

Regional Director Pat Barton called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM, CST.

1. Roll Call – Regional Secretary Karen Campbell conducted the Roll Call as follows:

Club #	Club Name	#	Delegate(s) Attending
9113	AHC of Texas	1	None
9171	Alamo AHA	2	Susan Hupp, Elizabeth Williams
9298	American Foundation AHC	1	None
9291	Arabian Riders and Breeders of NW Arkansas	1	Pat Barton
9221	Arabian Riders and Breeders Society of TX	1	None
9301	Arabian Trail and Ranch Assn	2	Pat Gerdes, Ray Lemaster
9296	Arabian Working Cow Horse Assn	3	Anita Dublin, Mary Trekell
9006	Arkansas AHC	2	Chelsea Harper
9280	Bluebonnet AHC	0	None
9108	Central Texas AHA	2	Russ Taylor, Chris Smith
9293	Crown of Tx AHC	0	None
9289	Green Country AHC	3	Velma Boodt
9109	Gulf Coast AHC	3	Betty Bechtold, Cayrn Crull
9277	Independence AHC	1	None
9236	Legacy AHC of TX	2	Debbie Cinotto, Karen Campbell
9288	Lone Star AHC	2	Charles Bass
9055	Louisiana Arabian Horse Assn	1	Deb Himmel , Annalise Himmel Allemand
9111	North TX AHC	4	Linda and Larry Abston, Maureen Davidson, Lisa Skalski
9095	Oklahoma AHC	2	Karen and Herb Meites
9248	Ozark AHC of Arkansas	0	None
9286	South Central Arabians of TX	1	Karlan Downing
9213	Spindletop AHC	1	None
9181	Star of Texas AHC	1	None
9290	Texas Arabian Distance Riders Assn	1	Carla Jo Bass
9302	The Arabian Cutting Horse Assn	1	Cicley Smith
			16 Clubs Present, 26 Delegates Quorum Attained.

2. Region 9 Delegate Meeting Agenda Approval – APPROVED BY Herb Meites and seconded by Carla Jo Bass. Approved and Passed
3. The Region 9 Delegate Meeting adjourned at 2:15 for the Youth Foundation Report given by Cindy Savage

4. The Region 9 Delegate Meeting was called back to order by Director Pat Barton at 2:35
5. Treasurers' Report – Mark Williams
  - a. The Region gained \$50,000.00 from last year
  - b. The Regional Show went well, however, state funding which was approved has not been received at this time.
  - c. If there are no questions, it will be forwarded for audit.
  - d. Changes to budget
    - i. Increase from \$3000.00 to \$5000.00 for the Junior/Amateur Luncheon
    - ii. Youth National to increase \$1500.00 for additional Scholarships
    - iii. Officers ' Awards increase from \$300.00 to \$600.00
    - iv. To begin the re-branding process of Region 9, including getting new banners for the Regional Championship Show and more outside advertising of all the shows and rides within the Region, there will be a new line item in the Budget for Marketing of \$10,000.00.
    - v. The General Fund increase to \$5000.00 was discussed. This would include insurance for Directors and Officers Liability. Mark will make this a line item in next year's Budget.
    - vi. Carla Jo Bass made the motion and Mark Himmel second the motion to accept the modifications to the Budget. Motion passed.
6. Correction of Minutes of November 14, 2019 meeting approved by e mail – a correction was made to the minutes, the corrected minutes to be posted on the Region 9 Website.
7. High Point Award Program and Banquet
  - a. Highest number of Participants at 59
  - b. Luncheon had 101 attendees
  - c. Form for the 2020 year should be on the website by Feb. 1, 2020
8. Region 9 Championship and Sport Horse/Dressage Show
  - a. Show Committee is Steve Buddin, Show Manager; Pat Barton, Show Chair; Velma Boodt, Debbie Cinotto, Cindy Savage, Lisa Skalski and Margo Shallcross. Jean Buddin is the Show Co-Ordinator.
  - b. Dates of the Show are May 26- May 30. The Show will start on Tuesday at noon (half day show time) with the Western Trail Classes. These are the only classes to be held on Tuesday and the session is expected to end at 6:00 PM. The schedule was modified to prevent conflicts among the trail, sport horse and main arenas. The trail patterns will be posted a week in advance on the web, and the trail patterns included in the exhibitors' package who have entered any trail class. The Trail course will be set up Tuesday morning at 9:00 am (tentative) to allow for schooling over the obstacles. There will be 5-minute walk through time limit.
  - c. Sport Horse/Dressage – Debbie Cinotto. There were 12 Classes added to the Sport Horse Division. There are 6 Sport Horse in Hand classes for Hunter Sport Horse in Hand (Open division only). Since the Sport Horse National Championship show now requires

qualifications for the 2-year-old Championship Classes, those classes have been added to the show. Sport Horse in Hand classes have moved to the Multi-Purpose building and will start at 8:00 in the morning. Sport Horse Under saddle classes to follow in John Justin - time TBA.

- d. Daily Session Start Times for Wednesday-Saturday Classes will be as follows:
  - i. Main Ring – 8:30 morning session, 1:00 afternoon Session and 7:00 Evening Session
  - ii. The John Justin, Watt and Multi-Purpose arenas will start at 8:00 am, with other session times in those arenas starting times TBA.
- e. Classes
  - i. At the 2019 Show there were 91 classes that had 3 or less than 3 horses in them
  - ii. Some classes have been combined. Some Youth classes are now 18 and under, rather than 13 and under and 14-18.
  - iii. Junior Horse Trail classes have been added
- f. There will be some construction in the John Justin Stabling area, those horse stalls will be moved to the Moncrief building (approximately 50 horses stalled there last year).
- g. Stall Tax imposed by City of Fort Worth. – The City of Fort Worth has levied a stall tax of \$1.00 per day per each stall/pen occupied. To include Tack stalls and move in days. Each night the stalls will be counted, documented on a tally sheet, (Edythe) and turned in no later than the first business day after the show for adjustment. The Region 9 Show will absorb this tax, there will be no fee increases this year to the exhibitors.
- h. Judges are: Main Ring – Juli Goder Larson, Jim Hitt, Richard Wright. Working Western- Deborah Johnson. Sport Horse/Dressage – Renee Johnson
- i. Omnibus for the Region 9 Championship and Sport Horse Show will be posted online by March 1, 2020.
- j. Hotel will be the Springhill Suites. Margo Shallcross is looking at other facilities, since there is another event in Fort Worth. Exhibitors are encouraged to make their hotel reservation now as many of the hotels in the WEMC area are already fully booked.
- k. Texas Event Funding The 2019 Funding was \$42,000.00 and although allocated has not been received at this time. The 2020 funding approved by the state is up to the amount \$68,496.00 provided all criteria is met, which includes meeting attendance goal of 2019. Breakdown of the funding is as follows:
  - i. \$9,448.00 Deposit to Fund paid to the City of Fort Worth to be reimbursed to them
  - ii. \$14,762.00 to the facility (25%). Paid out of Fund to City of Fort Worth/WRMC
  - iii. Grand total to Region 9 Championship show \$44,286.00 proving all criteria is met
  - iv. Survey will be done this year during Show at cost to Region of \$8,000.00. Director will have Annalise Allemand to send e blast(s) prior to show to ask attendees of the show to participate in the survey.
- l. There was a discussion of the incident that occurred with a participant being hurt and an insurance claim filed. This was due to slippage on a dog “deposit”. The City of Fort Worth has policies in place stating no dogs are allowed in the Coliseum. For Dogs that are on the show grounds, the Board asks that that members to please keep their dogs

on a leash at all times and take responsibility for cleaning up after their dogs. Should any incident occur negatively, the Region 9 Show Steward should be contacted.

9. Distance Rides Committee Report - Carla Jo Bass.
  - a. The Regional Endurance Championship Ride will be held the first weekend in October at the Pole Canyon Ranch, Quitaque, Texas.
  - b. There is no location as of this time for the Compleitive Trail Ride Regional Ride.
  - c. Dates and locations may be found on the NATRC and AERC websites.
  - d. The National Distance Rides will be in Lapine, Oregon.
  
10. Region 9 Youth Committee Report – Debbie Himmel and Annalise Himmel Allemand
  - a. The 2020 R9 youth qualifier t-shirt sponsorships are now open on the R9 webpage under Youth. A PayPal button is available for ease of payment. Please fill out the form with the correct spelling of your sponsorship to be placed on the back of the shirts. Any problems or questions please contact Annalise at [annalisehimmel@gmail.com](mailto:annalisehimmel@gmail.com) or Debbie at [plantationarab@bellsouth.net](mailto:plantationarab@bellsouth.net).
  - b. The R9 Youth still want to publish and sell their “Cookin’ With The Youth” cookbook. We are still looking for more recipes from R9 members, family, and friends. Please refer to the R9 youth webpage for information and to submit your recipes.
  - c. For 2020, be on the lookout for more Rise Up and Ride On project initiatives by the R9 youth. Chelsea and Payne Harper will be promoting this at the Scottsdale Show. Hats, and sweatshirts can be ordered.
  - d. Payne Harper, R9 Youth Director, will be attending the March 2020 AHYA Board meeting in Denver to represent R9.
  - e. The theme for the 2020 Youth Nationals is Be a Hero. This year, the AHA Omnibus will only be mailed to those AHA members who respond to the emails to sign up to receive the Omnibus in the mail. The Omnibus will be online as well.
  
11. Working Western Committee Report – Velma Boodt
  - a. At US Nationals the Reining and Cattle Schedules may be reversed. This is to be determined by the National Show Committee.
  - b. The working Western judges may be reduced from 5 to 3 in cattle classes.
12. Committee Sign up
  - a. A sign-up sheet was distributed for members
13. Unfinished Business
  - a. Horses for Humanity – our “Hero” is located at the “R.O.C.K.” Equine-Assisted Therapy Riding Center in Georgetown, Texas.
  - b. There is \$5000.00 in the budget that is available that the Region will donate to “R.O.C.K.”. It is to be determined if it will be allocated in \$1000.00 donations over 5 years, or as a lump sum. Pat Barton, Becky Nash and committee will discuss.
14. New Business
  - a. The Arabian Horse Foundation by Pat Barton and Debbie Himmel. Donations can be made at [www.thearabianhorsefoundation.org](http://www.thearabianhorsefoundation.org) and are tax deductible. When you shop at

- Amazon, (the “smile” program on the website) a designated Charity can be determined. The AHF is listed, and members are encouraged to mark the Arabian Horse Foundation.
- b. A new committee will be formed to recognize Region 9 Members/ or Farms that promote the Arabian Horse. This will be headed up by Pat Barton and Betty Bechtold agreed to help. This would encompass activities such as Volunteering, Recreational Riding, Showcasing the Arabian Horse in any form. Please contact Betty if you wish to be on this committee.
  - c. Chelsea Harper presented a Marketing Plan for Region 9.
    - a) An identity Statement “We’re filled with the best of the Best!” has been determined and added to the Region 9 logo. The logo can be used with the statement or without the statement or the statement can be used alone.
    - b) New Banners and signage will be in place for the Regional Championship Show.
    - c) There was a discussion of creating a Region 9 “Hall of Fame” to show how competitive the Region is. This may entail pictures of winners at the Regional Show who have gone on to win National Championships.
    - d) Advertising will be done in 3 Magazines as Approved by the Executive Committee.
    - e) Soft launch will be inside the region, hard launch (outside the region) is estimated to be a year away.
    - f) Discussion was held that Arabian Horse Shows had been held at the Major Stock shows (Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio) which showcased our animals, but they are not held now. Steve Budin recommended that a 10 x 10 Booth with handouts could be set up instead to promote our breed.
    - g) Karlan Downing discussed that the Freedom Classic Horse show was a big draw in the past, but is no longer held. That also promoted the Arabian horse to the spectators.
    - h) A “day with an Arabian Horse” was also discussed. The Arabian Horse Association does furnish information that can be used in how to set up and advertise in the communities.
15. Regional Directory -will be produced again this year. It will be the 8 ½ x 11 format. Pat asked that everyone check their information on the AHA website to be sure it is up to date – this is where the information for the directory comes from.
16. Direct Members with AHA - There are 942 Club members in Region 9, and 513 other members are not affiliated with any clubs. The Region needs to get them associated with a Club. Ideas may be sent to Pat Barton.
17. Time and place of next meeting.
  - a. May 26 at the Regional Championship Show after the last trail class, but not prior to 6:00. The time of the meeting will be placed on the Calendar.
  - b. Location will be the Colburn Room in John Justin.
18. A motion to adjourn was made by Carla Jo Bass. Steve Buddin Second the motion. Approved.

These Delegate Meeting Minutes, as corrected, are approved via email on February 14, 2020 and have been filed for record. These minutes will be posted on the Region 9 AHA website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Higgins Campbell

AHA Region 9 Secretary