

AHA Convention Report 2014

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Wednesday Nov19, 8 hours in the Equitation committee working meeting going over patterns for Showmanship and Horsemanship. These will be online in the manual before Judges School. Next year Saddle Seat and Hunt Seat patterns will be completed for the manual. Scoring cards are being worked on in all Equitation classes.

Attended The Plenary session briefly...

Thursday General session President Richardson reviewed what AHA has accomplished this year including the building updates. Youth committee meeting in favor of resolution 24-14 not in favor of 4-14. 2014 Youth tournament teams-43 total. There were 8 nominees for Youth of the Year and there were 2 youth nominated for USEF Sportsman and JR. Exhibitor Awards from AHA. Youth voted on age splits at YN – 13 & Under 43 votes, 14&Under 15 votes, 5 voted to return to 14-17. National Arabian judging contest was a huge success 45 teams/12 College, 11Jr. AHA, 22 4-H/FFA. 2014 AHYA took over namaaging and conductint T.A.I.L. tours at all AHA National Events.

Attended the Regional Caucus.

Friday Equitation committee again - Michelle Pease is is our social media liason/facebook. Scottsdale will be holding Adult Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, possibly Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat already held.

General Session, we voted on all but one resolution, first time ever and seemed that the committees did their jobs and there wasn't as much controversy. 268 delegates out of possible 428.

Forum – MDP Outreach gave lots of great ideas for everyone to expose new people to our breed. Many are reaching the public and sharing this outstanding breed, AHA has tools for the TAIL program and the new website will be so much easier to use for the first time viewer. Should be up and running early Spring.

Saturday General session had a presentation for legendary photographer Scott Trees I son a bottle of red wine for the door prize and youth of the Year was announced. Arabian Horsemans Distress Fund reported the \$200,000 raised at US Nationals calcutta for a rider that was paralyzed from the next down. Mary Trobridge is amazing with her support and managing this great help for our Arabian family.

A few other notes about the Arabian Foundation that offers 40 scholarships – apply online AHA, Sweepstakes has changed some, putting more money into Regionals and dropping the points payout. Also you can now nominate your mares if they were original entries for \$1000 and breed to a non nominated stallion to enter the foal in the sweepstakes program. The leveling system goes into effect this year but is not being used at Nationals. AHA is financially on the up swing and things seem more stable than ever. Cynthia will lead us again this next year as our President.

That's about it from me...