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### WDHA MEETING

January 16, 2022

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Community Room  
at Festival Foods

2430 University Ave  
in Green Bay

### *WDHA Gathering Banquet*

*Featuring High Point Awards for 2021*

*Saturday, January 29, 2022*

Hello Everyone,

Mark your calendars for January 29th, 2022, for the High Point Award and Gathering Banquet. It will still be at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac. Hoping I'll have more information shortly. For now, so I can get numbers, feel free to email me at [wilsonamanda85@yahoo.com](mailto:wilsonamanda85@yahoo.com) with RSVPs.

High Point participants, I'm sorry I haven't gotten in touch to pick out awards, I don't know how much credit Shelley was given for this, but I think I'm learning more than I thought I would. There are still a few things I'm sorting out, please have patience with me, as I said I'm learning a lot.

Kind regards,

Amanda

**Futurity Nominations are due December 31, 2021**

**The deadline for Nominations for WDHA Futurity entrants for 2022 is quickly approaching! Nomination forms and program details are**



## THE BADGER SHOW AVS

**!!!! NEW !!!!**

### **Dates & Facility**

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### **July 16-17, 2022**

**Ozaukee County Horse Facility  
Cedarburg, WI**

**!!!!!! More information to come !!!!!!**  
*AHA Recognized Qualifying Show*  
*Double points for WDHA High Point*

\*\*\*\* Posted as soon as possible \*\*\*\*

Show book and entry forms can be downloaded at:  
[www.wdhaarabian.com](http://www.wdhaarabian.com)






### CONVENTION 2021

2021 convention was scheduled to be in Niagara Falls on the Canadian side but with the uncertainty of border crossing into Canada, AHA Convention was again virtual in 2021. With a virtual convention it is possible to attend many more meetings than at a face to face convention. Meetings were scheduled Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and with having attended so many meetings, I was about meeting out. But I was able to provide day to day updates to WDHA Officers, BODs, committee chairs which would not be possible with a face to face convention. Please see attached the schedule of events and any meeting highlighted in green are meetings I attended.

A deciding factor on what meetings I chose to attend are the resolutions that committee had been assigned. Most of the meeting provide a Q&A and poll the committee members and take a straw vote on approval or disapproval of the resolution. Through this process recommendations are made to the committee on rewording, additions, corrections of a resolution and in some cases a resolution is referred or withdrawn. Resolution 21-2 "Change to the Rule on Violation of the Shoe Measurement" was referred to the Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee and Resolution 21-15 "Announcing Exact Placings at Regionals and Nationals" was withdrawn. More information on the 2021 resolutions can be found at <https://arabianhorses.org/additional/involved/convention/resolutions/>

**YOU** can be apart of AHA Committees/Subcommittees but you **MUST sign-up**. The engine of AHA is the committees whose energy and activity provide the leadership and direction for the organization. Committees and commissions vary in number and responsibility. Committee/Commission members come from voluntary sign-up, appointment, or election.

**Committees require re-enrollment each year. You must be a current AHA Member and enroll through the member login under "Members Info".**

AHA Convention Schedule of Events

| Date                | Track A                                 | Track B                      |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Nov-10              | Plenary Session                         |                              |
| Nov-15              | Professional Program Committee          | Annual Convention Planning   |
|                     | Education/Evaluation Commission         |                              |
|                     | Working Western Committee               |                              |
|                     | Membership Committee                    |                              |
|                     | Youth Committee                         |                              |
| Nov-16              | Equitation/Showmanship                  |                              |
|                     | Competition Advisory Committee          |                              |
|                     | Amateur Committee                       |                              |
|                     | U.S. National Show Commission           |                              |
|                     | Sport Horse National Show Comm'n        |                              |
|                     | USEF Arabian Division Committee         |                              |
| Nov-17              | Youth National Show Commission          |                              |
|                     | Canadian National Show Comm'n           | Judges & Stewards Selection  |
|                     | National Shows Directorate              | Local Level Involvement Comm |
|                     | Board of Directors Meeting              |                              |
|                     | Equine Stress/Research & Education      |                              |
| Nov-18              | Bylaws Committee                        | Breeding/In-Hand Comm        |
|                     | Working Western Committee               |                              |
|                     | Resolution 5-90 Committee               | Racing Committee             |
|                     | Sport Horse Committee                   |                              |
|                     | Judges & Stewards Steering Comm         | Arabian Horse Foundation     |
| Nov-19              | Budget & Finance Committee              | Nominating Committee         |
|                     | AHA National Distance Commission        | Hunter/Jumper Committee      |
|                     | Distance Committee                      | Eventing & Driving Comm      |
|                     | Market Development & Promotion Comm     |                              |
|                     | Awards Committee                        | Commissioner's Review Panel  |
|                     | AHA Futurity Commission                 |                              |
| Nov-20              | Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Comm'n     |                              |
|                     | Dressage/Western Dressage Comm          |                              |
| Awards Presentation |                                         |                              |
| Nov-20              | General Session – Gift Hosting Platform |                              |
| Nov-21              | AHHA Board Meeting                      |                              |

**The Competition Advisory Committee** discussed the "AHA Approved Qualifications" approved by the AHA BODs on Sept 28, 2021. Briefly for a horse to compete at the Regional and National level

- Qualification period is the previous year plus the current year up to the close of entries
- Compete in any qualifying AHA Recognized show in any region
- An Amateur must qualify the horse to participate in an Amateur or Amateur Owner class
- Compete in a recognized section
- Compete in any recognized class within that section
- Participate in that one recognized class in that section now qualifies you to compete in as many classes within that section at any one Regional Championship Show of your choice
- Participate at two (2) AHA Qualifying Shows and compete at any and as many Regional Championships in that section

For more information please go to

- <https://arabianhorses.org/competition/resources/qualifications/>
- [https://arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/AHA\\_Approved\\_Qualifications.pdf](https://arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/AHA_Approved_Qualifications.pdf)

I, along with other AHA members wrote letters throughout 2021 to AHA officers, BODs, and competition advisory board committee members expressing our disagreement with this qualification proposal. With no qualifications in 2020 and 2021 many did not support local shows and instead attended multiple regional and national shows. As a result the Arabian Horse Showing Pyramid is dying from the ground up and I am asking you to support your local shows. We all need the local shows to prepare ourselves and our horses and without your support by attendance and financially, the clubs that sponsor them no longer will be able to.

**At the Amateur Committee** AHA VP Lisa Blackstone discussed the USEF rules changes that will go into effect 2022 regarding four amateur rule changes. Briefly

- Allow amateurs in specific breeds and disciplines to teach introductory lessons to non-competing riders
- Let amateurs be social media influencers and social media brand ambassadors
- Allowing amateurs to do paid barn work, to include lunging
- Any professional 25 years or younger may reapply for amateur status after a three-month waiting period.

For more information go to

- <https://www.usef.org/media/press-releases/important-member-updates-from-november-2021>
- <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/nT3TIM3v0NA/gr13-competition-participants-and#page=9>

**The Local Level Involvement Committee** <https://arabianhorses.org/discover/community/> provided information regard many outreach programs as

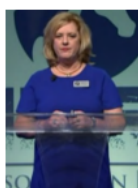
- Meet and Arabian <https://arabianhorses.org/discover/community/arabian-horse-day/>
- Lucky Listener <https://arabianhorses.org/discover/community/listener/index.html>
- Marketing Toolkit <https://arabianhorses.org/discover/community/toolkit/>

Are you interested in helping create and promote more of these outreach programs? Are you active in your local community and have a passion for bringing more people into the Arabian Horse Community? Join the Local Level Committee by completing the application found at <https://arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/Local-Level-Committee-Membership-Application.pdf>

**The Arabian Horse Foundation** is dedicated to improving the health of Arabian Horses and during the committee meeting reviewed the projects supported 2008- 2021. A variety of projects involving collaboration with some of the top veterinary research programs in the world including

- Juvenile Idiopathic Epilepsy (JIE), Dr. Samantha Brooks (University of FL-Gainesville)\*\*
- Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS), Dr. Samantha Brooks (University of FL-Gainesville)
- Equine Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA), Dr. Cecilia Penedo (University of CA-Davis)
- Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS), Dr. Samantha Brooks (Cornell University)
- Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM), Dr. Carrie Finno (University of CA- Davis)
- Equine Melanoma, co-sponsorships with the Morris Animal Foundation
  - Dr. Molly McCue (University of Minnesota) - Genetic Determinants of Melanoma Susceptibility in Gray Horses
  - Dr. Jeffrey Phillips (University of Tennessee) - Safety and Immunoreactivity of the Melanoma Vaccine in Tumor Bearing Horses
- The Effect of Hoof Trimming on the Medio-Lateral and Dorso-Palmar Load Distribution in Arabian Horses, Dr. Babak Faramarzi (Western University)
- Equine Reproductive Laboratory Rebuilding Fund, Colorado State University

How you can Help! Whether it's a little or a lot – every donation matters! Did you know you can designate the Arabian Horse Foundation as a charity of choice through Amazon at Amazon Smile, and a portion of purchase amount will to the Foundation. Additional information about The Arabian Horse Foundation can be found at <https://thearabianhorsefoundation.org/>



During Saturday General Session I AHA President Deborah Johnson reviewed AHA's Resilience by its activities and accomplishments; expectations and opportunities for the future; branding and resilience; premier breed organization, and by being bold, kind, and developing innovation. During the AHA network interruption PAT accused AHA of an insourcing event and the injunction was denied and a trial date has been set for December 2022. The day continued with reports from the AHA treasurer, AHC, National Shows, Local Level Committee, AHA Virtual Shows, Arabian Horse Distress Fund, AHA MOS Scoring System, Distance Riding, Discovery Farm Program, Convention Planning Committee, Club and Special Recognition Presentation, Convention and BOD Election Positions, and 2022 Nationals Judging Panels. Some of this information can be found at <https://arabianhorses.org/additional/involved/convention/archive.html>

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent WDHA at convention. It is an honor.  
Shelly Lehman

## Did You Know.....

WDHA and AHA membership renewals can be processed on the AHA website. Go to [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org) and click on the "Login" button. Be sure to have your AHA membership number and password handy. Or click on "Create Account" and gain access to membership areas of the AHA website, including DataSource, enrollment in AHA Programs, points and competition records, and much more!



## SHOUT OUTS

.....To Kristin Urban and A Bit Of Flash++ for a Top 10 placement in Arabian Sport Horse Stallions In-Hand Dressage Type ATH at AHA Sporthorse Nationals.



.....To Gail Rentmeester for earning her USDF University Silver Diploma

.....To all of our WHDA members who share their time and talents with our club in a variety of different ways



"Ride the horse in the direction it is going."

~ Werner Erhard



Newsletter submissions

Submissions for newsletters are welcome! Share articles, photos, Shout Outs, memories, silly moments, tributes, and more. Please forward your items to Marie Schickowski ([maitaibo@live.com](mailto:maitaibo@live.com))