

2014 Directors report by Grace Harris

Convention was exciting as usual:

Cheryl Newman from Illinois had won, one night free stay at the Westin, she invited Linda Vance and me; Grace Harris to share the room which saved us money. The new meeting format workshop and convention was a trial, they had some good seminars that I missed because my meetings were on the same time as the seminars, and the next year schedule doesn't look any better. I was able to attend Rick Rigsby inspirational, motivational seminar luncheon. Rich was a lot of fun and inspired me to do good works and be more kind. (Including the web; texting twittering, face booking, whatever we like to use vent, and keep it positive,) was his message.

Heritage and the Heritage Foundation are all about raising money. We need a person that can write grants. It takes a bit of special training; sometimes young college students can do this if you know someone let us know. With the staff down 50 percent, we may have to outsource it.

Scholarships are under Heritage there are old endowments for \$10,000 that we were able to create one scholarship now it takes 25 thousand to create the same scholarship we need to add money to the older endowments. Heritage money goes to therapeutic riding and gathering historical artifacts. We need to find some proper storage for some of our artifacts and we briefly touched on a virtual album Museum. At Zone one and at NWCC I handed out several forms to purchase a brick to put on the front steps at APHA office. Not one was turn in. Now I have a better deal for you for \$450.00 you can get a brick and a gold leaf that goes inside the APHA office. You can put your favorite horse on the brick and your favorite husband: on the gold leaf, (at least in my case). If you only want the brick or the gold leaf then it is still \$250 all the moneys goes to great causes some scholarships, wounded warriors therapeutic riding, archives of are all artifacts its all good works something to be proud of.

Because of the interest rates being so low, it is a great time to refinance your home but not so good for scholarships that are given from the portfolio earnings.

Projection of Cash needed to fund Scholarships; needed for the

Interest rate;	\$ Interest on our portfolio Would earn;	scholarship we give now	Short fall;
7%	\$60,548.	50,000.	-
6%	\$51,898	50,000	-
5%	\$43,249.	50,000	(\$6,451.)
4%	\$34,599	50,000	(15,401.)
3%	\$25,949.	50,000	(24,051.)
2%	\$17,299.	50,000	(32,701.)
1%	\$ 8,650.	50,000	(41,350.)

Ways and Means is the financials of the APHA association the good news is that we should be solvent by 2015 as everyone knows we've had a lot of down turns. The end of 2013 brought us an up thick; if you're familiar with the stock market you know what that means so if it continues we're going to have zero negative by 2015.

Many of the rules were to synchronize same classes with other breeds. To help Judges and exhibitors that cross over from other breeds.

Rule Proposals that passed included 2 year-old longe line, ranch sorting, competitive trail horse, AMA Ranch horse pleasure, Novice AMA working Ranch Horse and related Rules. AMA Walk Trot Division, YP 221 new rule APHA Novice Youth Superior Award and Youth zone award and other related rules passed. The amateur rule about leasing horses passed. 300 with the exception was tabled, 300 -3 was passed YP 015 was tabled; Y 15-1 was passed.

The new task force was interesting if I understand it correctly if you want to make a rule change proposal you can send it to them and they can put it together for you and include any other ideas that may come in on the subject. I will let the Task Force speak for itself. Task Forces Present Reports at APHA Convention *February 23, 2014* Two APHA task forces—appointed at the 2013 APHA Workshop to study several issues of association importance—presented their reports to members at the 2014 APHA Convention February 23 in Irving, Texas. The Performance Licensing Task Force was originally developed to recapture cattle-event Paint Horses whose registration papers had been lost or subjected to unrecorded transfers that render them ineligible for current registration.

Following thorough discussion and input from APHA members, the Performance Licensing Task Force voted to not bring the proposal forward to the rule change process.

A three-person APHA Governance Task Force—consisting of Mary Parrott, Craig Wood and Mike Short—also presented their findings.

Governance is how the association manages its policies, rules and affairs—the bylaws and general rules in the *Official APHA Rule Book*. Executive Committee member Craig Wood encouraged members to look specifically at governance regarding the APHA board of directors, Executive Committee selection, regional clubs, and committees and their structure. Additional clarification in those areas will allow the association to be more agile and efficient in its actions, allowing it to outperform competitors.

“Speed and continuous improvement is what will keep us ahead of our competition,” Craig said. “We have the technology and the ability—we just have to define the governance and processes that will allow us to get there.”

Craig encourages members to subject potential ideas to the “yes test.” If the answer is yes to each of the following four questions, send the recommendation to the task force. - Does it allow APHA to work more quickly and efficiently? - Does it add value to APHA? - Will it give APHA a competitive advantage? - Does it remove something that prevents us from achieving greatness?

All suggestions need to be submitted by March 31—the task force will review all suggestions and create a rule change proposal by August 1 for discussion or vote at the 2015 APHA Convention. Contact information for the task force members follows:

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We had a great showing from the northwest: Washington State won the 2013 Club of distinction Award; SWWPaint Horse Club received a Special Thanks to the other Club of Distinction Participant New president is Mary Parrott. She's very knowledgeable and will be a great president she has a great sense of humor and will keep things moving along. I have been here for every Female president's induction, starting with Butch Wonderlic in Vancouver Washington long before I was a director. Some rules were just cleaned up, passed were; amateur Honor Roll, novice superior Awards and all related rules, working cow horse. APHA Stake Races; solid bred paint horses must have 2 APHA regular registry Paint Horse In the first generation or at least one APHA regular registry horse in the first generation at least one APHA the second generation. Racing words and on a roll towards give the horses advanced during the current year or so only be led look forward to the registry

Respectfully submitted by

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