

## **PRAHA Club Meeting of February 20, 2010**

### **Members present:**

Bob Callahan  
Gabriela Cowan  
Joe Marchi  
Verdell Marchi

Eileen Reilich  
Phyllis Ryan  
Chloe Skinner  
Gary Skinner

Meranda Scott  
Cindy Tobeck  
Sharon Youngs  
Tiffany Young

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. We welcomed guest Peggi McIntyre. Thanks for joining us. It was nice to have you!

### **Old Business**

#### *October Minutes*

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Motion was second and carried, the minutes were approved.

#### *October 2010 Show*

This year's show is going to be at the Trails again on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Pat Campbell has graciously agreed to be our steward.

There is a small R judge from Texas that has offered to judge the show at no charge except for travel expenses. Our show will not be double judged.

The request for a fun class for senior riders has been requested and will be added. This class will be a walk/trot only and exhibitors must be at least 40 to participate. This is a non-qualifying class and is just for fun.

The exhibitors' dinner will be done again since it was a huge hit last year.

Lanora and Renate are going to be reviewing the class schedule and making changes as appropriate. There may be some classes removed based on the number of entrants from the past couple of years. If you have a class that you would like to see added to the show please contact Lanora or Renate. Our show prize list should be ready soon.

There was discussion on the possibility of changing the name of the show for better flow. If this can be done with AHA and USEF with no charge the name will be changed to: Pacific Rim Fall Classic Arabian Horse Show

#### *Treasurer's Report*

Sharon Youngs gave the treasurer report.

#### *Clinic*

In years past we have done a show clinic as a fund raiser for the club. Due to the time and cost to put this event together it was discussed and voted that we would not be putting the clinic on this year.

#### *Celebrate the Horse*

On June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the club will once again be participating in Celebrate the Horse this June at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. If you would like to be a part of this event by helping out or exhibiting your horse please contact

Renate at 360-789-3775. The time commitment is from Friday through Sunday. You arrive Friday evening and pull out after 5:00 on Sunday. This is a fundraiser for the non-profit rescue organization People Helping Horses.

### *Trail Ride*

The club trail ride will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup> at Felicity Farm. The first rider out will be at 10:00. Lunch will be included. Menu and donation amount will be forthcoming. Meranda Scott will be spearheading the trail ride this year. If you have ideas or want to help please contact her via e-mail at: [iluvmyarabian@yahoo.com](mailto:iluvmyarabian@yahoo.com)

### **Member Info**

For those that may not be aware our very own Phyllis Ryan is the Regional Director for our region. Way to go Phyllis! We are so excited for you!!

### **New Business**

#### *Regional Update*

Phyllis Ryan attended the Directors Meeting in Denver, CO in the end of January. It was reported that all breed associations are having financial difficulties. The Directors had to make the very tough decision to increase fees for AHA. The biggest increase will be for those enrolling in the Legion of Honor and Legion of Merritt programs.

The AHA Resolution Fee #9-90 will be going up from \$3 to \$5. Starting this April all shows will have to collect the new \$5 fee even if they have already advertised their show and have the entry forms out with the old fee. Phyllis will be making a proposal at the next regional meeting that Region 5 cover the increase of this fee for this year only. The next regional meeting will be held in April or May.

An exhibitor that competes in AHA recognized shows can qualify for Regional if they place first or second in a class regardless of the number of entrants. If you are the only exhibitor and get first you qualify!

A new program is going to be tried by AHA. Once you qualify for Regionals you can still continue to show! If you continue to show and accrue more points you can use those points to qualify to attend a different Region Show. For example, you qualify with your horse to go to Region 5 Show. You continue to show and earn points. You can take those points you earn and use them to qualify for the Region 4 Show. This will be a trial program for two years to allow all the regions to participate. The odd numbered regions will be doing this for 2010\* and the even numbered regions will be doing it for 2011\*.

\*Per the 4/18/10 meeting this will actually occur 2011 and 2012 respectively.

#### *Region 5 Trail Ride*

Region 5 will be hosting the first Region 5 Trail Ride this year. It will be held at the Horse Park in Cle Elum on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. All riders and breeds are welcome to come enjoy the fun! More information is to follow at the next meeting.

#### *Modern Arabian Horse Magazine (MAH)*

The AHA breed magazine, MAH, is losing a considerable amount of money every year. In order to keep the magazine going it will now cost members that renew \$10 a year. If you have already renewed you do not have to pay for MAH this year. New members will be given a free subscription for their first year.

*Sweepstakes Program*

The Sweepstakes Program is going to be expanding. The classes are going to be expanded for junior horses. For example, there will be two year old halter futurity classes and four and five year old futurity classes.

*Sporthorse Nationals*

This is the last year that the Sporthorse Nationals will be held in Nampa, ID. Starting in 2011 they will be permanently moved to Lexington, KY.

*Board Position Opening*

Verdell Marchi requested to step down from member at large. Phyllis graciously accepted nomination for the position and was appointed. Phyllis will finish Verdell's term. Catherine Coats was nominated and agreed to serve another term as member at large. She was happily reappointed.

*Delegates*

Bob and Lanora Callahan were nominated for and agreed to continue on as our club delegates.

*Membership*

Membership is down. We need more members. Please encourage friends and family to join. Members can be as active or not as active as they would like. We need to increase our adult membership by June so we can have two delegates. If you haven't renewed or know someone that belongs to AHA but not a club please ask them to check us out!

**Reminders**

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- 04/18/10 – Club Meeting
- 08/21/10 – PRAHA Trail Ride
- 09/11 & 12 – Region 5 Trail Ride
- 10/16 & 17 – PRAHA Show

Next Meeting:

- 04/18/10 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Tobeck. This will be pot luck.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Meranda Scott  
Secretary