

APHA National Director Report Annual APHA Convention – October 3-4, 2008

<http://www.apha.com/forms/rulebooks.html> This link goes to the website with passed rule changes that go into effect January 1, 2009. The results will also be in the December Paint Horse Journal. All proposed changes except one passed. The exception was RG-020 to create a Breeding Appendix. If you want to change a rule, you can start the process. Get your form (available using the link above) and submit it by the deadline January 15, 2009 for a potential change in 2010.

Many of you might not know that as your National Director, twice a year I have to process a leave request and get approval from my boss and take vacation days off work to attend Convention and Workshop. This year the schedule for the processes of Convention and Workshop were condensed to require only one day of leave for each. So I jumped a plane direct to San Diego soon after work on Thursday getting in late that night. I travel frequently and enjoy it. I've got the security check hassles down to minimum-to-none.

I put out a call to other women National Directors to ask if anyone would share a room to cut hotel expenses in half. I was lucky Paula Mullins from Missouri answered the call... and even luckier she was a great roommate. As a result when I process my expense report it will be less than expected.

The theme of Convention was APHA Process. This meant that throughout meeting and discussion processes we could see how having processes documented and well communicated throughout the membership helps us conduct business and operations. So, if you're wondering why, how, when, and who does things in the APHA, ask me about the process. If it's not in the rule book or resource book, I'll get an answer from our staff liaison.

An amazing woman was called to stand and be recognized at the start of the directors meeting. It was our own Zone One member Butch Wonderlich. She has been to all APHA Conventions and Workshops without missing one since 1980. For 28 years, twice a year, she has traveled from Idaho to all points in the US to represent her state and chair, co-chair and sit on committees and be part of the process of building the APHA.

So next the usual processes took place including roll call, ratifying the Executive Committee (EC) actions since Workshop, introductions, old business, new business, and nominations and voting members to the EC. Highlights:

- Should anyone had or heard complaints, they would speak up and let them be discussed rather than harbor them and the EC will keep the lines of communication open to get views from the general membership so they can make more informed decisions
- Abilities, recruiting, responsibilities of scribes could challenge show management

The nominating committee process is to interview directors and each Convention bring a nomination for 6th Committee Member for the EC, the remaining EC members move up one position. This year there were 2 additional nominations. Therefore there was a vote, then a second as a run-off. As a result this coming year's 6th committee member came from a nomination from the floor. Your EC for 2009 is: John Corbin, President; Our own state director Linda Vance, President Elect; Travis Titlow, VP, Scot Jackson Sr. Committee Member; Greg Reisiger, 5th Committee Member; Mary Parrot, 6th Committee Member.

The inaugural dinner was held and included a foundation fundraiser and entertainment by Joni Harms, a country and western singer/songwriter from Oregon. This year like every other, I assisted in the raising of funds by spending some of my own. This year the now famous St. Jude Children's Research Hospital tie (mentioned in my last Workshop report) was auctioned live. I came home with it!! I will donate it back at the 2009 Workshop to be auctioned again.

Standing Committee Report Highlights:

- International – The meeting took place in Germany though it is usually at the World Show (WS). Members in attendance liked the fact that the association and programs are called "American" Paint Horse...
- Judges – Instructors for the school are getting high marks but to keep them and the material fresh instructors will be added and be able to address different topics. There is potential for an advanced card, having part of the committee meeting open to members with a Q&A session to allow processes to be more transparent, concern for the size of logos on attire, for exhibitors contacting judges, and for making judges more accountable.
- Long range planning – Prioritization of areas included bringing new people to shows and increasing entries. Areas of concern and ideas: green classes, PAC classes, and having APHA classes at other organized shows, reevaluating the lease program, APHA's influence in the legislature, new member benefits, genetic testing.
- Professional Horseman's – The formation of a formal group and structure to present to the EC by December.

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- Recreational Riding – New rides in SW Colorado and Kentucky. The program continues to grow. Concern for how to keep participants actively reporting. Criminalization of transporting livestock for human consumption is going to the Senate for vote.
- Registration – It is proposed that Pearl be a base coat noted as Remarks with approved testing. New ideas for avenues to show, market Solid Paint Bred (SPB) are requested. Cropouts are an important population for our association. **THIS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR IDEAS.**
- Rules – Reviewed and approved 14 clarifications for the 2009 book.
- Ways and Means – Statistics were reviewed from other breed associations and their programs.
- Youth – Potential programs and ideas to carry forward: Youth Trust Scholarship fund based on the Breeders Trust model, Novice Youth as a WS introductory program or Extravaganza with suitable recognition and awards outside the WS to be a full event with education, activities, social, tournament, etc., offering a 1-day Novice Youth membership pass, potential problem with youth classes on weekdays during the school term and how regional clubs can monitor due to differences in the school terms, improvements to the banquet and awards. The most time was spent on the Novice Youth program, its intent and inclusion at shows and in awards programs. If you are interested in details I have many notes on this topic.

As a national director I can help if you have concerns and ideas. In fact, I have been contacted via email by many individuals asking questions and getting answers about processes, rules, and the APHA programs. I am elected by you to act on your behalf and in the best interest of the APHA, so please send me your input. Thank you for your continued support, over the last 5 years and in the next.

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