

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF



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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 9th
6PM Via Zoom

News You Can Use

Unveiling the Excitement: Region 8 Championships Finds a New Home in Albuquerque at Expo New Mexico

The Region 8 Championships are charting a course for an exhilarating new chapter, making a bold move to the steadfast Expo New Mexico in the heart of Albuquerque. This relocation promises not only a rejuvenated perspective for the event but also an unmatched experience for exhibitors amid the vibrant and culturally rich setting of Expo New Mexico.

A Venue Like No Other:

Nestled in the beating heart of Albuquerque, Expo New Mexico stands ready to host the Region 8 Championships with its accommodating facilities and adaptable spaces. The Region 8 Championships will follow the Zia Classic Lead-In which will host an array of all disciplines, including All-Breed classes. This new phase for Region 8 introduces a fusion of traditional main ring classes with the thriving Sport Horse and Ranch Horse disciplines. The strategic utilization of the Horse Arena, Dairy Barn, Roping Arena, and East/West Warm-Up Arenas ensures a seamless experience for exhibitors, enabling them to participate in multiple disciplines concurrently. Anticipate a rich array of main ring classes, Sport Horse Classes (including Hunter/Jumpers and Western Dressage), and an exciting expansion of Ranch Horse classes. This expansion not only broadens our class offerings but also allows for more efficient use of personnel. Region 8 remains committed to excellence by engaging top-rated judges from around the country, ensuring an adjudication process that meets the highest standards.

Discovering Albuquerque's Charms:

Beyond the thrill of the Championships, exhibitors have the chance to immerse themselves in the tapestry of Albuquerque's cultural heritage. The enchanting Historic Old Town beckons with its time-honored charm, and a tram ride to the pinnacle of the Sandia Mountains promises awe-inspiring views. Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city, unfolds in the high desert, juxtaposing its modern Downtown core with the historical Old Town dating back to the city's founding in 1706 as a Spanish colony. Old Town boasts historic adobe buildings, such as the iconic San Felipe de Neri Church, along with five museums and shops showcasing Native American handicrafts. For those feeling lucky, The Downs Racetrack & Casino, situated at Expo New Mexico, provides a winning blend of gaming, horse racing, and delectable dining experiences.

Convenient Logistics in a Diverse Culinary Scene:

Located near the intersection of I-25 and I-40, Expo New Mexico offers exhibitors logistical ease with its accessibility and a myriad of nearby hotel options at reasonable costs. The culinary scene is as diverse as the championships themselves, ranging from the renowned Northern New Mexico Mexican cuisine to excellent American and International options. The host hotel will be minutes away from the fairgrounds and surrounded by multiple dining options.

Conclusion:

The relocation to Expo New Mexico signals an exhilarating chapter for the Region 8 Championships, promising exhibitors an unforgettable experience in the vibrant heart of Albuquerque. As participants gear up to showcase their best, they can also look forward to immersing themselves in the city's unique culture and forming valuable connections in the industry. The Region 8 Championships at Expo New Mexico transcend the definition of a mere event; they are a celebration of excellence set against the backdrop of a region that encapsulates its spirit. Exhibitors, get ready for an unforgettable journey!

Show Committee Meeting Minutes

11/28/2023

BOD present: Mariah Wilson, Laura Cunico, Ashley Kimball, Tammy Warshawsky, Amberleigh Morrish, Julie Knight, Rusty Cook, April Wolski

BOD not present: Megan Devine, Meredith Eddy, Antonya Molleur, Nicole Kesel, Cornelia Lange

Others present: Johanna Dralle, Margie Billau, Barb Peters, Shannon Burt

Called to order: Mariah Wilson, 6:03pm

Agenda Approval: Motion by Laura for Approval of Agenda, Second by Tammy, motion passed

Judge Selection

Main Ring: Motion for Hillary Hoffman and Joe Alberti as judges for Chamisa made by Ashley, second by Laura, passed

Motion for Cathy Callahan Smith as judge for Zia made by Amberleigh, Ashley second, passed

DR/WD/AQHA: Motion for Susan Posner as judge for Chamisa and Gwen KaWaloa as judge for Zia made by Laura, second by Tammy, passed

Hunter/Jumper: Motion for Patty Jellerson as judge for Chamisa by Rusty, second by Tammy, motion passed.

Motion for Beth Nielsen as judge for Zia by Rusty, second by Amberleigh, motion passed.

Show Dates: Chamisa March 15, 16, 17th, move in day 14th

Zia May 7, 8, 9th Region 8 on May 10, 11, 12th, move in day 6th

Ideas for clinics in 2024 to be discussed at next meeting

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Youth ideas: playlists, decorations for center of arena

New Business:

Mariah made motion to approve election results, Laura second, motion passed

Motion to change “buckle” sponsor to “bronze” level sponsorship, Tammy second, motion passed

Zia and Chamisa award will say sponsorship instead of “buckle”

Banquet

Awards/Sponsorships-saddles and awards ordered, saddle sponsors have been obtained, Office Depot to sponsor, Nusenda grant application in process, Club excellence awards will help cover expenses.

Invitations-RSVP date to be determined, pending contract information, Invites to be emailed, price \$42, Online Payment only

Buckskins will have awards at our banquet, Buckskin will verify cost to their members (\$20.00) and get back with us. They plan to cover the remainder of ticket cost with their club funds.

Silent Auction- need donations

Mariah made a motion for \$150 for decoration costs, and will plan to obtain sponsorship to cover this, second by Laura, motion passed.

Powerpoint with photos and sponsors. April to create, will post on facebook asking for members to submit photos. Will also ask Lauren Aston if she would like to contribute.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amberleigh Morrish

Delegate Report

The AHA 2023 Convention was held virtually. The AHANM Delegates were Mariah Wilson, Cornelia Lange, and myself. The theme of this year's Convention was "REVITALIZE". The Plenary Session was held Wednesday, November 8, at which the 11 Resolutions were presented by their proponents and questions could be asked. The complete content of each Resolution is available on the AHA website, www.ArabianHorses.org under the Membership tab, Convention, then Resolutions in the right column. You can select a single Resolution to read, or scroll down to Complete Resolution Packet to see them all. There is also a YouTube presentation on the Resolutions and another on the voting process on that Convention page.

Committee meetings began Monday, November 13. I am a member of Dressage and Western Dressage, Sport Horse, and Distance Riding Committees. Each Committee discussed the Resolutions assigned to it, then any other business brought before it.

The Dressage and Western Dressage Committee disapproved Resolution 1 (allowing Show Certification for a horse that has become separated from its registration papers) which would allow a horse to show if its DNA proves that it had been previously registered. This would require some major changes within the AHA computer records and would have a significant cost.

This Committee also discussed Resolutions 4 (Performance Halter Rewrite), 5 (DR/WD Walk-Trot//Walk-Jog Level Exceptions), 10 and 11 (Add WD to appropriate Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog sections). These were all approved by the Committee.

The Sport Horse Committee disapproved Resolution 1 and approved Resolution 4. There was discussion of the possibility of moving Sport Horse Nationals to a more central or western location. A sub-committee investigated, and the issue is availability of dates, appropriate facilities, and cost of venues. There is a current contract with WEC to hold the show there through 2026.

The Distance Riding Committee discussed the issue of having someone other than the rider in a Competitive Trail competition trotting the horse (in hand) for veterinary inspection during and after the ride. This is currently not allowed. A rule change proposal will be submitted allowing an alternate trotter if the rider is physically unable.

Although there is currently an award for the Distance Horse of the Year, there is no Lifetime Achievement award. Research will be done on cost and requirements, and the Awards Committee will be approached after this is determined.

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I also attended the AHA National Distance Commission meeting. I was the Ride Steward at the Arabian/Half-Arabian National Championship Endurance and Competitive Trail rides September 29-October 1 at the Huntersville Hundred site outside Menahga, Minnesota. AHA also hosts Championship rides for breeds that can't put on their own, and AHA riders were joined by riders from several other breeds. Riders were pleased with the venue, and trails were of appropriate difficulty. There was plenty of room at Base Camp for over 80 camp sites/RV parking areas. The 2024 Championship rides will be at the Iron Mountain Jubilee, Cripple Creek, Virginia. It was reported that the venue is excellent, and rider participation at their rides is good. The established rotation requires a western location in 2025. Several local rides are expected to bid. There are appropriate sites with established local rides in Idaho, Utah, the Pacific Northwest and possibly Colorado.

I attended the Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, November 15. The Board Agenda is on the Convention page of the AHA website. I also attended all three of the General Sessions on Saturday, November 18. The General Session Agenda is also on that Convention page, as is a Power Point presentation on the Treasurer's Report. It was reported that AHA is on sound financial footing and the troubles of the past are behind us.

I attended the Awards presentations on Friday, November 17. *The highlight was that AHANM won two of the four categories of Club Excellence. We are the winners of the Membership Recruitment and Retention category, and were named AHA Club of the Year!* Each of these carries a financial award of \$500.

Finally, there is a Power Point presentation on the Convention page comparing proposed Convention sites for 2025. They are the Silver Legacy in Reno, NV and the Hyatt Regency Tulsa Downtown in Tulsa, OK. This was put to a vote of the Delegates, and the 2025 Convention will be held in Reno.

I was honored to represent AHANM at the AHA Convention this year!

Upcoming Events

YOU ARE
INVITED

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF NM

End of the Year Banquet and Awards Ceremony

HOSTING NMBHA YEAR END AWARDS

WHERE:

Isleta Resort & Casino
11000 Broadway SE
Albuquerque, NM 87103

WHEN:

Saturday, January 13th
Doors open at 5:30

Tickets will only be available at

www.nmarabs.org

Buffet \$42 per person

10 and Under \$20

Cash Bar
Award Ceremony
Door Prizes
Silent Auction

Rooms available: Deluxe tower 1 king \$149
Deluxe tower queens \$169
(Contact Isleta for reservations)

***For questions, contact Tammy
505-238-7702***



We are seeking silent auction donations.
Please direct all inquiries to Tammy. Thank
you!

Upcoming Events

2024 Show Schedule

All shows to be held at ExpoNM

Chamisa: March 15-17

Zia Classic: May 7-9

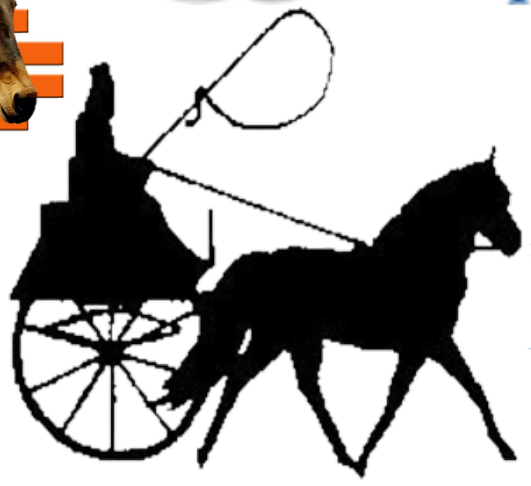
Region 8 Championships: May 10-12

We are pleased to announce the NM State Fair will once again be offered in collaboration with AHANM! Plan ahead for lots of changes, including integrated clinics along with competition. Planning is underway now! Contact Mariah directly with any ideas, requests, etc.

NM State Fair: September 5-15

Land of Enchantment Miniature Horse Club will be holding a double judged mini show as part of the Zia Classic!

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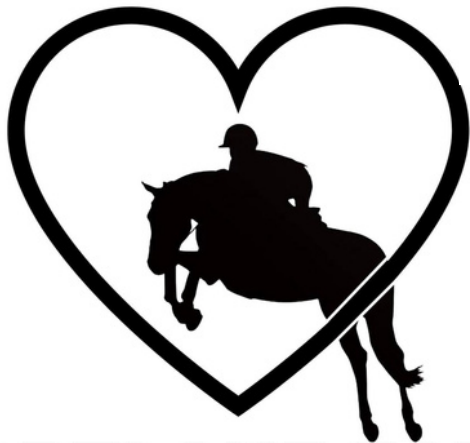


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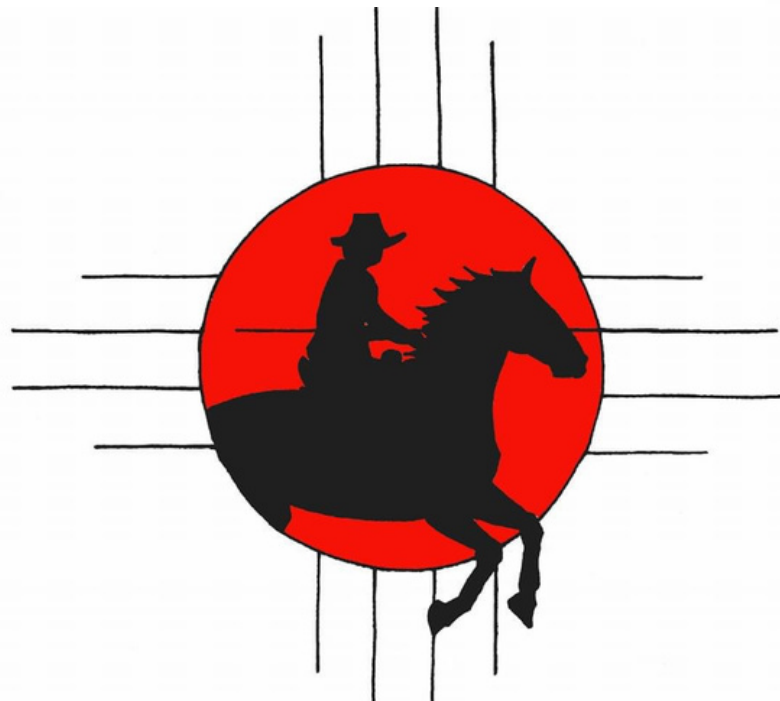


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