

APHA Convention & Membership Meeting

Fort Worth Stockyards, Texas

February 28-March 1, 2020

“Help Us Paint This Town”

APHA Convention this year was like none other. The new APHA Office and Barn door grand opening was at the Fort Worth Stock Yards Horse and Mule Barn. What a great location and beautiful office.

The atmosphere of the location and office is so relaxing and enjoyable. Those working in the office say it is quiet and so easy to come to work and do their jobs. APHA is set up so many of the employees can work from home part of the week saving APHA money, and availability of that employee knowledge. Being within walking distance to some of the very best restaurant's in Fort Worth is a plus as well as great shopping. The Cow Town Rodeo was at the Coliseum and walked over and watched the rodeo.

The first day of the Convention our membership meeting was in the studio of the RFD TV studio and we were welcomed by the CEO of RFD TV, nice man with a vision.

The rest of the meetings were held in meeting rooms at the stock yard, this was interesting.

Our APHA Breed Integrity Advisory Committee meeting had 20 committee members, and more than 25 guests and 3 Executive Committee members and 1 Liaison present.

We discussed and was given an update on the rule RG-70-E and its current statistics. How is it working for the Association and what do we do to change it or do we leave it alone for now.

There was a motion to reopen RCP RG-20-1 for more discussion on this rule change proposal.

This was a big change to the association rules as they set now and we wanted to feel good about this rule going forward, if it was to do so. With much discussion it was viewed as a rule that could be a good rule if presented in such a way, we could pass it. The rule had some discrepancies to the existing rules as well as terminology that needed to be worked on. For this reason, we were unable to reword or correct this rule as it needed to go back to the originator for this to happen. This rule did not pass out of committee because of its language.

The committee voted at our conference call meeting to pass RG-070-2 and RG 095, to the floor for voting.

We discussed color genetics and were given some information: W-20 impacts the white 74% and considered an old marker, SW-2 impacts 70%, SW-1 impacts 81%

Our next point of business was, EC Topic 1: World Show Dates/Combination, the discussion of the World Shows. We were given several options to chose from or to write our own proposal. Our MOTION to

recommend World Show Date Option 5, combining the Open/Amateur and Youth World Shows in the Fall, with the Youth World show events scheduled accordingly and not limited to weekends.

The Open/ Amateur World Show grew by 14.36% while the Youth World Show Decreased by 31.18%.

Our next point of business was, EC Topic 2: World Show Qualifying, MOTION made to accept World Show Qualifying Option 2 (some level of reduction).

The second, Board of Directors meeting on March 1, there were 11 new rule change proposals that passed, of those was a new By Law change. Please take the time to look up on the APHA site which rules are new or changed and how this will impact you as a member or a show person, many of them will take effect early.

The new EC Board members elected this year were Sandy Jirkovsky and Kelly Boles-Chapman, Karen Thomas resigned due to family conflicts.

The APHA Board of Directors for 2020 is as follows:

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- President-Elect: **Alison Umberger**, Broad Run, Virginia
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- Sixth Board Member: **Kelly Boles-Chapman**, Bellevue, Michigan
- Immediate Past President: **Mike Short**, Shiner, Texas

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