

Director's Report of the 2009 APHA Convention

The 2009 APHA Convention was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on Oct 1-3.

The following rule changes were voted on by the Directors:

- 1, Changes to the allowable white rule for registration was passed:

Natural white markings extending up from a level line around the center of the knee or hock and behind the line reaching from the bottom of the ear to the outside corner of the eye to the corner of the mouth.

This was done to bring in more registrations.

2. Changes to the International Appendix Registration was passed.
3. Allowing 2 Judge back to back shows was passed.
4. Clarifications to the current Logo Rules were passed to include the APHA sponsored Events (World Shows)
5. Ear plugs made of any soft flexible material was passed.
6. Bandages to cover open wound in Halter classes of 1 _ wraps of vet-wrap was passed.
7. New scoring system for Working Hunters was passed.
8. Clarification of Trail rule scoring was passed.
9. Clarification of Western Riding rule scoring was passed.
10. Proposal to change the number of Novice Youth points from 50 points to 35 points per category to loose Nov status was **defeated**.
11. Changes to the calculation of racing points to achieve a Superior Race Horse award were passed.

Full descriptions of the rules that were passed are available on the APHA Website.

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The 2010 Executive Board was voted upon and sworn in. They are as follows:

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| President: | Linda Vance |
| Pres-Elect: | Travis Titlow |
| Vice Pres: | Scott Jackson |
| Sr Comm Member: | Gregg Reisinger |
| 5 th Comm Member: | Mary Parrot |
| 6 th Comm Member : | Ron Shelly |
| Immed Past President: | John Corbin |

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EC Actions:

APHA Membership fees will increase as of Jan 1, 1010
On-Line Fees Increased as of Oct 2009
Registration Fees increased as of July 2009
PAC Fee: no increases at this time.

It was reported that the Youth World show approximately broke even thanks to the tax incentive money received from the City of Ft Worth. Most felt it was a very successful and fun horse show for the kids.

Committee Actions:

APHA Professional Horsemen is now available for members to apply. No persons holding an Amateur card will be considered for membership. Forms should be available on line soon. As members of the Professional Horsemen become approved and available, shows will be required to identify a member at each show to act as the “official” Professional Horseman for that show on that day, and to assist management & exhibitors with answering any

questions/issues that arise, as well as act as a goodwill ambassador for APHA.

Show & Contest and Amateur Committees:

Both committees are in favor of a “participation based” qualifying for the World Shows.

All committees were asked to consider a proposal to add a 4 Judge show after the Youth World Show in Ft Worth in June/July to use up the available dates APHA already has under contract. The proposal gave this show a tentative name of APHA National Championship Show.

Every Committee came back with a negative response to this proposal except the Ways and Means Committee who were in favor so long as there were no National Champion titles given out. Many of the committees felt the time was better served having an “Expo” of some type to draw in people who don’t have paint horses that might include clinics and possibly concerts, and expanding the youth activities. This could bring new interest to APHA and possibly money to the vendors. Other suggestions were to have a horse sale, a ranch horse competition, Barrel Racing or Team Penning open to all breeds.

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There was a lot of discussion about how to better support & involve the Solid Paint Bred horses into the showing at the World levels.

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Some of the ideas I heard being proposed in committees that I heard were:

Addition of an Adult Novice Walk Trot division, Ranch Bred Futurity Program, allowing the Youth World Show to travel around the country, having 2 Youth National Championship shows divided in the East & West part of the country, requalifying for Nov/Ama after a significant time away from showing, changing the age for the Walk-Trot division from 5- 9 to 5-

10, PAC having a stand alone committee, marketing the APHA member's expertise to smaller organizations, Ride America options for other breeds, lower show fees and stall fees @ world shows.

Please feel free to give your feedback on any of these ideas to your Directors before Workshop in June 2010.

Also, don't forget that the deadline for any rule change proposals for consideration in 2010 must be submitted to APHA by Jan 15th, 2010.

It seemed to be an enjoyable Convention for all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Larsen
APHA Director