

Director Mark Himmel called the Delegate Meeting to Order at 8:45 pm.

#### ROLL CALL/ OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Mark Himmel, Director; Pat Barton, Vice Director; Velma Boodt, Secretary; Mark Williams, Treasurer; Margo Shallcross, Past Director; Charles Bass, Texas State Representative; Beth Walker, Louisiana State Representative. Herb Meites, Oklahoma State Representative and Robin Bray, Arkansas State Representative are not present. The Delegate Roll was called and Quorum was achieved with 30 delegates present representing 17 clubs.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA - M/2 – Russ Taylor/Linda Abston Agenda approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 2018 R9 DELEGATE MEETING – Approved via Email.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mark Williams provided a treasurer’s report for year to date as of 10/31/19. Report filed for Audit.

#### Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee – Mark Williams
  - a. 2020 budget was presented and reviewed
  - b. M/2 Stacey Dunn/Margo Shallcross to approve 2020 Budget - approved
2. High Point – Karen Campbell/Margo Shallcross
  - a. Number of riders higher than last year
  - b. Increased class types per horse
  - c. Hotel for the event is: Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott, 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving, TX (972) 929-8800
  - d. Date is January 25, 2020
3. Region 9 Show – Mark Himmel/Margo Shallcross
  - a. Number of horses 425/Number of entries 1225
  - b. Hotel for staff/volunteers is: Springhill Suites by Marriott-Fort Worth/University, 3250 Lovell Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107 Tel: 817-878-2554
4. Distance Riding - Carla Jo Bass
  - a. Distance ride was held - only 3 PB and 1 HA
  - b. Distance National ride – 52 riders over 3 days, miserable weather
5. Working Western – Velma Boodt
  - a. High Point awards will be distributed in the near future
  - b. Numbers were up at Regionals and Nationals
6. R9 Youth Activities – Debbie Himmel
  - a. See attached report
7. AHA Arabian Horses for Humanity – Pat Barton
  - a. “Hero” has been painted and is currently in residence in Georgetown, TX at an Equine Therapy facility
8. R9 Communication and Website
  - a. eBlasts are available

#### Unfinished Business

1. Resolutions
  - a. No relevant discussion

New Business

1. Kathie Hart - Scholarships are now being offered through the Arabian Horse Foundation
2. M/2 Russ Taylor/Stacey Dunn Allocate \$1500 to the Arabian Horse Foundation for the 2020 Youth Nationals over and above the current donation - Approved

Announcements

1. Remember to support the Silent Auction through [www.32Auctions.com/AHYA](http://www.32Auctions.com/AHYA)

Adjourn at 10:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

Velma Boodt

Approved via Email

## R9 YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

November 14, 2019

Payne Harper, R9 Youth Director and Cole Reser, R9 Youth Vice Director had their idea for “anti -bullying campaign /promote good sportsmanship at horse shows begin at the 2019 R9 Championship show. At the R9 youth meeting at the show, the youth members were presented with the concepts of the program. Youth were given a pledge form to sign and a bracelet that said, “Rise Up and Ride On”. This program was adopted by the AHYA BOD and implemented at the 2019 Youth Nationals Show. Pledges were signed and posted on the bulletin board at the “Chill Box” youth room at YN. Bracelets were given to signees. Payne and Cole were asked to do interviews on the new program. There was an article in the USEF magazine featuring their project, too. Some wonderful R9 members challenged the boys to do more to get the message to the adult exhibitors as well by developing a poster to be displayed at the stalls at the shows. Chelsea Harper stepped up and volunteered to work on the design of the poster. The poster was created, sold, and displayed at the YN show. Payne’s next idea was to design and sell hats. That was a success as well. We would like to thank the Arabian Horse Foundation for donating the Hats for the campaign. Payne’s next idea was to sell hoodies to promote the campaign and that was also a success. Many thanks to Chelsea, Payne, and Cole for their ideas and hard work on this project. Thank you to Annalise Himmel Allemand for posting on the R9 website all of our Paypal projects, spreading the word on Facebook, and working with us on ideas for the campaign. Thank you to Mark Williams, R9 treasurer for always helping, advising, and handling our R9 youth monies for our R9 Youth Projects. It is my honor and a privilege to be able to work with such wonderful R9 members. Thank you to all the R9 members who supported this program.

R9 also had a Judging team compete in the Jr. AHA division at the 2019 USN judging contest. They were 4H members who live in different counties that were ineligible by their state rules to compete as a 4-H team. Once again, we signed them up as AHA youth members of LAHA and they did very well in the competition. Thank you to the following R9 exhibitors who volunteered for the USN judging contest: Dr. Karlan Downing, Ray LeMaster, Annalise Himmel Allemand, Lisa Halpain, Ethan Hupp, Susan Lallo, Laurie Long and the team from Bay Area Equestrian, and Cassidy West. I would also like to thank Mark Himmel, R9 Director, who volunteered to listen to reasons all afternoon for the judging contest.

I would like to thank the many R9 exhibitors who stepped up and volunteered their horse(s) for the TAIL tours “meet and greet” an Arabian horse at YN, CNS, and USN. Over 250 people at these 3 shows were introduced to our Arabian horses. I am so thankful to be able to rely on my R9 people to help me with these tours.

I would like to thank Liz Williams for her wonderful work for maintaining our R9 youth Facebook page.

Upcoming fundraisers for R9 youth will be the R9 Championship Show youth exhibitor T-shirt sponsorships and the R9 Youth Cookbook. Refer to the R9 website for T-shirt info and payment option. Also refer to the R9 website, click the Youth tab, then Cookbook Fundraiser to submit your recipes.

Payne Harper, R9 Youth Director, is a finalist for the AHA Youth of the Year Award.

The youth of Region 9 would like to once again thank all of the wonderful members of Region 9 who have supported them throughout the year cause Region 9 still Rocks!

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Himmel

Region 9 Youth