

2009 APHA Convention

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Oct. 1 -3, 2009

Arriving in Colorado Springs on Thurs, Oct. 1, 2009 for the annual APHA Convention, we find clear blue skies and cool temperatures. After checking into our room we get ready for our first of several general membership meetings.

General Membership meeting called to order by President John Corbin at 3:10 pm, who welcomed everyone to this year's convention and recognized the Hall's, directors from Australia, as traveling the furthest.

The APHA Legendary achievement award was presented to Mr. Pat Mullins for his many years of service to APHA in numerous ways.

The financial reports were given and provided to those directors who wished them on a CD. I do have a copy of these reports if anyone would like to see them. Please contact me and I will be more than happy to send it out to you.

One of the reports given which has been a recent concern of all Pac members is the proposal to raise the PAC fees. At this time the PAC program is running very steady and there will be NO increases in the fees for this program at this time. I hope that this puts all those concerned about this at ease.

With no further old business the meeting was adjourned and scheduled to reconvene at 9 am the next morning.

The evening schedule featured a Foundation Benefit Dinner Gala & Therapeutic Riding Event at one of the local stables. The dinner and entertainment was great with a silent and live auction benefitting the two programs. Items up for auction were plentiful and beautiful. A total of \$12,000.00 was raised.

Friday morning's meeting was called to order by President John Corbin at 9:00 am with the introduction of the standing committee chairs and vice chairs.

Roll Call was taken and the minutes from Workshop were approved.

Rule Change Proposals were presented and voted on. Of the 14 proposals presented 13 passed and 1 failed. These changes will take place on Jan. 1, 2010. Changes passing included RG-070 and RG-070-1 which redefines the qualifying lines for which on the face and legs of our paints.

RG-185 which sets up the International Appendix Registration.

SC-090-1 which defines additional information required in order for APHA to approve shows needs to be provided to APHA no later than 30 days prior to the show. If information is not received within this time frame, future show approvals may be affected.

SC-105 Defines Multiple Judge Shows and the ability to have a two judge back to back show.

SC-160 pertains to the logo's which may be on an exhibitors and or anyone assisting an exhibitor in the arena at the APHA sponsored shows, (i.e.: APHA World Show, AjPHA World show)

SC-160-2 allows the use of earplugs made of a soft and flexible material provided that they are used in a humanely as outlined in SC-075.

SC-215 provides a scoring system for the Jumping classes.

RA-060.B; RA-060-1; SC-015.A.4; SC-020.A.2; SC-030.B; SC-325.K.2; SC-050.A all define Championships awarded to the Racing horses.

Election of 2010 Executive Committee was held with

President: Our own Linda Vance; President Elect: Dr. Travis Titlow; Vice President: Scott Jackson; Sr. Committee Member: Greg Reising; Fifth Committee Member: Mary Parrott; and Sixth Committee Member; Ron Shelly.

Meeting adjourned, for lunch, and reconvened at 1:45 by President Linda Vance. Roll call of 2010 Directors was taken and sworn in. With no further new business for 2010 meeting was adjourned in order to attend our standing committee meetings.

The evening festivities began with a meet and greet of our newly elected EC., followed by a wonderful dinner installation of the EC and the entertainment of a Cowboy Poet.

Saturday morning began at 8 am with the standing committee chairs giving their reports from their Friday afternoon meetings.

One of the main topics of discussion in all committee's was the idea of a National Championship show to run immediately following the Youth World Show in the summer. It was the general feelings of all committees that this would not benefit APHA in the manner it was hoping to do. All committees feel that some type of a Horse Expo, Clinics, etc would be much more beneficial to all. The EC will review all suggestions submitted and make a final decision.

Most committees discussed ideas as to new ways of bringing in new members into APHA and their ideas for rule change proposals to be submitted at workshop.

Since you have already received other reports from our Directors I feel that for me to repeat what they have already said regarding the standing committee reports would be a waste of both our times. Should you have any questions regarding these reports please feel free to contact me. I have spoken

with a few of you out there regarding some of the proposed ideas and have your feelings on them. I appreciate you talking with me and I will do my very best to get your feelings heard.

With no further business the 2009 APHA Convention was adjourned and everyone was either heading home or out for one of the sightseeing activities for the afternoon. I personally went on the tour of Seven Falls and Garden of the Gods. What an awesome tour. If you ever get a chance to visit Colorado Springs try to take in these sightseeing spots. The rock formations are spectacular.

Should you have any questions, suggestions or comments on this report please feel free to contact me either by email or phone. I truly appreciate the confidence you have in me to represent you as one of your National Directors from Washington.

Respectfully submitted

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