

Report from 2011 Convention, Vancouver, Washington

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This director report is submitted by Director and Vice Chairman for the Long Range Planning Committee, Cindy Weight-Carter.

The first meeting attended was the Chair and Vice Chair meeting with the Executive Committee. They gave points to discuss within the committee meetings. Some points were: Regional Clubs, are having hard time competing with the huge shows that private entities are putting on. The clubs have to go through so much more paperwork with APHA than the private parties do. Genetic Testing has been signed on with UC Davis. They will be doing all of APHA's testing. Should the results be mandatory on the registration papers? The suggested age limit for Walk/Trot from the Executive Committee is 11. The Executive Committee wanted to lower the number of signatures required to petition a rule change back on the floor but that motion failed when put to the main floor of directors.

Next meeting attended was the Long Range Planning Committee's purpose is to serve and support APHA leadership to ensure the survival, profitability and growth of APHA. The committee functions in an advisory only capacity with the exception of any powers delegated by the Executive Committee.

Our meeting was earlier than the others. Our meeting met on Thursday, September 29 – 9:30am to 12:30am

The meeting began with the review of the Committee Mission by Chairman Don Beard.

The minutes from the committee's 2011 Workshop meeting were read by Vice Chairman Cindy Weight-Carter. Cindy Weight-Carter made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, Fred Tabor seconded the motion. Having no discussion, the motion passed.

Old Business items followed. Karrie Patterson reviewed the Executive Committee Responses to LRP Committee Recommendations which were mailed to the Committee July 30, 2011).

A discussion of genetics and heritable traits testing followed. Cindy Weight-Carter moved to recommend to the Executive Committee to have the Breed Improvement Committee look at documenting known diseases, as verified through DNA testing, on the registration certificates on a voluntary basis on recorded animals and mandatory on future foals. Mary Ann Black seconded.

Don Beard asked for input from the committee on the "Executive Committee Format" action item assigned to the Committee by President Titlow at the Workshop meeting. A discussion followed. Mary Ann Black moved to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Advisory Group consider a format consisting of the following:

First tier: Outgoing President

Second Tier: President (two year term)

Third Tier: President Elect (two year term)

Fourth Tier: consists of five Executive Committee members with staggered two or three year terms.

Other recommendations:

- The Executive Committee would elect the President Elect from the pool of Executive Committee members.
- President-Elect nominees would be required to present their APHA platform and goals prior to the selection of the President-Elect.
- Members must serve on the APHA Board of Directors for two years before they may be considered to run for the Executive Committee.
- Executive Committee members would have two or three year terms, and would have a six year term limit or two three-year periods.

Following much discussion and consideration, the motion carried.

Under a discussion of Alliance Partnerships, the Committee next discussed the limitations placed on Regional Club Shows in rule SC-096 when they are limited to two specialty event categories. Mary Ann Black voted to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Show and Contest Committee review this matter and consider altering the rule to set a different less restrictive criterion that provides minimum show requirements rather than maximum show requirements, and consider the ability for Clubs to have more than two "specialty" category events. Cindy Weight Carter seconded motion, motion passed.

The Committee then discussed the topic of participation at Regional Clubs events when they are held at the same time as other non-APHA organizations hosted specialty events. Mary Ann Black moved to recommend to the Executive Committee that Show and Contests review this matter and consider using time, distance, and an escalated fee structure for non-APHA events. Cindy Weight-Carter seconded the motion. Following much discussion, the motion carried.

The committee then moved to a discussion of New Business, beginning with the discussion of the Executive Committee request to review the animal welfare/horse slaughter topic. It was the general consensus that the Association should support the humane treatment of horses and transportation rules to effect change. It was determined that member education was important to a better understanding of the situation.

Don Beard closed the meeting with a demonstration of a scenario combining Breeding Stock and Regular Registry classes. Following much discussion, Beard requested the Committee to further brainstorm and discuss with their contingency other possibilities for combining Breeding Stock and Regular Registry animals in the same class.

Also attended open Judge's committee session.

The APHA educational Judges Academy will be Feb. 23-26, 2012. Judge Retiring is Billy Cress. Bill Thompson and Dub Westmorland have passed away. Staff was voted on to write the Judges rule book test. It was decided it was perceived but not reality that some judges are not judging with morality. It was discussed to audit judges like NRHA. The feeling was that instead of that, more education outside the arena to the exhibitor and spectator needs to be done. Judges are to use the new DQ Rule as a learning

tool. The Amateur committee wants the judges who are not doing so to put the reason for DQ on their card and score sheet.

Some Rule passing highlights:

RULES PASSED:

All of the youth rules that went from workshop were passed. Walk trot will be 5-10 now, walk trot certificates will be sent automatically, and the rewording on limited working cow horse.

AM-080- Show management can combine a division that is not a two point class without unanimous consent of the exhibitors

Showmanship, horsemanship, and equitation disqualifications change of physical abuse to inhumane treatment. Adding- knocking over cone, working on wrong side, and going off pattern to disqualification list.

The point recalculation rule for outside points passed. So once we get the new system into place we will be running a report on changes for 2012 cards.

Please see point system in the book or on line.

The Breeder' trust scholarship proposal was presented to the committee and the entire convention for consideration and was very well received! It will be up for a poll or vote by the members of the breeder's trust so it is not yet finalized.

The youth will try moving the leadership conference to the summer and attach it to the workshop so that more youth might be able to attend since school would out.

As a clarification the Novice Youth category of 10 (Equitation and Eq over fences) will be changed to Equitation only and a new category #17 will be Equitation over fences.

Sharon Bonner-Brown did a private presentation with a personal poll she was taking on performance halter.

It was a very hard working convention with many directors taking their work and position very seriously.

Respectively Submitted,
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