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Perhaps it was because there were so many Northwest APHA members present given we were in Vancouver, WA. Perhaps it was because we are on the cusp of a historic point in history, APHA's 50th Anniversary. Perhaps it was because I enjoyed the lively discussions that were without much controversy. Convention 2011 fell nicely into place for NW members, NW clubs, and APHA programs.

In order to get this to trickle down to all the APHA members, this report-er requests your input! Read on and let me know your thoughts.

Executive Committee (EC). Requests Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs discuss:

- A. Outside entities: When other than Regional Clubs put on APHA approved shows, the impact to Regional Clubs
- B. Outside threats and unintended consequences of restricting humane animal processing are impacting our industry/way of life with livestock
- C. Gelding Plus. Concludes 2011. How should discretionary funds be distributed to Regional Clubs with new program, requirements, incentives

Long Range Planning. Attended as a guest. Looking to the future, discussed recommendations in these areas:

- A. How to record voluntary genetic test results on registration papers with a move toward testing all future foals
- B. Look at restructuring the EC, commitment required, with understanding the need for continuity, potential change in circumstances of EC, ability to react quickly to industry changes, and time for EC to make their contribution
- C. Alliances. Bringing exhibitors from other organizations to our shows with the same rules, attributes, and criteria
- D. Formats for showing Solid Paint Bred (SPB) registered horses

Recreational Riding. Attended as a guest. Youth Education, Ready to Ride, Top Trail Horse, Top Recreational Rider, all as additional recognition beyond the Ride America program to include people that might not have horses, that are outside the current program, giving credit for other activities, hours, and accomplishments

General Membership. Linda Vance announced the Convention planning team including Pacific NW Regional Clubs, Zone One Representative Council and the NW Coordinating Committee.

- A. Progress Report. Executive Director Lex Smirthwaite and Senior Accounting Director Rosemary Teate

reported almost areas declined year to date, but growth in International shows, membership, entries, & Breeder's Futurity.

- B. Breyer is honoring another paint: Sato, a dual-registered APHA and Jockey Club (TB) palomino overo stallion
- C. Gelding Plus concludes 2011 and discretionary funds will be used for enhancing Regional Clubs programs
- D. PAC enrollee information for each regional club area can be accessed at: <http://clubs.apha.com>
- E. Paint Racing has two new programs, a Triple Crown and a Masterpiece Challenge
- F. Fort Robinson ride was filled last March and this September had 100 riders
- G. UC Davis is APHA's partner in genetic testing for 11 coat colors, coat patterns and 4 diseases
- H. Happy Birthday To You! You'll get a greeting from APHA and a \$10 off card
- I. Happy Birthday to APHA! Next year's 50th anniversary celebration, activities, memorabilia were highlighted
- J. USLGE – US Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. is a nationwide livestock-specific, not-for-profit, trade association representing the International Market Development interests of US dairy, beef, sheep, swine and horse breeding industries. APHA receives about \$80,000 to conduct formal activities. This year APHA funded US Judges, educational clinics and shows, participation in the largest European equine fair, and impacted the Paint Horse Club of France resulting in the highest rate of growth of any Int'l club

Board of Directors. Regular formalities took place and then the RCPs (Rule Change Proposals) listed with the complete text here as passed out of Workshop Committee were voted on. Following this link is the list of those that passed. <http://www.apha.com/forms/PDFFiles/rulebooks/12RuleChangeProposals.pdf>

These RCPs passed:

Control AIII, Article III. Sec. 1, F. 2.

Control GR-070, GR-070. B.

Control RG-020-6, RG-020. The Registries. And Related Rules: RG-070. New E & F. RG-023.

Control SC-120, New SC-120. D. And Related Rules

Control SC-176, SC-176. A.

Control SC-185, SC-185 Performance Class General Rules, N. Ties

Control SC-185-1, SC-185. F.

Control SC-185-5, SC-185, New O.

Control SC-191-1, SC-191, G. J. N. N. 6.

Control SC-296, SC-296. Stake Race

Control SC-305, SC-305 Cowboy Mounted Shooting. And Related Rules

Control SC-310, SC-310 Dressage

Control JU-000, JU-000. H. New 8.

Control JU-000-2, JU-000. D. 2. b.

Control AM-010-1, AM-010. A. 2. New e.

Control AM-075, AM-075. Show Approval Rules.

Control AM-080, AM-080. B. And Related Rule YP-075. B.

Control AM-105, AM-105. B. Class Description. And Related Rules YP-100. D. 5. And AM-105. D. 4. b.

Control AM-110, AM-110 New L. And Related Rules YP-115. New L.

Control AM-115. F. 4. And Related Rules YP-120. G. 4. & 5. Western Horsemanship

Control AM-205, AM-205. A. New 2. Points earned in other associations...

Control YP-110, YP-110. B. Age in walk trot goes to age 10

Control YP-110-1, YP-110. F.

Control YP-152. A. 1. Limited Working Cow Horse. And Related Rule AM-141

Control RA-000, RA-000. D.

Control RA-060, RA-060 APHA Racing Recognition Programs B. New 3. & 4.

Control RA-060-1, RA-060. D. New 3.

Please contact me if you would like to know how I voted if you would like any explanation of any RCPs.

The Board of Directors meeting continued with voting on the EC. Each existing member was advanced, Past President Linda Vance “fell off the table,” as it is put, and voted as our new 6th Committee Member is George Ready.

New Business: Breeders’ Trust Youth Scholarship, a potential new program evolved, was wrote, re-wrote, and gained feedback. This would give points earned a monetary value to youth earners to apply for to be paid out to qualified higher education based on criteria. Startup funds would come from Breeder’s Trust (BT) fund initially reducing payouts to subscribed Stallion owners. I take a stand as a proponent of this program, however only BT participants will be voting on establishing this program. I **highly encourage** all BT participants to contact me prior to a vote.

Luncheon. A representative from the U C Davis Veterinary Genetics Lab presented information on the current tests for diseases, parentage, color, and pattern genes of APHA registered horses through the new partnership. Technological developments offer great opportunity for increasing our awareness of the possibilities for our breeding programs.

Regional Club.

Recommend APHA membership is required by PAC exhibitor and a PAC show approval fee. The rationale is to encourage credibility in reporting, and add more value to the recognition received. If there is a nominal fee, then the program will be taken more seriously. The relative negative impact could be loss of some recognized shows, but there was consensus that PAC participants will continue with their competitions and continue to request show approvals.

Recommend that PAC program changes go through the RCP process.

PAC enrollees within the area of a Regional Club will have their contact information posted at www.clubs.apha.com in order for regional clubs to recruit members, exhibitors, and gain support of these participants. This site has new improvements and everyone is encouraged to check out all the resources and tools there.

Regional clubs are impacted negatively by organizations not affiliated with APHA holding shows with APHA approved classes. Recommendation that APHA require these organizations pay a higher show fee and get approval from clubs within a 250 mile radius.

Relative equality in PAC to Open awards and recognition was validated by data on costs and budgets.

Club mentoring program outline drafted by Linda Vance was circulated. There is a need for virtual chats, one to one help, and documented successful programs/events with outlined steps.

Going forward ideas for Gelding Plus funds to be used to sponsor regional clubs and their shows resulting in

incentives to put on shows and help our industry and association gain strength and grow. Linda Vance will chair a sub-committee to develop criteria.

Board of Directors. President Scot Jackson will emphasize the need to keep APHA family friendly and fun and not to tolerate cheating, abuse, and negative drama.

Standing Committee Reports. Recommendations and discussions are highlighted.

- ... Amateur – Clarify Walk/Trot amateurs cannot lope in any non-APHA classes at APHA shows. Promotion of Walk/Trot amateurs is necessary to strengthen the program. Potential RCPs for 2013. Still no overwhelming reason to allow leased horses to be exhibited by Amateurs. Areas to improve participation include an amateur all day fee.
- ... Breed Improvement – Performance Halter survey was done without support of the committee. Suggested that shows include a bullying clause in their premium. Suggested more recognition of APHA Championship horses.
- ... Show and Contest – Dual approved shows and classes would conflict with rules requiring SPBs to show separately. Ideas to require criteria for gelding plus funds and organizations holding APHA approved shows was supported..
- ... Judges – Open session had 31 visitors. Best instructors for the Judges Academy 2012 will be selected regardless of the card they hold. Push to education and accredit International judges. Closed session included tabling variance requests until voting on RCPs. How to get APHA members to be engaged in the World Show judge selection process. Will not allow judges to talk to exhibitors and not to accept an apprentice judge if they are not comfortable doing so.
- ... Long Range Planning – See above.
- ... Member Services – How to be more welcoming to new members and communicate the value of members services. Research the charter of the ombudsman sub-committee relative to dispute resolution, mediation, how to handle issues.
- ... Professional Horseman – Will recommend creating a manual of procedures and policies, evaluation form, and a educational poster.
- ... Racing – New purses described. See above.
- ... Recreational Riding – See above. We need to understand the importance of all of APHA programs that can bring in new members and engage them in what interests them. Regional Clubs should find out what paint horse owners in their area care about and then act on that information to include programs in their activities for those people.
- ... Registration – DNA testing should be proactively encouraged. How to increase Breeder's Trust participation by stallion owners
- ... Rules – Future changes to Ride America and PAC should go through the RCP process. Category changes will be made in the next rule book. Legal looking at alternatives to how marriage is defined. Looking at the time of year that the EC is installed to see if it makes sense to make a change.
- ... Ways and Means – Feasibility study on the PHJ (Paint Horse Journal) recommended. .
- ... Youth – Huntseat over fences category change is needed. Youth that receive remuneration for training, how they are not currently affected by the Novice Amateur rule when they are taking money for banding, longing. Should they be flagged for ineligibility of Amateur status. 2 AjPHA clubs approved. How to fill open Zone Representative positions, could interested youth from other zones be their representatives? How to get youth to APHA shows, reduced fees, free classes, BOGO (Buy one get one at ½ price or free), pair them up with a mentor. The time of year for the youth leadership conference is during school, could this be moved to workshop?
- ... APH Foundation – \$4000 raised at the dinner/auction through the donation by Zone One clubs 12 gift baskets. 46 students received a half million dollars in scholarship funds, the endowment is building and will eventually be self-sustaining. Heritage sub-committee looking at harvesting the memories of those that built the association.

Please ask me if you have any questions about this information or anything you would like to discuss anything. I would like to help with your concerns and ideas. Send me your input.

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