

The Right Lead

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5:00 p.m., Phelps Ranch

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Happy Holidays- Barb Garcia, President

I know this is a very busy time of year for everyone. Hope you can take a few minutes to read this and catch up with what is going on with your club. .

Since the last newsletter, we held a very successful open show in September at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in McMinnville. We had a very good turnout, and made a nice profit for the club. A big thank you to Julie Hedden, our judge, for volunteering her time to judge the show. She does a great job, and is very popular. I would also like to thank our volunteers who make having the show possible. Kay Herbst was once again our very capable show secretary. Others who gave up their day to help were: Karla Moffitt, Haley Vachter, Connie Chapman, Bev Nadeau, Ashley McIntyre, Denise and Ron John, and Gretchen Love. A huge thank you to all.

We will once again pair with the Oregon Horse Center to put on our 2013 Spring Classic Horse Show. We are very excited to announce that the show will be a duel

Region 4 and Region 3 qualifier, with two judges. We hope this will make it even more appealing to everyone to come show their horses.

Information about our annual party and a trail ride are included. I hope you join us if you can. In the meantime, here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013.

AHBAO Annual Winter Party

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2013

Time: 6:00PM

Place: Phelps Ranch, 6772 70th Ave. SE, Salem

We invite members, family and friends to enjoy our Winter Party. It is a potluck, with our hosts, The Phelps Family, furnishing the main entree. Please bring one of the following: salad, side dish, appetizers or dessert. Please let Norie Phelps know how many are in your party via email: dnqkec@msn.com.

Recreational Riding

Don't forget to send in your hours to Jeenie Balkins.
jeenieb@mac.com

Web Site – www.ahbaoregon.com

The club newsletter also is on our web site, so if you don't want to print this out, you can still get lots of information on the web site. Forms for AHBAO Futurity, Scholarship, Membership, and show schedule.

Membership

Welcome to our new members, Ashley Bibby, North Bend, Stephanie Meza, Wilsonville and Ernest Patterson, Grand Prairie, BC.

It is time for many of our members to renew their AHA and club membership. AHA sends out reminders, via your email address. All correspondence is via email, including the club newsletter, Region 4 information and AHA press releases. Make sure you update not only your club, but AHA.

Membership is a top priority for Cynthia Richardson, the new AHA President. We need to grow the value of being a member. The most vocal group of members are those that compete. Approximately 50% of club members do not show. This is her target. What can we do to encourage them to retain their membership in our clubs and AHA? The majority of Youth belong to a club because they compete.

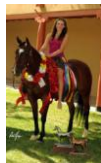
Every club has to take a look at what they offer their members for their dues.

Please share your ideas with our club Membership Chair, Kay Herbst, khrb8@aol.com.

Waltos Signs with Georgia Equestrian

Nov. 29, 2012

ATHENS, Ga. – The University of Georgia has signed one of the top riders in the nation in Mikaila Waltos to the fall 2012 signing class, it was announced today by head coach Meghan Boenig. Waltos will compete for the Georgia's Western team in Reining.



Mikaila Waltos

"I am super excited to have Mikaila join our Reining squad," assistant coach Mary Meneely said. "Mikaila is a bright, talented, and terrific athlete. Along with her athletic strength she brings outstanding academic vigor to Georgia. She is a fantastic athlete and an incredible individual. I look forward to her carrying on her winning ways and continued success at UGA."

Waltos, a native of Portland, Ore., is a member of the National Reining Horse Association, The United States Equestrian Federation and the Arabian Horse Association, where she is a national champion in reining. She currently remains the president of her regional Arabian club and promotes equine education and youth involvement.

Waltos is an honors student who is maintaining a 3.90 average at Jesuit High School, the same high school as UGA's Maria Salazar. Waltos is passionate about her philanthropic endeavors and works countless volunteer hours within her community and abroad. She will be in Ecuador soon for an immersion program gaining valuable experience and understanding.

When not competing, she enjoys traveling, cheering on the Seattle Seahawks, reading and mentoring to young children.

Member Kudo's

Long time AHBAO member, Karla Moffitt, was awarded the Region 4 Volunteer Award this year. Karla also is serving on the board of directors for our club. Congratulations and thanks for your work for the club and the Region. She is a past recipient of the Club Volunteer Award for her work on the AHBAO Board.

Also, Connie Chapman is receiving the Club Volunteer Award for her hours of work for AHBAO. Connie has spent hours counting ribbons for our open show, and also getting awards for the show. She also serves as Scholarship chair for our club and also the Region.

AHBAO Spring Classic Horse Show

Our Spring Classic Arabian Horse Show will again be held at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. The dates are April 19-21, 2013. We are excited that it will be a dual qualifier, with two judges, for both Region 4 and Region 3. Please mark your calendars to attend!

AHBAO Futurity

Just a reminder to be sure and get your 2013 foals nominated and any renewals in for the AHBAO Halter Futurity before January 31, 2013. Forms are available on our web site: ahbaoregon.com.

Trail Ride & Camping – July 21-29, 2013

Join some of your fellow members at Stub Stewart State Park, which is West of Portland on the way to Seaside. Good trails, and lots of them. Full hookups for your Rv. The cost is \$26 per night. Each site has room for 4 horses, each with their own safe corral. Make your reservation anytime between July 21st and 29th. There will be other Arabian horse owners there during this time. To make reservations and check for availability, you need to contact Reserve America at 800-452-5687.

2012 AHA Annual Convention – Nov 14-17, Denver, CO

AHBAO Delegates, Karla Moffitt and Kay Herbst arrived in Denver on **Wednesday afternoon**. There was just enough time to catch the end of the AHA Board of Director's meeting and then on to the Plenary Session. This is the time the proponent of each Resolution has the opportunity to express the intent of the Resolution. **Thursday, 8 AM – 10 AM General Session**. Of the 474 eligible delegates 272 were present at this session **Membership Chair, Georgia Tachoiros** reported that 10 clubs were losing their charters. Originally the number was 18, but they managed to obtain enough additional members to keep operating. **President Lance Walter State of the Association Address**. AHA continues to recover financially. He reported a reduction in costs of a little over one million. He reported there are 6 billboards that will be rotated around the country promoting the Arabian horse. **USEF David O'Conner** gave a short talk thanking AHA for supporting USEF. He said one of the fastest growing horse activities is Endurance. It grew by 300% last year. **AHA Treasurer, David Corning** gave a detailed report on the financial state of AHA. It was a report that most could understand. As of this date, there is \$100,000 in the Emergency Fund. An additional \$17,000 is available to AHA Youth. **Nominating Committee Report was given by Chair, Peggy Weems**. Dale Harvill and Cynthia Richardson, are running for AHA President. Gerald McDonald and Nancy Harvey are running for AHA Vice President. David Corning, AHA Treasurer and Jan Decker, AHA Secretary are running unopposed. A Forum will be held with questions directed to each candidate who was running for the same office. **Starting at 10:15AM and ending at 6:30PM** we both attended committee meetings. We tried to attend as many as we could separately, but we couldn't get to every meeting as there were 29 committee meetings scheduled with as many as 9 at the same time and as few as 4. **The Regional Caucus meetings started at 7 PM**. Region 4 business was conducted. The AHBAO Spring show will be a Region 4 & 3 qualifier. The Red Bluff show will be a Region 3 & 4 qualifier. The Region 4 web site has a new Web Master, Kim Rickman. The Region 4 Spring meeting date has been changed to March 9. All delegates were treated to some tasty deli sandwiches, salads, brownies, refreshments thanks to Barb Zellner and Dolly Muhle. **Friday, November 16, 8 AM until noon we had the choice of 19 more committee meetings to attend**. An interesting forum was held during this time, **Leveling the Playing Field**. A special Resolution regarding Select Rider's was approved later by the delegation. This particular Resolution will level the playing field. We attended the **Meet the Candidates Forum** which was held from 1:30PM to 2:30PM. This is where you get to hear how the candidates answer some difficult questions regarding AHA, it's members, and the future of AHA. Everyone had the opportunity to submit questions the day before, then the Nominating Committee selected those questions that they felt would be of the most interest to the delegation. The next **General Session scheduled from 2:30PM until 5:15PM**. It was reported the number of registered delegates was now at 307. President Lance Walters gave Extra Special Awards to 4 outstanding volunteers. **Executive Vice President Glenn Petty** reported on the general state of AHA, Sweepstakes, ITT, Personnel, etc. An in-house Show Secretary takes care of all National Shows. In 2003 at the merger of the Arabian Registry and IAHA there were 102 employees, as of today there are 46. Due to the economy and the loss of member income, AHA employees have been hit hard with their benefits being reduced, plus receiving no raises. Mr. Petty introduced some of the new employees, including Bill Harless, Director of Marketing. The building housing AHA does not have a

mortgage, but is in need of many upgrades. There are discussions underway as to options for the future, sell, stay and upgrade. The ideal situation would be a location with better exposure to the public. Mr. Petty met with fellow EVP from the American Quarter Horse, Pinto, Paint, Appaloosa. They compared registrations, membership, programs, etc. Each agreed to hold a combined Youth Leadership Program. He talked about the new buzz "Positive Change" on Facebook. Show numbers are up by 14%. Registrations are starting to show improvement. He would like to see more of us working with youth organizations like the Scouts, etc., also develop materials that can be easily down loaded from the web site. A new web site is in the works. Right now we have over 4,000 pages to deal with and the new web site will be much smaller, but more efficient. Go to the web site "Wildlife Federation". The same company AHA is working with also produces this web site. This transition will take about 2 years as they are working with staff of each AHA departments to find out what will be needed on the new web site. **Regional Volunteer Service Awards** were presented. Louise Lamb of the Central Oregon Arabian Horse Club and our own **Karla Moffitt** were the deserving recipients of this award. Congratulations! Friday evening was open so everyone could get some rest or take in some of the nice restaurants in the area. **Saturday, November 17, the General Session began at 8AM**. At this time it was reported we now had 308 registered delegates, which is about 70 more than attended in 2011. **Arabian Racing** has about 200 racing for \$2,000,000 in prize money. Pretty good odds. **The American Horse Council** representative spoke on the cut backs that may occur if our government does not act. There are funds for Recreational Trails. The **2012 Youth of the Year** was introduced, Tori Otto from Region 3. Each year at the AHA Membership Convention they seem to have some of the most interesting **Key Note Speakers**. This year it was **Dr. Jerry Black**. He spoke about the current trends in the Equine Industry. The economy with the rising costs of feed and fuel, which has affected all horse owners. Declining Registrations has touched all breeds. Some due to over population and the excess number of horses. Transfers are improving. At the American Horse Council Breed Round Table it was reported that USEF membership is up and the Arabian is showing growth. One emotional issue is the Unwanted Horse. There is an increase demand for horse meat in Europe due to cattle disease. Is the Unwanted Horse livestock or a companion animal? The urbanization has more living in an urban area and less than 2% live on rural property. Many have failed to meet expectations. The Americans public love of the horse has influenced the use of slaughter. Five million horses are processed worldwide. Indiscriminate breeding of poor horses causes over population. All horses shipped legally to Canada and Mexico have been inspected. The vast majority are of Quarter Horse type. More Arabians are euthanized as they are looked at as family pets. BLM has 37,000 wild horses, which is over 15,000 of what the rangeland can handle. 47,000 are being cared for waiting to be adopted and many live out their lives in pens never to be adopted. Our views on animal welfare are different if you are a horse owner. The welfare of the horse is important to all of us and we have to deal with misinformed public. The animal activists are looking closely at racing, rodeo and some breed shows. Equine obesity is more prevalent in horses than many realize. More than 50% are obese, which in turn causes many health issues. Management practices are important. The Body Condition Score of a horse should be between 5 and 6. How to find how to figure your horses BCS score you may find the formula on the American Horse Council web site. **The Arabian Horse Foundation report was given by Vice Chair Nancy Harvey**. Research grants of \$4,000, \$3,400, \$3,000 and \$2,500 were given to different organizations. They also gave \$12,000 in scholarships out to deserving youth. **Marking Director Bill Harless** with only 8 days on the job, gave a positive outlook on the future

marketing plans for AHA. Be more creative to reach more horse lovers was one. With 85% of the members being female it was suggested that clubs try to set up booths at more Women Shows. Mr. Harless had expressed his opinion about the Modern Arabian Horse. He said all members should receive this magazine. With membership down the magazine has lost some major companies that advertised in the past. One of his goals is to improve membership numbers by creating ways to keep those interested that do not breed or show. **Mary Trowbridge, representing the Horsemen's Distress Fund** shared a video taken by Bill Melendez while they were at the US Nationals in Tulsa this year. They made a visit to the Little Light House with a special Arabian Gelding who loved to be touched and loved by the children that live there. Their ages are 2 to 6 and all are special needs children. It was a heart warming video that brought tears to many. Over \$18,000 was raised after the showing of the film. Our Regional delegates attending the convention raised \$300. This donation was given in honor of our outgoing Director Peggy Weems. It was fun watching Peggy, as she had no idea this was going to happen. **The Judge's and Stewards Commissioner, Stan Morey** gave a short report. At this time we have a total of 377 Judges & Stewards. There were 300 competitions this last year. **Resolutions.** We acted on a total of 54. 33 were Approved. 11 were Approved with Modifications. 3 were Disapproved, 4 were Withdrawn and 3 were referred to committee. **Elections.** Cynthia Richardson was elected President. Nancy Harvey was elected Vice President. At the **President's Banquet**, our outgoing Director, Peggy Weems and incoming Director, Mary Jane Brown were introduced.

Overall this was a good, working convention. This was my 40th year to represent a club and as usual enjoyed sharing ideas with the different committees attended. Thank you for allowing me to represent you once again.
Kay Herbst

AHBAO Board Minutes

October 1, 2012 – Capital Concrete, Aumsville, OR

The meeting was called to order at 4:45PM by President Barb Garcia. Board members present: Norie Phelps, Karla Moffitt, Greg Hager, Connie Chapman, Haley Vachter and Shelley Jones. Unable to attend: Mary Jane Brown and Sue Thompson. Secretary, Kay Herbst was in attendance.

Minutes from the April 30, 2012 meeting were approved. Motion by Norie. 2nd by Greg.

Treasurers Report – Nothing to report.

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports:

Futurity – Shelley - No report at this time.

Scholarship – Connie will respond to every applicant upon receiving their application.

Membership – Kay reported we have a few more members now than last year at this time.

Web Site/Facebook – It was suggested the AHBAO By-laws be added to the web site. New information will be added to the web site regarding Recreational Riding and the Winter Party. Facebook has lots of "likes". It is noted many are from out of the US.

Sunshine – A card of sympathy was sent to Life Member Alice Wilson's family. A get well card was sent to Beth Garvison.

Spring Class 2013 Show – A motion was made by Karla, to ask for Region 3 & Region 4 approval, plus have it be a concurrent show if it is allowed in the AHA rules. 2nd by Connie. Passed. (Note: Contacted AHA, it is covered in the AHA Rules and is allowed.)

Fall Open Schooling Show – Barb and Kay reported 53 horses were shown. We earned \$1,857.50. The date for 2013 has been reserved. Saturday, September 7th. We will ask for Paint and OFE approvals. Class schedule will be almost the same as 2012, but need to make sure that all 10 & under classes are Walk Trot. A motion was made by Greg, 2nd by Shelley approving up to \$100 to pay for approval from OFE.

Annual Winter Party – Saturday, January 5, 2013 – 6 PM. Norie Phelps has once again offered her home. The main dish entrée will be furnished and members/guests are to bring a pot luck (salad, dessert, appetizers, etc.) Further details will be available in the next club newsletter, FB Page and Club web site.

Newsletter- Barb will send out a newsletter, early December. Deadline for submitting forms, news, ads, nominees for board bios, etc. will be about the last week of November.

Recreational Riding High Point – A reminder needs to go out to members who ride for pleasure, in non-competitive events to participate in this program. Jeenie Balkins will tabulate the hours. Notices will be made on our Club FB and Web pages.

Nominating Report: Barb will appoint a Nominating Chair. Three positions on the board are up for election. They are 3 year terms. (2013-2015) Connie, Norie and Sue will be going off and are eligible for re-election. Election of club officer's will be held at the January 5th meeting.

Old Business: Connie did an inventory of the ribbons in the storage area. They are used for the Fall Schooling Show. She also received quite a few donations of nice trophies to be used at this show.

New Business: Lisa Munson submitted a proposal for our club to be the sponsor of a "One Day Amateur Arabian Show", the day after our Fall Schooling Show, Sunday, September 8th, 2013. A complete class list was submitted. Contact was made with the Central Oregon club and they plan to have their "One Day Show" on September 7, 2013. Due to this conflict, no decision was made.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held at the home of Norie Phelps, Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 4:30PM. Those attending with a board member are welcome at this earlier time. Discussion followed regarding having a board meeting prior to January. No decision was made at this time. Respectively Submitted: Kay Herbst, Secretary
Norie Phelps address: 6772 70th Ave. SE, Salem

Equine Wellness

Our members have been invited to take a look at this informative magazine. Not just health information, but lots of other good articles. The December/January issue includes "Pole Exercises", how to bust boredom with your horse, "How to Give an Injection", with photos, "How to Tell the Difference between PANIC and FEAR".

Go to their web site: www.equinewellnessmagazine.com/gift. You will find a Holiday Offer. A one year subscription for \$10 US and \$12 CAN. There is no limit to how many subscriptions you order. Give as a gift to your horse friends.

Arabian Horse Owners Foundation

Many of our members have old, out of print books, in their possession. What about those national trophies from 50 years ago? Sales catalogs from the early sales? Show programs from the 40's and 50's? Get the idea? What are you going to do with them in the future? Should they be saved for the future generation of Arabian horse owners to enjoy? There is a move under way to find out where some of these old items are located. Go to: www.ArabianHorseOwnersFoundation.org. Let them know what you have. Or, as it was suggested, keep this web address with your collectibles, with a note to contact the foundation if they are to be discarded.

Equitrekking Launches Travel Deals on Ranch and Riding Vacations

Dear Oregon Horse Friends,
Happy holidays! We produce the Equitrekking PBS TV series, which broadcasts in Oregon on OPB. We thought you and your members may like to know about Equitrekking's new Travel Deals page, which features special travel bargains at dude ranches, castles, pack trip providers and riding vacation destinations. Below is a press release.

Please contact me for more information or photos.
Best wishes,
Sara

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AiM Spring Show

I wanted to send an early reminder of our 2013 dates - Friday April 26 through Sunday April 28, 2013, at Mt Hood Equestrian Event Center in Boring, Oregon. Move in will be Thursday, April 25.

I'd also like to announce a couple of enhancements that your Show Committee has worked on:

Hood will be a Concurrent Region 4 AND 5 Qualifier for Dressage and Working Hunter/Jumper. For those of you not familiar with this format, here's how it works -

Working Hunter/Jumper classes will be judged by two sets of judges at the same time - one for the Region 4 entries and one for the Region 5. These are listed as separate classes in the Class List but are run at the same time. You can enter either or both.

Dressage does not allow concurrent judging, so Saturday Dressage will be Region 4 and Sunday Region 5, or vice versa. We will designate which day is which when we finish hiring judges.

We will be offering our same list of Sport Horse In-hand, Under Saddle and Show Hack classes, but these will be Region 4 only.

We will also be adding WESTERN DRESSAGE on one of this Dressage days. This is not an AHA recognized class, but we believe it will be at some point in the future so we are offering it this year as a demonstration class. By Jonathan Howell.

2013 Calendar of Events

**Jan 12 – AHBAO Annual Winter Party, Phelps Ranch
6:00 p.m.**

Mar 9, Region 4 Spring Meeting, Cascade Grill, Albany, 11:15 a.m.

**April 19-21 AHBAO Spring Classic, Oregon Horse Center,
Eugene, OR. Contact Heather Engstrom,
heather@oregonhorsecenter.com, (541) 689-9700**

Classifieds

Nadeau Equestrian Center, Newberg - Now boarding \$400.00 per month, full care only. 12 X 12 matted stalls W/drop down doors, 60 X 120 indoor Arena, hot & cold wash rack, heated tack room, well lighted, 24 hr security, 22 acres of orchards to ride in. WE offer Timothy hay, alfalfa, grain and vitamins. Daily turn out, daily stall cleaning, wellness checks, will blanket and apply fly masks and much more. Lessons and training available call Lorina 503 327 9073