

## AHANY Mtg 8/30/22

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm with 9 members present: Rebecca Holman, Amy Thompson, Pat King, Pat Zbock, Diane Sherman, Maureen Quillin, Jen Freeberg, Shannon Heald, Carol Ranke

Becky read the Apr meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Becky, 2nd by Pat K., approved.

Treasurers reports- Amy T read the May, June, July, Aug treasurer reports, corrections made to balance numbers. Motion made by Becky to approve reports with corrections, 2nd by Pat King, approved.

Open Shows- had good turnouts for all 3 shows and made money on each.

High Score- Discussion on this years program. Several of us need to get together to run high score this year and put the banquet together. We need to focus on the kids that are coming into the horse industry and encouraging them, help them stay excited about their riding and competing. Amy T will look into venues. We're trying to keep the meal cost lower, and one of the challenges of last year was that many places have raised rates (and a few others didnt get back to us) Raised costs are understandable, but we dont want the people attending to have to pay more than we think reasonable for a meal. Talked about getting together with the newer kids and parents to explain the program and enroll. We have just a few entries this year so far. Amy T will send out pricing requests for venues

We're planning on getting together in Dec. Have a member get together, pot luck snack and drink afternoon to count our ribbons- open shows, Eastern Classic, and High Score, so we can put our ribbon order in for the year.

Region 16- the October meeting will be virtual this year.

Eastern Classic- a few things came up this year, and we had a good discussion. 2022 Eastern Classic was the largest show in Reg 16 this year with 99 horses. The fairgrounds had told us that they weren't sure that their venue was the right place for us moving forward. Kim Dickinson asked to talk with Jessica Underberg and discuss it- their reasons, concerns, what can we do to have a better relationship with them, etc. One of their complaints was that we questioned and pointed out problems with the after show invoice. Specifically, they counted and charged us for more stalls and campers than we had/ were using. We realized, we hadn't talked with the staff and explained what's considered a camper (hooked up to electric), check with Lindsey H. for her method of registering campers; what to look for re: stalls that are being used vs. stalls that have been moved out of --that we should no longer be charged for (we're charged per stall per day). So moving forward, the show manager will go around and do the stall and camper count with the rep from the venue, so there's no confusion or question.

Another point of concern is that the Fairgrounds has voiced that their experience with the Arab and Morgan people is frustrating, that we are too difficult (compared with the quarter horse shows and people). We had started looking into different venue options. The challenge is that there is not another venue in our area with the indoor and warm up rings that we'd need to run both Main Ring and Sport Horse at once. We talked about holding Dressage off site, or on another date. The expense of

essentially holding two different shows is concerning. Planning on revamping the prize list again to consolidate classes, citing that the qualifications are staying as is for the foreseeable future, people don't need to qualify in as many classes as we used to. Discussed holding Dressage in the main ring on Thurs or Sun (sun would be more amateur friendly). Re: the outdoor dressage ring at the fairgrounds: A couple people have voiced big concerns with the outdoor ring at E.C. Fairgrounds, but many people that Amy and Becky spoke with this year just accept it as it hasn't caused problems in their tests or with thier horses. We feel this is a topic we'll need to let go of for the greater good of having a good relationship with the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds staff had tried to do us right in 2022, by re-working the ground in that ring (even the guy doing it had seen the washout spots, and was trying to smooth it out before Becky talked with him). Unfortunately he was working it right before our show, so the ground didnt have time to close up and firm up before we needed it. That combined with the rain we got, resulted in footing that was too deep, so we needed to move the ring to the warm up building. Shannon checked the rule for us. Becuse we are considered a low level show with USEF, we are allowed the option to adjust the size of the dressage ring no more than 5M in length or 2M in width, as long as we post it in the prize list. This will allow us to move the dressage ring indoors if needed.

The idea was put out to combine the show with a car show or another event that would bring in the public .

Please keep our arabian family members in your thoughts-

The club sent cards to: Janet Henderson (Reg 18)- broken leg; Card of support for Lindsey Hager's dad.

A motion was passed for a \$50 monetary donation to the family, if they need it.

Cards to the family of Ginny Wolski- passed in Sept. A motion was passed for the club to send flowers and give \$50 towards the meal for the family for her service.

Card sent to Taylor Grover and a motion passed for a \$50 monetary donation for her dad's passing.

Card sent to Megan Deveney Frantz ( from PA) for the passing of her show horse.

Motion to Adjourn by Becky at 9:23 pm. 2nd by Amy T, approved