

**COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2010

Meeting called to order by Jim Gromelski at 7:09PM on January 13, 2010.

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

Jim Gromelski  
Ron Harden  
Helen Alfaro  
Cheryl McMahon  
Gerry Martinez  
Kathy Scott  
Liz Wheeler  
Norm Brown  
Trisha Swift

**Board Members absent:**

Jim Hitt  
Mary Wunsch  
Melissa Miller  
Pat Thompson  
Kelly Bell  
Lauren Payne  
Michael Troxler

**Guests:**

Bill Scebbi  
Linda Fisher

**MINUTES – MOTION** by Ron Harden to approve the December electronic CAHC Board of Directors electronic meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Liz Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Harden:** Distributed monthly Financial Statements, Balance Sheet and Income Statement for BOD review via email pre-meeting. Will file for the record.

Ron plans to dispose of old computer equipment no longer useful or functional, and remove it from the inventory. Discussed inventory, and the need to decide whether to keep the storage unit as a central location for club inventory. Some items are more conveniently kept with the people who use them the most. Many items are most likely located at Lauren Payne's Pat Thompson's, or Chuck Mangan's. Pat has already submitted an inventory list, but Helen Alfaro will query Lauren and Chuck to ask what they currently have.

Discussed increased cost of ribbons and the potential need for finding a new source. Agreed that the Show Brainstorming committee should address this concern.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HELEN ALFARO:** Discussed format of the electronic meeting and ways to improve the process.

**JIM GROMELSKI:** CAHC Volunteer of the Year Award and President's Award will be presented at the awards banquet. Discussed various ways of recognizing volunteers who may not be involved in horse shows (and therefore eligible to receive high-point awards) but are involved in volunteering behind the scenes.

**KATHY SCOTT:** Looking for corporate sponsors to donate products or services to the 2010 AHA Youth fundraising raffle. Kathy is working with the Youth director at AHA to develop a solicitation video to send to philanthropic foundations.

## **DIVISION REPORTS:**

**NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Norm Brown/Trisha Swift:** Annual meeting to be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Will discuss division delegate at that time. Trisha discussed her involvement with the Larimer County Land Use committee. Once the Northern Division bylaws are submitted, they will need to be approved by the Board of directors.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler:** Planning to help with Dressage for the Cure in April. Liz will serve as southern division delegate for 2010.

**YOUTH DIVISION – President/Kelly Bell:** Jim Gromelski suggested announcing youth high-point award winners' names to the general membership by email blast to encourage attendance at the Awards banquet.

**REGION 8 – Jim Hitt:** no report

## **SHOW COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHRISTMAS – Lauren Payne:** no report

**SPRING – Liz Wheeler:** Judges include Kathy Callahan Smith (also judging Youth Nationals this year) and Sheri Odoms, both from California; and Claire Gatski from Parker and Suzi Balenseifen from Castle Rock. New this year is versatility ranch division, including team penning classes. Liz plans to charge \$40 per class for the double-judged show and she hopes not to raise other fees. Anticipating far fewer business sponsorships this year.

**ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson:** no report

**FALL – Pat Thompson:** no report

## **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ACTIVITIES – Lauren Payne:** no report

**AUDIT – Gwen Mahoney (via email):** Deb Tierney has joined the Audit Committee.

**AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon:** All awards are in and being embroidered. Came in under budget.

**BRAINSTORMING SHOW – Cynthia Richardson (via email):** Planning on participating in the CAHC Summit Meeting this weekend.

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

**COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Bill Scebbi, Executive Director of the Colorado Horse Development Authority and the Colorado Horse Council:** Brought samples of new promotional brochure. Working on Rocky Mountain Horse Expo and hoping to expand the event by introducing new educational and entertainment features. Also including an equine art show, can accommodate about 35 different artists. Full days of events in the Stadium, Paddock, and Events Center will include breed showcase opportunities. Bill encourages our involvement. Jim Gromelski will ask Jennifer Deasaro to contact Bill about coordinating representation of the Arabian breed at Expo.

**COMMUNICATIONS – Ellin Smith (via email):** Subscription with ConstantContact has been renewed and we now have full subscription with updated storage to include more images for classified ads.

**NEWSLETTER – Ellin Smith (via email):** Renee's first newsletter is ready and will on website soon. A few hard copies will be printed for people who request them and for the Stock Show booth. The online newsletter contains clickable links and color pictures.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Mary Wunsch:** no report

**DELEGATES – Cynthia Richardson (via email):** We won't have a date for the School and Fool until after the stock show is over.

**Delegate Elections:** Jim Gromelski distributed 2010 delegate ballots to all board members in attendance. Ballots were counted by guest Bill Scebbi. Results:

Cindy Gromelski

Cynthia Richardson

Kathy Scott

Ellin Smith - Alternate

Arlyn LaBair - Alternate

Mary Janson - Alternate

Pat Thompson - Alternate

**DRESSAGE – Mary Jo Hoepner (via email):** Arabians For The Cure will be April 23-25, 2010 at the Norris Penrose Equestrian Center in Colorado Springs. Working on finding donations and sponsors. We are looking for real and 'in kind' silent auction donations (both horse related and non horse related items) as well as services -- farrier, massage, training, grooming, etc. Tax deductible.

**MOTION by Kathy Scott:** Requesting \$50 from the Donations and Awards budget to assemble a gift basket to donate from CAHC to the silent auction for Dressage for the Cure. Motion seconded by Liz Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

**ENDURANCE – Linda Fisher:** Submitted the Mountain Region Endurance Rides organization rules for qualifications for year-end endurance awards and dates of qualifying rides. Also submitted several items to be updated on the website.

**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 (via email):** Adult members=245, 3-year members=42, Life members=6, Youth members=41. Jim Gromelski reiterated a potential interest in a family membership expressed to him recently by the parent of a youth member.

**NOMINATING – Ann Wegener:** no report

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE EXPO – Jennifer Deasaro (via email):** The initial registration to the Horse Expo was submitted and received in time for the club to take advantage

of the discount. Requests to AHA for banners for the booth have been submitted. There is some youth rider interest in the sponsored stalls.

**STOCK SHOW BOOTH – Donna Ciccarelli (per Liz Wheeler):** All volunteer slots have been filled.

**WEBSITE – Ron Harden:** Asked everyone to look at the links on the website to make sure all content is accurate and up to date.

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

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

MOTION by Ron Harden to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 PM on January 13, 2010.

Next meeting will be conducted electronically beginning on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and concluding Wednesday February 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Alfaro