

Hello Everyone, please share this report with anyone I might have missed.

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The state of the APHA was presented to Directors at the general meeting Thursday afternoon. The statistics show almost all areas are down in numbers through August of this year. There are 280 Amateur Walk Trot enrollments. The number of shows are down 25%, some of which is due to the equine virus, for the same reason total number of entries is also down. The Youth World was down 13% but only down 1% in total entries.

PAC is down 14% and Ride America is up 1%.

The financial report, through August is still down but not as bad as 2010. Investments have been up and down with the market but still show a year to date gain over 2010.

APHA is no longer going to use the Gelding Plus Program, those funds will be moved to a new Regional Club Program which is not complete at this time, watch APHA for details on the new program.

Regional Clubs can now access the names and addresses of PAC members in their area, to use as mailing information to help get new members and send out show flyers.

APHA is switching the genetic testing to UC Davis in California

The foreign market and shows continue to grow.

I was interested in a handout given out at the Show and Contest committee meeting.

PAC: 2000 - 1279 entries to 2010 - 1805 entries Ride America: 2000 - 2880 to 2010 - 7008

Memberships in: 2000 - 100,850 to 2010 - 64,993

Horses Registered: 2000 - 62,511 - 2010 - 17,835

At the general meeting on Friday: Jan Mannion from the Youth Committee presented a suggested new program for Youth Scholarships: 10% of Breeders Trust monies would be used for Youth riding Breeders Trust horses. These funds would be allotted on the number of APHA youth points a youth would earn in a year and banked for them until they are ready to go to college or trade school, no funds would be available after age 24. The program would be managed by the youth scholarship committee and should be voted on by all participants in Breeders Trust. This was a general presentation and is not complete at this time. The information was overall well received by the National Directors and visitors present at the meeting.

At my Membership Services Committee we discussed any and all ways we could think of to help regional clubs get more members and more show entries. It was highly agreed we need to help new exhibitors or members and be cordial to them. Open shows have lots of very competitive APHA horses being shown and we need to invite them and encourage them to come to the APHA shows.

This is my last report as your National Director from Washington. I want to thank everyone of the support over the past years. Also thank you so much for the trust and faith you gave me.

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