



Association of Ridgecrest Arabian Breeders

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

3 Positions Open

AHA DELEGATE:

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Lorry Wagner
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From ARAB's Region 2 Alternate Delegate

In the absence of Lorry Wagner, Region 2 Delegate for ARAB, Alison Crutchfield attended the Region 2 April 24 meeting as our Alternate Delegate. Thank you, Alison, for sending the following report listing the highlights of that meeting (as editor I have clarified some areas for our members not necessarily familiar with Region 2 officers and responsibilities):

- The show report indicated this year's show is proceeding apace, although volunteers are needed. It was also reported that show entries for all shows in Regions 1 and 2 are down. Speculation was that the economy was finally affecting horse shows, an affect that did not really manifest itself during last year's schedule—but is now catching up to the Arabian competition world. It is hoped that the downturn will not affect the Region 2 show, but everyone agreed that was unlikely. Show Manager, Jeff Reichman, has bought a bunch of new awards, justified by last year's show revenues.
- The Region's sponsorship of the V6 ride was a big success, netting the Region some welcome cash (around \$5,000) - which will surely prove helpful if the Region 2 show sees a major reduction in revenue.
- The Director's report on the AHA's recent Board meeting in Denver was that PAT is trying to reduce the number of seats on the Board by eliminating Regional boundaries. This would increase the PAT faction's power, along with their sponsorship of PAT-friendly directors who have been elected, or are seeking election, to the Board.
- The Region 2 Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the upcoming Region 2 election: Jeff Reichman, Director; Jim Gift, Vice Director; Annette Wells, Treasurer. The election will be held at the July 31 meeting at Hodel's in Bakersfield.
- The Region is seeking someone willing to take over as Region 2 Secretary and to do the newsletter.
- Director Jeff Reichman and the website committee will look into getting more content on the Region 2 Website. It was pointed out that the site, while attractive, lacks user-friendly information which, after all, was the point of having a website to begin with. Region 2 members are encouraged to submit content.
- The Region now has Directors and Officers insurance once again.

ARAB Elections!

Please consider this the official notification of election for ARAB officers (See front page, left column of this Newsletter for current listing). According to our bylaws, an appointed Nominating Committee is to be charged with presenting a slate of officers for consideration, with nominations from the floor also being accepted. Since ARAB members cannot meet in person or in an electronic meeting room (we are all so busy we cannot bring our schedules together at the same time), I will handle the election via electronic communication. We have only one member without access to email and I will mail all communication to him via USPS.

If there is no objection and assuming ARAB will continue in the current “sleepy” mode for a while... (and please be advised if there is objection and ARAB becomes active with meetings again just let me know, I will be happy to proceed in accordance):

1. We will consider a ghost Nominating Committee cannot find candidates.
2. Thus, I will ask for volunteers to run for:
 - A. Vice President (Edith Poole has moved and is no longer an ARAB member)
 - B. Board of Directors (need 3)

Election will be held by email or USPS mail ballot in accordance with our bylaws.

I will start the ball rolling by volunteering to be nominated for President, Secretary, Treasurer. If anyone else would wish to do any of these jobs, please volunteer for nomination and I will withdraw, except for Treasurer, since I have the checkbook and proper signature card on file at the Alta One Credit Union.

Please note that it is necessary that the President and Secretary be available and in easy communication with each other and members, since AHA requires these two officers to sign delegate certificates, etc. for AHA Convention purposes. We have to have a member as Vice President in order to keep our Membership rolls current and correct with AHA. I have tried to simply indicate the VP office is vacant, but the blasted AHA computer program won't recognize that category. So, let's elect one from our membership roster.

We need an official vote for purposes of checking accounts and AHA records and to remain within the parameters of our bylaws. Please contact me via email with comments and/or volunteerism by June 15, 2010. I will put it together from there...thanks.

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