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APHA Convention Report 2019

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Fort Worth, Texas

This year's convention was super busy. I found myself needing cloned.

The beginning of the convention consisted of the General Membership meeting. Executive Director Billy Smith spoke on the APHA strategic plan and APHA progress report.

Mike Short spoke on the Change to the Membership, and how things are changing within our association. Mike is such a great speaker and a joy to listen to.

As soon as lunch was over the work began.

I set on the Long-Range Planning Committee but ended running to the Show and Contest and Breed Integrity, with rule changes that would be coming to the floor.

I had a hand in some of the rule changes going through the Show and contest, so I was invited to their meeting to review and discuss these rules.

Control #SC-301-3 is a Ranch Rule that would add the full verbiage of the Ranch classes into the APHA rule book. This rule would eliminate the need for ASHA or SHOT rules to be followed. This rule was passed out of Committee.

SC-301-2 is adding Ranch Cutting to our rule book. This rule passed out of Committee.

SC-301-5 would add Ranch Conformation. This rule was discussed and defeated in Committee.

SC-050 change the categories that would put the Ranch Classes into one category. This rule was defeated in Committee.

The fun times that I had in this committee was beyond words.

I then rushed to the Breed Integrity committee to take in the discussion on rules RG-020-2 and RG-070-1.

Both of these rule were sent to the floor to be voted on.

I then hurried back to my own committee and was able to get into the last of a heated discussion and signed into my committee so I would not be counted and present at the meetings.

The fun of all this I also signed into the other committees, so I guess, in a way I did clone myself.

Finishing up just in time to catch the bus for a fun evening at the Stock yard for a welcome BBQ hosted by APHA. We toured the work in progress, new APHA headquarters, returning to the hotel just in time to get involved with a great group of fellow APHA Directors about some of the rule changes that will be coming to the floor.

The next morning, Saturday was our first session of the Board of Directors meeting, Financial report, Standing Committee report, Amendments to the rule changes that will be brought to the floor. And a very interesting Task Force Report on the APHA Governance.

The APHA Governance Task Force brought forward a proposal to the Directors for a change in our current way of doing business. As you might guess it was interesting and educational. The general censes was to pass this proposition, so the Task Force could move forward with this new proposal. This will be voted on later, perhaps at the next year convention. Where if passed the EC members and nominating committee would have a new face.

A very interesting point that was presented at the meeting, was the some of the Registration information.

1. Horses registered by Bloodlines show: 1 paint parent is 56.97% and 2 paint parents 41.61% Cropouts 1.42%
2. Horses registered by pattern show: Solids 40.51%, Tobiano 30.21%, Overo 25.25% and Toveros 4.04% (this puts my breeding program in the 4% only in the APHA)

Also, I learned that there was close to 3000,000 Social Media Contacts with APHA.

One of the highlights of the Convention was the Induction of some of our Oregon members and stallions into the Hall Of Fame. Judy and Jim Schehen from Bend Oregon. They had a very difficult time getting to Fort Worth with the bad weather and cancelations of many flights in and out of Fort Worth. We are so glad they were there to receive their long-awaited award.

Sunday we were back to Session 2 of the Board of Directors meeting.

There were not as many rule changes this year but there were some very Important ones.

SC-301-3 and SC-301-2 both passed with early implementation. Both RG-020-2 and RG-070-1 were defeated and will not go to the rule book.

We were presented with the newest Executive Committee member David Lands from Virginia. He will take his place as the 6th committee man on the Executive board.

Mike Short was sworn in as our new APHA President, and we heard from him and his plans. With Mike in charge of the wheel it will be a fun and interesting year with and for APHA.

I returned home tired and charged for our up and coming show season in the northwest and feel as tough we in the northwest are well represented with the fabulous directors that come from this part of the US and represent our Northwest with such great knowledge and passion.

Thank you all for allowing me to represent you on Oregon as your Director and I look forward to another year. APHA President, Mike Short asked me to set on the Breed Integrity & Registration Committee this year, feel free to contact me anytime with question you have, a rule change you feel needs changed, or a new rule we need to look at.

Thank you,
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