

**MINUTES OF REGION 12 MEETING
GEORGE NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
SALES PAVILLION
MAY 3, 2010
PERRY, GEORGIA**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Director George Attwood.

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

There was a roll call of the eligible voting delegates with 41 present of the 52 eligible and those 41 were credentialed. (signed roster attached).

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. Hard copies of the November, 2009 Minutes were available at this meeting.

A motion was made and passed to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Frank Galovic presented the treasurer's report which showed a general account balance as of 3/30/10 of \$50,304.05; a balance of \$444,463.61 in the Spotlight Futurity account and \$24,720.74 in the Region 12 Futurity account. The Margaret Shuey account showed a balance of \$49,500.32. There remains \$30,000 in the Convention Account with \$5,000 committed to the Orlando Convention. There is a grand total of \$613,615.99. Frank called attention to the fact that the greater portion of that is the Spotlight Futurity account. (Detailed financial report attached.)

Frank Galovic gave an overview of what one could expect with the two types of audit review. An analytical review would cost in the range of \$4,000 to \$5,000. A full audit would result in a cost of anywhere from \$7,000 to \$10,000. It was suggested by Frank that there could be an internal audit made by qualified Region 12 members. After significant discussion on the subject, a motion was made by Larue Allen and seconded by Corky Fairchild that there be nominations from the floor for an Internal Audit Committee consisting of qualified members of Region 12 elected by the delegates. The motion passed and the following were nominated from the floor: Eric Wolfe, Dennis Hester, Cheryl Vandeusen, Mindy Millwee and Robin Petzold. It was decided to send out ballots via email with short bios of each nominee before electing three of the five for a final Internal Audit Committee.

Robin Petzold made a motion to require dual signatures on Region 12 checks. After lengthy discussion, John Rannenburg amended that motion to require dual signatures on all Region 12 accounts and all checks written. This motion passed with a hand-count vote of 20 for and 14 against.

Frank Galovic reported that 501©(5) status for the Spotlight Stallion Futurity was rejected by the Internal Revenue Service. The research done by Frank prior to the meeting revealed that Minnesota Medalion is the only one with a 501 status. Frank suggested waiting until after the Region 12 show and get assistance from a tax attorney before resubmitting an application.

It was announced that Robert Burbeck is now the treasurer of the Spotlight Stallion Futurity. Robert spoke to the delegates, Even before taking over, he went back to day one and came forward in his personal inspection of the financials. All monies have been accounted for. Frank Chisholm reported on the current favorable status of the Spotlight The 2010 Region 12 show will see the debut and addition of the yearling auction classes. Frank announced that Eric Wolfe was re-elected as a Board member.

There was a motion to open and deposit into a general checking account the Spotlight Stallion Futurity funds currently being held in a Money Market account. Motion passed.

Nan Harley, Chairman of the Region 12 Show Commission, gave her report. As of this date, 1,035 stalls have been sold and 628 horses entered. She commented on the addition of the AATR classes and the use of the new horse barn and covered arena. There were many comments regarding the deletion of the Half-Arabian two-year-old classes and the time change for several the halter classes. In addition, the discussion included not being in favor of having no DJ to oversee the music and the change in announcers. In response, Nan explained her reasons, which were above all a need to save money and assure a successful show financially.

Patti Rowe reported on the Youth Jamboree. The YJ showed a profit in 2009 and was largely due to the generosity of sponsors and, in particular, Knoxville AHC, Peach State AHC and Western Carolinas AHA. Patti also announced new clinicians for 2010: Lou Sichini, Mark Jamieson and Elizabeth Pizzonia. The delegates were encouraged to get their clubs to donate to this wonderful Region 12 event.

There followed a Distance/Endurance Report by Chairman Eric Rueter. Eric announced the Region 12 ride would be held June 10-12 at Big South Fork in Tennessee. The Region 12 Pleasure Ride would be held June 25th at East Fork Stables in Tennessee.

Charles Moseley gave a brief outline of the proposed Region 12 Circuit Awards. The mission is to promote Region 12 Class A horse shows by encouraging increased participation of Amateur exhibitors. Participating shows would pay into a Circuit Jackpot. Exhibitors will register and pay a fee for horse per division.. Points from up to 5 shows will count toward a monetary award. The top 5 places in each division will be awarded cash and prizes at the end of the show season. For each discipline/division there would be a Region 12 Circuit Champion, a Region 12 Reserve Circuit Champion and Region 12 Circuit Top Five. A detailed outline is here by attached.

Michelle Watson , Region 12 liaison for the upcoming 2010 AHA Convention to be held in Orlando, asked for suggestions seminar topics.

Frank Galovic moved that, if the 2009 Region 12 Championship Show showed a profit of \$30,000, Region 12 would then pay the early registration fee for the convention delegates. The motion was seconded and passed.

Elections were then held. Elected by paper ballot were Eric Wolfe, Region 12 Director and Janet Searls, Region 12 Vice Director.

The following members were elected Region 12 Executive Board Members:

Alabama – Debbi Attwood
Georgia – Lynn Daniel-Glover
Florida – John Gersch
South Carolina – Ed Davidson
North Carolina – Donna Lynch
Tennessee – Eric Rueter

There was no Old Business.

Our next meeting is to be November 18 at the AHA Convention in Orlando.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denni K. Mack
Region 12 Secretary