


# Region 10 Directors Report

## March 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

### Aurora, Colorado

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All 18 AHA regions were represented plus the at-large members of the AHA Board of Directors. Approximately 25% of the 2019 Board members are new to the Board.

- Tulsa convention hotel just opened end of January; been very good on billing
- A group of individuals created the AHA Peter Cameron Award. This perpetual award will be presented to a currently licensed Arabian judge or USEF Category 2 steward who demonstrates the high standards and value that Peter displayed and lived by during his long career as an Arabian judge. The first bronze was presented to Peter Cameron at his home in January 2019. 
- AHA Handbook Task Force – progressing nicely. Some proposed changes will need to be resolutions and will be submitted at the August BOD meeting for their review. Everyone is invited to send Mary Smith ideas and suggestions for improving any aspect of the AHA Handbook.
- Res. 14-18 Ad Hoc Committee working on the directives stated in the resolution – basically, what will be required of AHA to assume complete responsibility for competition rules and processes. A report will be submitted to the BOD in August 2019. It is the Board that will make the final decision of whether or not to submit a resolution to the Convention regarding withdrawing from USEF.
- Regional Re-structure Ad Hoc has been split into two groups – one to study the regional shows and the other to study the organizational structure.
- President Nancy Harvey has established a Local Outreach Task Force and a Show Commission Review Ad Hoc committee.
- Legal – near end of trial and motions with PAT. Development of PARS (registration software) is on schedule. Everyone present in agreement that it is time to work together to promote our horses.
- Staff reports were sent in advance as a PPT with voice – some directors had problems viewing it; the practice will be continued and refined as we go forward. A time saver plus gives board members an opportunity to develop questions in advance.
- The AHA phone system needs replacing with sourcing in progress. Some other building repair needs were noted.
- Treasurer reported that it will take a few years to bring funds up to previous levels, mostly due to law suit; emphasized that cash reserve amounts have never been used and that the grand total working capital figure is the most import.
- Intrafund accounts are being whittled down but keeping a balance in each is good for emergency funds.
- Fee changes – partial list only:
  - Live streaming costs will be increased by \$5.
  - Show recognition fees will be increased from the \$100 to \$125
  - Show fee per horse increased from \$4 to \$5
  - 9-90 fee also increased from \$4 to \$5.
  - Registration fees for Racing have been increased by \$100 for members and non-members.
  - One free day of Data Source for new memberships.
- A 3% convenience fee was discussed for internet and over-the-phone credit card payments. \$250,000 in credit card fees were paid in FY2019. Estimate \$270,000 for FY20; amount getting too high to be absorbed by AHA. The fee was approved as part of the FY20 budget.
- Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Report

- Sweepstakes Changes Discussion – discontent from some groups about the changes made after Convention.
- Re-iteration of new Jackpot classes and other changes that have already been announced
- In 2018, 43% of the total foals registered were Sweepstakes foals. It was 38% in 2017.
- Revised Memorandum of Understanding between USN Show Commission, Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, and Sweepstakes Trust signed. This is a 10-year understanding.
- Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustee Report
  - Formed at Convention and met there for the 1<sup>st</sup> time; Chuck Rickart is the Chair and Mark Goff is the Vice Chair.
  - Will be doing bi-monthly calls regarding Sweepstakes
- Weekly Insider Email plus monthly Regional Insider
  - Contact Gretchen for link if you can't find on website
  - Unsubscribing from one item unsubscribes all group emails
- Rescue horses, divorce issues, and repossessed horses – what can AHA do, or others to help get papers.
  - First step is to call AHA for person-to-person conversation as there are many variables.
  - Identity testing kit for \$125. 165,000 horses are in database; AHA has been able to match about 1/ of the horses so far.
- Annual Convention Planning Committee
  - Tulsa – possible offsite party with local artists
  - Starting to work on Reno site
- AHA National Distance Commission going back to OK, last weekend of USN.
  - Distance Nationals with various breeds – positive experience
  - CTR will be Saturday
  - Working on updated score cards
- Canadian National Show Commission
  - One judging panel for main arena, six judges rotated through all classes
  - Added HA/AA CP Driving ATD
  - Sport Horse classes will not run concurrently by type
  - Leveling will be used for AATR and JTR in place of age splits except for English Pleasure
  - AAOH Breeding and In-hand changed to AOTH
- Competition Advisory Committee (CAC)
  - Goal is to be more inclusive instead of exclusive and to be more adaptable
  - Motion to increase Dressage qualification scores for open, amateur and amateur owner classes, effective 12/1/19
- Sport Horse National Show Commission
  - Implementing Patron program for 2019
  - Multiple changes to the 2019 schedule
  - Western Dressage classes will require qualifications for the first time in 2019
- U.S. National Show Commission
  - Friday and Saturday night some special activities – watch for more details in August
  - Tulsa plans to replace 416 stalls in the Super Duty Barn with brand new stalls this year
  - PB and HA/AA Ranch Riding AATR classes will be divided into age splits and Junior Horse Ranch Riding will be added in both.
  - PB and HA/AA ABS Reining Jackpot added as well as English Pleasure Jackpot AAOH
- Youth National Show Commission
  - Dan Stevenson from Region 3 was elected as Commissioner to replace Lollie Ames.
  - Motion approved to reduce qualifications for Cattle Classes
  - Met in Scottsdale; completing revision of class schedule, one less day
  - Each ring will be covered by a Commissioner
  - Ice cream social, exhibitors dinner, other activities

- Patterns will be Omnibus for the first time
- AHA Futurity Commission
  - Motion approved to reduce Cutting Futurity Enrollment Fees – motion approved
  - Recommendation to develop a study group to come up with ideas on how to grow all the futurities
- Market Development & Promotion Committee
  - Continuing every other Tuesday night meetings
  - More people getting involved following meetings at Convention
  - Goldie books being developed that will accompany the Goldie horses – stories about kids fighting medical issues with Goldie the horse. Coloring books of Arabian horses available already at AHA.
- Change Regional Affiliation
  - AHA of Nebraska requested to be an affiliated club with Region 8 instead of Region 6 – approved
  - National Arabian Sport Horse Association requested to change affiliation from Region 1 to Region 11 – approved
- USEF Report
  - The affiliates had a roundtable at USEF meeting in January, much of it closed session
  - Glenn and Nancy part of a group meeting later in March with USEF CEO Bill Moroney and a facilitator.
  - Another meeting is schedule with National Council members and USEF
- Racing Commission Report
  - New registration requirements for racing horses
  - Delaware situation of questionable registration/identification – Deb F. flew out there immediately to do testing. Final hearings postponed, but not because of any delay on the part of AHA. Due process important.
- Registration Commission
  - Spring meeting in May in NC
  - Fall meeting – on the West Coast in September
  - Meetings are open to interested breeders – watch for information
- Purebred Arabian Trust / WAHO Update
  - Moving forward and focus on the breed with focus on registration and promotion
  - WAHO meeting was February in Australia. Three people from the US (2 from PAT, 1 from AHA) attended.
- New/Unfinished Business
  - Value Shows Discussion – concerns that with no steward present and no accident/injury reports required, what is liability of judges and of AHA? No conclusion.
    - CAC should develop more info for show management and judges on how to handle emergency situations.
- Adjourned

## **Regional Caucus Meeting - Saturday, March 9, 2019 led by Isaac Taylor**

1. Regional restructure
  - a. Results of survey not yet available but some questions on survey discussed.
  - b. Two groups working on different aspects - shows and governance
  - c. Is reduction of board size needed? No clear answer.
  - d. How to help clubs, regions, and directors to be more effective? Regions work together more, in an organized way, to offer greater opportunities to members.
2. Suggestion made to eliminate plastic membership card due to printable card and online verification of membership. Possibility of going to an optional printed/mailed card and use a heavy paper instead of plastic.
3. How many regions print prize lists?
  - a. None of the regions print more than a handful of prize lists
4. Resolution A-19 Draft was presented for discussion purposes with no proponent listed
  - a. To go back to Top 5 and Top 10, rounded up to top 50% of the class.
  - b. Some regions do not present Top 5 ribbons to the Champion and Reserve horses.
  - c. Alternate idea - place the Finals of the class with a champion and reserve, then 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> .
5. Convention discussion
  - a. Revise current structure or reduce meetings to allow time for educational components.
  - b. Offer educational webinars, fee for logging in (possibly one fee to cover all webinars offered)
  - c. Make actions older than 10 years to not have to be changed by resolution.
  - d. More informational general meetings by committees/commissions
  - e. Consent calendar concept
6. Regional Shows
  - a. What is the value of regional shows?
  - b. Regional Structure Working Group working on ideas
    - i. Should point threshold be raised for some of the classes or eliminate points for qualifying for nationals? Points are for participation as it stands now.
    - ii. Region 4: Youth campaign to sponsor garlands, money left after X\$ for Region and X\$ for garland cost goes to youth group
7. Local club membership promotion
  - a. Cheaper to join AHA
  - b. Social benefits
  - c. A voice through club and regions
  - d. Service to others; volunteers
  - e. Amateurs giving lessons (AHA re-writing resolution)
  - f. Daffodil Club in Region 4 – sponsored breakfast at a distance riding clinic to promote club membership
  - g. Reduced club price for multiple family members at same address
  - h. Booth in a Box for outdoor use being developed
8. Should there be a limit to number of members on committees? Have working executive committees? Need more uniformity to committee policies/procedures for sub-committees. Western Committee was presented as a good example of effective use of sub-committees.
9. Document of regional show comparisons being developed
10. There was interest in having a second Regional Caucus in conjunction with the August 2<sup>nd</sup> BOD meeting.