

Director Mark Himmel called the Delegate Meeting to Order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL/ OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

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. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 22 delegates present representing 15 clubs.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA - added date, add new business (golf carts) Motion by Linda Abston and 2nd by Liz Williams – Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2016 R9 DELEGATE MEETING – Motion by Linda Abston and 2nd Karen Campbell – Minutes approved.

BRIEF PRESENTATION BY KATHIE HART (YN SHOW COMMISSIONER) – The form for donations for Buckles and Jackets was not included in the Omnibus. Kathie informed the group that the date of May 1st could be ignored. The form is in the Show Office. Mark Himmel will send eBlasts.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Cindy Savage provided a treasurer’s report based as of 4/30/16. Motion by Larry Shallcross and 2nd by Robin Bray to file the report. Motion passed.

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF DELEGATE MEETING at 5:19 pm

CALL TO ORDER YOUTH FOUNDATION MEETING

ADJOURNMENT OF YOUTH FOUNDATION MEETING at 5:20 pm

CALL R9 DELEGATE MEETING BACK TO ORDER

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2016 Distance National sponsorships AHA and ApHC National Championship Rides Letter Request for Regional sponsorship - No action by board
2. PayPal R9 show update - 117 transaction \$87K entry fees collected Mark Williams and Cindy Savage will be fine tuning the process for 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

1. R9 show update - Debbie Cinotto / 83 rides dressage/78 in hands. This is an increase over 2015.
2. R9 show update - Nancy Braesicke- 471 entries, class entries about the same.
3. R9 Exhibitor party update - Becky Nash - Friday between afternoon/evening session – It will be held in the Cattle Barn arena. Pizza, Wings, Beer - fun games
4. R9 Directory update - Mark Himmel passed around the current directory to be reviewed by the delegates and make any updates of Club President and Membership Secretary for the new directory.
5. R9 Committees/ Committee Chairs - some committees have been removed and if anyone wants to form a committee for a task, just contact Mark Himmel.
6. Allow golf carts at R9 – Elizabeth Williams – this is a request to allow people to rent Golf Carts for transportation around the grounds. Liability coverage must be provided by the individual that rents the golf cart. Drivers must

have a valid Driver's License. They were available at CowTown, however, no one rented at one. Mark Himmel to investigate further for R9 in 2017.

R9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. R9 newsletter The Hand Gallop - To be produced after R9. If anyone wants anything added contact Bill Eash.
2. High Point Amateur awards - Karen Campbell - down from last year. The biggest category is 40+. May split the category 40-55, 56+ due to volume of entries.
3. Distance Riding – Carla Bass not present
4. Working Western - Dawn Coons reported that membership is growing. AWCHA is sponsoring Working Western classes at One Day Shows, Class A shows and for Youth Nationals.
5. R9 Youth Activities - Debbie Himmel reported that the youth secured 73 sponsorships at \$50 each for the R9 Youth Qualifier T-shirts. The Youth will be conducting a Chuck A Duck fundraiser during the Exhibitor Party on Friday.
6. Sweepstakes – Russ Taylor reported that a new class for Young horse dressage has been created and has \$15K prize money. He is requesting that the Breeder be recognized for all Sweepstakes classes. A discussion followed and Russ will follow up with developers of GaitKeeper and BestMess to determine if the Breeder can be displayed on the announcer sheets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. USN will be in Tulsa through 2020. Ft. Worth and Tulsa both were contacted.
2. Texas State Funding – R9 show is eligible for \$52,765 net income.
3. Economic Impact study was approved by the board on May 17th. This will provide updated numbers for 2017 application and the post show documentation required to get the State Funding. The cost of the study is \$10,000.
4. Added Trail Classes/Short Stirrups/Halter classes to the R9 schedule.
5. Annual Convention membership count deadline is June 30 and this is a received by date, not a post mark date.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 pm

Approved via email by Delegates

Respectfully submitted

Velma Boodt