

APHA CONVENTION 2008
OCT 1 – 4TH

General Membership Meeting:

The following were provided at the General Membership Meeting

Executive Directors Report – on CD

Guest Speaker – V/P Executive Director of Jockey Club

Safety & Welfare of Horses – for a complete update on the steps taken to improve the safety & welfare of horses please go to the Jockey Club website @

www.jockeyclub.com

Financial Report

- balance sheet
- operating statement

APHA Foundation Presentation

- what they do
- fundraising activities

Rule Changes:

- Please see attached the rule change proposals that were brought forth and passed by the board of directors with the exception of rule RG020 that was tabled pending addition research and will be brought forth again at the 2009 workshop.

New Business

- The cost of scribes and the availability of qualified scribes was discussed. Suggestion to make a rule that scribes are required. Discussion around scribe certification program
- Scribe workshop was put on at the conference was very informative and very well attended

Election of Officers

- President Elect – Linda Vance
- Vice President – Dr. Travis Titlow
- Sr. Committee Member – Scott Jackson
- 5th Committee Member – Craig Resinger
- 6th Committee Member – Mary Pirrot

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Foundation:

New fundraising projects – Tree at APHA headquarters – leaves can be purchased

- Tie Auction – tie was auctioned at convention
- Therapeutic riding committee formed

Amateurs:

- qualifying requirements for world show discussed and decided to take to general membership for input
- AM 090 – be current APHA holders
- Recommend not to combine the Youth & Amateur banquets
- 2 rule change proposals
 - performance halter be added
 - hunter in hand be added

Breed Improvement:

- 2 rule proposals
 - DNA testing required by all by 2011
 - lower white requirement
 - centre of knee – 2 in above
- recommend 1 paint parent rule be left intact and give it time to work

General Show & Contest:

- proposals
 - back to back shows
 - Novice/Amateur shows
 - bandages allowed on halter horses
- review how leases are handled with a proposal regarding not having to sign over papers similar to Pinto leases

World Show Committee:

- task force formed – members for change
- members in action
- support split world show and qualification based on participation

International Committee:

- committee meeting occurred while Carl Thurow was in Germany
- recommended Performance Halter

Judges Committee:

- Mar 26-29th Irving Texas judges seminar
- Topics for discussion
 - o Judging approval program
 - o 1st hour of meeting should be open to public – currently closed session
 - o 24 judge applications reviewed

- 8 temporary
- Judges required to judge at least 2 shows per year – 24 variations reviewed
- Proposals
- whose responsible for monitoring use of logos in classes
- clients of judges showing in shows judge is judging, judge doesn't judge client but doesn't look good. – bring rule change proposal to workshop

Long Range Planning Committee:

- Recommendations
- bring new APHA shows to increase entries
- green classes, green class category
- PAC classes @ APHA shows
- AQHA/APHA combined shows
- Specialty shows
- Consider Theater Program
- Influence legislative program – Horse Council
 - ex president of APHA could be council members
 - currently don't have a vote
- Identify new membership benefits to attract new members
- Identify further benefits of genetic testing

Professional Horseman Committee:

- put outline together for Professional Horseman Association
- plan to go to the E.C. in December

Recreational Riding Committee:

- discussed new ride locations, would like a ride in every zone
- 09 dates proposed
- Ride America stats – new participants, slowly growing

Registration Committee:

- proposals
 - pearl, new color – no but recommends remark on certificate re base coat color
 - registration status change – E.C. is dealing with this
 - exploring new avenues for solid bred paint horses
 - crop outs – look to membership for comments – from input decide if rule change proposal should be brought to workshop

Rules Committee:

- review clarification proposals on a # of new rules to be printed in the Dec Paint Horse Journal

Ways & Means Committee

- fees reviewed & recommendations made to E.C. committee

- reviewed financial information

Youth Committee:

- Proposal - Youth trust scholarship fund
- Recommendations to EC
 - o Novice Youth an introductory program – not to be part of the world show. Have Youth extravaganza at beginning of World Show with educational programs
 - o Novice Youth Point Variances – if points to be reinstated for those Youth who didn't know they could have had a card
 - o Non-member pass \$10.00 per day but not at the world show or specialty shows
 - o APHA does provide letter to schools re: Our sport – concerns regarding children missing school

There was a lot of discussion and debate regarding the awarding of “World Champion” buckles to Novice Youth at the World Show and whether or not Novice Youth should even participate at the World Show as this was not the original intent of the program. Was meant to be a grass roots program to encourage youth to participate and become involved.

Input from members on this issue would be greatly appreciated, so please contact your APHA Director or Alternate and let them know what direction you would like to see this program go.

Thank you,
Laura Bouchard
APHA Director