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Presidents Report

As 2019 is quickly coming to a close, so it my role as WDHA president. It has been an honor to represent WDHA as your president for the last three years. Special thanks to WDHA BODs, officers, committee chairs, volunteers, and membership for your support. In 2020 I am looking forward to my new role as WDHA treasurer along with my other involvement in supporting WDHA.

Your club services you, have you serviced it? You are very important to us and what better way to get to know your fellow members than to become involved in club activities. Whether that being on a committee or volunteering at a WDHA sponsored event we are eager to get to know you better and share our love for the Arabian horse. Please reach out to any of the BODs or officers on how you would like to become involved and if you don't know we will look to find the right fit on how to serve WDHA.



Convention was uneventful this year, no fire! and the keynote speakers were very informative but not as inspirational. Region X "Horses for Humanity, Salute" was on display and Region X given the opportunity to speak about Salute's journey at convention. Here is a picture of Salute across from Goldie at convention. Resolutions that were the most controversial were #15-19 (withdrawn) #18-19 (referred to bylaws), and #17-19 (approved). More information will be included in my convention report to follow but see the resolution convention actions below.



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Upcoming Events:

• **General Meeting via teleconference. Contact Gail Rentmeester to attend.**

	SUBJECT	Action	CONTACT	FROM
<u>1A</u>	Amend Bylaws Article VIII, Section 2, Subparagraph a - DIRECTORS (Bylaws - 2/3rds vote)	Withdrawn	Charles Bass	Bylaws Committee
<u>1B</u>	Amend Bylaws Article VIII, Section 1, Qualifications (Bylaws - 2/3rds vote)	Withdrawn	Charles Bass	Bylaws Committee
<u>2</u>	Regional Director Election Process (Bylaws - 2/3rds vote)	Approved	Bruce Johnson	Bylaws Committee
<u>3</u>	Remove Exception for Number of Dressage Rides (USEF/EC)	Withdrawn	Carol Spangler	Dressage and Western Dressage Committee
<u>4</u>	Removing Age Restriction in Sport Horse In-Hand (USEF/EC)	Amendment 1 - Approved	Janet Henderson	Sport Horse Committee
<u>5</u>	Clarification to Sport Horse In-Hand (USEF/EC)	Amendment 2 - Approved	Janet Henderson	Sport Horse Committee
<u>6</u>	Additions to Sport Horse Appointments (USEF/EC)	Approved	Janet Henderson	Sport Horse Committee
<u>7</u>	Appointing Another Rider in Owner Classes for Working Hunter (USEF/EC)	Approved	Jim Porcher	Sport Horse National Show Commission
<u>8</u>	Performance Halter Scoring Options (USEF/EC)	Withdrawn	Joan Palelek-Shelton	Half Arabian Club of Washington
<u>9</u>	Addition of Ranch Horse Cow Work (USEF/EC)	Amended on the Floor - Amendment	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee

		2 - Approved		
<u>10</u>	Addition of Ranch Horse Trail (USEF/EC)	Amendment 1 - Approved	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee
<u>11</u>	Addition of Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure (USEF/EC)	Amended on the Floor - Approved	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee
<u>12</u>	Redefining Age Splits for Youth (USEF/EC)	Amended on the Floor - Amendment 1 - Approved	Debbie Himmel	AHA President
<u>13</u>	Showmanship Rules Modified (USEF/EC)	Amendment 2 - Approved	Sheri Odom	Equitation & Showmanship Committee
<u>14</u>	New Section for Walk/Trot/Jog Classes 11 & Over (USEF/EC)	Amendment 1 - Approved	Laura Mickelson	Region 10
<u>15</u>	Rescind Resolutions 20-03, 18-09 and 33-15	Withdrawn	Nancy Harvey	AHA Board of Directors
<u>16</u>	Allow Concurrent Specialty Classes to be Held at Regionals	Amended on the Floor - Approved	Jim Hitt	Competition Advisory Committee
<u>17</u>	Combined Regional Championship Shows/Rides	Amended on the Floor - Approved	Peggy Weems	Regional Review Task Force
<u>18</u>	Allowing Board Modifications to Resolutions with Restrictions	Referred to the Bylaws Committee	Nancy Harvey	AHA Board of Directors
<u>19</u>	Filing Fee on Judges and Stewards Complaints to be set by the AHA Board of Directors	Approved	Mary Jane Brown	Education/Evaluation Commission

You as a member of AHA, are eligible to have a voice on AHA committees. If you are interested submit form "2020 AHA Committee/Subcommittee Sign-up Form" found at <https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-forms/900001q.pdf>

Important upcoming dates

WDHA Futurity Nomination Due
December 31st

Sincerely, Shelly Lehman
WDHA President





**WDHA
Membership Gathering and
Year End/HP Awards
Banquet**

!!!! Save the Date !!!!

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Radisson of Fond Du Lac (previously Holiday Inn)
625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond Du Lac

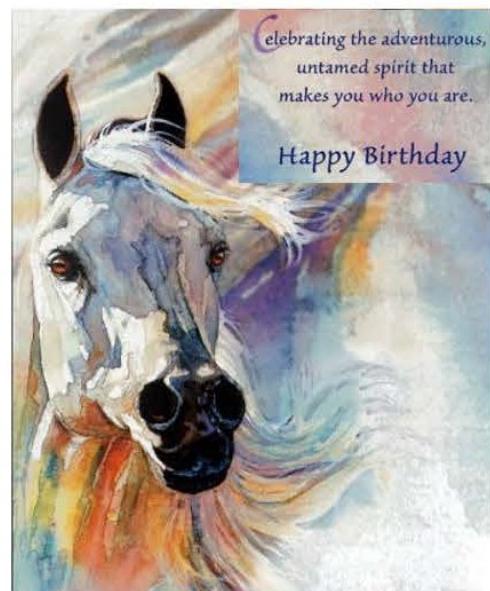
Hotel is on the corner of Interstate 41 and Hwy 151 SOUTH
(Exit 97B off Interstate 41). Hotel is on the west side of Interstate 41

More information coming soon

Contact Shelly Lehman for any questions at
920-750-9488 or carouse0@frontiernet.net

***WDHA wishes you a
Happy Birthday***

- Dec 6 Rose Marsden*
- Dec 13 Laney Widmer*
- Dec 20 Cara Biodrowski*
- Dec 21 Meredith Payne*
- Dec 27 Colleen Krantz*



2019 AHA Convention Report

by Shelly Lehman



President Nancy Harvey started out the "President's State of the Association Address" with The PAT lawsuit is over! All legal fees have been paid out of AHA funds but unfortunately insurance would not cover the cost of the lawsuit.

The "USEF Ad Hoc Committee's" objective was to fully investigate, understand, and recommend what AHA would have to establish internally, source from others, or eliminate if the relationship with USEF was discontinued. The study included licensing of officials (judges, stewards/technical delegates), equine drug testing program (development, administration, violations, education, independent contracting testing options), rule book development, violation/penalty rules & administration, welfare of the horse issues, amateur/professional certification, awards program, and any other aspects affecting AHA's affiliation with USEF. It was decided that AHA remain affiliated with USEF and that AHA continue to study the viability of the relationship.

For 2020 the AHA strategic plan is to development a comprehensive marketing plan, efficient management to drive business productivity, fiscal responsibility, streamline the business of AHA, organization of local/regional/national events with logical progression, and breeding/registration expansion.

The local Involvement task force put together the "Meet the Arabian" pilot program for Sept 21 and there were 40 events held Sept 1st – Nov 13th, reaching apr. 5,000 people. The program provided marketing and promotional material, financial support, and magazines. Plans are to schedule Arabian days again for May & September in 2020. In the "Time to Ride" meeting the WDHA "Meet the Arabian Day" held at the WDHA Festival Show was even a featured picture as one of the events. I missed taking a snapshot but fairly certain it may have been one similar to this.



Lisa Blackstone provided a Market Development and Promotion (MDP) committee report and reported there are now 18 Goldie Project horses.

Braveheart supports the Baby's Heart Fund, Galaxy sold at the Shatner auction for \$10,000, and Sundance Kid will be auctioned at the same event. Hero, Region 9, was donated to the 3rd Calvary Division at Fort Hood, and Region X's "Salute" represents the valuable resource of equine assisted therapy for veterans.

Salute was a featured site at convention and Region X was given the opportunity to speak about Salute's journey. In making Salute's project successful 1) Have passion 2) Create a team 3) Create a brand 4) Set a goal 5) Have activities.



Picture of Salute at US Nationals.

The American Horse Council (AHC), your unified voice in Washington, reported horses are still considered livestock not pets.

The house lawmakers overwhelmingly adopted the PAST (Prevent All Spring Tactics) Act, by a vote of 333 to 96. The AHC and its allies are focusing efforts on the Senate Commerce Committee and urging the panel to adopt the bill as written.

To address the ongoing labor shortage, AHC has joined the steering committee of the broad-based "H-2B Workforce Coalition".

For two years in a row, Congress has increased funding for Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) budget, demonstrating a commitment to enlisting horses to help America's heroes.

With the deferred maintenance of public trails projects, it continues to hinder us access to national parks. This year the horse industry has been advocating for the "Restore Our Parks Act (ROPA) of 2019" and lobbying efforts are paying off. To date ROPA has gained 318 cosponsors in the House, the senate version 5.500 has 43 co-sponsors, and the National Forest Service Officials informed AHC that they support expanding the scope of ROPA.

Keynote speaker was Christy Landwehr, CEO Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA), and proud Alliance Partner of AHA.

She explained key takeaways of the current equine industry economic impact survey are while the number of horses declined by 11% to 7.2 million the economic impact is higher than in the 2005 study of \$122 billion in value added. Interest in horses is strong with 38 million horse enthusiasts, 30.5% of the households in the US, and 38% of participants are less than 38 years of age. Land preservation is pegged at 80 million acres, roughly the size of New Mexico.

In developing your business outline determine what is your type of business, what people do you need, and what types of insurance you need. Before you start marketing your business make sure your product/services are the best it can be. Define your Unique Selling Proposition (USP). What do you do better than anyone else? What would your current satisfied clients say you do better than anyone else? Rethink how you describe your assets. Move from merely telling the features to selling the benefits of those features. Develop a marketing plan, what is your mission, purpose, and why. Target your customers.

The Arabian Horse Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AHA, reported its key focus is youth programs/scholarships, public education about the breed, and equine research with an emphasis on diseases affecting Arabians in particular.

It reported since 2007 over \$130,000 in scholarships have been awarded, with \$39,00 awarded to 41 youths in 2019.

Since 2007 over \$85,000 have been donated toward research funding to the following institutions; UC Davis, University of Florida, Cornell, and Morris Animal Foundations.

Projects included DNA tests for cerebellar abiotrophy (CA), lavender foal syndrome (LFS), and investigation of juvenile idiopathic epilepsy (JIE), occipitoatlantoxial malformation (OAAM), equine metabolic syndrome (EMS), and melanoma. The research impact of these tests in 2017 was no positives for CA or LFS and in 2018 no for LFS, only one for CA. Breeders are utilizing these genetic tests to help prevent production of affected foals!!

Future projects are intended to be aimed at conditions affecting our performance horses and the success of the Foundation is based on kind donations from the Arabian Horse Community. Online giving can be done at www.thearabianhorsefoundation.org and register with Amazon Smile and designate The Arabian Horse Foundation as your charity of choice and a portion of your purchases goes to the Foundation.

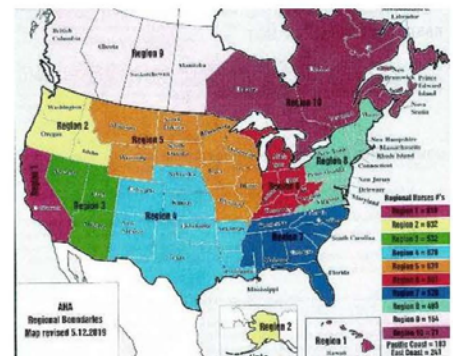
Resolutions that were the most controversial were;

#15-19 "Rescind Resolutions 20-03, 18-09, and 33-15" from AHA BOD, with the argument that with awarding a Top Five or Top Ten in smaller classes at Regionals and Nationals the prestige has been diminished and there would be substantial cost savings to the Regions and AHA. This resolution was not well received and was withdrawn.

Resolution #18-19 "Allowing Board Modification to Resolution with Restrictions" from AHA BODs, with the argument that any AHA Convention resolution which has been active for a period of ten years or longer and has not been amended by an AHA Convention resolution during that period of time, shall be under the control of the AHA Board of Directors for any future BOD's motions to amend or rescind. It was the opinion of many delegates that this resolution would take the governing decision of organization away from the resolution process and gives the ability of the AHA BOD's to change rules w/o resolution. This resolution had been referred to the Bylaws committee.

Resolution #17-19 "Combine Regional Championships Shows/Rides" from Regional Review Task Force. This resolution allows any two regions to combine their Regional Championship Competitions. These combined Regional Championships would be governed and managed by the two Regions and each class having one set of judges, one set of awards, and one set of National qualifications. There were so many amends made from the floor on the on this resolution, in my opinion this resolution should have gone back to committee, but it was approved by majority.

Now, this led to the Regional Restructure draft. The goal of this regional restructure is to increase the importance, viability, and participation in these newly created show areas so as to aid in the promotion of the Arabian Horse. Here is a picture of the proposed new AHA Regionals Boundaries. Your opinion is important, whether you are in favor to not of the proposed regionals restructuring plan. Please let your WHDA BODs/officers know your opinion and you could also contact AHA regarding the restructure proposal. If you would like copy of the full report, please let me know and I can send it to you.



Thank you to WDHA for giving your delegates the opportunity to represent WHDA at the AHA convention. We placed our resolution votes how WDHA directed us to at the annual meeting, attended many meetings, and are providing you a convention report. In closing, Gail and I could not pass on having our picture taking with Salute 😊.



With regards,
WDHA President and Delegate
Shelly Lehman



Region 10 Representatives at the AHA Convention:

(L to R) Mary Smith, Region 10 Director; Deb Duick, Shelly Lehman, Kitty Omitt, Connie Curtis, and Kristin Urban

WDHA FUTURITY/MATURITY UPDATES!!

~ MONEY! MONEY!! MONEY!!! ~

The WDHA Futurity offers both halter and performance classes for yearlings through five year olds. Foals are nominated in utero and maintained in the program through their five year old year with annual nominations. Through generous support of the annual Awards Banquet Silent auction, raffles, and drawings, every year supplemental funds are added to the nomination fees. For example, last year, **every entry** at the show had over \$50 added to its respective class.

Last year, and again for 2020, WDHA is adding \$100 per futurity class, plus the added per entry raffle money PLUS nomination fees to all Futurity classes.

~ ENTER YOUR HORSE THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOW ~

In another exhibitor/member friendly move, the membership decided at the November WDHA Annual Meeting to permit nominations/late entries of **BOTH Futurity and Maturity horses up to 6:00 p.m. Friday** the day before the first day of the WDHA Festival Show (held September Labor Day weekend, 2020, Sunnyview Expo, Oshkosh)

Both owners and exhibitors of Futurity/Maturity horses must be voting members of WDHA. See complete rules, divisions, and class specs at the WDHA website under programs. www.wdhaarabian.com or contact Futurity Secretary Kristin Urban (920-863-8253) email: urbankristin@msn.com.

The Futurity nomination form appears in this newsletter. The December deadline date for nomination without penalty is on the form...and the opportunity to late enter should also be evident. The Maturity nomination form is available online and will appear in a future newsletter.

2020 WDHA FUTURITY NOMINATION/RENOMINATION FORM

FEES IF PAID BY 12/31/19 (postmarked)		FEES IF PAID AFTER 12/31/19			
Original Mare Nomination (Year of conception)		Halter		Performance	
Age	Halter	Performance	Both	2020 Foals	2019 Foals
Yearlings	\$30	\$30	\$60	\$ 45	\$ 75
2 Year Olds	\$30	\$30	\$60	\$ 75	\$105
3 Year Olds	\$30	\$30	\$60	\$105	\$135
4 Year olds	\$30	\$40	\$70	\$135	\$175
5 Year olds	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$165	\$225
				2015 Foals	
				\$195	

Owner _____
 Address _____
 City, St., ZIP _____
 Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
 Email Address: _____
 Are you a WDHA Member? Yes No
 Purchased from: _____

Note: Please make sure that your horse(s) is/are eligible to be nominated/renominated in the Halter and/or Performance divisions. Renominate at the regular renomination fee by 12/31 (postmarked) for the following year. **Owners must be WDHA members.** Performance nominations need to be started with yearlings.

ORIGINAL MARE NOMINATIONS @ \$20 EACH (foals of 2020)

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	SEX	REG #	DAM	SIRE	SIRE'S #	FEE	Office Use

HALTER RENOMINATIONS @ \$30 EACH

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	SEX	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

PERFORMANCE NOMINATIONS/RENOMINATIONS

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

Make check payable to: **WDHA Futurity**
 Send to: Kristin Urban, 18104 Pleasant Road, Maribel, WI 54227 email: urbankristin@msn.com

2019 WDHA Calendar of Events

A more complete calendar may be found at the website: www.wdhaarabian.com

December	31	WDHA Futurity deadline. Kristin Urban. 920.863.8253
January	11	WDHA Meeting via teleconference. Please contact Gail Rentmeester if you wish to attend.

Tis the time to start planning ...

--- Your 2020 season, not just for shows but also for joining your Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons at the club meetings. They are scheduled generally every other month and may also be by teleconference.

--- To Volunteer at the Club's shows throughout the summer. All of our shows can use any extra help you may be willing to give us, from a couple of hours to a day or two. Contact the show managers to see what you can do to help out. By helping out, you help keep our show costs down.

--- To show off your Arabian/Half Arabian horses! They are one of the most people friendly breeds around and simply LOVE any attention they can get!

Classifieds

OFFERING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

11 year old 14.2 HH Arabian mare (Safire granddaughter). This mare has been successfully shown in open and Class A shows in halter, leadline, sport horse in hand, huntseat, and Dressage. She just recently earned her WDHA Legion of Merit Award. This mare has very good ground manners and deserves an experienced rider. Private treaty with references. Call 920.894.7239 and leave a message.

DISPERSAL SALE:

2-wheel Jerald show cart with rubber tires and wooden basket (#9118 - 96" shafts). Clean and in good condition. Make offer. Contact us at 920.894.7239 and leave message. Also, a set of fine harness (overcheck) used on 14.2 HH horse.

FOR SALE:

Pretty, Friendly 16 year old pasture ornament. This 14.3 HH Grey gelding is home grown and has very nice ground manners. He has been shown in halter, huntseat, and Dressage. Serious inquiries only with references. Contact 920.894.7239.

Advertising Rates:

All advertising is for a six (6) month period.

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Free Classifieds
Free Business Cards \$10
Half- Page Ads
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\$10 Business Cards
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\$40 Full Page Ads

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