

APHA Convention Report - Colorado Springs, CO - October 1 – 3, 2009
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General meeting, Thursday Oct 1st. An Achievement Award was given to Pat Mullins of Markel Ins. Pat was honored for his efforts and service to breed advancement.

Executive Directors report stressed while nearly all areas of the APHA are currently down, one exception being PAC which is up 7%, the APHA is still in great shape. What we need most is new memberships and people. We have new membership benefits, one of which is a free pharmacy card. Please check the APHA web site for complete details. Renew your memberships before the first of the year before the cost of memberships goes up. I have a CD of his complete report if an one would like to see it I will be happy to send it to you.

The financial report: explained budget decreases, including a staff decrease. Investments were explained and while we are down in many areas we still have enough investments and property to be very stable.

I serve on the General Show and Contest Committee. The World Show Participation Qualification was again discussed. The committee now has it refined and set. It just needs EC approval. There is still a great need for this to help Regional Clubs. Everyone would qualify within the Zone they live. If a class is not offered in your Zone the you would not have to qualify.

The fall World Show as of 9/25/09 has 869 horses entered and 2155 pre entries, this is a large increase from 2008.

A rule change will be brought forward to 2010 regarding tension of the romal in reining and working cow horse classes, amend the current rule to match NCHA/NRHA.

Rule change proposal for SC-035 APHA Champion Award to include Category IX Working Cow Horse.

Rule change proposal for Novice Amateur Eligibility – reinstatement of novice after a specified number of years of now show participation. Recommendation sent to Amateur Comm.

5 years

Discussion on whether show managers and show secretaries should be allowed to show at shows they are presiding over – request of Long Range Planning Committee. The committee felt it is not an issue. Some shows need the entries, I do not agree on this.

A National show proposal from the EC was discussed. It would be in the summer along with the Youth World show. The committee agreed this was not a good idea and suggested APHA use the extra days we have at the facility to put on clinics and/or a equine expo.

Friday General Meeting: There was a large discussion regarding the current PAC rules and regulations, and does it take away from the regional shows. Generally it was agreed that PAC adds members to regional clubs and can be a very useful tool to attract exhibitors to step up to the regional shows.

There was a request to streamline the APHA web site, specifically needed are easier links to regional clubs. The search engine nee3ds refinement. The APHA staff is moving to a new server and are currently working on a better filter for the search engine. So we will be seeing a new and improved web site very soon.

I have not included the voting on the rule changes. Several other directors have published them and they should be available on the APHA web site.

Thank you for electing me to represent you at the APHA national level. Remember you can always call or email me and I will get the answers for you.

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