

AHA Convention 2022

Convention was well attended this year, with delegates from all 18 Regions. Region 3 had 12 representatives. There were around 220 actual attendees, out of 246 registered. Some opted not to come, due to the impending hurricane, which turned out to be relatively mild. When it's raining, and still 65 degrees, it's quite enjoyable, at least to us from California!

I attended the following Committee Sessions:

- Equitation/Showmanship
- Working Western
- Sport Horse
- Sport Horse National Show
- Dressage/Western Dressage
- Breeding/In Hand
- Amateur
- Membership
- Education/Evaluation

RESOLUTIONS

All resolution went to a minimum of 5 committees, up to 15. Each committee discussed and voted on all resolutions assigned to them, prior to the final vote, at the General Voting Session, Friday. There were 16 Resolutions presented, 2 were withdrawn, 14 passed. Following is a list of all that passed.

Resolution 1-22 Amended AHA Bylaws to allow virtual Conventions.

Resolution 3-22 Allows qualified Canadian judges to judge AHA Sport Horse Classes. Apparently, USEF removed language, without notifying AHA, about who can judge Sport Horse.

Resolution 4-22 Adds R Western Dressage Judges

Resolution 5-22 Allows USEF Arabian Judges to judge SHUS and SHIH with the addition of a Sport Horse Specialty Card, which is still being developed. This will make it easier for shows to hire 1 judge, rather than having to hire 2.

Resolution 6-22 Added verbiage addressing Unnatural Tail Carriage, requiring a 10 point penalty for horses in scored classes, and being dropped to last place in ring classes.

Resolution 7-22 Modifies the shoeing rule to allow the addition of a lead weight to the bottom of the hoof, rather than having to attach a bar shoe, to balance and support the horse.

Resolution 8-22 Allows the use of tongue ties in the ring, for any horse in a double bridle.

Resolution 9-22 Ensures Hunter Hacks have 2 jumps to warm up before competition.

Resolution 10-22 Amends USEF 164.2 - Cross Rails 10 & Under, not to be required to canter in under saddle classes.

Resolution 11-22 Dressage Seat Equitation judges will evaluate riders separately, giving a percentage score. Scores from both judges will be added together for a final score. This will be more efficient and take much less time than the current practice.

Resolution 12-22 Adds Western Dressage to the Sport Horse Disciplines.

Resolution 13-22 Complete rewrite of rules for Working Western.

Resolution 14-22 Horse substitutions will not be allowed in Equitation classes, without certification from the official on site show veterinarian.

Resolution 15-22 Lead changes in Horsemanship classes can be simple or flying.

Resolution 16-22 Judges and Stewards Selection Committee will serve a three year term, instead of two.

SHOWING

Showmanship

Score cards are not mandated, however, the information on them must be used. If a score card is used, a scribe is required.

New patterns have been developed without using cones.

Performance Halter

Horses should be shown relaxed, no shanking, NOT like a regular Halter class. Rules need to be standardized.

Amateur

Limit age splits to keep class sizes larger.

Working Western/Ranch Horse

This is the largest growing area of Arabian showing. A whole new chapter has been written into the rule book, where you can find the answers to all related questions in one place.

Sport Horse

Ohio Horse Park has been secured through 2026, as the site for Sport Horse Nationals. No comparable facility has been found in the west. OHP presents a National Show environment.

Coming up, large "R" judges will be allowed to judge Sport Horse Under Saddle and In Hand, with a Specialty Card. This will make it easier for shows to hire one judge, instead of two.

CLUB EXCELLENCE

We didn't win anything this year. We couldn't compete with Arizona, who did a meet and greet at the Scottsdale Show, drawing on hundreds of people. Central States submitted a very professional video, and offered free club memberships to all AHA members in their area, who didn't have a club affiliation. That was actually a great idea, and something we should consider.

SOCIAL LICENSE

This is a topic that came up often. The public may approve, or disapprove of an activity. When the public attacks events, it's usually due to lack of education, regarding the activity. Rodeos and Horse Racing have come under close public scrutiny. We need to present our Arabians in the best possible light. Perception is everything.

Respectively Submitted

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2022 Convention Notes

General Session I

We have a software system task force so we can come up with a solution to entries across the board.

- Canadian Nationals Task force to resolve Canadian National Show. Currently going forward with the show in red deer in August 2023
- Sold old building in Colorado buying a new building in 2023
- This is the first year AHA has had positive working capital. Offers flexibility in operations, enhances financial management.

WORKING WESTERN MEETING

Voted in favor of tail alteration resolution

Wants more clubs to encourage 10 and under ranch rail at their shows along with Box drive for cow classes.

PROFFESIONAL HORSEMAN MEETING

- Voted yes in amended version of shoeing rule
- Voted yes on amended version of tongue tie rule
- Voted yes on resolution regarding hunter hack warmup

EQUINE STRESS MEETING-

- Voted yes on tail resolution
- Voted yes on shoe resolution

General session II

Major Resolutions that were passed.

2 (Passed) Amend AHA Bylaws Articles III (Bylaws – 2/3rds vote) Requiring All Individual Members be Assigned to a Member Organization

5 (Passed) USEF Arabian Judge to Officiate SHIH and SHUS Classes with an AHA Sport Horse Specialty Card; development of the SH Specialty Card (USEF/EC)

MN Half-Arabian Horse No Association

6 (Passed) Further Addressing Un-natural and Altered Tails (USEF/EC)

Kathy Callahan- Smith

USEF Arabian Division Yes Committee

8 (Passed) Use of Tongue Ties in the Show Ring for Horses in Full Bridles and Driving (USEF/EC)

Arabian Horse Association of No Arizona

9 (Passed) Hunter Hack Warmup (USEF/EC)

Allan Ehrlick Allan Ehrlick

Hunter/Jumper Committee No Hunter/Jumper Committee No

10 (Passed) Amends USEF 164.2 - Cross Rails 10 & Under Not to Canter in Under Saddle Classes (USEF/EC)

11 Dressage Seat Equitation – National's Scoring/Placing (USEF/EC)

Carol Spangler

Dressage & Western No Dressage Committee

12 Addition of Western Dressage to the Sport Horse Disciplines (USEF/EC)

Karlan Downing Jim Hitt

South Central Arabians of No Texas

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13 (Passed) Working Western Rewrite (USEF/EC)

Working Western Committee Yes

14 (Passed) Horse Substitution in Equitation Classes (USEF/EC)

Michelle Pease Paulsen

Equitation/Showmanship No Committee

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Horsemanship Lead Changes (USEF/EC) Judges and Stewards Selection

Michelle Pease Paulsen Peter Conway

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General Session III

Social Media Report-

They are doing a fantastic job at content and driving followers.

MDP Report-

The Keystone Arabian Horse Experience is exciting venue over the Thanksgiving weekend to expose people to the Arabian horse.

On Friday night they are holding 6 jackpot classes where the audience can vote for their favorite ride and increase crowd participation.

Local Level Committee-

Club growth webinar in 2023.

2023 will be a virtual convention.

2025 will be in Reno, NV

2026 is virtual but on the table for re-consideration

AHYA- Youth report they were very successful at youth in raising 8k.

We need Judges and stewards! Please encourage anyone in our clubs and industry to go