

Arabian & Half-Arabian Club of Oregon, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2004

President Chris Bickford at the home of Chris and Sonya Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm. Board members present were; Chris Bickford, Sonya Bickford, Lori Sage, Dolly Muhle, and Kelly Comm, Sydney Allen, Cheryl Deahn. New board members present were; Roberta Benoit and Mary Hansen. Guests present at the meeting were Sue Foley and Sandra Call.

- **Treasurer's Report:** No new news.
- **Correspondence:** No new news.
- **Annual Show: May 13-16, 2004 Calling all AHACO club members...Start getting Jacket sponsors now!!!**
All members of the club are encouraged to get jacket sponsorships from those you might think of...the more jacket sponsors, the more successful our show will be. We discussed the idea of having sponsors names on the Irish coffee mugs that we use for awards. We thought it was a good idea...we will be ordering soon. We are still in need of a dressage judge. Alison Deardorf will be judging the academy classes. Class lists are out for review and comments. There was much discussion on the show costs, center ring hospitality baskets. Cheryl Deahn has graciously volunteered to head the center ring hospitality baskets. There was discussion on the Bask print raffle.
- **Open Show:** Saturday, March 6, 2004. Class list is out. We need volunteers to work the show. Volunteers need to be there at 7:30 am. Cheryl Deahn, Kelly Comm, Sue Foley, Mary Hansen will be volunteering.
- **Membership:** We have 59 senior members. We are always looking for new members, so please encourage new membership! Remember, you can join IAHA by going through our AHACO web site.
- **High Point:** We would like to give a special thank you to Sydney Allen for the incredible job she did for the 2003 awards year. Those of you who attended the annual meeting received the beautifully done award booklet.
- **Newsletter:** A special thank you to Karen Pitassi for all her time and efforts putting out the newsletter in 2003. Dolly Muhle will be heading up the newsletter in 2004. There was discussion on how to make the newsletter even better in 2004...some suggestions were, 1. Member profiles. 2. Articles of interest by members. 3. Cartoons. 4. Memorials for people and horses. Any suggestions are welcome.
- **Futurities:** Arabian: 3 new submissions for 2005 and 3 renewals for 2004. Half Arabian: 12 new submissions and 7 renewals for 2004. You have until the end of January to submit. We discussed a mission statement of some sort to encourage futurities and just to let people know more about futurities.
- **Charities:** 2003 - donation to the relief fund for the fires in California. 2004 - donation to the Christie School. We received very nice thank you letters from both recipients.
- **Annual Meeting:** Thank you to those of you who braved the uncertain weather in order to make the meeting. We had great food and the decorations were fabulous! A huge Thank you! to Sonya Bickford for her efforts to make this meeting a success. With her hard work the meeting just keeps getting better every year. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped Sonya put this meeting together. We had some discussion on some new ideas for our 2004 meeting.
- **Old business:**
- **Denim shirts:** Are here and were distributed. They are better than we expected. Please order one for yourself! Ask any board member how to order one.
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- Mini-Convention: It will be March 27 and 28, 2004. It will be both Saturday and Sunday mornings. There was some discussion on the location. We may change the location. There is breed promotion money available from Region IV to put toward holding the convention. There have been many ideas presented for sessions/seminars. Food will be provided for each session (morning, lunch). Registration fees and seminar fees will be separate. Dinner will be a separate cost. We are trying to get family rates and/or a 4H rate.
- Website: Dolly Muhle will be in doing the AHACO website again for 2004. She has done a great job for us and we want to extend a special thank you to her for a wonderful job. We are looking for new ideas for the website...so be thinking of ideas. We will be having a photo contest this year and the trivia game will be starting soon. Watch for it and give it your best shot!
- **New Business:**

IAHA Convention: Regional Delegates for the 2004 meeting need to be elected. The results of the vote are:

- 1st Delegate: Chris Bickford
- 2nd Delegate: Sonya Bickford
- 3rd Delegate: Lori Sage
- 1st Alternate: Kelly Comm
- 2nd Alternate: Dolly Muhle
- 3rd Alternate: Roberta Benoit

- **Next Meeting: February 3, 2004** at the home of Chris and Sonya Bickford.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Comm, Secretary