

Delegate Report from the 2013 AHA Convention

The tone of the convention was very positive and Region 14 hosted a wonderful welcome party.

Our President, Cynthia Richardson, gave a great opening speech, reminding all of us to focus on the positive of all of our disciplines and all of Arabian horse owners.

We had 21 resolutions this year:

Res 1–13: By Law Reconstruction, it was tabled until next year.

Res 2–13: Postponed

Res 3-13: Defeated

Res 4-13: Short Term Transfers Disapproved

Res 5-13: Shoeing a Country English Pleasure Horse – Disapproved

Res 6-13: Leveling the playing field – Approved

Res 7-13: Gate Sequence – Approved

Res 8-13: Safety Helmets in Sport Horse Classes – Disapproved

Res 9-13: Double Bridles in Sport Horse Classes – Approved

Res 10-13: Sport Horse Show Hack Clarification – Approved

Res 11-13: Breaking Ties in Sport Horse in Hand – Approved

Res 12-13: Cutting Rules – Approved

Res's 13-13, 14-13, 15-13, 16-13, 17-13, 18-13, 19-13 – All Approved

Res 20-13: Judging breeding in Hand Class – Approved

Res 21-13: Membership Dues Increase – Approved

The tour to Darby, a Thoroughbred Farm, (where Secretariat was filmed) was wonderful, filled with great information about breeding. We also toured around a lot of famous horse farms. Our tour that day also took us to Buffalo Trace Distillery which was very interesting and the tasting was fun. Our other off site tour was to the Kentucky Horse Park and the Arabian Horse Gallery. It was amazing. The night finished off with a wonderful dinner at Spindle Top Mansion. Both off site tours were wonderful and well worth the money. I would definitely do them again. Some new disciplines that we'll have for 2014 will be Western Dressage and Trail In-Hand. Our Adult Showmanship and Cow Sorting participation is up. One thing we all need to remember is our membership in a local club does have value for our breed, the more members in our local clubs, the more delegates we have and the more voice we have. To bring in new members and to keep members, we need to get back to being social and fun, using our Arabians to participate in activities for the community, such as signing up to be a Discovery Farm. The best way to promote our breed is to stay positive, do not pass on negative thoughts and encourage participation in our Arabian breed on a local level.

Thank You

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