



December 2013 KPHA News

On behalf of the Kansas Paint Horse Association Board of Directors we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Effective December 1, 2013 the KPHA board underwent several changes. Stacie Lundquist resigned her position as club president and secretary. Stacie has been a huge asset to KPHA and her presence on the board will be missed. Presidential duties will be shifted to Sheri Grinstead, vice president. Nancy Beneda accepted the position of KPHA secretary. Nancy was also elected to fill the vacant KPHA board position.

Come celebrate 50 years of Kansas Paint Horse Association history and share our members 2013 accomplishments!

The KPHA Annual Membership meeting and banquet will be held January 11, 2014 at the Garden Hilton Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas. The Board of Directors meeting will begin at 2:00. General Membership meeting is scheduled for 4:00 where your open honest comments, discussion and involvement are welcomed. The dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the KPHA anniversary celebration and awards ceremony.

Please RSVP to Bette Mayfield at bette@pixius.net or call at (316) 655-4710 by December 18, 2013. If you e-mailed your rsvp and didn't get an acknowledgement from Bette please do so again or call.

Encourage other paint horse enthusiasts to join in our celebration and consider becoming a supporter of this wonderful organization. Dinner is free with 2014 paid membership. Non members and guests are invited to attend and will be asked to contribute to the cost of their dinner. Door prizes and giveaways will allow everyone to go home with a souvenir of the evening.

In attendance will be lifelong Paint horse breeder and historian, Duke Neff. Duke will share his stories on the first days of the KPHA and the people, places and horses that are the foundation of our association. Duke is the author of "Paint Horse History, Fifty Years: A Golden Beginning". He will be accompanied by several other prominent Kansas Paint Horse veterans, as well.

APHA World Show:

A special acknowledgement to the KPHA members who exhibited at the 2013 APHA Open and Amateur World Show. Congratulations on your efforts and achievements.

Welcome back to Kansas, Jake Weaver. Jake has relocated to the Salina area and is assisting the board with 2014 APHA judge's contract negotiations. Thank you Jake for taking on this task.

Going Mobile:

With an inventory of trail equipment, ribbons, award items etc. storage space and accessibility of KPHA assets was getting to be a concern. Several options were discussed however the 2013 Board of Directors determined that the best solution would be a mobile unit. Sufficient profits from WWPHC allowed the group to fund the purchase of a "like" new cargo trailer. Next spring we are hoping to have signage placed on the trailer to clearly identify and promote KPHA and WWPHC. If any members have a relationship with a vinyl sign company or similar business which would consider work for advertisement, please let a board member know.

We are excited to announce the 2014 Show Schedule which is as follows:

***April 26th and 27th at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

***June 7th and 8th at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

***World Wide Paint Horse Congress last week of July

***August 16th and 17th at the Kansas Pavilion, Park City, Kansas

The HotR N Heck Show held with the Oklahoma Paint Horse Club proved to be a successful partnership. Please make plans to attend on the 16th and 17th.

***September 9th and 10th at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kansas

Shortly after the 2013 Kansas State Fair, members of the KPHA Board of directors met with leaders of the Kansas State Fair to discuss changes to the State Fair show dates. We are very pleased to announce that KPHA will be holding our Kansas Fall KPHA Circuit Show on Tuesday and Wednesday during the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Kansas.

We will be canvassing the membership at the banquet for show manager volunteers. Please consider your ability to help with our shows in this capacity.

Ground work is in motion to include more exhibitor friendly events and activities at our shows. In addition, we will be working with other equine sporting groups in hopes of bringing more diversity to our association and encouraging horse owners to consider participation in KPHA. Plans are being made to host 4-H classes at one of our early shows in conjunction with our weekend show bill to encourage greater youth participation. Please promote our efforts as you visit with your equine friends.

KPHA Year End Award Changes and Updates for 2014:

In 2014, an exhibitor must show to 50% of the judges offered during the year excluding World Wide Paint Horse Congress in order to qualify for KPHA year-end award consideration. (In 2014, the total number of judges one can exhibit under will be 16; you must therefore show to at least 8 judges). This was approved to simplify the procedure of tracking year end points. Previous rules dealing with exhibiting at specific shows in front of numerous judges to earn KPHA year end points are now null and void.

A horse exhibited in Youth classes does not have to be owned by the contestant showing the horse, however, in order to be eligible for the various APHA points, titles and awards sponsored by the APHA and for exhibiting at shows sponsored by the APHA (World Show) it must be owned by a family member as determined in the APHA rule book YP-015 Ownership. Points earned by individuals showing horses not owned as described in YP-015 will be recorded by the APHA and will count only for the purpose of determining Novice Youth eligibility. The KPHA Board of Directors voted this fall to clarify our rules and stipulate in writing an acknowledgement of APHA rule YP-015 allowing youth who exhibit in KPHA events to qualify for year-end awards with any horse they exhibit regardless of ownership.

Central State Horseman Publication:

A big thank you to Jackie Lissolo who has been preparing monthly Kansas Paint Horse Association information for the Central States Horseman. All paid KPHA members should receive a copy of this publication which serves as a resource for informing our membership of KPHA developments. In addition, the CSH covers a wide variety of horse world interests from neighboring states and related equine organizations. Please notify Jackie Lissolo or a KPHA Board Member if you have news worthy horse related items to report. We would love to share our member's stories and successes. Please contact KPHA Club Secretary, Nancy Beneda, if you are a current paid member and are NOT receiving this paper.

Shon Gage Fundraiser---Thanks to everyone for your time commitment and donations in our quest to raise cash for Shon as she experienced medical hardships. During this past show season the club offered opportunities to help by giving interested parties the chance to win a KSU Tailgate Party and 2 tickets to a Wildcat football game of their choice. Winners of the football game and tailgate experience, Sherry, Doug and Sierra Wilkerson; shared a beautiful afternoon with Diane Gage, Austin and Shenan Cline, and the Grinstead Family at Bill Snyder Family Stadium as the Cats beat TCU. All participants were glad the Wilkerson's did not pick the OU game as the 20 degrees + wind + 11:00 a.m. start + a loss = GREATLY DIMINISED FUN!

World Wide Paint Horse Congress:

Committee members Casey West, John Brennan and Sheri Grinstead will be combining our efforts with the KPHA Board as we move into 2014. The group is working diligently to continue the success of past Congress events. Please be checking the KPHA website and email blasts for status updates.

Thank You:

We have many volunteers during the year that give of their time and energy to create a successful show environment. Most of us have ties, however, directly to the exhibitor pen, whether it is ourselves competing, a child or client we support. Don and Judy Nicely are the exception. The two have been involved in KPHA for many years but recently hung up the reins so to speak. They have continued to be an advocate of our events by volunteering to manage, run gates, take pictures, and work the WWPHC ---in general, filling a need wherever it exists. Thank you Don and Judy for all you do---your enthusiasm, humor and work ethic are very much appreciated!

And to all our volunteers we extend a hand of gratitude. KPHA could not exist without the efforts of all of you!

Find Us: Current association and show information can be found on the KPHA website at <http://kansaspainthorse.com> or Kansas Paint Horse Association on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansas-Paint-Horse-Association> for show dates, locations, judges, the show bill and much more.

KPHA Leadership Opportunities:

Now is the time to consider a leadership role in the Kansas Paint Horse Association. Club elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 11, 2014 at the General Membership meeting. Visit with current board members regarding the many ways you can take an active leadership position. Your ideas, input, and energy are always welcome.

2013 KPHA Board of Directors

Sheri Grinstead: Acting President and Board Member (term expiring- eligible for re-election)

Nancy Beneda: Secretary and Board Member (assigned term expiring- eligible for election)

Becky Cummings: Board Member

Bette Mayfield: Board Member

Cookie Nonken: Board Member

Casey West: Treasurer

Please feel free to contact any member of the KPHA Board with questions or concerns. Phone numbers, addresses and email contact information is noted on the KPHA website. Our goal is to provide transparent leadership to our membership.

Congratulations to all our members for a very special 2013!!! Happy 2014!