

Director Mark Himmel called the Delegate Meeting to Order at 2:12 pm
ROLL CALL/ OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Mark Himmel, Director; Velma Boodt, Secretary; Beth Walker; Louisiana State Representative, Karen Meites; Oklahoma State Representative; Mark Williams; Texas State Representative, Margo Shallcross; Past Director, Pat Barton; Vice Director. Cindy Savage, Treasurer and Robin Bray; Arkansas State Representative were not present. The Delegate Roll Call was read and Quorum was achieved with 16 delegates present representing 13 clubs. Quorum on clubs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Carla Jo Bass/Larry Shallcross - M/2nd approval

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 17, 2016 DELEGATE MINUTES - Pat Barton/Carla Jo Bass acceptance M/2nd

TREASURER REPORT - Mark Williams provided a treasurer's report for yearend 2016.

Pat Barton/Margo Shallcross – Motion to file for audit M/2nd - passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Region 9 Show - Margo Shallcross/Mark Himmel
 - A. Show Manager – Steve Buddin will be the show manager
 - B. Hotel - Spring Hill Suites
 - C. Judges - Gary Dearth, Karla Moffitt, Terry Holmes, Kevin Price
 - D. Stewards – Flo Magee, Cheryl Tobey
 - E. Classes - Charity class – Debbie Himmel to get proposal together from Youth
 - F. Golf Carts – Rental company will use a Kiosk; We need signage regarding parking, etc.
 - G. PayPal - comments section must contain amount for each horse, incomplete entries will cause extra charge
2. Hand Gallop / Region 9 website calendar - Website will be updated this weekend
 - A. Need button to sign up for HandGallop/eBlasts - Margo to check with Bill
3. Distance Rides – Carla Jo Bass
 - A. CTR 10/21-22 at LBJ Grasslands in Decatur
 - B. Placques for Distance riders preferred rather than Garlands
 - C. Distance Nationals - Idaho 1st weekend in October (still keeping Appaloosa)
 1. Adding Paso Finos
 2. Adding Morgans
4. Working Western - No Report

5. R9 Youth Foundation Scholarship Report – Mark Williams/Velma Boodt
 - A. Financials were presented
 - B. Youth Foundation Scholarship deadline date has been extended to February 15, 2017.
 - C. Dennis & Linda Clark will match any donation to the scholarship fund up to \$2000. This is open to anyone for any size donation. If you donate \$10 it will bring in \$20 to the scholarship fund. We ask that all clubs send out the information to all club members and they can make their donation to YF Region 9 AHA Inc. Mail to C Savage, P.O. Box 911, Belton, TX 76513
 - D. Mark and Liz Williams will provide a match to donations over and above Dennis and Linda Clark's challenge.
 - E. Donations made at meeting:
 - a. Pat Barton \$1000 in memory of Bob Barton
 - b. Arabian Riders & Breeders of NW Arkansas TBD
 - c. Margo & Larry Shallcross \$500
 - d. South Central Arabians of Texas \$200
6. R9 Youth Report – Debbie Himmel - report added
7. Youth hi-point – Karen Campbell
 - A. only 3 people receiving awards were not in attendance
 - B. need more kids involved
 - C. 69 people in attendance
 - D. Karen will continue to run this program.
8. Nominating Committee – Pat Barton
 - A. Form has been developed and will be available on website and attached to the minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Karlan Downing reported that Trudie Braden is recovering from a serious accident. AHDF has been contacted and will be providing some support. Anyone can send a donation and have it earmarked for her.

NEW BUSINESS -

- A. AHA Horses for Humanity – preferred charity - Cooks Children Hospital
 1. Board of Directors approved to support the program and amend budget to allocate \$10K
 2. M/2nd - Larry Shallcross/Carla Jo Bass – Delegates approved
- B. Next Delegate meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 30, 2017
- C. A group has formed that wants to move Halter out of USN
 - 1) AHA had a meeting to brainstorm the AHA US Nationals in Denver in December
 - 2) The "new group" (completely separate from AHA) is considering a separate horse show which they want to name the USA National championship show
 - 3) They requested and were allowed to attend the meeting in Denver and explain their position

- 4) They made a challenge to AHA to get certain things they felt would improve the AHA US National Championship in Tulsa
- 5) If AHA doesn't satisfy the concerns they have indicated they would move forward with their own national show
 - a. AHA had a meeting in December and invited a group of halter people to brainstorm the us National Show - halter division. The effort was made to improve the halter and the US National Show.
 - b. A group has formed that wants to create a new national championship show
 - I. There are communications between this new group and AHA
 - II. AHA and this new group are striving for what is felt to be improvements to the halter industry beginning with the US National Show
 - c. There is going to be an email blast that will go out this week from AHA regarding the key things that accomplished from the negotiations, meeting with USEF and coming back together in January with the US National Show Commission.
- D. Request to add Performance Halter to 2018
- E. Request to add SH Showmanship to 2018
- F. Contract for Will Rogers in process

M/2nd – Carla Jo Bass/Larry Shallcross - Adjourn at 3:57 pm
Submitted by Velma Boodt

APPROVED via Email with changes