

APHA Convention  
October 1-3, 2009  
Colorado Springs, CO.

The convention went very smoothly with most proposed rule changes passing. One of the most anticipated changes was likely the rule change proposal regarding the color requirements from the Registration Committee passed. The new rule RG-070 is any white two inches or more above the midline at the knee and hock joints is now considered legal for the regular registry. Also passing was Color Rule RG-070-1 Please review this rule in it's entirety with APHA.

Not passing, Youth Rule YP-205, in regards to the change of Novice Youth to point out at 35 points. The rule will remain as stand at 50 points.

Directors met for the thirty ninth Annual APHA Convention. Dr. Bobby Cowles from Pfizer was guest speaker at the luncheon. The topic of the dangers of tape worms and the signs your horse may show. Ivermectrin does not take care of these parasites, therefore rotation is necessary in your worming program. Directors were also invited to a demonstration of Therapeutic Riding which included rehabilitation of our wounded Service men and women. I believe all were impressed and touched by the wonders that are accomplished by this fantastic program. APHA presented donations to these very worthy programs.

There was much discussion on the PAC program. There was across the board support and interest in this growing program. A panel will be appointed to look into further development in the area.

The Amateur Committee is working on a proposal for an Adult Walk Trot that will be presented at the 2010 workshop. This program has wide support and promises to be a great ice breaker for those that would like to enter or re-enter the show ring.

Directors that wished to take in the sites were offered a trip to Pikes Peak or a tour of the Garden of the Gods and a great dinner entertainment at the Flying W Ranch. A good time was had by all.

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