

## **WAHA General Membership Annual Meeting January 20, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:54 pm.

### **Business**

- I. Election**-Four members of the Board of Directors up for election. Three incumbents will run for re-election. One position is open. Nominating committee suggests Kathy Platta for the position. She is a former board member ready to serve a full term. The incumbents speak. Nominations from the floor asked for. None are made. All nominees are elected.
- II. Financial and Budget**-WAHA made a small profit in 2017. The open shows did very well. WAHA received support from Region 10. The proposed budget is budgeted conservatively. Questions raised regarding youth budget. The youth have their own budget. Questions also raised about Midwest Horse Fair funding. Most of the money comes from Region 10. Last year additional funds were given by the Arabian Horse Association following requests by WAHA and WDHA. Also, Region 10 receives funds from working with Andis clippers. Motion to approve budget made by Juli Goder-Larson. Seconded by Don Gigante. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

### **Awards**

Gay Jeanne Bower begins awards ceremony.

### **Upcoming Events**

- I. Open Show**-The open shows are doing well and are working to expand. The open shows support the youth and hi-point programs. The spring show will again be a schooling show held April 7. The fall show will require proper show attire. New venues are being considered. Final date and location will be decided by June.
- II. Activities**-Activities committee requests input from the general membership. The trail ride last year was very popular. Will likely have another, possibly in spring. Nate Soderberg has offered to do a clinic, possibly in November. There has been some difficulty finding a venue. Any ideas regarding activities general membership would like are welcome.
- III. Badger Show**-The Badger Show will be held May 25-27 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The meeting with WDHA will be held later this month. It will again have random prizes and the exhibitor party. Volunteers are needed.

### **The awards ceremony continues.**

- IV. August show**-The August show will be held August 3-5. It will have dressage and sport horse classes. Volunteers are needed, in particular for the dressage ring. The show will be family-oriented with expanded walk-trot. There will be an exhibitor party. Question from floor regarding straight Egyptian classes. The show will offer straight Egyptian classes that qualify for the Egyptian Event.

**Annual Convention**-New delegates overall had very interesting and valuable experience.

- I. Resolutions**-One of hot topics was the co-owner rule which will go into effect 2019. Some restrictions including partnerships limited to two and classes where prize money exceeds \$2500. English trail will now require helmets for all. Trail scoring will

align with the system used by the paint horse judging as of 2019. The sport horse attire resolution was passed and will now require proper attire and tack when class is split as dressage-type or hunter-type.

**Other**-President Lerin Hendrickson asks for any questions or concerns from the floor.

**I. Hauling regulations**-Discussion amongst membership regarding proposed regulation to have all hauling rigs of a certain size be required to meet the regulations of commercial truckers, including CDLs and logging devices. The vote has been postponed for now.

**II. Volunteers**-Colleen Krantz proposes a sign-up sheet to encourage volunteers, as well as better explain what tasks are needed. Also personally thanks club for donations made to her family at the tack sale.

## **Youth**

**I. Meeting**-Hunter Offord is the new youth coordinator. She is also secretary of the AHYA. The youth will wait until a later date for their election due to lack of time. Entries for the youth team are due February 1 and will be handled by Heidi Elmer-Beck.

**II. Youth Team Tournament**-Joan Rose explains the Youth Team Tournament to the floor, as well as WAHA's role in developing and expanding the non-recognized division. The non-recognized division awards youth who show largely in open shows. WAHA had eight teams, two individuals were recognized. The tournament is attempting to go electronic, and needs volunteers.

**III. Youth Achievement Awards**-Nyssa Sheridan worked this year to bring back this program. It was designed to award youth showing in 4-H and WEHA, as well as awarding youth in lesson programs, active with hippology, and in volunteering. Nyssa Sheridan presents awards.

**Adjournment**-Prior to adjournment, Lerin Hendrickson asks if there are any questions from the floor. Also, Lerin asks for volunteers for activities and the committees. Motion to adjourn made by Gay Jeanne Bower, seconded by Cheryl Bumgarner. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.