

Director Mark Himmel called the Delegate Meeting to Order at 2:30 pm.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Mark Himmel, Director; Velma Boodt, Secretary; Cindy Savage; Treasurer, Robin Bray; Arkansas State Representative; Beth Walker; Louisiana State Representative, Karen Meites; Oklahoma State Representative; Mark Williams; Texas State Representative, Margo Shallcross; Past Director. Pat Barton; Vice Director was not present. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 17 delegates present representing 12 clubs.

An update to the Agenda was made at the request of Charles Bass to add an Minutes Approval Committee.

Carla Jo Bass made a motion to approve agenda as updated; motion seconded by Linda Abston and approved unanimously.

Mark Himmel established a Minutes Approval Committee. The members are Charles Bass and Cindy Savage. This is needed because the next meeting will be more than 90 days from the current meeting.

Minutes from the November 19, 2015 Delgate Meeting were reviewed and there was 1 correction. Mark Williams made a motion to approve as corrected, seconded by Linda Abston, approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Savage provided a full treasurer's report based on year ending December 31, 2015. Charles Bass made a motion to file the treasurer's report with the Audit Committee (Larry Leahy), Linda Abston seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Delegate meeting adjourned for the Youth Foundation Meeting at 2:46 pm.

Delegate meeting called back to order at 2:51 pm

### **Old Business/Committee Reports**

1. Texas State Funding
  - a. Cindy Savage informed the BOD that the funds (\$9,000) from the State of Texas have not been received. The responsibility for paying the funds has been moved from the Comptroller's office to the Governor's office. This may be causing some of the delay.
  - b. Mark Himmel was contacted to apply for Texas State Funding for the 2016 show. Since this would not require an outlay of funds for assessment, the application was submitted.
2. Financial Committee – Mark Williams
  - a. Nothing new to report
3. January High Point Luncheon – Karen Campbell/Margo Shallcross
  - a. There were 55 entries for the High Point
  - b. There were 64 people attending the luncheon, which is up from last year.
4. R9 Show – Margo Shallcross
  - a. All appears to be in order.
  - b. Primarily the same staff as last year.
  - c. Dates are June 1-4<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Exhibitor party will be managed by Becky Nash
  - e. Prize list is targeted to be available by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. R9 Trailer
  - a. Storage of trailer and maintenance of trailer has been at Dan and Cindy Savages residence.
  - b. Edythe Snowden will pick the trailer up for R9 show

- c. Pat Barton will be asked if she can identify a storage unit close to the show facility in order to store the trailer locally.
6. E -blast cost
    - a. The current cost is \$25 for non-club requests and the board approved an increase to \$35.
    - b. Margo Shallcross made a motion to change the rules as follows:
      - i. The Region 9 director will have the authority to send out 2 free E-blasts per show or ride for any Arab/Half-Arab show or ride that takes place in Region 9.
    - c. Charles Bass seconded and the Motion and informed the delegates that this required a 2/3 vote of the delegates in attendance. Motion was approved with only 2 dissenting votes.
  7. Youth Committee – Debbie Himmel
    - a. Fundraiser – R9 youth qualifier T-shirt
    - b. Deadline for Regional Youth Team Tournament has been changed to February 1<sup>st</sup> beginning this year.
    - c. Theme for 2016 Youth Nationals is “Go for the Gold”.
    - d. Added Select, Choice and Elite classes for Country English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Western Pleasure JTR.
    - e. Added Arabian Ladies Side Saddle English JOTR, HA/AA Ladies Side Saddle English JOTR.
    - f. Added HA/AA Cross Rails 10 and under.
    - g. Cutting classes have been eliminated.
    - h. Dates July 23-30<sup>th</sup> in Oklahoma City.
    - i. The hotel list is currently listed on the website.
  8. Hand Gallop – Bill Eash no present
  9. Distance Rides – Carla Jo Bass
    - a. Dates and locations are not currently available.
    - b. CTR will be in September at LBJ Grasslands
  10. Directory
    - a. The directory will still be printed annually, however, the number of copies will probably be reduced.

## **New business**

1. Russ Taylor suggested to move the Regional show into the leveling system, except for Sweepstakes classes. Some discussion followed, however, no decision at this time. It will require more discussion by the show committee.
2. Charles Bass solicited comments on the AHA convention moving to a Bi-annual convention.
  - a. Karlan Downing stated it would create a problem for rule changes and the missed opportunities for committee meetings.
  - b. Mark Williams indicated it might be more difficult to keep hotels at reasonable rates when only using them on a bi-annual basis.
  - c. Russ Taylor suggested that coordination with USEF could be an issue.
  - d. Straw vote of the attendees was unanimous to keep it as yearly.
3. Date for next meeting at Regional show – Straw vote Tuesday (14), Saturday (7) – Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Margo Shallcross made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Beth Walker. Adjournment at 3:50 pm.

Next meeting: May 31, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Velma Boodt

Approved via email 5/20/16 by approval committee