

HOOFBEATS

A monthly publication to encourage, promote and develop the owning, training, breeding and enjoyment of the Arabian Horse.

AHAN Members:

If you are like me there is no better time of the year than the month of March. Especially after waiting for those months of cold weather to go away. Getting the longer daylight hours and then awaiting for Spring to begin. For some of you spring may have felt like it already hit you if you were at the Scottsdale Horse show. For the rest of us that were not able to go we have to wait. Spring is another time of the year that can not get here soon enough especially if you are like me and awaiting the arrival of a new foal. Which by the time you all get your newsletter mine should be on the ground. It is also the start of show season for most of you and my wishes for the best of luck to you all.

Plans are underway for an exciting Great Plains Arabian Classic Show this year. This being the first Double Judge/Double Regional qualifying show for our May show. Carole Stohlmann will be your judge for Region 8 qualifications and also judging the National Show Horse classes. Joanne Crockett will be the judge for Region 6 qualifications. Diane Morgan-Stasiak will be the judge for the Region 6 qualifications for the Sport Horse Classes. The Show Committee has worked on the class schedule and the premium book will be on-line on the AHAN website (www.ahanebraska.com) the first week in March. Thank you to Donna Wemhoff for all the time that you took to get this up and running for us again this year. This has been proven cost effective in the fact that we no longer pay to print or pay postage to mail the premium book. The only downside is that if you do not have access to the internet you are probably wondering how you are going to get a copy of the premium book. All you need to do in that case is call and ask for a hard copy. I will be happy to print and mail a copy to you. Call DeAnne at 402-540-1763.

The show will start on Friday, May 15th at 7:30am with Working Cow Horse classes as well as the addition of the Sport Horse In Hand and Under Saddle classes. Saturday evening will be the progressive barn party. All barns are encouraged to participate serving food items of your choice. We have done this the past several years and have had a great time. Everyone that is participating should send your Barn name and the food item you will serve to DeAnne at da63439@windstream.net. I will compile a list and have it available for you to pick up in the show office. Please let me know if you will need a table to serve from and also remember that due to the rules at the Lancaster Event Center we are not allowed to serve alcohol. There will be a cash bar set up if you wish to purchase alcohol this night.

Kandi Rasmussen is in charge of our volunteer list this year. If you would like to spend some quality time with friends and horses please let Kandi know when you would be available to volunteer. Email her at rasmussen1@huntel.net.

Anyone wishing to be a Great Plains Arabian Classic Show sponsor will find a sponsorship form inside this newsletter. All you need to do is checkmark which sponsorship you would like, fill out and send the form by mail to DeAnne. You may also put your sponsorship on to your entry form. Last year I was asked about Patron sponsors. Even if you are not showing horses at the show you can still take part in the Patron Package. You will receive meal tickets to the patron's lounge and announcer recognition for your sponsorship.

ITEM OF MENTION: Due to the fact of this being a Double Judged show, this year, your Ribbons/Awards will not be handed out to you during the show. Since you are being double-judged, the announcer will recognize the placing from Judge A and then from Judge B. This is going to take a little extra time. To make the show run as smoothly as we can you will need to come to the show office to pick up your ribbons.

In closing I would like to let you all know that the General Membership Meeting is marked for Saturday night, April 4th in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Engine House Café. 6028 Havelock Ave. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. We are making this our Potluck Appetizer Meeting. Adults may bring in their own alcohol. Coffee, Tea and Soda will be furnished. This will be your chance to ask your questions that you might have about the 2009 May show. Anyone needing directions may email or call DeAnne @ 402-540-1763 or da63439@windstream.net.

DeAnne

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If you are not receiving AHAN News announcements via email throughout the month from me, please send me your correct email address so you can be included in any news that comes up throughout the month after the publication of the Newsletter.

Newsletter dates & deadlines 2009

January/February combined. Ads due by February 1st.

March. Ads due by March 20th for April issue.

April. Ads due by April 20th for May issue.

May. Ads due by May 20th for the June issue.

June. Ads due by June 20th for the July issue.

July. Ads due by July 20th for the August issue.

August. Ads due by August 20th for the September issue.

September. Ads due by September 20th for the October issue.

October/November combined. Ads due by October 31st.

December. Ads due by December 20th.

Due to the rising cost of printing and postage on the newsletter, we have revised the printing schedule and mailings of your Hoofbeats.

MINUTES FOR AHAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JAN. 13, 2009

President DeAnne Allen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Engine House Café in Lincoln. Officers and directors present were DeAnne Allen, Jim Carr, Julie DeBoer, Julie Koch, Pam Inman, Katrina Fahlin, Kandice Rasmussen and Shellee Kotera. Board member Mike Pieters was absent. Sigourney Inman was a guest.

Secretary Julie Koch presented the minutes. Kandice Rasmussen mentioned that her name was spelled with a K. Julie DeBoer moved to approve the minutes as amended and Kandice seconded the motion, which passed.

Julie DeBoer presented the treasurer's report. As of Dec. 31, 2008, AHAN had \$19,410.22 in assets. That was \$201.39 less than in 2007. Julie DeBoer has yet to receive expenses for the queen contest from Elli Rogan. Julie Koch moved to approve the treasurer's report and Jim Carr seconded. Motion passed.

Concerning the high point program, Shellee Kotera asked if AHAN wanted to change the categories. The board voted not to.

The membership report was presented by membership chair Julie Koch. As of Jan. 13, 2009, AHAN had 87 adult members, 4 life members and 23 youth members. Many members' memberships expired at the beginning of the year and those people had yet to renew.

Publications chair DeAnne Allen said that the combined Jan./Feb. issue of the Hoofbeats would be mailed in early February, with a Jan. 28 deadline. Concerning the Web site, AHAN paid \$216 for Web hosting in 2008.

The Great Plains Arabian Classic show report was presented by DeAnne Allen. Joanne Crockett has been hired as one judge. The show will be a three-day, double-judged show, with one judge's placings qualifying horses for Region 6 and the other's qualifying for Region 8. DeAnne Allen will be show secretary/manager, Jim Carr barn manager, June Watkins show steward, Dr. Pat McInteer show vet, Judy Krohn and Jeri Douglass announcers, and Kandice Rasmussen in charge of ribbons and sponsorships. The show will be held in Pavilion III, which is the new building to the south of the existing facility. The board discussed ribbons and trophies for the May show. It was decided to present ribbons to class winners and spend more for the championship trophies, maybe T-shirts or bridle bags. Chase Suites at 66th & O Streets will be the host hotel, with rooms at \$79 per night. The premium list will be posted on AHAN's Web site (AHANebraska.com). Patrons will receive 3 lunches and 1 breakfast. A progressive barn party is scheduled for Saturday night.

The board extensively discussed proposed AHAN high point shows. The dates that Fremont and the Lancaster Event Center had open for possible one-day high point shows conflicted with other scheduled events. The board discussed whether to hold any small high point shows this year because of the facility conflicts. Instead, Shellee Kotera moved that AHAN go ahead with a cooperative sponsorship with the Morgan horse club for a Class A show to be held Aug. 15-16 at the Lancaster Event Center. Jim Carr seconded the motion, which passed. This way, AHAN can get its foot in the door for when the Lancaster County Fair implements its 'super fair' in 2010, with multiple horse shows. This would in effect replace the Nebraska State Fair horse shows in Lincoln.

Under old business, the board discussed the status of the Bonnie Whalen Memorial Scholarship. Board members felt that AHAN didn't have sufficient resources to fund the scholarship. Julie DeBoer moved that AHAN suspend offering the scholarship. Pam Inman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. AHAN will address offering a scholarship each year, pending the financial situation of the club.

The board's next meeting will be Feb. 3 at the Engine House Café in Lincoln at 7:30 p.m.

As there was no further business, Shellee Kotera moved to adjourn. Julie DeBoer seconded and motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**AHAN General Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 4th, 7:00pm
Engine House Café ~ 6028 Havelock Ave
Lincoln, NE**

We will be having potluck. You may bring an appetizer to share with all. Adults may bring their own alcohol. Coffee, Tea & Soda will be furnished.

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Newly added classes to your Great Plains Arabian Classic May show.

Working Cow Horse

Sport Horse In Hand & Under Saddle

Premium books will be on the AHAN website. They will not be mailed. Contact Deanne if you need a copy mailed.

AHAN is presenting another Class A show.

August 15-16 at the Lancaster Event Center. Be watching newsletter for further details on this.

September 20th will be an AHAN Open Breed High Point show. Kimmel Arena in Syracuse, NE