to Jim Gromelski and Helen Alfaro. Booth will be in the barn area. Would like to have at least one Arabian to represent the breed. A 2-stall package is \$150. Additional stalls may be offered at a discount. Thunder and Ann Wegener are not available. Proposed budget is \$305 (a 5% discount is offered for payment before December 1, 2009). Liz recommended asking Gerry Martinez about situating our space across the aisle from his barn.

**STOCK SHOW BOOTH:** No report.

**WEBSITE – Ron Harden:** Nothing to report.

**WORKING HORSE – Jim Hitt:** See Spring Show report.

**YOUTH JUDGING TEAM – Jodi Zeier:** See Correspondence section above.

Ron Harden motioned to adjourn, Jim Hitt seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 10:00PM.

Next meeting scheduled December 9<sup>th</sup> electronically.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Alfaro