

APHA Convention Report – Colorado Springs – Oct 2009

Although numbers are down (registration, transfers, memberships) it can only be expected with the economy as it is. Money spent on horses is discretionary income and people just have less of it. This being said, the association is still very healthy, able to continue at the current level for 7-8 years. The association is however taking steps to reduce expenses and looking for ways to increase revenue to remedy the situation.

The concept of a National Show held in conjunction with the Youth World Show was discussed at length with all the committees and it was the general consensus not to proceed with this idea but instead to expand the Youth Show with non horse related activities to make the show more of an “event”. Possibly adding concerts and other spectator friendly things to the show.

Of all the rules that passed, probably the one most people are interested in is the color rule change allowing for more horses to be able to be registered regular registry. Leg and face markings do not have to extend as far as they had to before.

The Fall World Show is looking good with over 850 horses entered by the time of the convention. Staff was hoping for 750.

The American Paint Horse Foundation held a fund raiser at a local horse farm where a therapeutic riding demonstration was held. \$15,000 was raised from the auction and cash donations. This money funds youth scholarships and other foundation enterprises benefiting preserving the heritage of the American Paint Horse.

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Live report given at the October SPHC meeting.