

Dear California Members of CCC and APHA,

I would like to submit to you my report from the 2009 APHA Convention held October 1-3, 2009 in Colorado Springs. I am a member of the General Show and Contest Committee: Our committee discussed several items that will be presented as proposed rule changes at the 2010 Workshop; Rule Change Proposal for AM-250 & YP-250-to create a separate novice performance category for Cutting-forwarded to Amateur & Youth Committees for consideration; proposal for SC-035-APHA Champion Award-to include Category IX Working Ranch Horse; Rule Change Proposal for Novice Amateur Eligibility-reinstatement of novice amateurs after a specified number of years of no show participation-forwarded to Amateur Committee for consideration; proposal for ALL-Novice Shows and Youth/Amateur Shows-AM-075, AM-245, UP-070 and YP-245.

We were also asked by Long Range Planning Committee to discuss SC-110 and SC-115 in regards to whether show managers and show secretaries should be allowed to show at shows they are presiding over; it was the general consensus of the Committee Members that not allowing them to show and participate puts an increased burden on clubs who rely on volunteers to run the horse show office. It was our committee's recommendation not to pass such a rule.

Once again we were charged with discussing the APHA World Show Qualifying Proposal. It again was the recommendation of the Committee that a Qualification by Participation rule would only support local clubs and increase revenue for APHA.

Another item discussed was whether or not to hold an APHA National Championship Show. This show would be held immediately following the AjPHA World Championship Show. This item was discussed in length and the Executive Committee was to meet prior to the end of Convention in regards to this item.

The rule changes that were passed at Convention are available at: www.apha.com/formsanddownloads/Rulebooks and are effective January 1, 2010. You can also request a rule book from APHA by calling their offices.

The EC for 2010 is: Linda Vance-Pres., Dr. Travis Titlow-Pres. Elect, Scott Jackson Vice Pres, Greg Resigner-Sr. Committee Member, Mary Parrot-5th Committee Member and Ron Shelly-6th Committee Member.

Thank you again for allowing me to represent you, the APHA members of California, as a director! If you have any concerns or questions for me, please e-mail me at lnrweiser1@cox.net. I am looking forward to Workshop in June!

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