

APHA Convention& Membership Meeting

March 2-5, 2018

Irving, Texas

For those that have never attended the Annual APHA Convention, you should plan on going as soon as possible. The education that can be learned from attending is beyond explaining.

APHA **General Membership** meeting educated us on the 2018 year.

- Memberships, registrations and the health of the APHA is good and moving forward in a positive form.
- Breeding has improved, finances increased, general membership is down a bit but Youth and
- Open, Amateur World shows are up this past year. There is a 4.3% increase in the W/T classes and Ranch Horse Classes.
- Breeders Trust is up 8% increase in 2017.

The new rule change RG-70 showed an increase of 183 horses into the regular registry due to color markers. Everyone feels positive about this rule change.

This year we will see on line transfers, registrations with a phone app. Any member can register, transfer a new ownership of a horse on line with a phone. Modern technology is a Wonderful thing.

- Many people have worried about the ELD mandate that would affect the horse industry. We heard for the Horse Council about the movement they are doing to postpone and possibly stop this mandate.
- Horse Council Represented talked about who needed and who didn't need a CDL and what to say and how to act if stopped by a highway patrol officer. Anytime you have a question feel free to go to the Horse Council website and look up the details on their lobbying.

Everyone is looking forward to the new move to the stock yards in 2019. A wonderful presentation was given and we all are looking forward to this move. The possibilities are endless.

Samantha Brooks again fascinated me with her knowledge and new findings with color for our horses. What was known a few years ago is no longer the case today. She explained and showed us horses that looked like our paint horses but were in fact TB or other breeds. This is because the color markers they

are finding are embedded so deep with in the horses that they come out more often than first believed 5 years ago.

- Our Youth President asked all clubs to work toward hosting a CHAMPS class at their shows. Please contact her if she can help in any way.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

I have been in the Long-Range Planning Committee for the past 9 years. We are a group of family that work together for the betterment of our association. We talked about the APHA Strategic Plan and the movement we made with rule change proposals that were sent to the committees and some of them were going to the floor for a vote this year. We all know that our new strategic plan will be given us at our next meeting. Our goal is to have the Journal on line in a format that would purchase as a membership and provided to the general membership.

Our goal is to promote, preserve meaningful experiences with paint horses.

I spent much of my time invited into other committee meetings. I attended the Breed Improvement, Registration as well as the World Show Committee meeting.

I talked at the Breed improvement meeting about a rule change proposal that I supported. With much discussion they passed the rule change out of the committee to send to the floor for a vote.

At the World Show meeting, a group had asked me to talk to them about adding all the ranch horse classes to the world show, including the Novice Amateur classes. This committee was wonderful and asked a lot of questions of me and explained what was needed for them to consider this proposal. I will go home and write letters with signatures to send back to the World Show committee for their approval.

I feel this Convention was a worthy meeting with a new view of development for the association.

Thank you so very much for your support.

Mary Anne Black