

# ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

## REGION I



### Director's Message

From Kathy Callahan-Smith

The 2021 AHA Convention will be virtual again this year. The member costs will be similar as well as the Zoom platforms used last year. This will allow a lot of members to participate, so spread the word. Award presentations will be November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Remember, times listed to be on MST! As of right now, the AHA Convention for 2022, is set for Myrtle Beach, SC, earlier in November than normal, starting November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Nationals and Mid-Summer Nationals was a huge success again this year. With an increase to approximately 1,400 horses and over 4,900 total class entries. A Ranch Horse Clinic for the Youth was given prior to the show and was well attended. Discussions are currently under way for future plans for MSN in 2022.

Canadian Nationals has made an announcement they will be going forward with plans for 2022.

The USEF Amateur Task Force is still working on several ideas for simplifying and presenting some Amateur rule changes. These ideas will be brought forward in the near future.

One of the biggest discussions this year has been AHA Qualification changes for 2022. In my requests for Region One member opinions concerning Qualifications, everyone that has contacted me, was in favor of some type of qualification requirements. At the August meeting, the AHA BOD passed a compromise proposal to ensure some qualifications for Regionals and Nationals, yet allowing open boarders for lots of Regional participation. 2021 Horse Show placings and Top Fives will count towards 2022 qualifications. Specialty classes will have some modifications coming to accommodate the lack of classes available at most Arabian Horse shows. Details will be coming out soon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Communication is the key.

The Distance Horse National Championships will be hosted by AHA and held in Big South Fork Site in Oneida, TN, September 9 – 12, 2021. This event is partnered with other breeds and open to all. A great opportunity to see Arabian Horses shine!

Leveling for Equitation and Showmanship was passed. These classes will also be split off from Pleasure performance leveling.

The Arabian Horse Foundation reported giving out \$85,000 in general scholarships, \$17,000 at Youth Nationals and \$5,000 for Youth of the Year. They want to thank the Regions and AHA Membership for the support.

We are in a changing world, especially post Pandemic. With the shows coming up, let's look into developing some fun ideas for all our horse shows. Examples for Region One Show; shorter show sessions for more social time, a Pro/Am for Charity class, Paper Race, Egg & Spoon.

— Kathy Callahan-Smith

September 2021

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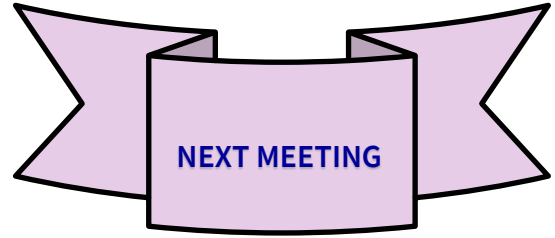
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Ann Whitley

**PAST DIRECTOR:**

Mimi Gaffey



**Our Next Meeting  
will be  
Saturday, November 6, 2021**

**Region I meeting 6:00  
on Zoom**

- AMATEUR — JoAnn Harlan
- ANNUAL CONVENTION PLANNING — Mary Ann Hughes
- BUDGET AND FINANCE — Ann Whitley
- COMMUNICATIONS — Carol Spangler
- DISTANCE RIDING — Bob Insko
- DRESSAGE — Carol Spangler
- EQUINE STRESS — Debbie Price
- EQUITATION — Debbie Price
- EVENTING & DRIVING — Ted Lange
- HUNTER/JUMPER — Ted Lange
- JUDGES SELECTION — Kathy Callahan-Smith
- MEMBERSHIP — Mary Ann Hughes
- NEWSLETTER — Joan Lawson
- PACIFIC SLOPES — Phil Bourgeois
- PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN — Debbie Price
- RACING — Leslie Smith
- SCHOLARSHIP — Laurie Henkel
- SPORT HORSE — Carol Spangler
- USEF — Nancy Harvey
- WORKING WESTERN — Bill Hughes
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES — Debbie Price
- YOUTH DIRECTOR — Isabella Fajardo



## Region I Arabian Horse Association

### Meeting Minutes

3-20-21

**Call to order:** At 6:15 PM

**Roll Call:** was confirmed by those in attendance on the Zoom conference call

**Executive Board:** Director; Kathy Callahan Smith, Vice Director; Debbie Price; Treasurer; Ann Whitley, Secretary; Carol Spangler, Past Director; Mimi Gaffey.

Present:

7 Delegate(s) - This does not include the Executive Board: Laurie Henkle, Christine Lawson, Joan Lawson, Leslie Smith, Ted Lange, Rich Whitley and Bob Insko

0 Alternate(s) -

6 Guest(s) – MaryAnn Hughes, Bill Hughes, Nancy Harvey, Margie Insko, Janet Stevenson and Kalei Tsunekawa

**Minutes:** No Corrections. Debbie Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov 19, 2020 meeting. – Laurie Henkle made the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Minutes were approved by attendees

**Director's Report** – Kathy submitted her Directors report via email previous to the meeting and recapped it during the meeting:

The AHA BOD met via Zoom on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The new AHA President, Deborah Johnson, did a great job presiding over the meeting.

The first topic of discussion was the Ransomware attack on the Windows servers at AHA that occurred on Saturday, February 20, 2021, and the Website and Data Source were immediately taken offline. The AHA IT acted quickly and the system was returned to service on Monday, March 1, 2021.

We are still under the cloud of Covid, but the future looks brighter than 2020. All AHA Regional Championships are expected to be held. Mid-Summer Nationals will be held with Youth Nationals again this year, July 15-24, 2021. Canadian Nationals will not be held, although they hope to hold a smaller version for the Canadians to attend.

2021 Qualifications have been waived again for Regional and National Championship Shows. Qualifications for 2022 and 2023 will move to a "Participation" based system and the chart will be finalized at the August 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

The new USEF President, Tom O'Mara, joined us on the meeting. His outlook was positive and he is looking forward to addressing the needs of the Arabian Horse.

A new USEF Amateur Committee has been initiated. This committee hopes to simplify our current USEF amateur rules.

Information was presented and discussions held, concerning the appointment of an Executive Director for AHA. It was a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors to appoint Stan Morey as the Executive Director with a three-year contract. Mr. Morey will continue to serve as the Judges and Stewards Commissioner until that position is filled later this year.

The AHA Local Level Committee is asking for members to help execute the projects they have in the works for 2021. The ideal committee member is passionate about the Arabian horse, enjoys sharing Arabian horses with new people, will attend monthly calls, and is willing to take a leadership role on Local Level projects. The Local Level Committee's Mission: "To bring people to the Arabian horse through local outreach."

Don't forget to make use of the AHA app. It is free and easy to use!

Our volunteer base is our most valuable asset. Let's do everything we can to encourage our Region One membership base to get involved.

In Addition to the written report above, Kathy asked the attendees for feedback on the Recovery fee that AHA has moved forward with for 2021 Regional shows. It will be \$15 this year, a reduction from the \$25 that was put in place for 2020. The general consensus from the attendees was that everyone was agreeable to the \$15 and felt it was better than the \$25 of last year.

Kathy also reported that AHA has implemented the Virtual show concept. Janet Henderson will be the judge for any sport horse related shows and Kathy will judge the others. The cost is \$25 to be judged and placed and \$35 if you want to receive a critique back.

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Ann Whitley – Report filed for audit. Ann also presented the 2021 Budget. MaryAnn made a motion to accept the 2021 Budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mimi, 2021 Budget was approved.

**Horse Show Report** – by Kathy Callahan-Smith –

- We are still in need of volunteers, specifically for the In/out gate.
- The Security and restroom cleaning, due to the fairgrounds reduce staff/COVID requirements at the fairgrounds, will be a large expense that the show normally doesn't have. We will need to watch other expenses closely.
- It is still not known if the parking passes are needed. Mimi will need to have them printed prior to sending out the staff packets, if they are needed. Mimi to give Kathy a heads up on the timing so a decision can be made timely.
- Nancy has created a website to enable a virtual office at the horse show. This will eliminate the need for people to come into the office.

**Committee Reports:**

**Amateur-** Joann Harlan- No Report

**Annual Convention-**MaryAnn Hughes. - No Report

**Budget & Finance-**Ann Whitley – No Report

**Communications-** Carol Spangler/Christine Lawson – No Report

**Distance Riding-**Bob Insko – Distance Rides are happening in AZ. They are hoping to get them going again in CA soon. They have also implemented Virtual Rides.

**Dressage** – Carol Spangler –

- C2-TD resolution has been withdrawn in favor of USEF working through this and coming up with a comprehension solution.
- A new Overall Sport Horse Award for the Pacific Slope classes will be implemented at the AHANC show, Sponsored by AHPC. Champion will receive prize money, a prize and ribbon, Reserve Champion will receive prize money and ribbon.
- The Dressage committee is working on a resolution for Western Dressage to allow braided manes. The WD chapter is silent on any restrictions to manes and at the AHA shows there is a lot of cross-entering and the general feeling is we should not restrict it either and follow the intent of the WD chapter.

**New Business-**

- The Nominating Committee nominated the existing people to their current positions. Kathy asked for nominations from the floor for each position; Director, Vice Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Seeing none, nominations were closed and the existing slate was accepted by acclamation. Kathy Callahan Smith - Director, Debbie Price – Vice Director, Carol Spangler – Secretary, and Ann Whitley - Treasurer
- Website updates – Debbie pointed out that the website could use some updating on the Youth Page and also that we only have 4 trainers on the trainer’s page. Nancy will update the Youth Line with the Youth Director’s report.

**Club Reports**

- 1) SDAHA ODS, next show is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Deer Springs San Marcos. This will be open to all breeds.
- 2) AHASC – the club is working on the Fall show, it will be the weekend after Labor Day. Location – TBD but will be decided soon.
- 3) RCAHA - The Spring show is March 31<sup>st</sup>– April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at Galway Downs, Temecula
- 4) APHC – No Report
- 5) SCHAA – No Report
- 6) Ramona – Margie has made new trail signs for the Preserve, also NATRC is paying to replace several of Bridges.

**Next meeting – Aug 28, 2021**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM, motion made by Bob.

**Submitted Respectfully by**

**Carol Spangler  
Region 1 Secretary**

**Equine Stress** –Debbie Price- No Report

**Equitation & Showmanship** - Debbie Price – No Report

**Eventing/Driving** –Ted Lange- No Report

**Hunter/Jumper** - Ted Lange – No Report

**Judges Selection** – Kathy Callahan Smith- No Report

**Membership**- Mary Ann Hughes- No report

**Newsletter**-Joan Lawson- If anyone wants to add anything to the newsletter please send a note to her with the information to add. The next newsletter will go out the first week of April. Email address Skyehawkk@gmail.com

**Pacific Slopes**-Phil Bourgeois- Report by Mimi, very few clubs have renewed their Pacific Slope Membership so far this year. Only 6 or 7 out of the normal 15. Mimi has sent out the renewal form to all clubs in all the regions that fall into the Pacific Slope area. The renewal fee is \$50. For anyone wanting to show in the Pacific Slope classes, the club they belong to must be a member.

**Professional Horseman**- Debbie Price - No Report

**Racing**- Leslie Smith - No Racing so far this year, won't start until Fairs open this summer.

**Scholarship**-Laurie Henkle – Scholarship forms are on the website and information will be sent to Joan to include in the newsletter. Christine will add it to the Facebook page.

**Sport Horse** - Carol Spangler– No Additional Report

**USEF** – Nancy Harvey –

- USEF Board Meeting Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, Olympics is a go. The resolution for Order of Go for Youth Nationals Performance Halter was approved. Amateur Rules are going to be going through a rewrite. USEF is reviewing the mileage rules. USEF is still feeling the affects of COVID with reduced numbers, currently running around 76% and hoping to get to 78-79%.

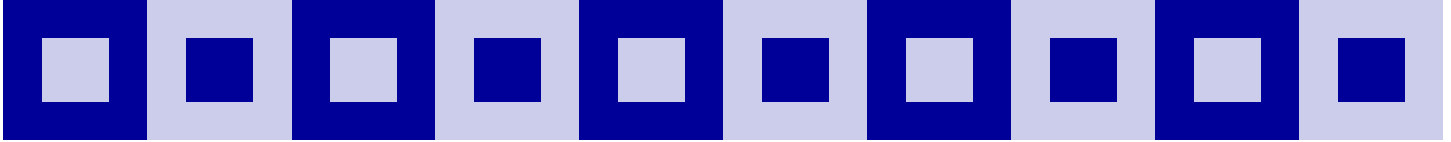
**Working Western**-Bill Hughes – Given by Kathy, Ranch Rail classes will be at Youth. There was great participation with them at Scottsdale and Kathy sees that the classes are going in a positive direction with horses that are relaxed and good movers.

**Youth Activities**-Debbie Price-

- Debbie received Bella's report from the Youth meeting in January
- Regional team tournament this year has no deadline to enroll. It can even be right before a horse show. Debbie sent information to Joan for the newsletter.
- Debbie is encouraging youth members to get more involved within the region and to volunteer at the Region 1 Horse Show. This is a great avenue to enhance your volunteer experience towards school service hours and any future scholarships.
- Youth Nationals is looking for T-Shirt sponsors.
- Kathy brought up some good points on how/where to reach our youth... meet them where they are, i.e. Tik Tok, etc.

**Youth Director**-Isabella Fajardo- No additional Report

**OLD Business**– None



## REGION 1 YOUTH NEWS



Our Region 1 Scholarship winner this year is Jocelyn Moore from the Rancho California Arabian Horse Association.

Jocelyn plans are to attend University of California – Berkeley, majoring in Environmental Economics & Policy.

Jocelyn has been involved with several activities within her High School. First, she started a group that promotes equestrian activities and competition at her High School. She has also been part of a project that includes a movement of students helping to resolve global water issues. Last, Jocelyn is involved as a volunteer in a group that strives to empower young women through self-acceptance and awareness.

Along with numerous awards for academic achievement, Jocelyn has received many equestrian related awards in both dressage and equitation.

Jocelyn spends her time with RCAHA assisting the Youth Group in volunteering and fundraising. Her volunteer duties have included working at horse shows and horse camps. She has also helped organize raffles and sell tickets to raise funds. Currently she is participating in the Team Tournament.

Congratulations Jocelyn on your achievements and being the recipient of the 2021 Region 1 Scholarship!!

## OTHER NEWS

Region 1 will again be participating in Equestfest at the LA Equestrian Center on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Horses, riders, and booth volunteers needed at Equestfest, please contact Kathy Callahan Smith if you'd like to volunteer. Come help promote the Arabian Horse!

## JUST FOR FUN

### NEVER HAVE I EVER

*Equestrian Edition*

10 POINTS FOR EACH

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| RACED A BARREL PATTERN           | OWNED A PALOMINO                     |
| RODE A REINER                    | RODE ON THE BEACH                    |
| TRAIL RODE IN THE MOUNTAINS      | COMPETED IN EGG & SPOON              |
| OWNED A MINI HORSE               | OWNED AN APHA HORSE                  |
| FALLEN OFF A HORSE               | WATCHED THE MOVIE SPIRIT             |
| BEEN STEPPED ON BY A HORSE       | PARTICIPATED IN NO STIRRUP NOV       |
| JUMPED A HORSE                   | RODE A DRESSAGE HORSE                |
| OWNED AN AQHA HORSE              | WORN BARN BOOTS TO THE GROCERY STORE |
| CLEANED TACK IN YOUR LIVING ROOM | WORKED CATTLE ON A HORSE             |
| LEASED A HORSE                   | TOLD YOUR DOG "WHOA"                 |

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