

Convention 2011 Report.....Gwen Russell submitted 10-28-2011

My report is issued on 10-28-2011 because the club, Sierra Paint Horse Club, I normally present my report to did not have a regular scheduled meeting on the second week of the month due to a horse show in progress on that date, but instead held the general meeting on the fourth week of the month.

The 2011 APHA convention was held in Vancouver Washington this year. I, Gwen Russell, am on the rules committee. While at convention, I also attended Youth, Shows and Contest, and Amateur Meetings.

All of the new rules passed are published in the next APHA Journal, if you are interested in viewing them.

Some of the newest rule changes, which pertain to horse shows, are the youth walk trot will now be 5-10, and now an exhibitor can show up to 5 horses in trail, jumping, reining, roping classes, western riding, etc., refer to APHA journal for a full list of these classes. In yearling in hand trail, and lounge line, exhibitors can show two different horses to show in their respective classes.

Jan Mannion presented a possible new scholarship program for youth exhibitors. The horses shown by youth would get Breeders Trust points resulting in monies for college. If anyone would like to more about this they should contact her she has worked very hard on this program and gives a very good presentation of all of its contents and advantages. Almost everyone at convention appeared to be in favor of this new program.

Our new APHA president, Scott Jackson, was installed and promised to make his term committed to making sure good sportsmanship will be expected at all APHA events.

There was also talk of possibly lowering the fees for Breeders Trust to \$100.00 per stallion, thus making it affordable for stallions to have their babies in it.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who voted for me to be a national director. I will strive to look out for the best interest of the California Paint Horse owners. If you have any suggestions or anything you would like for me to present at the next workshop, please feel free to contact me at (916)240-0242 or my email gwen@russelltrucking.com

Respectfully submitted by Gwen Russell