

2016 AHA Annual Convention, Tulsa, Oklahoma
November 16-19, 2016

I would like to thank the Minn=I-Kota Arabian Horse association for sending me to the AHA Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma in November and the support of Region 10. It was great to connect with so many people from Region 10 and to work for the Arabian Community within this region. This region has a definite positive sense of promoting the Arabians and all equine enthusiasts and is planning for the future. The following are some summaries of the committee meetings I attended as well as the Region Caucus meeting.

Sessions attended.

Thursday:

- General session
- Professional Horseman's Committee
- AHA Youth Committee Meeting
- Equine Stress/Research and Education Committee
- Ad Hoc Shoeing Study
- Regional Caucus Meetings

Friday:

- Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee
- Amateur Committee
- General Session II

Saturday

- General Session III (am & pm)
- President's Banquet.

Summary of resolutions

Resolution 1-16 : Approved. Membership for club organizations can be as low as 2 members, however, to participate at the Annual Convention, at least 10 members must be registered in the club as of June 30th.

Resolution 2-16: Approved: Was a clean up amendment regarding Past President's role from IAHA to AHA.

Resolution 3-16 Not in by-laws, so no action taken. Simply stating the one year membership will now be \$50.00.

Resolution 4-16: Approved: Deals with the number of judges for working western panels for national shows due to the difficulty of finding enough judges to fill the panel.

Resolution 5-16: Approved: Shoeing Regulations: The hottest topic of the convention. Many sessions dealt with the understanding for types of shoes and the number of pads that could be used. In summary: The hoof length will now be measured from the hairline to the end of hoof with shoe. Only straight bar shoes permitted. The number of pads is unlimited, however, the toe length will and angle needed to support the hoof palmer issue needed for the individual horse. There were many professional trainers, veterinarians, and research data provided to educate horseman on this matter.

Resolution 6-16: Approved: This resolution has to do with in-gate time limitations at shows. (check on)

Resolution 7-16: Approved: Sport Horse Under Saddle and Show Hack classes. If Rider or Horse fall they are eliminated.

Resolution 8-16: Approved: Leveling classes: Needs USEF approval. This has to do with amateur classes, select, choice and elite riders. Show management will determine classes depending upon the number of entries.

Resolution 9-16: Approved: This resolution is a clarification of the 1-10 scoring system for Sport Horse In-Hand classes.

Resolution 10-16: Approved: Removal of Regional Requirements for a Trail Course Designer.

Resolution 11-16: Rule 101 resolutions: Withdrawn.

Resolution 12-16: Rule 101 submission requirements.
Withdrawn

Resolution 13-16: Rule 101 Submission requirements.
Approved. This has to do with Reining Seat Equitation (formerly Stock Seat Equitation) This resolution is to provide equity in class procedures for the Reining Seat Equitation riders. The number of horses and time length of pattern may create a length of time that prohibits anyone other than the competitor to warm up their horse. Limits of 12 horses per section and arena drags may create hours of waiting for exhibitors since they perform individually.

Resolution 14-16: Approved: Provides the option for judges to give oral reasons for the Breeding In-Hand classes depending upon the decision of the Show Management.

Resolution 15-16: Withdrawn: This resolution intent was to lengthen the qualification time lines for regional and nationals.

Items of interest from General Session topics.

1. AHA website membership section will be shut down Nov. 30-December 6th for the purposes of updating the web system. It is very important that each member updated their email information as going paperless is the intent.
2. The national show commissions are considering adding additional jackpot classes. The 2016 Nationals included Western and English classes. Hunter classes are soon to be added.
3. There were several discussions by several groups as to how to capture more of the market for horse enthusiasts. Patti Colbert, a keynote speaker presented data from many breeds of horses and offered several ideas as to how to capture “New People” in to the horse world. Many avenues for providing information about your equine interests are available on line.
4. The Annual Convention will be in Denver in 2017 and then return to Tulsa in 2018-2019. AHA is looking for regions to host the Annual Conventions.
4. The Arabian Distress Fund raised \$355,248 so far since its inception. Mary Trowbridge and other professional horseman have worked several years to provide support for equine enthusiasts that need financial support.

Summary of Region 10 Meeting

It was great to visit with 23 out of the possible 28 delegates from Region 10. The treasurer’s report needs updating and so approval was postponed to the next regional meeting. The

2017 meetings will be held on January 15th, March 5, and November 5th.

There was a presentation regarding “Goldie” which is a fiberglass Arabian horse that can be purchased for \$3500, then used as a fund raiser for your club, community or city. They are then painted to depict items of interest from each community. This is not a fundraiser for AHA, but rather civic groups or other community entities. It is representing the “Arabian Horse for Humanity” and is now in several countries.

There was a Region 10 Show report and a discussion of the 2017 class schedule and adding Jackpot classes. The show committee is working on this. There was discussion about Global and the live feed for the Regional show. The show committee is checking on the details.

The Modern Arabian magazine is now called the Arabian Horse Life.

The Region wishes to do something to acknowledge Mary Tronson and all of years of being the show secretary for Region 10 shows.

There was discussion about having a Youth Judging Team practice in January...details to come. There will be a judging competition as Conway Arabians in April. They are seeking funding to promote these youth activities and mentioned MIK's donation in 2016.