



Arabian Horse Breeders Assn. of Oregon
Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2016

I. Call to order

President Julie Hedden called to order the regular meeting of the AHBAO Board at 5:25 on June 5, 2016 at Jimmy O's Pizza, Oregon City, Oregon.

II. Roll call

The following Board members were present: President Julie Hedden, VP Cathy Stauffer, Board members Carol Helton, Karla Moffitt, Renay Butts, Sara Nash-Robertson, Cheryl Deahn, and Michelle Nash. Board members absent: Barb Garcia. Guests present: Cassie Richard, Siri Carlson, Debbie Baker, Debbie Moy, and Keith Butts.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The group had read the minutes from the last meeting. Cathy moved, and Karla seconded, to approve them. The minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's report

Julie had provided copies of Treasurer Joe Gradin's most recent report by e-mail and made them available at the meeting. Karla moved, and Michelle seconded, to approve it as submitted. The Treasurer's report was approved.

V. Old business

- a) Correspondence: Julie reported that AHA is changing how they are notified of delegates selected by the club to attend the convention. (For more information, see Convention/Regional Delegates below.)
- b) Budget: No action was needed/taken.
- c) Nominations: No action needed/taken.
- d) Futurity: No horses entered in the futurity showed, so the funds collected for this year will be returned to the treasurer.

- e) Convention/Regional delegates: The convention is held in November. The club's delegates to the Convention need to be confirmed in late summer to assure their names are submitted in time for the November 6 meeting. The process AHA has set up for this now is on-line (not finalized/fully-operational yet) which will allow the Club president and secretary to post the delegates' names and make changes if needed. Everyone hopes this will simplify and expedite the process.

For the benefit of members present, Cathy provided an overview of her experience at the convention and Karla offered her insights. Cathy will provide a summary for the newsletter and the website.

- f) Scholarship: The application received from one of our youth members has been selected and the scholarship will be awarded at this meeting.
- g) Membership: We currently have 76 members: 45 adults, 18 3-year, 6 life, and 7 youth.
- h) Sunshine: It was reported that 3 members have had illness or death in their families. The Club has sent notes offering them our support and encouragement.
- i) Website/Facebook: Julie has been working to update the website so it's current. She indicated that members need to send her more information and news so it is interesting, current, and pertinent.
- j) Newsletter: As noted in "Website/Facebook" above, we discussed the need for pertinent and current information for the newsletter. Members were encouraged to send in news and make suggestions for things to include and/or topics to cover.
- k) Clinics: Michelle reported on the Essential Oils presentation. She indicated that about 15 people attended and there seemed to be lots of interest. We also discussed the possibility of trying to schedule presentations/seminars/clinics in several different locations, as the club's membership isn't based solely in one area of northwestern Oregon. It was the consensus that different topics will also draw different groups, so we need to be as diverse as we can in what we offer and where we offer it.
- l) Shows: **April** show was a success, with more horses than in 2015. The new "Ranch pleasure" class was well-received. We've been encouraged by attendees to continue it and add other similar sorts of classes to the show in the future.

Julie reported that the **Open** show is scheduled for September 10th at Para Heava in Molalla and confirmed that we have our OFEA certification. Julie (Hedden) will judge, Julie Jensen will announce, Barb Garcia will be show secretary, and we will use OHSET participants as ring stewards. Still need to have volunteers to act as runners, operate gates, and other support tasks. Julie will send out a flyer for members to print and post on bulletin boards and in windows of appropriate businesses/locations. There was discussion about placing ads in the Canby paper. Julie will make the necessary contact, as well as with Northwest Rider (magazine). Julie offered to create an event for the show as a “Save the Date” for people to access online.

- m) By-Laws: Carol reported having begun trying to go over our by-laws to see what might need updating, but said it’s taking more time than she thought it would because of the way our existing by-laws are written. She hopes to make better progress by the next meeting.
- n) Mission statement: Carol said she reviewed the by-laws and there doesn’t appear to be a mission statement in them. We’ll likely need to come up with something to use as a starting point.
- o) Horse Expo, 2016: Julie said our booth had good attendance, she handed out club information, and there was lots of interest. Arabian horses there as breed representatives were quite the “hit”.

VI. New business

- a) Holiday Party: There was general discussion about how to draw more people to the holiday party. Some suggestions included having it at a grange hall or winery and having a guest speaker. There was agreement that a committee needed to be formed to gather ideas and bring them back to the Board. Julie, Cheryl Deahn, Karla Moffitt, and Cassie Richard volunteered to be the committee. They will provide a report at the next meeting so decisions can be made and planning can begin.
- b) Announcements:
 - Scholarship Chair Carol Helton presented Youth Member Keith Butts with a certificate honoring him as the recipient of the 2016 AHBAO Youth Scholarship. Keith has been active in 4H and OHSET since 2008, recently adding participating in open shows to his activities. He and his versatile Arabian ex-cart horse have become recognized for their demonstration of the many talents of the breed.

- Attendees were reminded that there will be a guest speaker, Dusty Calcagno, from Oregon Arabian Horse Rescue and Education, a non-profit organization that focuses on rescuing and rehabilitating Arabian and Arabian-cross horses.

VII. Next meeting: Tentatively set for either Friday, September 23 at 6 PM or Sunday, September 25 at 5 PM at a location to be determined—hopefully, in the Wilsonville/Woodburn area. Additional information about the meeting to follow from Julie via e-mail.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Karla Moffitt was seconded by Cathy Stauffer. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Helton, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Julie Hedden, President