

# ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF



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NOVEMBER 2022

## **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, December 13th

Location: Zoom/6pm

# November Meeting Minutes

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AHANM

Meeting Minutes

11/07/2022

**BOD present:** Mariah Wilson, Laura Cunico, Ashley Kimball, Tammy Warshawsky, Amberleigh Morrish, Rusty Cook, April Wolski, Meredith Eddy, Cornelia Lange (phone)

**BOD not present:** Megan Devine, Julie Knight, Nicole Kesel, Antonya Molleur

**Other Members:** Shannon Burt, Martin Cook, Missy Kimball, Dana Mosher (phone), Kylie Klein (phone), Kanella Barnes (phone), Connie Grindatto (phone), Nicole Kesel (phone)

**Called to order:** Mariah Wilson, 6:08

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

**Minutes Approval:** Motion by Rusty for Approval of August minutes, Second by Ashley Kimball, motion passed

**Old business:** Bylaws-need 15 members to vote

Financial Advisor (Julie arranging) to present at December meeting

Nominating Committee- 3 non-BOD members to create slate for voting, confirmation at December meeting.

\* positions up for election 2023 term.

## Officer Reports

**President-** Mariah Wilson AQHA recognition for dressage and western dressage next year.

**Vice President-** Ashley Kimball Ordered everything for end of year high point awards.

**Secretary-** Amberleigh Morrish Nothing to report

**Treasurer-** Julie Knight, not present

**Immediate Past President-** Megan Devine, not present

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## Director Reports

**Membership-** 51 “1 year adult” memberships, 19 “3 year adult” and 5 “lifetime.” 19 youth 1 year memberships.

**Newsletter-** nothing to report

**Activities & Promotions-** Per Mariah, Beverly Maeker volunteered to head sponsorships for next year. Seasons Grill is confirmed for the 7th. There will be a cash bar, and it will be served buffet style. Final count by January 1st.

**High Point-** may be under budget just slightly. Everything is ordered. Lead line kids will get a medallion and stuffed animal. 49 awards plus saddles, \$5500.

**Silent auction for the banquet,** Tammy has already started.

Will invite leadership from other breed clubs.

**Recognized Shows-** Submitted requests for Chamisa and Zia Classic to AHA. Working on WDAA and USDF schooling, will need finalized dates. Also finalizing date for Chile Roast. Meeting for State Fair is tentatively first week of December. Judges selection committee, need appointments by December meeting. Laura to chair, Mariah and Rusty offered to be part of this.

**Competitive Distance-** AHA steward, Appaloosas are very interested in partnering with us. They don't have enough people to show in their own shows, but would be interested in showing in all breed or possibly partnering with us. Interested in partnering with Region 7. Will have more info by the December meeting. Would like us to present at regional level a high point Arab, Appaloosa, and Morgan. Consider having a banner to indicate our club/region supports distance riding.

**Futurity-** no report

**Sport Horse-** nothing to report

**Youth-** not present, no report

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## New Business

Resolutions- Mariah, Rusty and Joann will be attending convention. 16 resolutions will be presented at the AHA Convention in Myrtle Beach. The members went over each one and instructed the club delegates to represent our desires as discussed. With the option to take into consideration any and all addendums that may be presented at Convention. Budgets from each Director involved with the financial well being of the club, will be due at the December meeting. Please forward to Julie Knight, Club Treasurer. We will have the final Budget ready for 2023 at the January/February meeting.

Motion to approve by laws as presented by Rusty Cook made by Laura, Second by Mariah. Motion Passed.

Mariah appointed Missy Kimball as chair of nominating committee. Positions include President, Vice, Secretary and Treasurer, also Membership, Recognized Shows, Futurity/Payback, and Sporthorse

Motion by Mariah for the club to award a halter with name plate for second achievement award after they win a blanket for the first achievement award, Second by Ashley, motion passed.

Consider increasing pay for show positions next year once financials have been reviewed.

## Next meeting:

12/13/2022 at 6pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amberleigh Morrish and Laura Cunico

# Show Schedule 2023

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## EXPO NM

Chamisa Classic (concurrent): March 17-19

Zia Classic: May 24-26

R8 Sport Horse Championships: May 27-28

## HIPICO, SANTA FE

Chile Roast: August 19-20

# Call to Action



## Agenda

State Fair Commission Regular Meeting  
November 28, 2022  
African American Performing Arts Center  
300 San Pedro NE – NM State Fairgrounds  
Albuquerque, NM  
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

11:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. New Mexico State Flag Pledge
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Approval of Agenda\*
6. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2022 Regular Meeting\*
7. Public Comment\*\*
  - a. Mariah Wilson, President Arabian Horse Show Association
8. Chairman's Agenda
  - a. **Commission Committee Reports**
    - i. Finance Committee Report
    - ii. Livestock Committee Report
    - iii. Arena and Rodeo Committee Report
    - iv. Entertainment Committee Report
    - v. Arts Committee Report
    - vi. Farm and Agriculture Committee Report
9. State Fair Management Report
  - a. Financial Report
    - i. Contracts
  - b. Managers' Report
    - i. Expo NM
    - ii. New Mexico State Fair
10. Discussion of Meeting Calendar
11. Discussion of Agenda Items of Next Meeting
12. Adjournment\*

\*Denotes Action Item

\*\*Public Comment may be limited to two minutes per comment

**Monday, Nov 28th**  
**11am**  
**Fairgrounds**

All exhibitors and members interested are invited to attend a public meeting pertaining to NM State Fair. Exhibitors are asked to review their statements and checks based on the published payout schedule. 2 minutes will be allocated to anyone wishing to speak with concerns and feedback

# Call to Action

Want to be a part of our team?  
Elections are coming!

Available positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership
- Recognized Shows
- Futurity/Payback
- Sporthorse

Nominations  
due by  
December  
meeting

Nominations can be made to Missie  
Kimball at  
[missie.grindatto@gmail.com](mailto:missie.grindatto@gmail.com)

# Delegate Reports



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## Delegate Report

National Convention  
Nov 8-12, 2022, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Joanne Kagan/Region 8

As a 'brand new' delegate for region 8, I felt privileged and excited to attend the National Convention this year. I've been a proud owner of a ½ Arab for 6 years, and a member of AHA for as long. In my former career I attended, presented, and organized innumerable scientific, management, and corporate-type meetings. I also serve as the Business Development Director of our family's charitable Foundation and I have to say, I was impressed with the excellence of this non-profit's execution of the agenda and resolution of controversial issues.

I attended Trivia night, and was on team "Thunderhead." We won 1<sup>st</sup> place! And had a lot of fun. I like these Arabian horse people!

I joined the luncheon, having managed to snag last minute tickets. Unlike so many similar luncheons I've attended, I learned quite a bit and met more attendees from other regions.

I attended the three general sessions. I was pleasantly surprised at the ability of the large group to reach decisions on the resolutions, and the candor of attendees expressing their opinions.

I participated in the meeting of the Dressage Committee, which I have also volunteered to join. I saw firsthand the process for, and reasoning behind, having both Committee recommendations on resolutions and individual recommendations as the larger group often has a broader expanse of views. If I serve as a delegate again, I will attend more of the committee meetings, regardless of whether I am a member.

I did not attend the regional caucus due to an unfortunate last-minute miscommunication. When arranging to meet prior to dinner, I was told not attend the caucus. This was a total misunderstanding due to there being other dinners that night as well. Darn! I was really looking forward to hanging with "my" region! Next time...

Overall, I found the experience to be a decent use of time, and with so many delegates unable to attend in person, it seems appropriate to alternate the energizing and productive in person meetings with the more inclusive virtual meetings.

**Thank you** to Region 8 AHA and AHA of New Mexico for providing this opportunity to serve the Arabian Horse Community and the Non-Profit efforts of the AHA writ large!

*submitted Nov 19, 2022*



# Delegate Reports



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Myrtle Beach, SC November 9-12  
Submitted by Mariah Wilson, President

The annual convention in Myrtle Beach was very productive. Rusty has a great review of the major leadership reports and the general overview of business as it stands at AHA. With the funding of PPP, we were able to withstand the pandemic and the Arabian breed is on a positive upward path financially and in horse registrations.

I represented the Club in multiple committee meetings, voting on the resolutions as presented. The value in being in person is the debate and real discussion that arises at these forums. We all have time to digest the resolutions and then hear many perspectives on the possible acceptance of those changes in policy. My own perspective is based on what influences the industry and breed overall, how this impacts our local level and membership, and if changes are truly in the best interest of the horse. The committees I vote on and attend include equitation, working western, Local level, equine stress and professional horsemen. I also attended the sport horse meeting and a marketing discussion.

The general sessions, plenary meeting, judges/stewards luncheon and awards banquet were also well attended and great networking opportunities. I was able to attend the regional caucus and establish an on ongoing agreement to host the off-site sport horse Championships for Region 8 and review the year with the show Committee for Region 8. My votes were consistent with the philosophy of building membership, protecting the club level engagement and overall protection and promotion of the breed. I am also on the team reviewing and updating the hunt seat equitation patterns.

This venue is such a valuable tool in understanding the industry as a whole and how it functions. We are all a small part of a bigger picture. I was also able to connect with several small "r" judges as well as secretaries and officials who have availability to officiate at our shows in 2023. The resolutions that passed were well represented and discussed, moving our breed forward to be competitive in the equine industry with the collaboration of all of us who took the time and interest in creating positive change.

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Myrtle Beach, SC November 9-12

Submitted by Rusty Cook

I was honored to once again represent AHANM at the AHA Convention. This year the Convention was held in person for the first time since the COVID pandemic began. It was marked by great enthusiasm and passion for the Arabian horse. By Friday morning's General Session there were 215 Registered Delegates of 326 eligible.

I attended the first session of the Board of Directors on Wednesday and heard reports from many members of AHA Staff, nominations for Convention elected boards and committees, Board elected commissions and committees, Committee and Commission reports, and instructions on how to use vvoter.com when elections and votes are held. It is a simple process and can be done from a cell phone.

Executive Director Stan Morey reported that AHA has 31 full time and 1 part time employees. There has been some staff turnover. The old building has been sold, and a new one has been purchased. The move is expected to be complete about the first of January. He reported that Canadian Nationals was cancelled due to less than 200 horses entered. Traditionally entries are 80% from US and 20% from Canada. This year there were only 5 US horses entered. Search for a solution is ongoing. The law suit brought by PAT has not been resolved. Trial begins Dec. 5 and is scheduled for 5 days.

Membership and Registry Serviced Debbie Fuentes reported that both purebred and HA registrations are up. Membership is down a little.

Accounting Brad Short reported that AHA received \$950,000 in grants. Investment yield is down a little but we're in it for the long haul. Current yield is 2.6%.

Business Technology Jim Lawless reported that after 45 years at AHA Janelle Fleming is retiring. Jim will also be retiring soon after 12 years with AHA. Infrastructure is up to date. AHA is weaning off the 20-yr-old Oracle service. Migrating from Oracle 8 to 19.

Competitions Leslie Lockard reported that all 2023 Regional dates are in. This year entries at Regional shows were generally up. National results are verified. As far as possible, Convention functions are going paperless.

Marketing Katie Feighner reported that there were many outreach activities at National shows. AHA has a large presence on social media.

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Youth Brenna Johnson reported that Youth Judging is growing. She is working on getting Discovery Farm information on the website. AHA will be doing virtual shows again in 2023.

Judges and Stewards Commissioner Mary Jane Brown reported that the Seminar will be virtual Dec. 1-2. The School will be Dec. 2-3 with evaluations on Dec. 4-5. We are losing Arabian judges.

Convention manager Michelle Werts said most Convention information is on the AHA App. Resolutions are on the website, and amendments will be there. There will be NO paper amendments distributed. Hard copies are in notebooks outside the AHA office.

Distance Nationals Commission Chair Art King reported there were 192 ride starts (some horses enter more than one ride) with just over half being A/HA.

Membership Initiative Task Force Lisa Blackstone reported that they looked at the USEF model of Fan membership and determined that it was not feasible for AHA. Membership fee increases have been recommended. They have not changed for a long time.

Canadian Task Force Deborah Johnson reported that Canada held a show that they called a National Championship, but awarded a Top 6, in violation of the By-Laws. They are not interested in further discussion at this time.

Futurity commission reported a small change in the last date to enter the Futurity/Maturity at Nationals. Record of DNA testing will be added to the entry form and must be on file prior to entry.

Competition Advisory Committee Jim Hitt reported that they will discuss any matter brought to them. The change in qualifications has generated a positive response. They have received a request for Regionals to be allowed to be an AVS show. This would benefit smaller shows and would be limited to 125 horses or less for the past 2 years. They would need a compliance officer (Steward). All the same fees apply.

Beginning Wednesday afternoon I attended as many Committee/Commission meetings as I could. Committees discuss and vote on the Resolutions assigned to them, based on their stake in the topic. They can also discuss and vote on any others if they wish.

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Committee /Commission meetings attended:

Wednesday – National Distance Commission

Thursday-Sport Horse Committee

Distance Riding Committee

Dressage/Western Dressage Committee

Friday – Equine Stress

Membership Initiative

Local Level Committee

Awards Reception and Banquet

I attended all three General Sessions - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

I – Thursday: USEF partnered with UC Davis on EHV-1 transmission studies. There were 2122 USEF-recognized competitions in 2022. Currently 2141 licensed officials.

Treasurer Dave Corning reported that AHA has positive working capital at the end of fiscal 2022 for the FIRST TIME EVER! Currently in the strongest financial position EVER!

II – Friday: Nancy Harvey discussed scoring systems. In MOS all judges scores count equally. The Call Judge only calls gaits.

Stan Morey repeated what he reported to the Board on Wednesday.

Resolutions in the Consent Agenda were approved after the withdrawal of 5, 7, 8, and 6 which will be considered individually.

III – Saturday: AHA Social Media presence is growing on all platforms.

Market Development and Promotion – Goldie and friends will be at Scottsdale.

Local Level – March is again Meet An Arabian Horse month.

Convention Planning – 2023 Virtual; 2024 In-Person in Reno; 2025 currently scheduled to be Virtual, but Delegates want In-Person, possibly Denver, or hybrid with some elements of both.

The Convention adjourned; Delegates were wished a safe journey home.

The complete Resolutions are on the AHA website, including committee votes. Results of the voting by Delegates on each will be online soon.

# From Our Members



Jim Porcher of Los Ranchos, NM, and Region 8 Show Commission Chair, was a judge at this year's 2022 U.S. Nationals. Here is a judge's take on one of the most prestigious shows of the year.

I had the pleasure and honor of judging the 2022 U.S. Nationals in Trail, Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation Not To Jump and Performance Halter. Below is a questionnaire I completed prior to the assignment. This is my second time to judge U.S. and a highlight of my judging career.

**What is a seemingly small detail that you appreciate seeing in the ring?**

A pat on the neck or similar reward from the rider recognizing the effort put forth by the horse. It's a small detail but I always notice it.

**What is your biggest pet peeve(s) to see in the show ring?**

My biggest pet peeve is horses being over-shown and over-taxed. I don't like to see Western Pleasure horses who are intimidated and visibly miserable at their jobs and the same for English Pleasure horses; prefer them not to be over-shod or over-ridden. Everyone loves a big going horse but it needs to be effortless and not labored. Pleasure is in the title of both those classes and that includes the horse being pleasurable. For Trail horses their bodies need to be soft and supple and there can't be visible signs of tension like tail ringing or gaping mouths.

**What stands out to you as a great presentation?**

I like a good moving horse who is cheerful and appears to like their job. Presence is key in a good show horse and I admire an exhibitor who can get the most out of their horse while maintaining an "ears forward" attitude and a happy expression.

**What is a common mistake exhibitors make that you wish you could correct?**

Over-showing their horses.

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**What advice would you give trainers coaching from the rail?**

Don't yell out mistakes so loudly everyone can hear, including the judges. I have no problem with trainers coaching their riders but discretion is always appreciated. Performance Halter horses are to be presented in a relaxed and dignified manner. Trainers coaching from the rail negates "dignified" in my book and can result in a penalty score.

**What and when was your first official judging assignment? What do you remember most about it?**

My first official judging assignment was in Salamanca, Spain. I loved everything about it and it motivated me to apply for my license as soon as I returned to the States.

**What could you share to encourage more people to pursue getting their judges card?**

Judging gives a completely different perspective to showing and it is very informative. I would encourage all breeders, exhibitors and trainers to further their education by pursuing a judge's card. It will make them better in all other aspects of the sport.

**Do you prefer the pattern portion or the rail portion to be first in western horsemanship? Why?**

Most definitely I like to run the pattern portion first and then the rail. There are a lot of pretty riders out there who may be less than effective but it takes time to sort them out. By running the pattern first they do the sorting for me and I can focus on the upper end of my class making sure I have those placings correct. Western Horsemanship is the only equitation class where the pattern can be run first.

**In English trail, when a horse negotiates trot-overs do you prefer the rider post, sit, or two-point?**

Whichever the rider feels the most comfortable to get an even, cadenced trot-over. I'm not necessarily watching whether the rider is posting, sitting or in a two-point; I'm watching the horse.

# From Our Members

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What qualities does a western trail horse need to exhibit to earn +3 on lope overs?

Cadence with an even step and a soft, supple body. There can be no tension. To earn a +3 they are going to need that extra presence and a great attitude, going to the lope overs with confidence. I have yet to award a +3.

What impact does attire have in a showmanship run?

The rules say a good workmanlike appearance should be presented and my preference is just that. I find too much bling to be unnecessary and distracting. The focus should be on the presentation of the horse with attire complimenting but not over-shadowing.

What qualities do you like to see in a good scribe? How important is it that you have a scribe that is experienced at a national show?

I like a scribe who is professional and takes their job seriously. They need to understand the scoresheets and be able to keep a running tally of the horse being judged. Their sheets need to be neat and easy to decipher. When I am judging on this level I don't have time to do both jobs and it isn't fair to the exhibitor for me to not be totally focused on their go.

What do you look for in performance halter and how would you like that horse presented to you?

I was on the original committee that brought forward and developed the specs for performance halter and it is a big honor for me to judge these classes now that they have gained momentum and are growing in popularity. The most important aspect of a performance halter horse is athletic structure and form to function conformation. Horses are to be presented in a relaxed and dignified manner. What I look for is a horse who would excel in any performance event, stay sound doing so and be comfortable working because they are built to perform.

# Congratulations To Our Members

Congratulations to all who attended U.S. Nationals! We look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming 2023 show season!



**National Champion**  
**SRC CHESAPEAKE BAY** e: APRIL WOLS  
o: APRIL WOLS