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AHA REGION 4

Meeting Minutes March 19, 2023

Opening

The spring meeting of AHA REGION 4 was called to order at AM on March 19, 2023 via Zoom virtual meeting by Julie Hedden. Roll call was made, quorum present.

Present: Julie Hedden, Karla Moffitt, Barb Garcia, Cassondra Richard, Chris Bickford

AHACO Amy Pike AHACO Becky Duoos-Bourgazas AHBAO Carol Helton AHBAO Sarah Robertson AIM Sarah Asby EVAHC Gina Bressler

Not present: CASH, ARHA, DES ARAB

Committee chairs, guests present: Carlene Benson

Approval of Agenda Motion #2023-001 Sarah Asby moved, Becky Duoos-Bourgazas seconded to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes presented. Motion #2023-002 Carol Helton moved, Chris Bickford seconded to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried

Treasurers Report Presented by Barb Garcia.

Directors Report Julie Hedden

Toured the new building at this week's meeting. FY 21 audit completed. PAC lawsuit closed, \$300k paid to AHA. Strategic plan 2023 includes horse welfare at the forefront. Follow up for horse theft in Louisiana, perpetrators have been arrested and will be prosecuted. Show fees for national level shows and convention have gone up. Purebred registrations are down, half Arabs are up. Membership is up slightly. AHA is getting bids for other potential venues for USN. 2023 convention is virtual, 2024 is in Reno, 2025 is in discussion. Discussion followed. Many of the regions are struggling financially.

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Committee Reports

R4 Championship Show Commission Deb Witty/Connie Chapman (neither present) Julie reports show schedule has been updated. Awards have been changed.

R4 Championship SH/Dressage Lisa Kolke (not present) Show to be held at Devonwood.

Sport Horse/Dressage Amy Pike has taken over for Kaye Phaneuf. Amy has contacted R4 area dressage people re: including Arabian awards for their shows.

Judges selection committeeDawn Gossler (not present) No report.

Performance Futurity Karla Moffitt Buckles have been ordered for this years show.

Scholarship Foundation Dawn Gossler - See emailed report.

Breed Promotion Seeking volunteers to head this committee.

Benefit activities Kaye Phaneuf

Audit committeeJulie Hedden Connie is back from winter hiatus and the show audit

will happen soon.

Youth committee Amanda Kennedy (not present) Julie reports youth focus this year is on suicide prevention, there will be a day at youth nationals this year. Julie is looking for volunteers.

Distance (Endurance and Competitive) Carlene Benson See emailed report. Discussion followed.

R4 Jackpot program Barb Garcia

Motion #2023-003 Karla Moffitt moved and Chris Bickford seconded that we change the R4 jackpot program to include only distance riding (endurance and CTR). Encourage main ring/sport horse competitors to use the AHACO high point program. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Motion #2023-004 Carol Helton moved and Karla Moffitt seconded that the part of the current R4 budget (2022-23) that is allocated for the R4 jackpot program be evenly divided between R4 distance program and the AHACO high point program. **Motion carried.**

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Recognition committee Chris Bickford

News to come in the fall.

Nominating committee Chris Bickford

No report.

Old Business

New Business

Election of Judge's Selection Committee – 2 open positions

Cassie Richard nominated Chris Bickford. Carol Helton nominated Dawn Gossler. No other nominations. Election declared by acclaim.

Meet an Arabian Horse month

Discussion followed regarding a joint effort amongst the existing clubs in R4. A value show was suggested. A joint effort between R4 and other breeds was suggested. Several members will check on sites and possibilities then get back to the group.'

Next meeting – in person vs virtual, time/place

Meeting to be held November 5, 2023 11AM at Cascade Grill in Albany. Details to follow

Meeting adjourned @1321

Minutes submitted by: Cassondra Richard

Approved by: Region 4 Board of Directors 11/12/2023