

Winter Meeting 2010
Unapproved General Membership Meeting
Feb 13th 12:08pm

President Chris Walker called meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Andy Roberts.

Treasurers report – Darlene Harris

We have \$8,800 in our checking account, and \$130,000 in our money market account. We are going to be making a computer upgrade so our hardware and processing will be better. Our monthly expenses for the arena are \$150 per month for the office, which is more for the electricity bill. In our contract, we will owe \$30,000 per year. \$15,000 of that is going to be paid July 1st, the other \$15,000 is going to be paid December 1st. After our shows, we will have a pro-rated basis of utilities for water and electric. For our shows, we will get the income from the stalls, campers, sponsorships, advertising, parking, and the classes. Our workman's' comp has gone from \$3,500 a year to \$360. Our estimate for renters insurance is \$600. All the arena expenses as far as giving us shavings, maintaining the arena during the shows, the grounds, the cleaning of the arena, that is up to Products Mart.

Melisa Taylor will be our representative for Products Mart. Our 3rd and 4th quarter commissioner checks are approved and ready to go out. We have gotten into a little bit of a challenge. They are in the office and we are working on that, and we hope to have those minutes for the next meeting.

Personell and Property - Fred McRoy

Committee: Ed Hiers is board rep, Judy Jones, Darlene Harris, Dewey Hannon, Jim Morris, and Tim Toler.

Welcome back to Melisa Taylor, we are glad she came back to us last week and she has done a tremendous job. She came back to the office on Friday. Tracy Marks will be in the office full time. I want to thank Debbie Morris for all her work at the office, and Peggy Champion for volunteering her time.

Horse Show Committee - Kelly France

Committee: Judy Jones is board rep, Sue Dunn, Dorothy Jones, Tonya Parsons-Beaver, Carolyn Blaylock, Aleisha Grubb, Dewey Hannon, Charles McClain, and Glenda Barrow.

Our spring program is pretty much going to be the same as it was last year, we may have moved a few of the classes around to try to help get the entries back in some of the classes, but as soon as Melisa and our committee get that together, we will post it on the website.

Membership and Promotions report – Tonya Parsons-Beaver

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Committee: Kelly France is board rep, Dewey Hannon, Judy Jones, Aleisha Grubb, Barry Troxtell, and Sue Dunn.

We would like to try and get the state shows back in all states. Hopefully, we will be able to contribute to them down the line to get them to come back to us. If anyone has ideas, these states that need help, let us know, we are here to help you.

Judges committee – Ronnie Hooker

Mike Etherdge is board rep, Gerald Campbell, Jerry Goodman, Mike Meisenhiemer, and Greg Johnson.

Advisory committee - Jamie Lawrence

Committee: Fred McRoy is board rep, Jim Roberts, David Latham, Leslie Blaylock, and Danny Odum.

Trail, Field, and Pleasure – Darlene Harris

Committee: Tonya Parsons-Beaver is board rep, Jim and Debbie Morris, Jimmy Lacy, Margie Smith, and Michelle Dolton. We need to step up our versatility program.

Breeders committee - Ronnie Hooker

Committee: Kelly France is board rep, Paula Sensing, Jim Roberts, and Gerald Campbell.

Rules and Enforcement - Eddie Barrow

Committee: Ed Hiers is board rep, Gerald Campbell, Danny Musik, Danny Odum, and Jim Roberts. We only had one protest recently, and we elected to let the judges committee handle it.

Exhibitor Status Committee - Andy Roberts

Committee: Tonya Parsons-Beaver is board rep, Sue Dunn and Danny Odum are the Pro-Trainers reps, Jim Roberts and Shannon Cotter are the Amateur Association reps. It is early in the year and I would encourage everyone to get the correct exhibitor status card.

DQP committee - Mike Etheredge

Committee: Tim Toler is board rep, Bob Gullic, Danny Musik, Michael Wright, Larry George, and Rick Parish.

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Chris Walker - In summary....Chris Walker gave a "speech" to the membership as the new incoming president. He first credited the previous presidents and talked about their strengths and what they had done for the organization. He expressed his appreciation for the new staff in the office and stated that he was confident in their ability and knew that with some time that the office would be in good order.

Chris went on to discuss his role as president. He stated that he is not of the "heavy handed" style of leadership but rather that of coach, that sees his role as one that can clearly evaluate where we are, can envision where we need to be and how to get there. With that he just attempts to point, direct, and encourage folks in that direction. He discussed vision in general and stated that the purpose of a vision is not that it would cause us to work ourselves to death, to endanger relationships at home or otherwise, to risk our health, and it is certainly not there to cause us to compromise our beliefs, ethics, or morals. Rather the vision (or hope, goal, dream) is placed there by God and is there to help us to simply know what to say "yes" to and what to say "no" to. When we say yes to the right things and no to the wrong things then we can simply sit back and watch our vision play out like a well scripted movie and we can have peace in knowing that we did it the right way. With that Chris stated he wanted to paint a vision clearly enough that the membership could see it, believe in it, run with it, and individuals in general would know what to say yes and no to in hopes that it would help us all be able to watch our vision play out to a better future.

In the past many years we as an organization have been in survival mode and with that it trickles down to us as individuals. We begin to set our own agenda, trying to find a way to survive as individual in this organization. We often do whatever it takes to "survive" or look out for number one. This type of mindset creates in us or pulls from us selfishness, greed, hunger for power, sense of wanting to be noticed or acknowledged, and the like. With many this has caused us to be individuals, thus an organization, that simply looked out for our own interest, made decisions based on our own interest, all the while at someone else's expense and at the expense of this organization. Chris went on to say that this type of mindset has got to change in order for us to have a thriving future. We have to look outside ourselves. There have been many that have done others wrong and done the membership wrong but he stated that in spite of this the slate was now wiped clean, this is a new day. However going forward Chris wanted it to be known that the new vision, the new mindset, is out there and we are now to work together and now knowing this if anyone decides to make those decisions that serve their own self interest at the expense of others and/or this organization that "you are no longer a friend to the RHBAA but rather an enemy!"

Chris gave several examples of wrong doing that had become so common that folks simply accepted it and would discuss it in the open as if it were normal. In one example were a rider was literally about to fall off the horse both ways of the ring because the horse was off so bad. He said he felt sorry for him and truly expected that they would pull out. However they went on to win the class. He purposely followed them out and when their group of buddies gathered around they laughed about knowing they had the class won before they went in "if I could just stay in the saddle". Another case where he felt he had been the victim of shady dealings in a class and then at the following winter meetings one of the judges openly bragged about and joked about to others how he done us wrong in the class and that we just needed "to get in the loop". With these examples he reminded folks that if they are involved in these kind of dealings, whether you are a owner, a trainer, a judge, a "deal maker", that you are no longer a friend of this organization but rather an enemy.

He wrapped up by reminding folks of the new vision and suggested that we all participate in it to the point that those that might continue in back room deals, deal making, and in general taking actions that would be of self interest at the expense of the RHBAA would be the exception and not the rule, that they would be exposed, and that it would once again be a shameful thing to participate in such activity.

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New business, the Spring Celebration judges.

We need to vote for the Spring Judges, we have Larry George, Ed Hiers, Ricky Parker, Ricky Shackelford, Tommy Thompson, Danny Musick, Tonya Parsons-Beaver, and Andy Roberts were the top 8 vote getters. We will have 26 names in here with the committees that chose 3 names, as well as the 8 that you all have chosen. Any particular person wants to draw these names? Barney Porter will draw.

Judges for spring celebration will be:

Ed Hiers, Andy Roberts, and Ricky Parker.

Tonya Parsons-Beaver is the first alternate.

Jerry Goodman is your second alternate.

Danny Musick is your third alternate.

President Chris Walker – Motion to adjourn. Second. Adjourned.