

2006 Appaloosa Reining Horse Association
Membership Meeting Minutes

President, Paul Stewart, opened the meeting. All were welcomed and there were a generous number of members present. The first item to be discussed was the 2007 Stallion Auction. Gillian Baxter is the 2007 chair for the auction. New stallions are needed. Stallions of any breed and discipline may be included in the auction.

Julie Bibeau gave an update on the 2006 ApRHA Futurity. There are 14 Open entries, 12 Non-Pro entries, and 11 Star H entries. \$9,750.00 is needed to cover the cost of the Raffle. Discussion was held on the importance of selling the raffle tickets. Terry Thompson suggested a request form to sell tickets. There was a suggestion that every futurity entrant would be required to sell a minimum of two tickets. They would have the option of purchasing their own tickets or selling them. This suggestion was agreed upon and will be implemented in 2007.

Discussion on the website was initiated. Valerie Wilson noted the value of the website and encouraged members to use it to their advantage. A membership benefit is the free classified ads on the website. The more the website is used the more it will attract interest to the club.

Further discussion was held on increasing the benefits of membership in the ApRHA. Valerie Wilson noted that because of a lack of benefits, many would only join if they have a current futurity or derby entry. In response, Julie Bibeau suggested that members have an opportunity to participate in jackpot classes at Nationals and the World show. Jackpot classes will include Open, Non-Pro, Hackamore/Snaffle Bit, Junior, Senior, Masters. The club will payback 75% of the jackpot money to the winners. A motion was made and was passed.

Terry Thompson initiated discussion on the value of NRHA sanctioning of the futurity and Derby. Julie Bibeau noted that Terry was responsible for locating sponsors for the Lawson trophies. It was stressed that in 2007 every futurity entrant will be required to have a NRHA membership and competition license. The need to have NRHA judges is imperative.

Members discussed the judging of the ApHC reining classes. While most felt that it has improved, many still feel that it is not where it needs to be. Harvey Stevens stated that it is the right of the ApRHA to request that judges who hold NRHA cards should be assigned to judge the reining classes. He made a motion that we formally request this of the ApHC. Vicki Smith seconded the motion. All approved.

Elections were held to replace board members whose terms were over. Sue Waskowiak, Art Juhrend, and Vicki Smith were unanimously voted to positions on the board of directors.

It was brought up that we all need to help recognize and thank our sponsors for their contribution. Many sponsors feel that they re not getting enough benefit from their sponsorship money. All were encourages to spend their money with those sponsors that help our club. Harvey Stevens noted that at the NRHA futurity, winners were given Thank you cards that they were asked to forward to the sponsors. He suggested that the ApRHA do the same.

It was suggested that ApRHA members take shifts at the ApRHA booth at the World Show. Though we cannot have someone there at all times, it is important that we have someone there to answer questions and represent the club.

Discussion was held on the pros and cons of allowing 3-year-old horses to be ridden two-handed in the futurity. There were many differing opinions. Some felt that we should stay in line with NRHA rules. Some felt that it was unfair to push the horses into the bridle too quickly. No decision was made and that discussion was tabled until next year.

The Futurity draw party will be held at 3:00. All members are invited to attend. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.