

MINUTES OF REGION 12 MEETING AND CAUCUS OF DELEGATES AT THE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION HELD IN SALON 1 OF THE RENAISSANCE TULSA, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, ON NOVEMBER 15, 2007 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Director: Cecil A. Butler
Vice Director: Eric Wolfe
Secretary: Denni K. Mack
Treasurer: Frank Galovic

Following a buffet dinner, the meeting was called to order by Director, Cecil Butler, at 8:00 p.m.

There was a roll call and announcement of credentialed Region 12 voting delegates by Region 12 Secretary, Denni K. Mack. Roster is attached.

Director Butler asked for a moment of silent prayer in consideration of the loss of Region 12 members, Seaborn Partridge and Chris Elliott.

Director Butler recognized and gave thanks to the following Region 12 members for their hard work and contribution of time in the following areas:

Eric Rueter and Cheryl Van Deusen – Endurance Challenge
Mary Alice Hudson – Region 12 Futurity
Marijo Kent First and Lynn Edwards – Youth Judging Team
Janet Searls – Web site coordinator and liaison.
Dan Regan – Chairman of the Spotlight Futurity Committee and members:
Frank Galovic, Frank Chisolm, Eric Wolfe and Janet Searls.
Members of the Region 12 Show Commission.
Denni Mack – Secretary of Region 12
Frank Galovic – Treasurer of Region 12
Members of the Executive Board for their prompt response to business conducted via email.

REGION 12 TREASURER'S REPORT

Region 12 Treasurer, Frank Galovic submitted a written report, with his comments and clarifications. (Written report attached.)

Pursuant to the recommendation of the delegates at the May, 2007 Region 12 meeting to set up a Money Market Fund utilizing funds from the General Fund, it was resolved to set up a convention account of \$30,000 and another \$20,000 from the General Fund resulting in a Money Market Fund of \$50,000 leaving enough additional money in the General Fund to cover expenses. Moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous vote that we dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the May, 2007 meeting in Perry, Georgia as those Minutes had been circulated and approved by the majority of the Region 12 membership via email.

REGION 12 DIRECTOR, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. There was a discussion concerning the Region 12 web site and Janet Searls asked that information to be posted on the web site be sent to her or to C.A. Butler and they would see that it was timely added.

2. Mike Stewart, Region 12 Show Commission Chairman, gave a report on the status of the 2007 show. Even though numbers were down in 2007, Region 12 was still the largest show among the eighteen regions and we were able to again transfer a significant amount of funds from the show account to the Regional General Account. Mike highlighted some of the changes to the schedule due to the Spotlight Futurity Auction being held in the Main Arena Thursday evening and, also, the addition of the Spotlight yearling futurity classes. The judges for our 2008 Region 12 show were announced as follows: Greg Gallun, Gary Dearth, Lori Schroeder-Ross and Bruce Bates. The four judges will rotate which, hopefully, will create more excitement and more interest.
3. Director Butler expressed his desire to send four youth judging teams to Nationals in 2008. In order to accomplish this, the budget would need to be expanded. After thorough discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote to fund up to four judging teams at a minimum of \$1500 and maximum amount of \$2,000 for each team.

Mike Stewart added the following to his Show Commission report. The dressage judge for the 2008 Region 12 show is Gail Hoff-Carmona. The Sport Horse judge is Don Sparrow and the Steward is Cindy Reid. Due to popular request, some of the dressage classes will be split as to Purebred and Half-Arabian and, therefore, there will be three full days of dressage versus two and a half. And some of the Sport Horse classes will be split from ATR to JTR because of the large number of entries in the past resulting in two full days for Sport Horse instead of a day and a half. The Hunter/Jumper Region 12 Championship classes will remain in Conyers in conjunction with the Georgia Arabian Horse Association Class A show in June.

4. Eric Rueter reported on Region 12 Endurance and Competitive Trail rides and awards. It was pointed out and underlined by Eric that Region 12 added over 100 new members as a result of these activities.
5. Grace Greenlee gave a report on Sport Horse Nationals citing the fact that there were 603 horses entered and the average horse enters 3.4 to 3.6 different classes. The 2008 and 2010 Sport Horse Nationals will be held in Nampa, Idaho. The 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Sport Horse Nationals will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky and it was pointed out by Ms. Greenlee that the facilities being built at the Kentucky Horse Park for the 2010 World Equestrian Games will be available for our Sport Horse Nationals.
5. Region 12 Futurity report was given by Mary Alice Hudson. Mary Alice pointed out that all the rules and entry forms for the Region 12 Futurity are on the Region 12 web site. Entries must be submitted by January 15th.
6. Dan Regan, Chairman of the Region 12 Spotlight Futurity Program Committee recapped the success of this program to date: Rights sold, including the original 42 and a silent internet auction for the remaining 8 rights plus the 2007 auction for the 55 Stallions' Services plus the mare nomination fees will result in total prize money of \$130,000 for the first yearling halter classes in the Region 12 Spotlight Futurity program. Janet Searls, who has been so instrumental in getting the message of this program out to the world, then gave a rundown of the advertising and marketing of the Spotlight program. Dan Regan's written report on this Committee is attached to these Minutes.

Considering the fact that there will be substantial funds raised for this program yearly, it was moved by Dan Regan that the Region 12 delegates authorize the Region 12 Spotlight Stallion Services Auction and Futurity Show Committee to begin the process to become a 501 © (5) corporation, the purpose being to protect the substantial funds raised yearly in this program from prospective litigation and liability. The Committee will report back to the regional delegates at their meeting in May with By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation for their approval. It was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Director Butler announced that Region 12 has been requested by AHA to host the 2010 annual convention. Discussion was tabled until a future date.

There was no old business brought forward.

Mary Alice Hudson announced that due to the decline in funds normally raised by the trailer auction at US Nationals, there would be a need to raise money for the designated Youth of the Year to fund that person's activities to represent the Arabian horse.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

There was considerable discussion of several of the resolutions to be introduced in the general session of the AHA Convention, in particular Resolution 17 and 31.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Denni Mack.

This 28th day of January 2008.