Annual Meeting Minutes

AVA Region III

Saturday, 21 June, 2015

Oregon Horse Center, Eugene, OR

1. Call to Order: 5:30 pm
2. Presided by: Lorilie Robison, AVA Region III Supervisor
3. Reading and Acceptance of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes: Read by Becky Davie. Correction made by Tom Sayles changing Jody Venters to Jody Campbell. Motion to approve by Tom Sayles. Second by Elise Valsquier. Motion approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Seelye
   1. Current income $22,981. Expenditures $19,970. Balance about $3000
   2. Region III received a check for $4000 for running the National Championships in Eugene, OR in 2014. From these funds, 27 scholarships were awarded to Region III members to attend the AVA Annual Conference in Seattle, in which 10 teams were involved.
   3. Discussion about options for profit:
      1. Kaleb Patterson asked what is currently done with net income
      2. Jody Campbell stated that it helps run the region, pays for regionals. Recommended that there be further discussion about scholarships, lower clinic fees, stipends, or scholarships to meetings.
   4. Motion to approve Treasurer’s report made by Tom Sayles. Seconded by Tammy Denault. Motion passed.
5. Discussion about regional and national AVA financial assistance to national champion vaulters for various international competitions:
   1. Sandra Erickson, Anna Erickson’s mom, thanked the board and the general membership for supporting their team. She posed a question about fundraising at the national level, whether donated items by businesses for competitions could be resold to raise money.
   2. Lorilie Robison asked whether it is an appropriate use of scholarship funds to support vaulters going to National/World competitions.
   3. Kathy Rynning asked what amount does our regional give national champions to attend competitions-$100-$300?
   4. Jody Campbell stated the region should use scholarship funds to support champions.
   5. Lorilie Robison again asked whether that is an appropriate use of the funds.
   6. Kim stated it will cost about $10,000 per vaulter to represent the USA at Jr. Worlds.
   7. Kathy Rynning asked how much USEF gives them.
   8. Carolyn Overton stated that the vaulter must lease horse, pay for the German trainers and lunger, pay hauling fees and all room/board cost except for the actual competition days. USEF pays for team, but only on the days of the competition. Region III has two vaulters going to Junior World Championships.
   9. Kathy Seelye stated there is $10,000 in all funds that took a long time to build.
   10. Jody Campbell stated that there is a need to save some money in profits from the region as a cushion.
   11. Lorilie Robison stated that amount could be decided later by the executive board if a motion is made at large to support the vaulters.
   12. Tammy Denault made a motion to give some money from the region’s funds to the vaulters going to Junior World. Heidi Cavinaw seconded. Motion approved.
   13. Carolyn (?) made a motion that the Executive Board decide the amount for scholarships by July 1st. Patrick Long seconded. Motion approved.
6. Board of Directors Proposal by Lorilie Robison to reinstate the Board of Directors per the current Bylaws (Article IV: Board of Directors). Whereby each club in Region III will elect delegates to the BOD.
   1. Clubs with 9 or fewer members will have 1 delegate, and clubs with 9 or more members will have 2 delegates.
   2. This expanded BOD will meet via web-conference.
   3. Lorilie Robison asked each club to choose their delegates by Nationals. Delegates must be AVA members and at least 18 years old.
   4. Elise Valsquier asked if it is a working board.
   5. Lorilie Robison answered yes and stated the purpose of the BOD is to discuss educational opportunities, location, who is invited, staffing for events. It will be a great way for clubs to be informed and participate.
7. Calls for 2015/16 Region III Competitions:
   1. Linda Bender of ZGV: Sept 15/16, a lower level show in Idaho, just below Washington State University.
   2. Jody Campbell: October 24/25, Fall Show in Donida (Auburn, WA) or Vancouver, WA
   3. Jody Campbell: One day show in May, Small Spring Show, Woodinville, WA
   4. Kim Bell of Warm Beach: Spring Show April 15 weekend, Lynden, WA
   5. Tammy Denault: 3rd weekend in April, Spokane, WA
   6. Gaelle Cimetiere: A possible summer show/ clinic in July August since Nationals will be in Tennessee the 1st weekend of August 2016.
8. Discussion about 2016 Region III Championships (USEF)
   1. Scheduling preferences:
      1. 3rd or 4th weekend in June, 2016.
   2. Site possibilities:
      1. Moses Lake is not available
      2. Lynden, WA (more expensive than Eugene and long way for Oregon clubs)
      3. Donida (indoor arena not legal per guidelines)
      4. Eugene, OR (less convenient for most clubs in the region)
   3. Tom Sayles made a motion to vote on Eugene, OR, versus Lynden, WA. Daniel Janes seconded. 22 votes for Lynden, 12 votes for Eugene. Regionals 2016 will be held in Lynden, WA.
9. Educational Opportunities:
   1. Lorilie Robinson states that there will be something in October. Educational Opportunities will be the first order of business for the BOD.
10. Discussion about high point awards:
    1. Jody Campbell has been responsible for regional highpoint awards. The budget for 2014 was $500 and she spent about $510, on t-shirts, nice ribbons, horse buckets. For 2014, she used the AVA national horse scores calculation and gave awards for each division of horses. Jody asked for an increase in the amount of funds for high point awards.
    2. Tom Sayles made a motion to increase the amount for high point awards to $610. Tammy Denault seconded.
    3. Carolyn Overton asked the members to consider something other than ribbons for older vaulters that receive high point.
    4. Kaleb Patterson suggested perpetual trophies.
    5. Jody stated that this would be tedious to ask every vaulter what they would like.
    6. Kathy Rynning gave kudos to Jody for her excellent work managing high point awards.
11. Lorilie Robison presented flowers as a thank you to Kathy Rynning for her tireless service to the region as the Region III Supervisor and interim President.
12. Election of new officers:
    1. Lorilie Robison explained the rules for voting for the candidates for Region III officer positions of President and Secretary and ballots were passed out.
    2. Anonymous ballots were tallied and the results were:
    3. For President:
       1. Linda Bender 8
       2. Jody Campbell 19
       3. Heidi Cavanaugh 10
    4. For Secretary:
       1. Becky Davie 37
    5. Jody Campbell is the President and Becky Davie is the Secretary for 2015-2017.
13. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Becky Davie