

**MINUTES OF REGION 12 MEETING
GEORGE NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
SALES PAVILLION
MAY 4, 2009
PERRY, GEORGIA**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Director George Attwood.

Present were: Director, George Attwood; Vice-Director, Mike Stewart; Secretary, Denni Mack, and Treasurer, Frank Galovic.

There was a roll call of the delegates with 52 present which constituted a quorum.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the November Region 12 meeting as those Minutes were disseminated on line and approved. Copies of the Minutes were available for those who wished to have a hard copy.

Frank Galovic presented the treasurer's report which showed a general account balance as of 4/30/09 of \$32,213.67; a balance of \$333,241.15 in the Spotlight Futurity account and \$29,206.17 in the Region 12 Futurity account. The Margaret Shuey account showed a balance of \$49,416.36. There remains \$30,000 in the Convention Account with \$5,000 committed to the Orlando Convention. There is a grand total of \$499,452.03. Frank called attention to the fact that the greater portion of that is the Spotlight Futurity account. Region 12 needs at least a profit of \$30,000 - \$35,000 from our Regional Show in order to operate. Some of our shortfalls were as a result of expenses in the CTR/Endurance community; a donation of \$1,000 to the Galleries Museum at the Kentucky Horse Park, the Youth Jamboree and a reduction in entries for the 2008 Region 12 show.

The Margaret Shuey Foundation, which operates as a 501(3)(c), had its annual Board meeting just prior to the Region 12 general meeting with President, C.A. Butler; Vice President, Eric Wolfe; Secretary, Denni Mack, and Treasurer, Frank Galovic present.

The Show Commission report was given by Mike Stewart who stated that, optimistically, due to an increase in entries for the 2009 Region 12 show, that we would be in a much better financial position after a final accounting. He praised the new Show Manager, Matt Kwapich, and invited us to introduce ourselves and make Matt feel welcome.

C.A. Butler, as Chairman of the Education Committee, gave a combined report on Region 12 Youth activities and a Margaret Shuey Foundation Report. He outlined the projects initiated by Kentley Dean, Region 12 Youth President, to raise money in furtherance of Region 12 Youth activities which includes the Youth Jamboree. There was the sale of tee-shirts at the Region 12 show. Kentley also collected \$3.00 per person who took the Hippology test. The profits are funneled through the Margaret Shuey Foundation for tax purposes and used for education activities during Youth Jamboree. CA also highlighted the fact that Dr. Ed Davidson of Southern Heritage Farm had donated \$200 for next year's Youth project. John Power, President of AHA of Florida, then announced a \$500 donation from that club to the Youth Jamboree. It was reported that there were eight applicants this year for the scholarships with three being awarded.

Mary Alice Hudson then reported on the upcoming Youth Jamboree to be held again in Clemson, South Carolina. She announced that this year's dates would not conflict with Youth Nationals. Judge for the C show is to be Judith Warner and the Dressage Judge is Nancy Pope. She asked that each of us try to get our clubs to donate to the Youth Jamboree.

Following the Youth Jamboree report was the election of the Region 12 Executive Board Members. Elected by acclimation are the following:

Alabama – Debbi Attwood

Georgia – Lynn Daniel-Glover
Florida – John Gersch
South Carolina – Patti Rowe
North Carolina – CA Butler
Tennessee – Eric Rueter

There were two persons nominated for the State of Mississippi, Mohamed Ghatas and J.B. Blanset.
Elected was Mohamed Ghatas.

Eric Rueter and Cheryl Van Deusen gave a joint Endurance Committee Report. Cheryl and her American team mates competed in the Pan American Games held in Uruguay garnering a Silver Medal. Quite an accomplishment. Eric gave an overview of the Regional Championship rides and it was stated that Region 12 had the largest Regional ride in the United States with the 50-mile Championship having 30 entries.

The Spotlight Stallion Futurity report was given by Chairman Frank Chisolm who stated that we now have 74 stallions participating in the program. The Committee has initiated some rule changes and Frank explained what those were and the reasoning behind these changes. Since the auction classes exhibitors are to be amateur owners, with a doctor's excuse certifying that the owner is unable to show, those entries may now be shown by any amateur. Also, there will now be one auction entry allotted to each of the stallion owners. There were 158 mare nominations during the 2008 breeding year. Dan Regan reported that he expected the 501(c) status approval by September or October.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, Director George Attwood discussed the on-line Newsletter started this year with the generous donation of time by Janet Searls and Lynn Daniel-Glover. Due to the fact that the Arabian News is no longer publishing, this was the method chosen for our Director to be able to communicate. Those Region 12 clubs who wish to do so can send a link to their web sites to be included in this Newsletter.

Region 12 is also feeling the constraints of the down-turn in the economy and particularly due to the reduction in entries in the 2008 Region 12 show. George Attwood, Mike Stewart and Frank Galovic met recently concerning the financial status of Region 12. It is projected that Region 12 needs around \$11,000 for Convention expenses; \$7,000 to \$9,000 for the Youth Jamboree and \$6,000 for scholarships. It is evidence that, unless the 2009 Region 12 show results in a substantial profit, our revenue could be depleted very quickly. Therefore, Frank put forth the following motion:

Be it moved that Region 12, as is customary, not reimburse the \$200 per delegate for the early registration fee for those who attend the AHA Convention unless the net revenue from the Region 12 Championships Show exceeds \$35,000 and that the Executive Committee is hereby authorized to review the net revenue from the Show and commit to the reimbursement. It was seconded and motion passed.

Eric Wolfe suggested that Region 12 negotiate the contract with the Perry facility and any others that we have to pay.

It was requested by a delegate that Frank Galovic, as Treasurer for AHA, give us an update as to the status of the Arabian Horse Association. Frank stated that the forecast given at the AHA Budget and Finance Committee meeting in January was not being met. We have 4,000 fewer members in AHA than we had in 2008 and registrations are down again this year.

Janet Searls called attention to the generous donation of time, effort and expense in the decorations for the Spotlight Auction event to be held on Thursday evening. All was donated by Dr. Ed Davidson and his group from Southern Heritage Farm.

Director Attwood announced the donation by Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa of a two-night stay which includes breakfast and golf. Donated by Jay and Mattie Winer. Also donated by Susan Lee Knight was her SLOT to be raffled and money raised to be given to Youth via the Margaret Shuey Foundation.

Director Attwood announced that Bob Reardon of Florida had agreed to be the trail boss for the 2010 Region 12 Trail Ride. George is currently investigating sites for this ride.

George also called attention to visitors at our Region 12 show. Tracy Schmidt and Keith Eckhardt from Modern Arabian Horse magazine; Duane Elkins, Senior Director for National Events and Glenn Petty, Executive Vice President of AHA.

Director Attwood suggested that all clubs take a serious look at the dates for their respective shows so that we are not competing with each other and diminishing the entries at our shows.

Our next meeting is to be in November at the AHA Convention in Reno.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denni K. Mack
Region 12 Secretary