

APHA Workshop – May 31 – June 1 & 2, 2007 - Report submitted by Edie Hill, Washington National Director

The APHA Foundation fundraiser auction was Thursday, May 31, Washington State raised \$650 in the silent and live auction. Many, many thanks to Southwest Washington PHC, Pacific Northwest PHC and Washington State PHC for their contributions to the auction. The APHA Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the Youth of APHA and the Heritage of APHA.

I am a member of the Show and Contest Committee. This is a large hard working committee. We accomplished a great deal in our meeting. Please take the time to read up on the new rules as they are published in the Journal and on APHA's web site. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me, see me at the shows, or email me at donandediehill@juno.com. It is your input that will give me direction on how to vote on these rule changes at the APHA Convention in October.

Through the Show and Contest Committee I am assigned to a task force to try to get the show calendar with APHA organized so it works for all show schedules. This is a very complicated task, due to the set schedules of arenas and clubs. I will keep you informed as to our findings. We are just starting to get the information gathered up that we need.

General Meeting: The APHA had some overall decline in 2006. Approved shows had about the same average of entries as the last 4 years. We need to keep in mind ways to attract more exhibitors to our shows. PAC was up 4% and Ride America was up 8.3%.

The APHA's position on horse slaughter is "Educate don't Legislate". This is a controversial issue regarding to closure of the horse slaughter plants.

The APHA feels that allowing the Solid Paint Bred horses to show with the Colored horses is not a good plan.

5282 Members responded to the member survey APHA conducted on line. Over one half of those members owned SPB horses and most of those horses are used for breeding and recreational riding. These are preliminary results as APHA is still working on compiling the total results.

AJPHC: New President is Sammy Jo Stone from California. She has chosen the American Red Cross as the fund raising project for her term. Sammy Jo would really like clubs to hold fundraisers for the Red Cross and let Red Cross know that the funds collected should be credited to AJPHC.

Amateur: The Amateur committee has recommended 19 – 44 Division be called Classic and 45 & Over Division be called Masters.

Youth: Considered a Youth Breeders Trust Program, funds would go to college related programs. Recommended that the current ages for Walk/Trot Division remain the same and perhaps create a new Youth Division for 18 & Under Walk Trot.

Recommend that all Regional Clubs hold a Red Cross CPR class for members, this could save lives.

Foundation: Creating a Therapeutic Riding Fund, they are looking for fundraisers. Contact Kevin Hardcastle through APHA.

Show and Contest: Considered splitting the World Show. The majority of the committee voted to split, however finding a facility is a super problem. The current World Show has no room to add any classes due to time constraints. The committee voted to recommend all 5 judges to count at the World Show, currently the high and low judges are deleted and the middle three are averaged for the final placings. The committee voted 100% to approve a World Show Qualifying process. We need lots of your feedback to determine how you would like this implemented.

Performance Halter Classes were discussed and is still not a popular concept. Lots of discussion on Tobiano Halter Classes it was determined that judges as a whole really try to judge to tobianos fairly.

Considered the possibility of offering entry level Paint Horse Shows at low cost, this would take a lot of volunteers, perhaps it would be better to add some beginner classes to the Regional Clubs existing shows.

Thank you so much for electing me to the National Directors Board. Again please, please, feel free to contact and/or visit with me regarding any APHA related subject, I need your input.

Edie Hill