

Region 14 Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2025 @ 1:00 PM
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

New Director Dave Daugherty called the meeting to order, with First Vice Director Jackie MacLaren, Second Vice Director Kara Hatzai, Secretary Debbie Swigart and Treasurer Terry Schafer in attendance. Eight (8) clubs were represented: BAHA, BAHAA, DBDR, KAHABA, KARABS, OAATS, OHAHA, and SAHIBA.

Minutes: Duane Esser moved, and Kara seconded a motion to approve the November Caucus meeting minutes as submitted. This passed.

Treasurer's Report: Terry reviewed the report that was submitted to the delegates via email. Pepper Proffit moved, and Cindy Clinton seconded a motion to approve the report. This passed.

2025 Budget: Terry reviewed the budget, and the discussion was on whether the regional show will make as much due to changes in the WEC contract and the need to increase fees to exhibitors. It was decided to table the budget approval until the March meeting so that this line item can be reviewed.

Director's Report: Dave noted that Duane was re-elected as our Region 14 Director in August. However, he would like congratulate Duane on being elected as the AHA Vice President at the convention in November. Per our By-laws. Dave now moves from the First Vice Director to our Director. And along that line, Jackie moved from Second Vice Director to the First Vice Director. Dave discussed the situation with the executive board at convention and he has appointed Kara as our new Second Vice Director.

Dave wants to commend Duane for his choice of two (2) deserving people for the Regional Volunteer Awards: Terry and Debbie S.

Dave reviewed the 11 of 17 resolutions that passed. The resolutions are listed on the AHA website under the Membership – Convention tabs. The resolution 2-24 which would change the AHA Board structure was widely discussed. This required approval by 2/3 of delegates. It didn't pass, failing by 21 votes. However, incoming president Lisa Blackstone has heard all the pros and cons that were discussed, and she will create a Governance committee to review this, then it will be brought back at the 2025 convention. If it passes, it will be considered an extraordinary resolution and will be implemented January 2026. She received a standing ovation by the delegates, and that shows that whether for or against, there is a need to change. Resolutions 8-24 Sport Rules and 13-24 Walk/Trot Rules were disapproved. Resolution 16-24 was deemed out-of-order as a "duplicate" of 15-24. Resolutions 6-24 and 17-24 were withdrawn.

Three (3) Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT) members were appointed as Directors At-Large: Ralph Manning (R-9 Texas), Jim Hagle (R-11 Missouri) and Susan Racey (R-14 Ohio). It is believed these positions have the same term limits as the other officers.

Dave noted that the delegates approved the pre-show dates for the two Region 13 shows. We had also discussed moving our Region 14 Hunter-Jumper classes from the North Carolina show (held in Region 12) to be held concurrent with the Region 13 Sport Horse show. He approached Ron Gekiere about

this and asked them to provide a class list for approval. It was clarified that our classes are held at the Sport Horse show in North Carolina, and they don't handle the Region 12 championship classes held at that show. Cindy is confused why we want to move the classes. Debbie Glasener stated that this was coming from East coast exhibitors. After discussion, Cindy presented a counter motion to leave the Hunter-Jumper classes with the off-site location and Duane seconded the motion. Dave had pulled the numbers for the Region 14 classes from the North Carolina show in 2024 – 56 class entries with 26 horses. Dave also noted he has not received a request to approve the North Carolina show yet. Duane noted that there would be extra costs if Region 13 adds our classes, and we don't give any financial support at this time. This motion was put to a straw vote of the 28 present, then the delegates voted: 3 YES, 9 NO and 2 ABSTAINED. With this motion defeated, we will wait to get a response from Ron.

We have another show requesting the region's approval. The BAHA Spring Blast Show would be held at Shelby County Fairgrounds in Kentucky on April 12, 2025. That date does conflict with OHAHA Spring Show, being held at WEC in Wilmington. After discussion, it was emphasized that this is a Value show with open breed classes. Cindy stated she didn't think it would have any impact on her show. Kara moved and Donna Lassanske seconded a motion to approve this show. It passed.

First Vice Director's Report: We welcome Jackie as our new First Vice Director. Currently she doesn't have a report.

Second Vice Director's Report: We welcome Kara as our new Second Vice Director. She doesn't have a report but will be helping with Equine Affaire and Breyerfest.

Awards Banquet: Debbie G had an audio connection issue, so Dave reviewed that the date is set for March 1st at the Holiday Inn at the Cincinnati Airport. Sponsors are needed for the trophies at \$135 each. Three (3) of the 11 have been paid for. OHAHA has previously provided \$750 in prizes and two (2) awards. This year they are sponsoring one award and would like to ask other clubs to step up and help sponsor the Bingo prizes: two (2) \$100 and one \$500 gift cards. These can be sponsored by clubs and/or individuals.

We are pleased to announce that we will have a guest speaker, the new AHA President – Lisa Blackstone. Jackie moved and Donna seconded a motion to pay her expenses, approximately \$550. This passed.

Debbie G rejoined the meeting. The regional meeting is at 3:00 PM, with Cocktail hour at 6:00 PM and the meal starts at 7:00 PM. The meal cost is \$50 until February 21st, then \$65 after that date. Hotel room rates are \$119 but Debbie G noted that you may get a better deal if you book on-line. Carl Malicotte and Jeff Caldwell will be handling the Silent Auction again.

Regional Show Report: Cindy reported that she has the new contract for the show and WEC costs are going up. She will be working with them to see what can be done to ease the need to raise fees to the exhibitors. She currently doesn't have her judges under contract. Current class fees for the pre-show classes are \$20 pre /\$30 post and TBA's are \$75. Stall fees and Vendor fees are going up. In 2023, we have 573 horses and last year we were up to 643. She must pay for the mats that are laid along the walkway from Barn D to the arena. EMT's will now be limited to 10-hour shifts, so we will be paying more for that since they must be available during the entire show.

She has asked Dave to take over the stalling and the shavings. One of the biggest problems is the shavings pre-orders. These must be ordered by Friday before the show, then no more orders will be

taken until the show office opens, and there are no refunds on shavings, WEC will not take them back. Pepper noted that she found it is cheaper to order the *Home Away From Home* trailers for Sunday to Sunday. Cindy feels she has the best show crew of volunteers.

Region 14 Youth Scholarship & Joe Hull Law Scholarship: Jeff couldn't attend this meeting, so Jackie gave a report on these scholarships. There are no changes to the Youth Scholarship with the info available on our Region 14 website. They have the preliminary guidelines set-up for the Joe Hull Law Scholarship, but there are still some questions to be answered. Dave wants to thank this committee for all their work. There was some discussion as to what, if any classes will be held at the regional show. Terry will look into setting up a separate bank account for the scholarship.

Youth Director's Report: Ella Duncan reported that she has two new girls on the youth board - Sophia Blankley is Vice Director and Abigail Brown is the Secretary. High Point awards for Dressage and Walk/Trot are being discussed. Part of the issue is who and how the points would be tallied. Cindy suggested that they ask show secretary Ryan Chambers how they can get the information. Pepper noted that they should get sponsors for the awards and reminded Ella that she is there to help them. Pepper noted that the T-shirts worked well. The Ice Cream social was good the first year but didn't go over well last year. Duane also noted that AHYA and Brenna Johnson can be a good resource. One of the biggest issues is for the youth to have time at the shows to participate.

Equine Affaire & Breyerfest: Danny Thompson and Kara will be working on these events. Deneb Thompson said they are waiting for Breyerfest (July 11-13) to get them the booth application. Dave noted that this event (April 10-13) is scheduled for the same time as the OHAHA Spring Show. Jackie noted that she has helped at Equine Affaire in the past but will be at the Spring Show this year. Jennifer will need help on that. Terry also reminded them that he can help by providing a credit card (with limits) for them for any last-minute supplies.

Old Business: Terry noted that he would like the Budget Committee to discuss the regional show budget so he can prepare the report for the March meeting.

New Business: Duane noted that AHA will again offer the free first-time youth membership for 2025. He also reminded everyone that as of December 1, 2025, you must have your horse microchipped to be able to show at USEF shows. He is suggesting that if you can, get the microchip that includes being able to read the horse's temperature. AHA is also working to roll out the availability of on-line horse registration.

Cindy noted that Ryan is working on being able to collect checks for on-line entries.

Dave said that AHA is also working on providing a way to pay show fees without the convenience fee they charge for credit cards. More to follow, as it's set to be ready before the national show entries start.

Pepper moved and Duane seconded a motion to adjourn. Our next meeting will be in-person at the Holiday Inn at the Cincinnati Airport March 1st at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Swigart

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