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General Meeting Dates

ATTENTION: The WDHA General Meetings will be held at various locations throughout the WDHA Membership area. Please see listing below for locations. All meetings will **begin at 12:00 p.m.** unless otherwise noted.

January 9th
GENERAL MEETING
12 NOON @ Robbins Restaurant
1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh

Meetings are open to all WDHA members.

High Point Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 6th, 2010

Holiday Inn of Fond Du Lac
 625 West Rolling Meadows Drive
 SW corner of Hwy 41 and Hwy 151 SOUTH
 (Exit 97B off of Highway 41)

5:00 – 6:00 Cocktails

6:00 – 8:00 Dinner with awards to follow

8:00 – 1:00 Music

\$25 per a person, reservations required by
January 29, 2010

Send payment made out to WDHA in advance to

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Rooms blocked until 1/16/2010

\$103 for WDHA - Must mention WDHA when reserving

1-920-923-1440

Annual Meeting News

WDHA will host an open show in Manitowoc (date to be decided) in addition to the Open Show and Futurity Festival in Oshkosh on August 16th & 17th.

A decision was made to add a Halter Futurity division for 4 and 5 year olds. The classes will be 4&5 Year Old PB Mares, 4&5 Year Old PB Stallions, 4&5 Year Old PB Geldings, 4&5 Year Old HA Mares, and 4&5 Year Old HA Geldings. The nomination fee will be \$30.

Co-Managers for The Badger will be Rachel Rhein and Kris Lehman. Other show committee members are Kristin Urban and Amy Thalacker. Contact any of the above with suggestions for judges or changes to the class list.

We need donations of prints or other artwork for the raffle at the High Point Banquet. Contact Rita Lemke at (715) 745-2903 or llemke@frontiernet.net. Polly Bonfigt is managing the silent auction. Please contact her at (920) 758-3990 or pjb_libertyarabians@lakefield.net and let her know what you will be bringing.

Election Results

PRESIDENT: Bruce Genz

VICE PRESIDENT: Polly Bonfigt

TREASURER: Kristin Urban

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Paula Roberts, Lori Adams, Amy Thalacker, Terri Gellin

A CONVENTION REPORT

The 2009 Arabian Horse Association Annual Convention brought with it the usual amount of drama and melodrama.

I can't say offhand that there were any real "push-button" issues, such as the in-hand point judging system resolution passed in Tulsa two years ago. Push-button issues, for me, were resolved in Committee, especially in the Sport Horse Committee, where committee members voted 21-19 to withdraw the resolution splitting Sport Horse In-Hand classes into dressage type and hunter/jumper type. The Committee also voted 21-14 to withdraw the resolution splitting Under Saddle classes into dressage type and hunter/jumper type. If anyone wants to talk to me about why the splits are a good/bad idea, I'll be glad to listen. Personally, both

from a show manager's point of view and from a breeder's point of view, the splits are not a good idea. Anyhow, discussion in Committee was hot and heated; and if not for the persistence of some people who actually know how to run a meeting by Roberts Rules of Order, the outcome would not have been pleasant.

In the Eventing and Driving Committee meeting, for which I am recorder, we were informed that a Timed Obstacle Course will be added at the 2011 SHN; and a TD will be hired specifically to monitor the Carriage Driving classes at SHN in 2011. The addition another obstacle class makes it not only important but necessary.

Attendance at this year's Convention was up....there were 344 credentialed delegates, up from 284 last year. There were 525 eligible.

Fiscally, AHA is in straitened circumstances. Memberships and registrations are down; two of the four national shows showed financial losses. Those are the organization's primary sources of income. Corporate sponsorships have not materialized. To say that AHA is bankrupt is not true. To say that the organization needs to operate in a more fiscally knowledgeable manner is to say the obvious. Do read President Lance Walters's address to Convention Delegates, as well as Executive Vice President Glen Petty's address for a cogent summary of the current situation.

Most of you are aware that Sweepstakes money was not transferred in a timely manner to the appropriate budgets, but was apparently being used to offset general AHA operating costs. Prez Walters sent out a blanket email to Directors and all members sometime this past summer outlining the transgression and putting into place procedures for replacing the funds. No money was lost and the 6.4 million in the Sweepstakes Trust has not been touched; incoming money and interest was just used in the wrong in-house places. The matter has been corrected and more timely tracking of funds put in place. Again, read the Prez's report online at the AHA website - www.arabianhorses.org.

We heard from some knowledgeable and interesting figures in the horse industry. Scott Benjamin was the Keynote speaker and gave a fascinating

presentation on Authentic Arabian Type. He made the point that the Arabian horse is the best combination of beauty and utility; it is NOT a horse of extremes. He suggested there are four pillars to the breed: balance, quality, athletic ability, and disposition. Emphasis should be on utility; disposition is a must. Extremes are not necessarily bad, as long as we know what we are using extreme for. We cannot and should not overlook the fact that the Arabian horse developed out of the harsh conditions of the Nejd, that the horse is of desert origin, a place of daily struggle against the transient and unpredictable. He spent quite a bit of time detailing the specifics of breed type: head, neck, and topline. His conclusion was directed towards breeders, whom he admonished to maintain the essence of the breed and be mindful of alteration in Arabian horse type.

Also extremely informative was the address by James J. Hickey Jr., President of the American Horse Council. The American Horse Council is the national representative of the horse industry in Washington, D.C., and as such keeps horsemen aware of legislation which affects the industry as a whole. As the horse industry in the U.S. is a 102 billion dollar industry, the AHC performs a valuable service. Hickey gave a very brief overview of the services the AHC provides, including info on tax stimulus and expirations, immigration issues, recreation concerns, such as preserving access to trails. He said that welfare is a huge issue right now, and the Unwanted Horse Coalition has some interesting study results available on the AHC (or UHC) website. Worth reading. There's also something called the Congressional Cavalry Program, which is concerned with grassroots lobbying. It might be worth following up on.

Elections were held. Yours truly was nominated by our Region 10 Director for a position on the Commissioner's Review Panel in the position of Show Manager, but was defeated by the incumbent. Other election results can be found on the AHA website.

AHA has a new Judges and Stewards Commissioner, Stan Morey, who comes from within the industry. Convention delegates in the

know seemed pleased with the new appointment.

I personally was most impressed with the address by Austin Garrett, the current AHYA President. He gave one of the most cogent presentations of the work and goals of the youth organization that I have ever heard.

You will want to follow the proposed rule changes in the Arabian division at the USEF Convention in January. The Arabian Committee has requested that all Arabian shows be rated "N" as dressage is, which would sharply reduce the cost of approvals, eliminate the need for offering specific classes and the need to supply minimum/maximum premiums. Points would still be awarded to horses/riders competing for USEF Horse of the Year Awards. The ordinary exhibitor probably wouldn't notice the difference, but show management would find their lives much easier. If passed, the new rule will take effect in 2011.

I can't say I was fond of this year's location for the Convention (Reno). Kiosks of one-armed bandits and lots of cigarette smoke aren't in my arena of enjoyment. However, I was delighted to make connections again with friends I've made over the years and find out what's going forward and is of concern in other areas of the country.

Of importance to our general WDHA membership is the fact that WDHA will be listed among the Silver Patrons of the Arabian Horse Galleries at the Kentucky Horse Park when it opens for the World Equestrian Games in 2010. President Bruce Genz polled the WDHA Board of Directors at my suggestion; and I was able to announce from the Convention floor WDHA's pledge in support of the high tech exhibit offerings our \$1000 donation will help provide. Kudos to WDHA for its public support of the Arabian horse.

Thank you for supporting my attendance as one of your delegates at the national AHA Convention. More info is available on the AHA website; and if you have specific questions, I'll be glad to respond.

Kristin Urban

2010 WDHA FUTURITY NOMINATION/RENOMINATION FORM

FEES IF PAID BY 12/31/09 (postmarked)				FEES IF PAID AFTER 12/31/09 (Payment is due by 9/01/09 in order to show at the 2009 Arabian Futurity Festival)			
Original Mare Nomination (Year of conception)		\$20		Halter		Performance	
Age	Halter	Performance	Both	2010 Foals	\$ 45	2009 Foals	\$ 75
Weanling	\$30	\$30	\$60	2009 Foals	\$ 75	2008 Foals	\$105
1, 2, & 3 Yr. olds	\$30	\$30	\$60	2008 Foals	\$105	2007 Foals	\$135
4 Year olds	\$30	\$40	\$70	2007 Foals	\$135	2006 Foals	\$175
5 Year olds	\$30	\$50	\$80	2006 Foals	\$165	2005 Foals	\$225
				2005 Foals	\$195		

Owner _____

Address _____

City, St., ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Note: Please make sure that your horse(s) is/are eligible to be nominated/renominated in the Halter and/or Performance divisions. Renominate at the regular renomination fee by 12/31 (postmarked) for the following year. *Owners must be WDHA members.* Performance nominations need to be started with yearlings.

ORIGINAL MARE NOMINATIONS @ \$20 EACH (foals of 2010)

PB/HA	DAM	DAM'S #	SIRE	SIRE'S #	FEE	Office Use

HALTER RENOMINATIONS @ \$30 EACH

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	SEX	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

PERFORMANCE NOMINATIONS/RENOMINATIONS

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

Make check payable to: **WDHA Futurity**

Send to: Connie Kienast, 2131 Lin Way Ct., Oshkosh, WI 54904; (920) 235-0337; email: malikahsfriend@yahoo.com

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WISCONSIN DESERT HORSE ASSOCIATION PUREBRED AND PARTBRED FUTURITY PROGRAM

The WDHA Purebred and Partbred Futurity consists of two divisions: The Breeder's Halter and the Breeder's Performance Divisions

FUTURITY RULES

1. All entries must be eligible for registration with the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc. as a Purebred or Half Arabian.
2. Any number of horses may be nominated by the same breeder.
3. The owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) must be members of the Wisconsin Desert Horse Association.
4. Horses originally nominated by a WDHA member and subsequently sold are eligible to remain in the Futurity provided the new owner is a member of WDHA or joins prior to the show for the year to be shown. All penalty and regular fees must be paid prior to the show.
5. The futurity classes will be held in conjunction with a WDHA sponsored show.
6. Mares must be nominated and the nomination fee must be paid on or before December 31 of the year prior to foaling to be eligible to continue in the halter and performance divisions without penalty.
7. Horses entered as Original Mare Nominations are eligible to: (1) pay a fee and participate in the Breeder's Halter Division; (2) pay a fee and participate in the Breeder's Performance Division, or, (3) pay both fees and be eligible to participate in both divisions.
8. Once a horse has been nominated, there is to be no substitution or refund.
9. Pay notices are sent only as a courtesy. Horses on which payments have been made will be listed and made available to the membership.
10. Registration certificates are required for all futurity entrants prior to issuance of a show number for Futurity classes.
11. Official post office postmarks will determine eligibility or acceptance of nominations and re-nominations received after the due date; payment dates falling on a Sunday or holiday will be extended to the following day.
12. Nominations must be on an official WDHA Futurity application blank.
13. All late nomination fees are indicated on the nomination/re-nomination form. Late nominations entered prior to the entry deadline for the futurity show may show in the same year as entry.

TRANSFERS

1. Futurity participation may be transferred and continued on a previously nominated horse to a new owner. New owners are responsible for informing the Futurity Secretary of the ownership change and meeting nomination deadlines.
2. WDHA Futurity will not be responsible for any dispute arriving through ownership changes.

HALTER DIVISION

1. Properly nominated horses are eligible to compete as weanlings, yearlings, two-year olds, three-year olds, and four and five-year olds. Weanlings compete in two Jackpot classes split by Purebred and Half Arabian. Yearling and older Purebreds compete against their age groups (4 & 5 year olds together) in same sex classes: fillies, colts, and geldings. Yearling and older Half Arabians compete against their age groups in same sex classes: fillies, and geldings.

PERFORMANCE DIVISION

1. Open to properly nominated and sustained three, four, and five-year olds.
2. Performance Futurity classes will be offered in four divisions: Saddleseat Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, and Pleasure Driving. Cross entries are acceptable and encouraged between performance divisions.
3. Except as noted, this Performance Futurity will be judged in accordance with the specifications set forth in the AHSA Rule Book for Junior Horses. Proper show attire according to AHSA rules will be required.
4. **3 Year Old Classes Only** - To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter or lope **only** (no hand gallop) both ways of the ring. To be judged on suitability, potential, and performance. Shoeing - as allowed by AHA and USEF rules. Equipment - any combination of straight reined snaffle bridle, hackamore, or bosal. Shin boots, splint boots, polo wraps, and non-weighted bell boots are acceptable. Martingales and draw reins are allowed.

DRIVING DIVISION

1. Four and Five-year-old Performance Futurity horses to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the Junior Pleasure Driving Performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. Headers required. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot (Extreme speed to be penalized). To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on quality, manners, and performance.

SADDLESEAT DIVISION

1. Four and Five-year-old Performance Futurity horses to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the Junior English Pleasure Performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, and canter. To be shown in a light, show type bridle; either single curb or single snaffle (defined as an unwrapped, smooth, rounded snaffle bit 3/8" to 3/4" diameter as measured one inch from the ring with gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle, half cheeks permitted) curb and snaffle, or Pelham bit. To be judged on quality, performance, attitude, and manners.

WESTERN DIVISION

1. Four and Five-year old Performance Futurity to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the junior Western Pleasure Performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope. To be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore. To be judged substance, quality, performance, and manners.

HUNTER DIVISION

1. Four and Five-year-old Performance Futurity to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the Junior Hunter Pleasure performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on quality, performance, suitability as a Hunter, manners, and conformation.

AWARDS

1. The original nomination fee for the Halter Division will be split nine ways and will be added to the purse of each class the unborn foal is eligible to show in as a yearling, two-year old, or three-year old. Weanling classes are jackpot classes only. Should a foal be entered late, the fee will be divided into the remaining classes for which the foal is eligible.
2. The original nomination and first sustaining payments for the Performance Futurity will be divided eight ways. The other re-nomination and entry fees will go only into those classes that the foal is eligible to show in.
3. In all divisions the prize money will be divided according to the number of horses shown. The cost of the trophies, ribbons, and any related expenses may be deducted. Money distribution percentages are as follows:

One horse - 100%

Two horses - 60%, 40%

Three horses - 50%, 30%, 20%

Four horses - 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

Five or more - 35%, 25%, 20%, 12.5%, 7.5%

Six (weanlings) – 33%,23%,18%,13%,8%,5%

The show results and monies will be filed with the WDHA Club Secretary by the Futurity Secretary and made available to the membership.

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. **Renewals** of these memberships must be received by AHA Headquarters in Colorado before January 1 to avoid the AHA \$10 late penalty. 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 card.

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.

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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.

2010 Calendar of Events

Dec 2009	31	WDHA Futurity Nominations due Connie Kienast 920-235-0337
Jan	9 10	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	6	WDHA Awards Banquet , Holiday Inn Fond Du Lac, 625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, FondDu Lac, WI. Contact Shelly Lehman at 715-752-3368 or carouse0@frontiernet.net for more information.

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