

Bluegrass Arabian Horse Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2018 @ the Finchville Ruritan Club

Board Members Present: Rick Tosch, Neil Henderson, Teri Returra, Lorie Henderson, Lisa Waits,
Roxana Reed, and Jennifer Tucker

All in Attendance: See attached sign in sheet

Call to Order – Presented by Rick Tosch

President's Report – Presented by Rick Tosch

- Rick welcomed everyone and reminded to please sign for door prizes. Rick let everyone know that class schedules for the 2018 show are tentative but to keep an eye on website for more info coming soon.
- Rick thanked Lisa, Joe, Julie and everyone for getting everything together for our meeting.
- Rick addressed elephant in the room, Barb and Jerry, whom were absent. Bill Ellzey and Henrietta have been keeping them going as far as day to day farm operations. Bill give us an update on Barb's health. Please send all correspondence to flinthillfarm.com for cards and inquiries to Bill will arrange for Barb and Jerry to receive them.
- Touched on aspects of 2017. We tried new horse show format. Seemed to work out, taking sport horse to region 13 and 14 qualifying show for 2018 to give two qualifying opportunities. 2018 will be challenging but we can handle it. Firelight trail ride was another huge success. Will be doing 2018 trail ride/membership meeting. Reissuing membership directory will be discussed 2018.

Youth Report – Presented by Lorie Henderson

- Lorie said youth were busy in 2017. Breyerfest was awesome. Breyerfest will have Arabian model present for 2018. Empres, will be in our demo. Empres will be a new model release celebrity horse. He will layover at Firelight. Autograph sessions and such, His own promo stuff from Breyer and owner is happy to be a part of our group. Busy year for Breyerfest!! July 13-15.
- Jen H and Lorie attended NY Show. Amazing ride in central park. Cool experience.
- 2018 Region 14 tournament team put together by Lorie. Brinley, Tabby, McCartney, and Grace will tabulate points for national prizes throughout the year. Girl Scout day at Firelight in March. Seminars, brush, saddle, all ride at end of day. Part of badge program. Various ages. Reach out into community, comingle on those. Get horses out in front for a change and promote.
- Brinley and crew to work on new things with youth hope to get new youth invloved with the events.
- Upcoming will be the "How to paper trail workshop" at Windy Meadows. Other local clubs will be there as well. Jen H to present Magnawave.

Treasurer & Membership Report – Presented by Jennifer Tucker

- Jennifer presented current bank balance as of 1/27/18.
- We currently have 50 total AHA members, 6 are youth, 44 are adult.
- We have 7 associate memberships that expired 12/31/17 and set to renew

AHA/Region 14 Report – Presented by Jennifer Tucker

- Jennifer reported on info from most recent Region 14 meeting earlier this month. Plans to have regional trail ride again this year in Ohio.
- Not many changes for Region 14 horse show, announced judges. Added Trail in Hand and more Ranch Riding classes to Region 14 horse show. Ranch Riding has now been at to 2018 US Nationals.
- Jennifer is overseeing the Arabian demo for Equine Affaire in Ohio this April and seeking volunteers. Region 14 is getting support from new group, backed by Lara Ames & Mary Trowbridge. This new group has sole purpose for outreach and to support those promoting outreach events.
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High Point Report – Presented by Teri Returra

- New changes for updates on website. Trying to be more computer friendly with updates. Members can turn in forms via email or snail mail and Teri will update on website. Competitive high point form has changed a little bit for calculation. Trying to be more user friendly. Has been a surprise in the past but will now have monthly updates and be more competitive. Going to try it that way and see how it goes. Visit website pull up log forms, show rules and such. Submit within 60 days of showing to Teri. Reminder that our high point is not breed specific. Horsemanship and other things besides competitive.

Open Discussion

- Roxy made brief announcement equine trail advocates group in Louisville/radius around Louisville. Group to help maintain trails. Looking in to buying land to connect. The group is working with surrounding parks to work with the group to maintain. Reach out to Roxy for info.
- Teri is seeking volunteers for the horse show. She will be reaching out.

BAHA Executive and Youth Board of Directors Election – Facilitated by Bill Ellzey

- Bill introduced Youth Board candidates of Brinley Swears for President, McCartney Swears for Vice President, and Tabitha Taylor for Secretary. All were elected into their respective positions.
- Bill introduced Executive Board candidates of Rick Tosch for President, Neil Henderson for Vice President, Lisa Waits for Treasurer, and Jennifer Tucker for Secretary. All were elected into their respective positions.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Lorie Henderson 2nd the motion: Cindy Young

*Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Tucker, Secretary
Bluegrass Arabian Horse Association*