

**REGION 4 ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Director Julie Hedden at 11:32 a.m.

**CLUB VOTING DELEGATES PRESENT WERE:**

AHACO	Naomi Richmond	ARHA	Not Present (2)
AHCCO	Deb Witty	CASHC	Beth Bonham
AHBAO	Carol Helton	DAHA	Not Present
AHBAO	Alissia Agte	EVAHA	Peggy Weems
AIM	Jonathan Howell	Past Director	Chris Bickford

**PRESENT:** Julie Hedden, Chris Bickford, Peggy Weems, Barb Garcia, Deb Witty, Braden Davidson, Alissia Agte, Kay Herbst, Carol Helton, Jonathan Howell, Beth Bonham, Naomi Richmond, Cathie Roberts, Laura Roberts.

MSA/ Chris Bickford/ Peggy Weems motioned to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 7, 2024 MINUTES.**

MSA/ Chris Bickford/ Peggy Weems motioned to approve the April 7, 2024 minutes. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT.**

Barb Garcia gave the treasurer's report. She said the trial balance was approximately \$7000 less than reported because the \$5000 deposit to Redmond for the 2025 Regionals was not included, nor was the \$2372 loss the 2024 Sport Horse Regionals incurred.

Barb Garcia reported the main ring 2024 Regional Show made \$18,542.53.

Barb Garcia said she has only received a dues check from 1 club. She went on to say clubs are struggling right now and it was discussed to reduce the Region 4 Clubs dues or to do away with them. After looking in the by-laws the determination was made that the dues could be reduced.

MSA/Carol Helton/Deb Witty made a motion to reduce the Region 4 member's club's dues to \$0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion to reimburse Region 4 delegates for their early bird registration for convention, to help alleviate the cost for members and their clubs.

MSA/ Deb Witty/Carol Helton motioned to have the Region reimburse the Region 4 club delegates for their early bird convention registration. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

MSA/ Chris Bickford/ Peggy Weems motioned to approve the treasurer report. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**DIRECTORS REPORT – Julie Hedden.**

Director Julie Hedden gave a recap of the AHA Board of Director's meeting she attended virtually August 19 – 20, 2024. She stated Ralph Manning spoke regarding the Restructuring Resolution. She went on to say there are over 20 resolutions that are being vetted. She said the recap of the motions that were passed at the meeting are on the AHA website and was sent out in an email blast.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A) Region 4 Championship Horse Show –Deb Witty.**

Region 4 Show Committee Chair Deb Witty said the Region 4 Horse show for 2025 will be in Redmond, Oregon, and the show will start on May 28. She said they are budgeting for 250 horses and 3 judges are contracted so far. She said the show commission has been working on having theme days for the show, and also having a horse expo for vendors during the show.

**B) Region 4 Championship Sport Horse Show – Lisa Kolke.**

Lisa Kolke was not present, no report given.

**C) Judges Selection Committee – Dawn Gossler.**

Dawn Gossler was not present, no report given.

**D) Sport Horse / Dressage – Amy Pike.**

Amy Pike was not present, no report given.

**E) Scholarship – Dawn Gossler.**

Dawn Gossler was not present, no report given.

**F) Audit Committee – Julie Hedden**

Director Julie Hedden stated she went to Region 4 Treasurer Barb Garcia's home and conducted an audit of the financial statements of the Regional Main Ring horseshow. She did a random sampling of accounts and said with reasonable assurance the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

(Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted will always detect a material misstatement when it exists).

**G) Youth – Theresa Spencer.**

Theresa Spencer was not present, no report given.

**H) Region 4 Performance Futurity – Karla Moffitt**

Karla Moffitt was not present, no report given.

**I) Distance (Endurance & Competitive) – Carlene Benson**

Carlene Benson was not present, but sent in a report. The report said the 2024 AHA Region 4 Championship Endurance Ride was held in La Pine, OR at the end of the Mary and Anna Memorial Ride over Memorial Day weekend. They had eight 100-mile riders complete and six complete the 50-mile ride.

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The Endurance Jackpot has 14 entries this year and the Region 4 Achievement Award for PNER riders has 19 entries with 1 ride to go.

Old Selam in Centerville, ID will host the AHA Distance Nationals in 2025.

### **J) Recognition Committee – Sonya Bickford.**

Sonya Bickford was not present, no report given.

### **REGION 3 REQUEST TO ALLOW ANANC TO HOLD A DOUBLE JUDGES QUALIFIER FOR COW HORSE CLASSES APRIL 2025 – Peggy Weems.**

MSA/Chris Bickford/Peggy Weems made a motion to allow ANANC to hold a Double Judge qualifier for Cow Horse Classes at their April 2025 show. All in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

### **REGION 4 BUDGET – Barb Garcia**

Treasurer Barb Garcia present the proposed 2025 budget. She said we need to take out the Club dues income of \$200 since an earlier motion determined to reduce the Club dues to \$0.

Consensus was to reduce the income for the jackpot from \$600 to \$500, because it is only for endurance now, and to reduce the Region 4 income by \$5000 because of not knowing how the change in location will affect the show.

Regarding expenses, the budget for the Canadian National Garlands will be raised to \$750.00 and the Youth National Garlands will be reduced to \$0.

The Past Directors expense will be raised from \$1000 to \$1500 to cover the Nationwide increase in goods and services.

The Region 4 Jackpot expense will be reduced from \$1100 to \$500, because the program is only for Endurance horses.

The Region 4 Show Expenses will be raised from \$147,318.46 to \$160,000 due to not knowing how the change of location will affect the show.

MSA/ Chris Bickford/ Carol Helton motioned to approve the 2025 Budget as amended. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION ON WESTERN DRESSAGE – Beth Bonham.**

Beth Bonham gave a presentation on the new Pacific Northwest Western Dressage Association. They are an approved WDAA affiliate, and their mission expands Western Dressage in the Pacific Northwest region through education, models of correct and kind horsemanship, and providing quality show opportunities. Pacific Northwest Western Dressage Affiliate (PNWWDA) was created to align with and promote the principles of the WDAA and independently organize quality educational programs, awards programs, and network and collaborate with like-minded Western Dressage enthusiasts and professionals throughout the Pacific Northwest. They are looking for

members and also for potential board members. Membership fees are \$40 for an adult and \$25 for a youth.

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**1) Convention.**

The convention will be held November 20, 2024 – November 23, 2024 at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada. The caucus meetings will be held Thursday November 21, 2024. Director Julie Hedden has reserved a meeting room. Time to be determined.

**2) Election of Show Commission – 1 Position.**

MSA/Carol Helton/Chris Bickford nominated Deb Witty to the Show Commission. There were no other nominations. Deb Witty elected by acclaim.

**ADJOURNMENT - (NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 21, 2024 AT CONVENTION).**

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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Julie Hedden - Director

**ATTEST:**

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Julie Hedden - Transcribed