

**COLORADO ARABIAN HORSE CLUB**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2010

Meeting called to order by Jim Gromelski at 7:15PM at Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

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

Jim Gromelski  
Ron Harden  
Helen Alfaro  
Jim Hitt  
Norm Brown  
Kathy Scott  
Trisha Swift  
Pat Thompson  
Mary Wunsch

**Board Members absent:**

Cheryl McMahon  
Melissa Miller  
Lauren Payne  
Liz Wheeler

**Guests:**

Arlen LaBair

**MINUTES – MOTION** by Ron Harden to approve the April 2010 CAHC Board of Directors electronic meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Norm Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Harden:** Distributed financials via email pre-meeting. All financials are reconciled.

**MOTION:** Pat Thompson motioned to approve Treasurer's report, Jim Hitt seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Stanley Park fairgrounds ribbon cutting ceremony June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Estes Park.

**OLD BUSINESS – Trisha Swift:** Discussed electronic meeting format and procedures. Jim Gromelski discussed potential for board meetings to be held at AHA headquarters in Aurora. No charge to use the board room, minimal charge for conference calling. Next electronic meeting is scheduled for July 2010.

**MOTION** by Norm Brown to rescind the motion of November 11, 2009 to conduct electronic meetings by email. Motion seconded by Trisha Swift. No other board members were in favor. Motion did not pass.

**MOTION** by Jim Hitt to conduct future monthly board meetings at AHA using conference call capability and announcing it in meeting notice. Conference-call participants would be considered present for quorum. Motion seconded by Norm Brown. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at AHA. July meeting will still be held electronically.

Conference calls are charged by number of attendees and duration. Only board members would have access to conference call-in. Briefly discussed potential procedures for conducting conference call meetings.

Also discussed meeting at times other than Wednesday.

Cynthia discussed the donations she has received for purchase of the collapsible stall panels for Black Stallion Literacy Project.

**NEW BUSINESS: none**

**NORTHERN DIVISION REPORT – Norm Brown/Trisha Swift:** Fun show was held May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 16 exhibitors, good mix of pleasure and fun classes. Had a few requests to have the same type of show later in the summer. Larimer County commissioners are considering the horse business bill.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION – Liz Wheeler:** Volunteered at the Sport Horse and Dressage Show at Penrose in Colorado Springs. We extend our appreciation to Mary Jo Hoepner for her hard work and dedication on our behalf.

**YOUTH DIVISION – Nichole Piercey:** Hosted a Youth Relay Race at Spring Show, raised appx \$150.00 for deposit into Youth fund. Have attempted to contact current Youth board members without much feedback or communication, but will keep trying to spark momentum. Past youth members have expressed their disappointment in having the same difficulty in getting others motivated to participate and they do not wish to get involved again. Discussed the CAHC youth division Facebook account. Will ask Kelly Bell to transfer ownership of the account. New logo design challenge for Jr. CAHC contest announced at Spring Show. Looking for silkscreen company to assist with hats, tee shirts, and hoodies to display our new logo. CAHC youth web site will be updated with new photos and news content. Will encourage youth members to submit photos and stories about their horses. Discussed Regional Youth Team Tournament

**REGION 8 – Jim Hitt:** Delegates meeting will be at the Region 8 horse show on Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in patrons lounge. Stan Morey will be guest speaker.

**CHRISTMAS SHOW – Lauren Payne:** no report

**SPRING SHOW – Liz Wheeler (via email):** Financials are not yet available. We were down about 30 horses and we will be taking a serious look at where we hold the 2011 Show as a result of National Western scheduling the Classic the week before the Spring Show again next year. Discussed the reason that this back-to-back scheduling occurred in 2010.

**ESTES PARK – Pat Thompson:** Opening ceremonies for new show ground remodel. Premium book will be online soon. Pat needs help at Estes in dressage area since Melissa had surgery and we have lost some of the people who have helped in the past. Submitted budget via email. Ron Harden reviewed and things it is appropriate for the number of horses historically at this show.

MOTION by Jim Hitt to approve the Estes Park show budget. Ron Harden seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

There has been some concern about Pat being a CAHC horse show manager when she is also an employee of AHA. Pat would like to assure that there is no conflict of interest (per Glenn Petty as exec VP of AHA) in Pat's serving as a horse show manager.

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

Jim Hitt brought up that we need new people in some positions and should be training new people for our primary positions, at least people who can serve as a backup for those who may not be able to serve into the distant future. Attempts in the past (e.g. show secretary's "schools") have been fairly unsuccessful because people are reluctant to take on such demanding roles.

Ron Harden stated that our credit card fees are down to 2% from 4% after negotiations with banks.

**ACTIVITIES – Lauren Payne:** no report

**AUDIT – Gwen Mahoney:** no report

**AWARDS – Cheryl McMahon:** no report

**BRAINSTORMING SHOW – Cynthia Richardson:** Started questionnaire based on ideas posed at Summit meeting. Wants to post on Survey Monkey for membership. Distributed rough draft of questions for board to review and provide feedback to Cynthia within the next week.

**BY-LAWS – Jim Gromelski:** Will be putting in some changes to reflect electronic meeting procedures (emails, conference calls, webinars, etc).

**COLORADO HORSE COUNCIL – Norm Brown:** Major work in marketing horse industry, membership, going back to old town meetings. Concentration on Horse Expo is on Denver vs other locations.

**COMMUNICATIONS – Ellin Smith:** no report

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Mary Wunsch/Cynthia Richardson:** Black Stallion Literacy Project events are this Saturday and next.

**NEWSLETTER – Renee Dierdorff:** no report

**DELEGATES – Cynthia Richardson/Jim Hitt:** Seven delegates will be meeting soon. With membership down, may affect delegate count.

**DRESSAGE – Mary Jo Hoepner:** Arabians / Dressage for the Cure ride was April 23-25. Entries down for both shows due to weather. More Arabians showed up on Saturday/ Sunday. High score junior rider on Saturday and Sunday rode a Half Arabian. Show management and officials were very accommodating to exhibitors due to the terrible weather. Saturday evening was "Evening Under the Lights." Fort Carson Mounted Honor Guard and several freestyles (including Arabians) performed for over 250 spectators. Kathy Scott created 5 baskets for Silent Auction, sold for well over \$50 each. Silent Auction raised over \$1600 for Renee's Friends Fund. No final income amount yet for the show itself. Thanks to Sandy Dorr, Liz Wheeler, Kathy Scott, Cat Siemets, Mary Susan Costa for volunteering. And to Kathy, Liz, Ron, CAHC for sponsoring baskets.

**ENDURANCE – Linda Fisher:** no report

**FINANCE – Executive Committee:** Nothing to report

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

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

**INSURANCE – Lauren Payne:** no report

**MEMBERSHIP – Pat Thompson:** 224 adults, 46 3-year, 6 life, 49 youth

**NOMINATING – Ann Wegener:** Good slate of candidates.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE EXPO – Jennifer Deasaro (via email):** Dates for the 2011 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo will be March 11-13.

**STOCK SHOW BOOTH – Donna Ciccarelli:** Jim Gromelski says Donna will let him know within a month whether or not she will serve again next year.

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

**WORKING HORSE – Jim Hitt:** Had the first Versatility Ranch horse anywhere in the country at Spring Show. Everyone seems to like it. Three purebreds and 6 half-Arabs. Awarded prize buckles. Trail and reining cow horse entries increased because of this offering. Really helped the show overall; 23 cow goes and about 50 reining goes. 25% of horses on the grounds were in working western classes. Chuck is trying to help get about 12 new poles for trailer, hopefully prior to Regionals. New risers, etc. to try and update trail equipment.

**YOUTH JUDGING TEAM – Jodi Zeier (via email):** We have judging meetings on Wednesday. We had a senior team and a junior team at the Logan County contest in Sterling on April 24th. The senior team placed 6<sup>th</sup> (with 2 members who are new to senior division [just turned 14] and 3 members new to judging). The junior team was 1<sup>st</sup> and had the high individual junior. Also competed at El Paso Contest on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Senior team moved placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Junior team was again 1<sup>st</sup> with the top 3 individuals. Next contest is May 23rd in Boulder County. All judging team members volunteered at Spring Show, except one who was unavailable and will volunteer at Estes Park.

Ron Harden motioned to adjourn, Pat Thompson seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:29PM. Next meeting scheduled June 16<sup>th</sup> at AHA at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Alfaro