

**RVAHA**  
**February 4, 2009 Meeting**

**Attendance:**

Lori	Stephanie (little)
Stephanie (big)	Celesha
Paula	Jen
Yvonne	Arlene
Jeff	Janet
Jan Abela	Mary Gene
Robin McCord	Ashley
Claudia, Ashley's mom	

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 P.M. by President Lori Whitley

Lori presents "Something fun to spice up the evening. Guess how many M&Ms and the closest one wins the M&Ms."

**Old Business:**

High Point program rule changes addressed by Arlene. She said we could just call the points in, but Robin and Lori feel that there needs to be a reporting form to keep track in case someone calls for an audit. She states that after the feedback from the last meeting, she has changed the ALL AROUND HORSE AWARD from requiring 3 divisions to 2 divisions, such as halter and western, halter and dressage, halter and English pleasure, etc. Must be 2 divisions and halter does not have to be one of them.... i.e, driving and dressage would count. Any Two Disciplines. Robin brings up the costs of all of these awards and it is agreed that we need to come up with an awards budget. Paula suggested that we have silent auctions at our shows to go toward the year end high point awards.

Note, we gave champion and reserve champion awards this year. This was a first. Lori would like a copy of the forms submitted for points tallying.

Aude is our delegate. She has not been attending meetings or reporting back to us about the meetings or voting on our behalf. Stephanie says that Aude was doing this at her own expense. She makes suggestion that the club help to foot the bill for the delegate. Lori mentions that we spelled this out in our proposed bylaws that we as a club, will pay for the meetings admission cost, but we will not pay for the travel expenses, meals, etc. The delegate must report back to the club and vote according to our wishes. The Region IV Meeting is upcoming and we need a delegate. Call for volunteer for this delegate position. Ashley McIntyre said she would do it. We will remove Aude from the delegate list and Ashley McIntyre is now going to act as our Region IV Delegate.

By laws committee met on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed all of the existing by laws and have proposed changes. The current by laws state that we have to have changes posted for all members to review for 30-days prior to voting and in turn making proposed changes. We will be voting on this at the April meeting.

Show committee meeting report. The show committee met on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Lori reports on who she has heard back from. Donna Longacre for dressage, Deb Witty for main ring, Diane Morgan Stasiak for sport horse judge or steward. Cheryl Hanson as a steward. Liz Alward also responded as a potential steward. Janet Henderson as a sport horse judge. Terry Johnson was in contact with Jen. Nancy Goertzen called Lori back about show secretary. Fees were discussed. Premium book alone will run between \$300 and \$400.

Show managers were discussed. Lori has been in contact with Charlene Kimmons and will be meeting with her next week to discuss the management of the show. Alternatively Jeff will manage at no charge to the club.

Lori has contacted Peggy Weems about getting us on the calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend for a bare bones style show main ring/sport horse show in March of next year.

Stephanie tells Ashley to stress the importance of our need for sport horse shows because next year will be the last year that SHN will come to the western United States – Nampa, Idaho. After that, it will be in Kentucky permanently.

Robin clarifies the cost of a stall is \$25. If they are only used for one night, they are \$18.00.

Robin was queried by Stephanie to see how much Beth charged as a show secretary last year. Jim Garvin was \$150 a day for acting as our ringmaster. The total payment was over \$3,000 plus fuel cost and camping fees.

Yvonne wants the show committee to wait to make any decisions about who to hire until we determine if Charlene is going to be our show manager. If she chooses to manage for us, she will call a meeting and then we can get everything in play.

Schooling shows coming up April 25 and June 6. Celesha will be organizing these. She already has the show prize sheets designed and she is going to contact Sherry Woods in Rogue River to get her to judge. Celesha needs an announcer and volunteers to show up and help. Celesha will contact Sherry prior to the March meeting the first Wednesday in Grants Pass. Celesha will be late because of church obligations.

Lori has room for 4 in her truck to go to the meeting at Wild River Pizza and Brewery in Grants Pass. Anyone who needs a ride should contact her.

Lori talks about club fun stuff, like going to the beach to camp, going on barn tours, etc. She proposed that we schedule a “baby tour” for sometime in May. Baby tours to be at Lori’s, Stephanie’s, Jan Abela’s and Janet and Jeff’s. Proposed no meeting in May but baby Barn Tour instead the second Saturday. This will be a progressive barn party with snacks at each destination. You will also collect a playing card toward a poker hand.

Fourth of July parade – have a presence there. Janet suggested that we get some quieter horses and dress them in English, Western, Dressage Tail Coat and Top Hat, Native Costume, Jeff in the golf cart with signage displaying Rogue Valley Arabian Horse Association info and a muck bucket/fork in the back. Stephanie says we could fill a pickup truck bed with members.

Yvonne wants to know if postcards have been sent out to members in Grants Pass to invite them to the meeting. Lori said that she has been sending out emails. Arlene offered to make phone calls to the members in Grants Pass inviting them out. Lori will send her the phone numbers. Stephanie suggests the Channel 12 Community Chalkboard. Celesha will check that out and see if we can get the shows advertised as well.

Stephanie will try to find a judge for the June show. Lori will contact Bill Burke to see if he has any ideas. Yvonne will judge if we can’t find somebody else, and we can help her by keeping her off her feet part of the time. Alternatively, we could look at the Crater, Eagle Point, Medford FFA AG judging teams.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Robin brings up the need to have our Financial Report done so that we don’t get fined. All agree that we need to go over the books, close them out, and do this promptly to avoid fines from delays.

Robin brings up donation for 4-H Leaders Association.

Lori motions \$125, Ashley seconds

January Treasurer's Report (refer to treasurer's report form. I couldn't hear her.)

\$2482.60

245.00 membership

15.00 individual membership

2098.90

14,107.99 total balance

198.90 schooling show funds available.

Debra Taber court case news from Arlene. She was supposed to have had her hearing on 02/09/2009. It was postponed until March 30. Arlene is watching this to finalize the Ethics board complaint with AHA.

Celesha wins the M&Ms, She guessed 135 and the total was 137 M&Ms!!!!

Meeting adjourned 8:39P.M.