



### **Kansas Exhibitors Excel in 2015 APHA Competition**

KPHA would like to congratulate Kansas individuals and KPHA members on APHA Zone Awards, Honor Roll Placings and Top 20 finishes earned in 2015! For Zone Awards, APHA recognizes the top five exhibitors and their horses in each division, living in each of the regional zones, based on total points earned within their respective zones (KS is in Zone 3 – KS, NE, CO, SD, ND, and WY). The APHA Honor Roll recognizes the top 10 point earners in each class in the nation. The APHA Top 20 recognizes points earned across top 20 shows in all classes in a specific division in the nation. Congratulations! You all did a great job and KPHA is proud to have you reside and/or show in Kansas!

### **2016 APHA Convention – By Stacie Lundquist KS APHA National Director**

The first evening in the historic city of Richmond, Virginia began with a trolley tour. I saw many historic sites, beautiful historic homes, and even learned that as late as last year, bombs from the civil war were found unexploded in the city. If you were ever wondering why those historic cannons are plugged with wood, we heard that explanation as well. Just in the last few years the historical society undertook the task of restoring the cannons to find out they were still fully functional and still loaded with live ammunition, so they started plugging the cannons.

My first full day of APHA convention began with the General Membership Meeting. Jay Hickey who represents the Horse Council in Washington, DC gave us an overview with the current political climate and gave us information about programs like “Time to Ride” and the Equine Disease Communication Center, whose website have helped to inform the public of disease outbreaks throughout the US. APHA President Ron Shelly gave a review of his year as president and gave his opinions as to where he thought we could continue to grow. Mr. Shelly mainly cited educating members and increasing the availability of education to anyone interested in the APHA. Welcoming words from the Virginia Paint Horse Clubs President David Lands were spoken,

and then Executive Director Billy Smith announced that Convention will be hosted in Texas every other year with being open to traveling to other states during the other years.

Highlights of the General Membership Meeting were that APHA saw a 2% increase in market share, for the second year in a row APHA's revenues exceeded expenses and we have stabilized our loss in memberships maintaining around 50,000 members worldwide. A Professional Directory for judges and trainers has been launched on the APHA website for Professional Horseman to be able to promote themselves as trainers or as judges. There was an update on the Fort Worth Stock Yards and members learned that APHA is considering moving their headquarters to the stock yards to further promote the Paint Horse breed. There was also the reminder that this year is an election year for APHA directors and directors will now be serving 3 year terms. AjPHA President Sydney Schmidt gave a review of her project "Paint Strong" and her goal of increasing scholarships to all AjPHA members.

After the General Membership Meeting concluded, I attended the genetics seminar to hear presenter Dr. Samantha Brooks speak. As a presenter and a researcher, she was a very knowledgeable and walked us through the discovery of color genes and how they can impact our breeding programs. I then attended the first session of my Long Range Planning Committee Meeting. Following that I caught up with several friends to attend the welcome reception in the hotel.

My second day at APHA convention started early as I attended the Zone 3 Coordinating Committee meeting to represent the Nebraska Paint Horse Club as one of their appointed representatives. The committee discussed updates on the Rocky Mountain Paint Horse Association's Rendezvous Show with the North Central Championship Show, leadership roles within the committee and the need for rewriting the bylaws to meet our current needs. A group consisting of Jean Fell, Tammee Burbee, Colleen Dubsy and I, have taken on the role of rewriting the zone bylaws and will meet again in April to work on this task. Thank you to NPHC President Caren Millie and the NPHC Board of Directors for allowing me the opportunity to serve on this committee and hold a voting seat.

Dr. Rick Rigsby led a lecture on Effective Communication. His lectures are always entertaining, informative and useful for anyone who serves in leadership roles. The best quote from the lecture was, "Ego is the anesthesia that deadens the pain of stupidity." I'm excited to say that he'll return to convention in 2017 to talk about accountability.

The next symposium I attended was the "Making your Shows Better" presented by Diane Eppers from NSBA. She outlined the need for setting goals for your show, the need for naming and marketing your show along with setting budgets and controlling costs. She was a fantastic

presenter but I could only stay for half the lecture due to a scheduling conflict with the open portion of the Hall of Fame meeting.

I had an interest in the APHA Foundation meeting and the open portion of the Hall of Fame Committee, so I stopped into listen to the Committee Chair. They outlined the nomination process for the individuals and horses that will be selected for the APHA Hall of Fame and explained that they work in 5 year cycles. In 2017 they will begin with a clean slate which means that any nominees that have not been accepted into the Hall of Fame will need to be resubmitted for consideration.

The second session of my Long Range Planning Committee Meeting began that afternoon. Upon completion of both sessions, the committee discussed a wide range of ideas. Discussions were held related to the registering of outcross registered horses into the APHA through genetic testing and allowing SPB papers to be issued pending genetic testing for a color gene. There was extensive discussion about the Breeders Trust and ways to keep the program moving forward and increasing the point value. The possible move of the APHA office to the Fort Worth Stock Yards was debated and our committee supports the move to promote the Paint Horse breed. Dean Myers from Oklahoma brought up an idea to pilot a college program to have interns at horse shows for college credits. Please keep in mind that the Long Range Planning Committee functions in a way that the committee brainstorms ideas, discusses them amongst ourselves, then send them onto other committees or send the idea to the Executive Committee for implementation or recommendation.

At the end of the day I went to the World Show Advisory meeting as a guest to listen to the recommendations on combining or splitting classes, class schedules and varying opinions on Solid Paint Bred Registered horses showing in non-APHA pointed classes at the world show. After our APHA business had concluded for the day, I ventured down the Shockoe Slip to dine in Richmond's oldest Restaurant, Sam Miller's and enjoyed fresh seafood with Paul and Kim Garrett, and Kristy Doyle. Lots of laughs later, Kristy and I ventured around the Shockoe Slip to experience a little bit of Richmond's night life and see places like the Tobacco Company.

Day three of APHA convention for me started with session I of the APHA Board of Directors meeting. After roll call, it was determined that there were 111 voting directors present. Dave Dellin presented a new educational tool that APHA plans on rolling out later this year called, "Horse IQ." This will be an interactive educational site where members can go to learn scoring systems for classes, score classes themselves and compare their scores against professional's scores to see how they compare. Judges can use this tool to brush up on their skills prior to judging shows, judging teams can use it to practice or any average horse enthusiast can use it to gain knowledge.

The financial reports were presented, then 30 year service pins were given to APHA directors that have held office and served on the APHA Board of Directors. Recipients included: Sally Griffin, Barbra Brunner, Bill Hittle, Brad Perkins and Gregg Reisinger. Standing Committee Reports were presented by each committee chair along with rules that were defeated in committees or rules that are to be passed onto the floor for voting. There was a motion from the floor to discuss Executive Committee Actions in regards to the World Show and the EC members having a vote on the Committees. All EC actions were ratified by the Board of Directors.

That afternoon, I attended a great lecture presented on communication by the Regional Club Committee. The main theme was the uses of social media, including the positives of sharing information and the downside of negative social media posts that can be damaging to organizations and individuals. Matt Adtkins also showed us a few tips and tricks at how to better promote our Regional Club pages on Facebook. Thank you to Matt Adtkins and David Lands for presenting!

The Game Plan seminar was as interactive and educational as ever! This year the presenters focused on Hunt Seat Equitation and Horsemanship, then went in depth explaining the scoring system for these pattern classes. The audience watched video clips of patterns and reviewed faults, correctness, quality and degrees of difficulty in the patterns. Don't forget that there are other Game Plan videos and educational materials posted online!

That evening I attended the Hall of Fame Induction Dinner with a group of friends from Washington State. We saw several retiring judges honored by the APHA for their years of service. The Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Clea Bobbitt and we got to see the Hall of Fame recipients be inducted to the APHA Hall of Fame. I was very proud that Bill and Linda Hittle from Houghton, Kansas were among the honorees.

My final day at APHA convention started with session II of the Board of Directors Meeting. We voted on all rule change proposals that were presented to us, and voted to elect a new member for the Executive Committee. Congratulations to Karen Thomas of North Carolina on being the newest addition to the Executive Committee. I've known Karen since I was showing in youth and I know she will do an excellent job during her upcoming years of service!

One rule change proposal that was passed was rule change AM-010 which allows Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Instructors to have Amateur eligibility with the APHA. I worked on this rule change proposal and submitted it from my time on the Amateur Committee and I'm thrilled to say it passed with early implementation. I learned a lot during this rule change proposal and I'm very grateful for my past time served on the Amateur Committee.

Once the board meeting adjourned, a group of APHA members boarded a bus and went to Colonial Williamsburg to see a part of history. Highlights from the afternoon were a hospital built in 1773 that was the first mental health institute built in North America. Since I'm a nurse, the history of hospital was fascinating to me. The group toured the original capital of Virginia and the place where the Revolutionary War was declared. I also found a museum that displayed Revolutionary War muskets, a piece of jewelry belonging to George Washington that had his crest engraved in it, silver made by Paul Revere and a chandelier owned by King William the III.

Once back in Richmond, a group of directors went to dinner at an Irish Pub in the Shockoe Slip. A good friend of mine, Lori Nevin and I were discussing how we didn't get to see everything in Richmond we wanted to because we were busy attending all of our meetings and went to all of the extra seminars that APHA offered. We decided that the night was still young and we could still see the famous Jefferson Hotel. Lori's idea of "just a few blocks" ended up being a two mile adventure through downtown Richmond at 10 o'clock at night, past the Capital of Virginia, several historic homes that we stopped at to read the plaques and through a few questionable neighborhoods before finally arriving at the Jefferson Hotel! The hotel was magnificent with stained glass ceilings, grand staircases, marble statues and a small museum reviewing the hotel's history. It was worth the hike, but we also decided to take a cab back to our hotel!

My own personal account of APHA convention does not begin to capture everything that happened during the committee meetings, board meetings, seminars and other educational opportunities that were presented throughout the week. APHA has put out some great articles detailing financial reports, rule changes that were defeated, rule changes that were passed and other information about convention on Facebook and on their website [www.apha.com](http://www.apha.com). I invite you to read more through the APHA media outlets.

### **KPHA 2016 Show Schedule**

#### **May 21 and 22, 2016: Bar K Bar Arena, Lyons, KS**

May 21 Judges: John Letham and Debbie Letham

May 22 Judges: Duke Neff and Rick McLain

Pay to show Saturday to 2 judges; show to 2 judges on Sunday for free. Must show in class on Saturday to qualify for free class on Sunday. All Indoors - Clean Showers - Concessions Available.

#### **June 11 and 12, 2016: Kansas State Fair Grounds, Hutchinson, KS**

June 11 Judges: Clint Fullerton and Brendon Brown

June 12 Judges: Tanya Green and Jane Pruitt Bagley (tentative)

#### **July 27-31, 2016: World Wide Paint Horse Congress, Tulsa, OK**

Judges Pending

**August 13 and 14, 2016: Topeka Expo, Topeka, KS**

August 13 Judges: Danny Williams and Bill French

August 14 Judges: Andrea Koehn and Cindy Pence-Girardier

**September 13 and 14, 2016: Kansas State Fair Grounds, Hutchinson, KS**

Judges Pending

The KPHA board of directors has removed all All Breed Classes and speed events from the show bill. Four new All Breed, All Age fundraiser classes were added ---\$ 5/ class Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Walk Trot, and Ranch Pleasure. Each class winner will be presented an award. Solid Paint Bred Reining and Western Riding were also added to the show bill.

Show management: The following groups or clubs will be responsible for show management responsibilities in 2016:

May show in Lyons---Terryl Jordan

Amateur and Nancy and Celsey Beneda---June show in Hutchinson

Youth and Carole Lagasse---August Show in Topeka

Kansas State Fair Show---September/Terryl Jordan

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