

**MINUTES OF REGION 12 MEETING
BUENA VISTA PALACE HOTEL
NOVEMBER 18, 2010
LAKE BUENA VISTA/ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Director George Attwood and the Invocation was given by Ben Smith.

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

Following dinner, there was a presentation to outgoing Director, George Attwood and Treasurer, Frank Galovic in appreciation for their dedication and service to the Region.

There was a roll call of the registered voting delegates with 28 of the 48 eligible present and those 28 were credentialed. (official roster attached). Guests and other members of Region 12 were introduced.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the May 3rd, 2010 Region 12 meeting as those Minutes were disseminated on line. With two minor corrections, they were approved and were to be posted on the Region 12 web site.

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 10/31/10 of \$31,645.27; a balance of \$455,135.00 in the Spotlight Futurity account and \$24,735.23 in the Region 12 Futurity account. The Margaret Shuey account showed a balance of \$49,531.05. There remains \$25,000 in the Convention/Rainy Day Account (hereinafter Rainy Day Account) after disbursement of the \$5,000 to the Orlando Convention. There is a grand total of \$625,424.61. Frank called attention to the fact that the greater portion of that is the Spotlight Futurity account and that money will be transferred to a separate Spotlight Account when it is set up as the process for 501©(5) approval is in process. As of this date, it appeared that the 2010 Region 12 Show made a profit of \$17,000. The Treasurer's report was approved. (Entire detailed financial report attached.)

Melissa Bradshaw reported on the Region 12 Spotlight Futurity program. A total of 70 stallion services were auctioned at the Region 12 show resulting in a total of \$116,700. This was up from 2009. During the show, there was \$90,324 in prize money awarded. In 2011, there are 39 eligible for the auction classes; 199 eligible yearlings and 159 eligible two-year-olds. It will also be the first year for the performance classes which will be for three and four-year-olds. In 2012, there will be AOTR classes for five-year-olds. A grand total of \$126,214 will be awarded at the Region 12, 2011 show. There is further detailed information concerning the Spotlight Futurity Program on the Region 12 web site.

A hard copy of the 2010 Region 12 Championship Show Report was passed out and a motion was made and passed to dispense with reading of this report. (Report attached.) It was pointed out by Director George Attwood that, of the 18 Regional Shows held in 2010, 11 of those had a decrease in the number of horses entered. Region 12's entries increased slightly from 602 in 2009 to 611 in 2010.

Robert Obermiller reported on the Youth Jamboree. The total income, including the Region 12 contribution, for the 2010 YJ was \$26,990.81. Total expenses were \$27,751.78 with a net loss of \$760.97. The YJ showed an astounding increase in the Class C show entries by 76% over 2009 and an increase of 30% in clinic participation. The 2010 YJ was considered extremely successful due to the dedication and many hours of work of its volunteers. The dates for the 2011 Youth Jamboree are June 13 – 18, again at the Clemson, South Carolina venue. Robert ask that if anyone has suggestions for 2011 corporate sponsors to please contact him.

There followed a Distance/Endurance Report by Chairman Eric Rueter. Unfortunately, the Region 12 Recreational/Pleasure ride that was scheduled for June 25th at East Fork Stables in Tennessee had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. Eric suggested that we suspend for perhaps a couple of years the Distance Challenge, a program designed to award distance riders who are members of AHA and who

participate in multiple rides in the Region. He explained that he felt that, for the time being, this program had gone about as far as it could go. He felt that the Region could continue the Distance Roundup and the Committee is looking for a site for the 2011 ride. It has to be a site that has already had a 100 mile competition. Eric asked for suggestions.

The Sport Horse Committee Report was given by Sarah Hendricks. Everyone was extremely happy with the new venue facilities at Perry. Also, the overall consensus of the Region 12 Hunter/Jumper Championships held in Conyers in conjunction with the GAHA show was also positive. There was some discussion concerning resolutions pertaining to the Sport Horse Division and, in particular, Resolution 23-10 which would allow shows the option of splitting the Dressage and Hunter classes. It would still allow cross entries, however. Sarah encouraged passage of this resolution.

Charles Moseley again spoke about the Region 12 Circuit Challenge which was explained at our May Region 12 meeting in Perry. The mission of this program is to encourage increased entries of amateur exhibitors. Participating shows would pay a suggested \$2500 into a Circuit Jackpot. The hope is to have at least five Region 12 member shows on board. Exhibitors would register and pay a fee for horse per division. Placings would be based on a point system and points earned would count toward a monetary award. The top 5 places in each division would 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. These classes would be designated Circuit Challenge classes and separate from the regular show classes.

Director Attwood brought the delegates up to date on the status of the Internal Audit. Due to extenuating circumstances, Mindee Millwee was not able to complete the audit by this meeting. She has been working on the year, 2009. After discussion, the consensus was that the task should be divided among the committee members consisting of Mindee, Dennis Hester and Robin Petzold. Robin was to contact Mindee concerning that division of duties in order to facilitate completion of the audit.

Director Attwood then announced the following show dates for 2011: Region 12, May 3 – 7; Youth Nationals, July 23 – 30; Canadian Nationals, August 15 – 20th; Sport Horse, September 28 – October 2, and US Nationals, October 21 – 29.

Eric Wolfe reported that the Region 12 Show Commission was to meet in the near future to examine certain aspects of the show based on years past and, in particular, 2010. After doing so, they would revisit whether or not Monday, May 2nd, would be added to the show dates.

Ann Stover announced that Maxine Muniz, a youth exhibitor from Florida, had been asked to ride with Team USA in Kentucky. She needed the funding to go and, through the generosity of the Georgia Arabian Horse Association and others, she received that funding, went to Kentucky and Team USA won.

Director Attwood announced the new Region 12 Youth Officers. Meg Daughton is Director; Maggie Barker is Vice Director and Abby Gay is Treasurer.

Bill Fairchild reported that there is a program in place under USEF which would make equestrian shows a recognized lettering sports activity on the high school level.

Frank Galovic called attention to the contributions from the Arabian Horse Foundation. Over the last three years, the foundation has distributed \$75,000 to areas such as scholarships, genetic research and horse rescue.

Grace Greenlee, member of the Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, gave details of the new program being implemented by the Commission. It is a 'sister' program and not part of the original Sweepstakes Program. Where they will cross is that the sires for this program will be nominated sires. It will be an auction format and that auction will take place at US Nationals. The Commission is now wanting to implement this program in 2011 and are being advised by certain industry individuals such as Terry Holmes and Bill Addis. These will be young-horse classes, 5 years and under, and the number of classes will be limited in order to keep the prize money higher. It will encompass both halter and performance. There is currently

some tweaking of the basic rules which should be finished by year end in time to introduce the program at the 2011 Scottsdale show.

Grace also reported that AHA has a firm contract with Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky for the 2011 Sport Horse Nationals. There are then options for the following two years. There was then some general discussion concerning resolutions to be voted on by the delegates in the General Sessions.

George Attwood expressed his appreciation for the help and dedication of all those Region 12 members who helped him during his tenure as Director and then turned the meeting over to incoming Director Eric Wolfe who then gave an overview of his plans and projects for the upcoming year.

The date for our next meeting to be held during the Region 12 show in Perry will be announced at a later date and posted on the web site. It will depend on whether or not we have that extra day for the show.

The individuals on the Show Commission have been appointed and the names will be posted on the Region 12 web site.

The Youth Committee will remain the same with hopes of getting some more individuals to volunteer.

Region 12 will continue the program for youth scholarships and Eric expressed a desire for the return of a youth judging team.

As for the Region 12 show, the goal is to increase entries and to realize a larger profit for the Region. In that regard, the Commission is looking at some new revenue streams and profit centers that will generate income. And one of the benefits would be to enable the Region to once again subsidize the delegates who attend the AHA conventions. Eric announced that his personal goal is to realize a \$50,000 profit from the Region 12 show. In so doing, he has and will ask officials and staff to contribute to saving the industry and Region 12 by reducing their fees.

Eric then announced that Robin Petzold had agreed to be Region 12 Treasurer and Denni Mack had agreed to continue as Region 12 Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denni K. Mack
Region 12 Secretary