

## AHANY Mtg 2-27-22

Mtg opened at 7:44 with 12 members in attendance

January's secretary's report read. Motion to approve minutes made by Amy Thompson, seconded by Pat King and accepted.

Treasurer report read. Bills paid and accounts balanced. The club hired Clark and Nihill CPA's to do our taxes. They have experience with clubs and not-for-profit groups and seems a good fit

Motion made by Rebecca Holman to accept report, seconded by Ann Donner and approved.

\*Report was ammended the next day to correct one of the numbers.

Correspondence: basic solicitations and reg newspaper subscriptions.

Open Shows: Shannon Heald and Joshua Schildroth have agreed to judge, Maureen Quillin is looking for another judge. Once we get judges listed, we'll send out flyers to members so yo can hang them in your barns or at local businesses

Even though the club will not be hosting a dressage Value Show, Maureen and Kaitlyn Quillin are working on setting up a dressage schooling show at Stagecoach on July 24th. We'll send out a flyer for this one too, and involve the local dressage community.

High Score: Had a snug but good banquet this year. The Raffle made \$220 and we have some raffle donations to add to the Eastern Classic Raffle. We'll be tweaking the program a bit this year. We've talked in the past about possibly changing the points system, or the way we do the program to reflect the current show scene and participants. We also want to appeal to the rec and trail riders more.

Eastern Classic: New this year, USEF will require WDAA memberships to ride western dressage tests. If you don't have a current membership #, you'll be charged the one-time event fee, just like with USEF and AHA memberships. Judges are hired; Sponsors are coming in;

~Prize list is almost finished: Adult walk trot added, moved Halter to Friday evening.

~Russ will take care of food and hospitality again. We'll have another chicken BBQ; Pizza party and Ice Cream Social as usual. Dave and Shannon Heald will bring the flowers for center ring and provide thank you bags for officials and volunteers again.

~We will need 4 poles (wooden or jump, 8-10' long) for our Ranch Riding classes. Will a member be able to provide those for us? We also would like someone to donate the use of trail riding obstacles in case someone TBA's the classes. Does anyone know someone who has poles, jump standards (a small jump and a rope gate), and ground poles that we could borrow?

\*\*We will also need volunteers to help stock the judges room, ringside tables and hospitality.  
\*\*Need volunteers on Tues/Wed and Sunday to help set up as well as tear down. Please spend a little time with us, we don't need you all day. Just an hour or two will make a big difference!

Region 16: The Eastern Classic show was attacked this winter. Another AHA member had tried to get our show cut down to being a Reg 16 qualifier only, saying that we didn't have approval for holding a concurrent show. Becky talked with Cheryl, our Director, and wrote a letter to the Reg 16 officers and board giving the timeline and details of why we are in our rights to hold a concurrent show. They voted and agreed with us.

Shannon and Becky will be attending the Region 16 meeting in Latham on Mar 27th. Some of the items on the agenda will be addressing Reg 16s bylaws, how we conduct ourselves as members and horsemen (in light of the recent issue with someone trying to cause problems with our show) It brought up the importance of us having the discussion of what our vision is for our local arabian communities, our clubs, our region, AHA, and our breed.

Discussion on the club getting a post office box. Becky and Amy had brought it back up for discussion because it can be tough to coordinate to get checks to the treasurer for deposit. Two main examples: AHA only allows one address for correspondence, so everything goes to Becky's address. For Eastern Classic, a mailbox would make depositing entry money quicker and easier. (with Lindsey's schedule, she doesn't open and process them until the week before/of Eastern Classic. It works well for what she needs to do, but Amy would like the entry money to be in the account and cleared sooner. It would also make it easier on Amy to keep track of sponsorships, as many people put sponsorship \$ on their entries). Mailboxes are \$70-\$100/yr. in the Elma and West Seneca offices. Getting a mailbox didn't make sense to most members on the meeting. Anne H brought up the option of the club covering postage for officers to forward mail to each other. Tabled the post office box for now, to look into different solutions, especially with Eastern Classic. Pat K also suggested asking AHA if they'll direct deposit the membership \$ for us.

This also brought up the advantage of using an online entry form for Eastern Classic.

Equifest - We have literature, coloring sheets, coloring shirts for kids, aha video. The plan is to set up an arab nomads tent. Pillows on the floor for kids to use to color their shirts, pictures, set up a Native costume. We have a booth this year instead of the table we've had in the past. Need volunteers to sit at the booth.

March meeting at Equifest on Sunday Mar 20th, 11am at our booth.

Motion by Becky to close meeting at 9:06. seconded by Maureen Quillin and Approved

