

APHA Workshop Report
May 30 – June 2, 2007
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I'm on three committees, and sworn to secrecy on all of them.

First was Scholarship Review. Because of privacy act, I can't tell who what or where. I will say that the scholarship recipients are very deserving. I'm hoping that some of our Northwest and Zone recipients will send a copy of their progress report to the scholarship donor for all of us to read. They were that good, and your hard work raising the funds was well worth it. We had more requests than scholarships to give, keep up fund raisers for scholarships. In the Journal on page 336 is a chance to win a NEWHOLLAND tractor with a \$100 deductible donation to the APHA Foundation, if you can only afford \$50 go in with your neighbor, you could share the tractor. Part of the donation would go to scholarships.

Second was nominating the EC no news at this time.

Next was Ways and Means. It's not really a secret. The Annual report is on line. We know the horse industry is being impacted by the economy. APHA's revenues are down but they have kept the expenses down. Good news there are no fee increases at this time. Lots of discussion on our future: Growth is still in Armature and youth, but also in Trail rides and other recreational riding. Make sure we keep our shows fun.

APHA took Paint Horse Pete to local schools and sponsored a kid's day. They had 310 Kids; Wal-Mart donated \$1,000 for hot dogs. They had face painting, roping a bale of hay, Stick Barrel Race, Pet a horse, petting Zoo, coloring books and they had helmets for the riders. This is long range marketing. Clubs should think about doing this too.

All rule change proposals can be found at the APHA Web site click on forms & downloads then click Rule Book then 2007 Rule Change proposals. Then e-mail me if you are for or against these rules.

Rule change proposal that may be controversial is RG125 new E. This rule has to do with HYPP & OLWS testing at APHA approved site and at your expense; results could be printed on papers. But if the testing wasn't done new papers would say No test on file.

New rules:

Ranch Sorting

New patterns for Stock horse raining.

New AM 255 Novice Amateur Working Ranch Horse

Show and Contest; SC 095, SC 160-1 add R tails, SC 160-4 add R ears,

SC 195 new B, SC 276 Ranch Sorting,

Youth SC 192 delete B and replace with new.

We survived the horrible thunder storms in Dallas.

Please E-mail me if you want a personal director's report, I need to have a list to mail my reports to, and it would be timelier than waiting for a news letter.

I appreciate your vote for me to be one of your directors, I enjoy the work.

Respectfully

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