



WDHA News

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Election Results

President Polly Bonfigt

Vice President Kristin Urban

Treasurer Heather DeVooght

Board of Directors

Vikki Dalton (2014)

Region 10 Delegates

Polly Bonfigt, Kris Apitz

Region 10 Alternates

Rachel Rhein, Shelly Lehman

By-Law Changes

The following changes were approved to Articles IV and V.

Article IV Section 4 - Added Sentence: Associate membership runs January 1st through December 31st of that calendar year.

Article V Section 1a - Changed Sentence: Nominees for Board of Directors and Officers must be voting members and must have had working participation in club functions during the year they are nominated.

Section 1c - Changed sentence: One director per twenty (20) voting members or portion thereof based on the July 1st membership of the current calendar year, shall be elected to a three (3) year

term.

Section 1d. Changed Sentence: Delegates and alternates in equal number to the delegates,

Section 1d. Changed Sentence: Board's discretion by a majority vote of the quorum of the Board of Directors present at the next Board Meeting after a vacancy occurs. Board members unable to attend may vote by proxy.

Section 1e. Changed Sentence: Elected positions may be held by more than one member of an immediate family.

The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month.

Send your submissions to:

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Meetings are open to all WDHA members.

Saturday Jan 14th

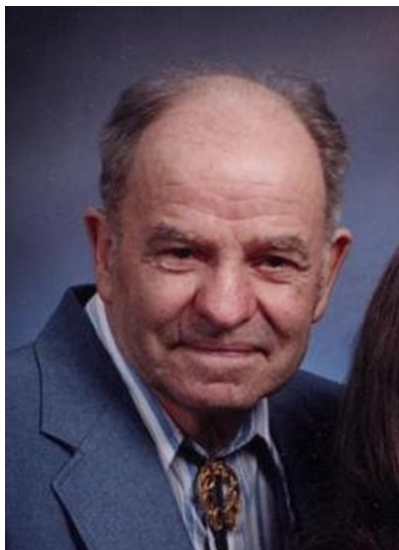
ANNUAL MEETING

1 PM Meeting

Robbins Restaurant
1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh

John H. Becraft

April 26, 1930 - November 21, 2011



John H. Becraft, age 81 of Montello passed away peacefully Monday afternoon, November 21, 2011 at Divine Savior Hospital in Portage. On September 29, 1973 he married Maureen Chickering at Trinity United Methodist Church in Montello and together they

had one daughter, Surena.

John worked the majority of his life as a farmer and also for various factories throughout the area. He enjoyed the outdoors; hunting and fishing as well as spending time with his family and working with their horses.

John was also a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Montello.

John and wife Maureen have long been members and supporters of WDHA and WDHA programs, in particular the WDHA Futurity. The Becraft name appears on the WDHA charter, and both have been loyal attendees of meetings and events.

John is survived by his wife, Maureen and daughter, Surena (Josh Loring) Becraft of Montello as well as his mother-in-law, Louise Chickering of Montello. He is also survived by one brother, Howard of Pardeeville and many other family members and friends.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Montello with Pastor Dawn Helton-Anishnaabegwa officiating.

President's Message

I would like to first *THANK* everyone for their support and patients over the last five months. It has been interesting and challenging. I have learned many things and found out that I have much more to learn about this Club and the workings on a Regional and National level.

The annual meeting was held on November 12th. I was very pleased to see the great interest that many members have shown by running for officers, directors or delegates in our great Club! There were even new faces in the mix. The sad news is that we have lost members over the last year or two, that it affected how many delegates and directors that the Club is allowed to have now. We have even started to go through the Club's by-laws and have made several positive changes to them. We will be working on the remaining by-laws over the next several meetings. I encourage all of you to look through the by-laws ahead of time (they can be found on the WDHA website). If you have something that you would like discussed and will not be able to attend the meetings, please let myself or another Director know and it will be addressed. I **thank you** all again for your confidence in me to elect me as your President. I am here for each of you and for WDHA. I look forward to serving you in that capacity and I strive to bring this club forward. We can do this together, as a team, working for the best interests of WDHA.

I was pleased to serve WDHA as one of your delegates at the annual AHA Convention that was held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada on November 16-19, 2011. I was very impressed by the whole workings of the Convention and awed at the same time. I have been to conventions for FFA, 4-H, different horse ones and for work and have not seen anything like this before. I was impressed with the professional / businesslike manner. I have not seen this style since I was on the Parliamentary Procedure teams in FFA.

I started the Convention with the **Convention How To Seminar**. This gave me the convention basics. The most interesting facts that I learned is that it takes 15 members to start a new club and 10 members to keep it going.

The **Sport Horse Committee** discussed the one day show format and the success the clubs doing them have had and encouraged others to try them. There was talk about adding Sport Horse Showmanship classes to Short Horse shows. This may be something that we may want to try. The Resolution 9-11 regarding the whip length to include Sport Horse Under Saddle (and Show Hack) not to exceed the dressage length had it pass overwhelmingly. Many of the other items discussed went back to their committee for further discussion.

It was interesting to find out that the **Market Development & Promotion Committee** receives part of its funding from the PB & 1/2 Arabian registrations. AHA's next goal is to rebuild their website to make it more user friendly and inviting for new people to navigate through it. Their goal is to do this in 2012. Did you know that AHA's Facebook page has over 37,000 friends from around the world? AHA has come to realize that today and the future markets for the Arabian breed will be different than the past and the marketing needs to change to meet these new markets. The Marketing & Development Committee will be focusing on a new membership base – for those people that just want to enjoy their Arabian in whatever way they choose, focusing more on the casual owner, families that can share riding as a sport or hobby and the academy division. We all need to think outside the box to get and retain new people to the Arabians breed. Many ideas were shared and many need to start on the local level. There are way too many to mention here, but would make great meeting discussion and some new ideas to try.

The **Equine Stress / Research & Education Committee** was standing room only. This was an interesting committee to sit in on. They discussed genetic disorders and the importance of testing, especially the ones that relate to the Arabian breed. The hot topic was on recue/re-homing and the proposed new rules that will be voted on regarding the issues that involve area of slaughter whether it be transportation, having it done humanely, re-classifying the horse from 'livestock' to 'companion' or any other aspect. We need to be proactive and not let the government make rules that involve all of us when many of them are not involved with horses themselves. The key is to be proactive or we will not have a voice. We will lose

much if the horse becomes re-classified to a 'companion' animal.

The **Barn Fire Safety & Prevention Seminar** was very sad and enlightening at the same time. Some of it was very hard to listen to, but everybody needs to hear it as 'prevention and practice' are the keys to a barn (or any type of) fire. They highly recommend every club do programs to share this very important information. This would be something to consider for a meeting or clinic of some sort, maybe put something on our website.

The **Arabian Horse Distress Fund** presentation by Mary Trowbridge brought tears to my eyes, but at the same time it was encouraging to see how our breed comes together to help our own out in times of disaster. Region 10 donated \$500 to the AHDF to a total of over \$30,000 pledged by individuals, Regions and farms. Mary Trowbridge's passion and love for the AHDF really showed through presentation.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Jim Heird from Texas A&M University. One of the classes that he teaches is on *Issues Critical to the Future of the Equine Industry*. It was presented in a manner that respected all sides of the story and did not attempt to sway you to a specific side. We (a group horse lovers) as a group are up against some of the toughest competition ever. We must be pro-active to protect our future as a horse owner / breeder / trainer or we will not have the same opportunities in the future. This is something that we need to pass on and share. The speech will be available on power point and hopefully on video as well. This would also be a good topic for a meeting or clinic. Dr. Heird raises Quarter Horses and has presented this topic to many breeds all over the country.

There were 15 resolutions that were scheduled, but five were withdrawn. The two Resolutions pertaining to the youth had passed. The first is changing the youth age from 17 to 18. This will allow the youth to compete through their 18th birthday while many are still in high school. This resolution came directly from the youth and passed with great support, it will need to be approved by the USEF to be official. The second will allow judges (at youth nationals only) to be able to ask riders to switch horses in the 14-18 equitation classes. It was very apparent that AHA has finally recognized that the youth are our

future of our wonderful breed! AHA has put funds aside for youth activities and promotion and also have them included in the budget for their own category. The resolutions results can be found on the AHA website.

The **Equitation & Showmanship Committee** encourages us to have adult equitation and showmanship classes at all of our shows. There is talk about having showmanship classes in the Sport Horse division.

The Harbor Cruise was wonderfully, the sights were beautiful and the food was great as well as the company.

Vancouver was a friendly, modern and clean city. I want to THANK WDHA for the opportunity and support to represent you at the AHA Convention.

I hope to see many of our members at our January meeting and at our Gathering Banquet in February. Until then, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Polly Bonfigt

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WDHA Gathering Banquet

Dear WDHA Member:

WDHA BOD would personally like to invite to join us at the WDHA Gathering Banquet Saturday February 4th, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Fondulac, WI and bring your family and friends. Please find following the agenda for the evening and don't miss out on your chance to win a Starlite Porcelon or Mary Haggard print along with other raffle and silent auction items.

The Arabian Starlite Porcelon have been discontinued and I have been fortunate enough to find one. Most of the Mary Haggard prints have been

sold out so don't miss your chance to win the "Morning Glory" framed print. The proceeds for the Silent Auction and Raffle support the WDHA Futurity/Maturity program so not only could you have a chance on winning one of the raffle or silent auction items you can also win some of your proceeds back by entering a horse(s) in the WDHA Futurity/Maturity program.

WDHA Member Video

I am looking for pictures (hard copy or jpg format) and video (dvd format) of WDHA members and their horses for a WDHA Member Video. Old, current, and anything in between pictures and/or video. Casual, show, WDHA events, etc. pictures and/or video. We are all proud to say we are members of WDHA due to our love for the Arabian horse but you may have had other breed of horses pictures want to share, no problem. Please give description of who/what/where the picture and/or video is.

"Who Am I" Contest

Do you have a picture you would like to submit to the "Who Am I" Contest? Baby, childhood, adulthood, you choose but face must be visible, no complete face masks. Active WDHA members pictures only.

All pictures and/or video for the member video and/or "Who am I" contest have to be sent to me no later than December 21st. Pictures/video will be returned the night of the banquet

Looking to see you there,

Shelly Lehman on behalf of WDHA BOD
N7965 St Rd 76
Bear Creek, WI 54922

WDHA Gathering Banquet

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

Holiday Inn of Fond Du Lac

625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond Du Lac

Hotel is on the corner of Highway 41 and Highway 151 SOUTH (Exit 97B off of Highway 41). Hotel is on the west side of Highway 41

\$20 per a person / Reservations required by January 24, 2012

Send payment made out to WDHA in advance to

Shelly Lehman, N7965 St. Rd. 76, Bear Creek, WI 54922

Contact: Shelly Lehman @ 715-752-3368 or carouse0@frontiernet.net

4:30 - 5:30 Casino Games ~ Horse Racing & Bingo

5:30 - 6:30 Cocktails

6:30 - 8:00 Dinner

8:00 - 9:30 High Point Awards Presentation

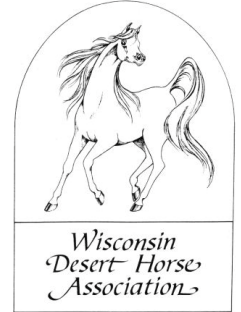
10:30 - 12:00 "Meet me at the Pool Wind-down"

[Requires that you have reserved a room]

Holiday Inn Rooms blocked until 1/14/2012

\$93 for WDHA - Must mention WDHA when reserving

1-920-923-1440



"Who am I" Contest

Winners to receive \$10 Fleet Farm Gift Certificate

WDHA Futurity/Maturity

~~ Silent Auction ~~

Grooming bucket donated by Paula Roberts & Don Borth

!!!! more to come !!!!!

~~ Raffle ~~

Must be present to win

Raffle ~ 1 ticket for \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00

~ Raffle Items listed below ~

WDHA 1yr membership w/AHA competition card and

mare futurity nomination donated by WDHA BOD

Starlite Creations Grey Arabian Porcelon

Wine & Cheese Basket donated by Tom & Paula Roberts

Holiday Inn Fondulac overnight stay donated by Holiday Inn

11x14 print from Highland Photography by Darcie donated by Darcie

Framed Mary Haggard Print ~ framing donated by Kris Apitz & Shelly Lehman

High Point

This year it was brought to our attention that our High Point system did not accommodate Nationals and Regional's dressage and endurance competitors as fairly as it does arena type competitors. Arena type classes if warranted are split awarding additional placing where dressage or endurance are not. AHA does not award a ribbon beyond Top Ten & Top Five for Dressage and Endurance at National & Regional competitions but WDHA High Point Program will award points for a ranking in dressage and endurance based on the amended high point chart. Note: To receive these points requires show secretary validation of ranking. We also added points for arena classes of Top 30 at Nationals and Top 20 at Regional's. In this assessment we noticed some inequalities with the remaining point system which will be re-evaluated for High Point Year 2013. Sincerely, Shelly Lehman - High Point Chairperson

WDHA High Point Table

POINTS EARNED AT ANY WDHA FUNCTION WILL BE DOUBLED										
Points based on ribbon awarded										
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
National Classes (Champion, Reserve, Top Ten)	115	90	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
National Top 20 / National Top 30	Any Top 20 Will Receive 60 Points / Any Top 30 Will Receive 40									
National Top 20 / National Top 30 Dressage & Endurance	Dressage and Endurance - See chart below									
Regional Classes (Champion, Reserve, Top Ten)	65	60	50	50	50	40	40	40	40	40
Regional Top 20	Any Top 20 Will Receive 30 Points									
Regional Top 10 / Regional Top 20 Dressage & Endurance	Dressage and Endurance - See chart below									
AHA/USAE Rated Show	30	25	20	15	12	10	8	8	8	8
USAE Not AHA Rated Show	20	18	16	14	10	9	8	8	8	8
WDHA Futurity & Sporthorse Show	30	25	20	15	12	10	8	8	8	8
Open Show	15	13	11	9	8	7	6	6	6	6
Championships										
Points based on ribbon awarded										
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
AHA/USAE Rated Show	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	10	10
USAE Not AHA Rated Show	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	10	10	10
Open Show	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	6	6	6
State 4-H Show	35	30	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Dressage / Endurance Nationals & Regionals										
Points based on number of horses in class (see footnote)										
National Classes	National Top 20									
Horses competed	16-17	18	19-20	21	22-23	24	25-26	27	28-29	30
Ranking	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
Points	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
	National Top 30									
Horses competed	31-32	33	34-35	36	37-38	39	40-41	42	43-44	45
Ranking	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th
Points	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Regional Classes (Champion, Reserve, Top Five)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th					
	65	60	50	50	50					
	Regional Top 10									
Horses competed	16-17	18	19-20	21	22-23	24	25-26	27	28-29	30
Ranking	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
Points	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
	Regional Top 20									
Horses competed	31-32	33	34-35	36	37-38	39	40-41	42	43-44	45
Ranking	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
Points	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

Dressage and Endurance National & Regional competitions do not award ribbon to horses beyond Top Ten & Top Five.

WDHA High Point Program will award points for placing in dressage and endurance based on the chart above

Note: To receive these points require

Wisconsin Desert Horse Association

An Affiliate Club of the Arabian Horse Association

(Please note that your application cannot be processed without complete information)

For Office Use:

Name (A) _____ Date: _____

Name (B) _____ PH: H: () _____

Farm Name _____ Ph: W: () _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership Type: New _____ Renewal _____ Email _____

Adult, family, and youth memberships include AHA memberships. Contact the Membership Chair for information about AHA Life memberships. Please allow **two weeks** for memberships to be processed by WDHA and sent on to AHA.

Types of Memberships:

_____ ***YOUTH - \$20.00 (17 years and under)**
Nonvoting membership WITHOUT competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ ***/**YOUTH - \$45.00 (17 years and under)**
Nonvoting membership WITH competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ ***ADULT - \$35.00 (18 years and older)**
Voting membership WITHOUT competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ ***/**ADULT - \$70.00 (18 years and older)**
Voting membership WITH competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ **FAMILY - \$130.00 (18 years and older) Voting membership for 2 people WITH competition cards.**
Family memberships are available with competition cards only. Includes WDHA privileges.
Current AHA Number (A) _____ Current AHA Number (B) _____
Date of Birth (A) _____ Date of Birth (B) _____
Social Security No. (A) _____ Social Security No. (B) _____

_____ **ADULT ASSOCIATE - \$25.00 (18 years and older)**
Non-voting. Expires at end of calendar year. Club privileges only. (High point, Futurities, and Newsletter)

_____ **YOUTH ASSOCIATE - \$10.00 (17 years and under)**
Non-voting. Expires at end of calendar year. Club privileges only. (High Point, Futurities, Newsletter)

Dues of \$25 or \$60 per adult voting member and \$20 or \$45 per youth member will be forwarded to the Arabian Horse Association (AHA). AHA entitlements are described on the AHA website at www.arabianhorses.org

Please note that your membership will not be processed without complete information.

Make checks payable to **Connie Kienast**
WDHA and mail to: **2131 Lin Way Ct.**
Oshkosh, WI 54904
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*Includes AHA membership and WDHA privileges. Club privileges include: High Point, Futurities, and Newsletter.

** Required to compete at AHA recognized shows and participate in AHA Achievement Awards programs.

WDHA News

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Oshkosh, WI 54904

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Half page \$75.00

Quarter page \$50.00

2011 Calendar of Events

Oct	TBA 21-29	AHA National Competitive Trail Ride AHA US Nationals Tulsa, OK Call AHA for show info 303-696-4500
Nov	6 12 16-19	Region 10 Board of Directors Meeting , Holiday Inn, Eau Claire, WI. See Region 10 website for details and directions. WDHA ANNUAL MEETING 1 PM, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI Elections will be held at this meeting. AHA Annual Convention , Vancouver, BC, Canada. Call AHA for info at 303-696-4500
Dec	31	WDHA Futurity Nominations due Connie Kienast malikahsfriend@yahoo.com 920-235-0337
Jan 2012	TBD TBD	WDHA General Meeting Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI Region 10 Board of Delegates Meeting Holiday Inn, Eau Claire, WI. See Region 10 website for details and directions.
Feb 2012	4	WDHA Awards Banquet Holiday Inn, 625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond Du Lac, WI. Contact Shelly Lehman at 715-752-3368 or carouse0@frontiernet.net for more information.