

## SUMMARY OF APHA ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022

On February 26, 2022 I attended the first General Membership Meeting at the Drover Inn, Stockyards, Ft Worth, TX. Roll Call was taken and Billy Smith talked about the future of APHA. Financial Reports and investments were presented. Rule Amendments were voted on/passed but no Rule discussion took place. After lunch a Symposium of "Horse Community" leaders was held. I was extremely surprised and excited to see United States Equestrian (USE) President, Tom O'Mara, included in the panelists. They talked about the future of horse sports, participation in events and the loss of youth in the horse industry. February 27 was the day for voting in 3 EC Board Members and 2 Nominating and Leadership Development Committee Members. Ashley Griffin, James Howard and Mike Holloway were the new elected Board Members and Lisa Laplace and Diane Paris were the new NLD Committee Members. Rule Changes were discussed. AM-010 received quite a lot of opposition and both Ted Proctor and I spoke out against this Rule. Meeting was adjourned and the Voting Ballot was emailed to the attendees. I voted and submitted my ballot at 8:10pm on Sunday, February 27, 2022.

Thank You,

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