



GCAHA News *December 2011*

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I am looking forward to working for the club as your newsletter editor and appreciate to opportunity. Thanks, Kathy

Christmas Party
December 4th - 6 P.M.
Freddie's Barb-B-Que and Steakhouse
1425 New Sapulpa Road
Sapulpa, OK 74066-2439
(918) 224-4301

\$18 - same menu as last year
GCAHA will pickup \$10 of the meal for 2011 Volunteers.
Dirty Santa is returning!!!
Dirty Santa Gifts \$10 or under

2012 Election of Officers

Meals may be paid for by cash (correct amount would be appreciated)
or check (made out to GCAHA) the night of the party.

RSVP would be appreciated

Betsy Barnes at 918-625-6718 or b.barnes@cox.net

2012 Election of Officers
to be held at the Christmas Party

To be elected:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Three board members (2 year terms)

If you would like to be on the ballot,
please contact Becky Amason at beckya@pantherenerg

Currently on the ballot we have:

President: Betsy Barnes

Vice President: Kathy Cannon

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Michelle Schrimshaw

Board member: Becky Amason

Velma Boodt

Beverly Cargile

Touching Christmas story Only for Love

The young couple had made their usual hurried, pre-Christmas visit to the little farm where dwelt the elderly parents with their small herd of horses. The farm had been named Lone Pine Farm because of the huge pine which topped the hill behind the farm, and through the years had become a talisman to the old man and his wife, and a landmark in the countryside. The old folks no longer showed their horses, for the years had taken their toll, but they sold a few foals each year, and the horses were their reason for joy in the morning and contentment at day's end. Crossly, as they prepared to leave, the young couple confronted the old folks. "Why do you not at least dispose of 'The Old One.'" She is no longer of use to you. It's been years since you've had foals from her. You should cut corners and save where you can. Why do you keep her anyway?" The old man looked down as his worn boot scuffed at the barn floor and his arm stole defensively about the Old One's neck as he drew her to him and rubbed her gently behind the ears. He replied softly, "We keep her because of love. Only because of love." Baffled and irritated, the young folks wished the old man and his wife a Merry Christmas and headed back toward the city as darkness stole through the valley. So it was, that because of the leave-taking, no one noticed the insulation smoldering on the frayed wires in the old barn. None saw the first spark fall. None but the "Old One." In a matter of minutes, the whole barn was ablaze and the hungry flames were licking at the loft full of hay. With a cry of horror and despair, the old man shouted to his wife to call for help as he raced to the barn to save their beloved horses. But the flames were roaring now, and the blazing heat drove him back. He sank sobbing to the ground, helpless before the fire's fury. By the time the fire department arrived, only smoking, glowing ruins were left, and the old man and his wife. They thanked those who had come to their aid, and the old man turned to his wife, resting her white head upon his shoulders as he clumsily dried her tears with a frayed red bandana. Brokenly he whispered, "We have lost much, but God has spared our home on this eve of Christmas. Let us, therefore, climb the hill to the old pine where we have sought comfort in times of despair. We will look down upon our home and give thanks to God that it has been spared." And so, he took her by the hand and helped her up the snowy hill as he brushed aside his own tears with the back of his hand. As they stepped over the little knoll at the crest of the hill, they looked up and gasped in amazement at the incredible beauty before them. Seemingly, every glorious, brilliant star in the heavens was caught up in the glittering, snow-frosted branches of their beloved pine, and it was aglow with heavenly candles. And poised on its top most bough, a crystal crescent moon glistened like spun glass. Never had a mere mortal created a Christmas tree such as this. Suddenly, the old man gave a cry of wonder and incredible joy as he pulled his wife forward. There, beneath the tree, was their Christmas gift. Bedded down about the "Old One" close to the trunk of the tree, was the entire herd, safe. At the first hint of smoke, she had pushed the door ajar with her muzzle and had led the horses through it. Slowly and with great dignity, never looking back, she had led them up the hill, stepping daintily through the snow.

The foals were frightened and dashed about. The skittish yearlings looked back at the crackling, hungry flames, and tucked their tails under them as they licked their lips and hopped like rabbits. The mares pressed uneasily against the "Old One" as she moved calmly up the hill and to safety beneath the pine. And now, she lay among them and gazed at the faces of those she loved. Her body was brittle with years, but the golden eyes were filled with devotion as she offered her gift Because of love. Only Because of love. For this time of the year.

Happy Holidays.....

Have a Merry
Christmas and a
Very Happy New
Year

Winter driving tips for horse owners

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Nov. 14, 2011) – With the change of seasons, USRider – the national provider of roadside emergency assistance for equestrians – reminds those who travel with Horses to be careful when traveling and invest time doing routine preventive trailer maintenance to enhance their travel safety.

It is imperative to make sure your vehicle is ready for winter driving. Be sure to maintain your vehicle according to the manufacturer's service schedule. It's also important to take your vehicle to a trusted mechanic.

"When it comes to vehicle maintenance, especially heavy-duty vehicles towing precious cargo, it is better to be proactive than reactive," said Bill Riss, general manager of USRider. "If you have not already done so, establish a relationship with a trusted ASE (www.ase.com) mechanic. It is essential that you do this before your vehicle breaks down on the side of the highway while towing your horse trailer."

USRider recommends that you check tire pressure before each trip. This is especially important with temperature changes. If you are traveling from a warm climate to a cold climate, air pressure in your tires will drop. On the other hand, when traveling from a cold climate into a warm climate, the air pressure will rise.

A weak battery will usually reveal itself during cold weather. If your battery is more than a couple of years old, be sure to check it prior to cold weather setting in. Otherwise, you will most likely be inconvenienced on some cold morning when the battery fails to start your vehicle.

When driving, a good rule of thumb to follow on the road is "rain, ice & snow – take it slow." Before setting out on a trip, take the time to check weather reports and plan accordingly. Be sure to allow extra time for inclement weather. Mother Nature doesn't care that you need to be somewhere at a certain time.

Always drive with your headlights on during inclement weather – even if it is not dark. USRider recommends that Horse owners drive with headlights on anytime when trailering Horses, regardless of weather, because of increased visibility afforded by using headlights.

Also during inclement weather, be sure to increase distance between vehicles to allow more stopping time. USRider recommends that you double the normal distance between vehicles when towing a Horse trailer.

"Stopping on snow or ice without skidding and/or jackknifing takes extra distance. Use brakes very gently to avoid skidding," added Riss. "If you begin to skid or jackknife, ease up on the brake and steer into the skid to regain control."

During winter months, traction tires are recommended. In order to qualify as a traction tire, tires must have at least an eighth of an inch of tread and be labeled Mud and Snow, M+S, All-Season, or have a Mountain/Snowflake symbol. Since tire performance can vary, a trusted area dealer may be able to advise you on the best tires for your vehicle.

Since it's difficult to know what road conditions you may encounter during the winter, make it a practice to re-fuel when your vehicle fuel gauge drops below the halfway mark. In many states, you can dial 5-1-1 for travel conditions and road closures.

In some states, vehicles over 10,000 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), including some passenger trucks, SUVs, RVs, and vehicles towing trailers, must carry chains on certain highways November 1 through March 31. Check with the Department of Transportation or Department of Motor Vehicles for information on the states you will be traveling through.

USRider provides roadside assistance and towing services along with other travel-related benefits to its members through the Equestrian Motor Plan. Standard features include flat-tire repair, battery assistance

and lockout services, towing up to 100 miles, roadside repairs for tow vehicles and trailers with Horses, emergency stabling, veterinary referrals and more. For more information about the USRider Equestrian Motor Plan, visit www.usrider.org online or call (800) 844-1409. For additional safety tips, visit the Equine Travel Safety Area on the USRider website at www.usrider.org.

To blanket or not

One of the most confusing decisions when trailering in cold weather is whether to blanket your Horse, said [Neva Kittrell Scheve](#), author and equine travel expert. Horses are very comfortable in cold conditions, and most will travel very well during the winter. Two important factors should be considered when making this decision, according to Scheve:

Ensure that the trailer is well ventilated because Horses are prone to respiratory illness. A trailer that is not properly ventilated becomes filled with toxic air from the hay dust, shavings, and any gases from urine and manure. The body heat produced by the Horses also builds up inside the trailer.

Keep Horses hydrated in the summer as well as during the winter. Dehydration is the most common cause of colic. Horses can become dehydrated even during the winter if they do not drink or they lose water through perspiration. If a Horse is dressed too warmly, it will tend to lose more fluids than it should.

Be sure to dress the Horse according to the situation. If the Horse has a full winter coat and does well in daily life, it will not need a blanket for the trailer trip. In this case, open the roof vents and a few windows in the back so the air does not blow directly on the Horse. If you have a stock trailer that does not have windows that close, a light sheet can clipped protect the Horse from the wind. If the Horse is body or does not have a heavy coat, it should wear the same weight blanket that it would normally wear, and vents and windows should be open.

Long-distance trips require a little more preparation. Be ready for driving through different temperatures. Pack blankets of different weights so you can change them as the weather changes during travel. Be sure the Horse does not sweat too much. It could get wet and get chilled. Also, the Horse can lose water through sweat and become dehydrated.



Green Country Arabian Horse Association (GCAHA) is located in Northeast Oklahoma. We are open to ALL breeds and provide many functions for you to enjoy your horse. Trail rides, Clinics, Parade Troupe, Stallion Service Auction, Monthly Newsletter, Fun Shows, Arabian Shows, Free Advertising in the Newsletter for Members, and we are **Arabian Horse Association** Affiliated

CLASSIFIEDS

Chestnut with chrome mare, Miss Tenacity, age 13, granddaughter of both *Bask and *Padron. "Misty" has been broken to ride, but not formally, so she's probably "green broke". Has only been used for the last few years as a broodmare, at which she excels. To date, Misty has only produced fillies in a mirror image of their sire; \$500.

Chestnut with blaze mare, Eojuan AMA, age 5, Tijuana Brass x Miss Tenacity. "Winny" has been mounted a few times, but has not been ridden in about a year. I would consider her very green broke, but she is truly gentle. She epitomizes the best of Spanish crossed with Polish/Russian bloodlines. She has a wonderful smooth body, is very sweet, and would make a great sport horse or youth horse. As yet maiden mare; \$500.

Grey with heavy "flea bites" mare, Focus bred, Mi Seshata Focus, age 13, broodmare only. "Shay" was a rescue mare at one point, so it takes a little while for her to accept that she's not going to be mistreated, but she has no vices. Dam of at least two GCAHA futurity champions, Shay has a very nice head and neck; \$500.

Chestnut with one white and blaze, flaxen mane gelding, AMA Stormy Monday, age 3. Stormy is a very friendly, "in your pocket" kind of horse. Small and wiry, he is very athletic and has great cow potential. As yet unbroken; \$250. (918) 406-2667 for more information on any of these.

For Sale: 16" Wintec Isabella synthetic dressage saddle (Black). Excellent condition, like new, only been used appx 8 times. Has always been stored in the house. Paid \$1200.00 asking \$800.00. Please contact Barb at 918-855-3239 or e-mail barbnorg@aol.com. (6/11)

Cimmply Celestial-(Cimmarron Bey+ x Kolas Esperada) 2003 bay mare,sweepstakes,14.2 hands. Very substantial mare, not started or bred, UTD on all care,\$1000. <http://youtu.be/fM-tXv02MYc>
khaibarbeck@yahoo.com (479) 650-3671 (6/11)

For sale 11 yr old 15.2 hand bay NSH gelding. VSH Hot Romance ... aka ... Romeo. Hasn't been ridden in about 18 months. He is broke to ride, but needs an experienced rider to turn him into a great riding horse. No kick or bite! Stands for the farrier, grooming and spraying. A very sweet boy. Easy keeper. To a good home only. Checkout his pedigree: <http://www.allbreedpedigree.com/vsh+hot+romance> email: ixyshua@aol.com or call Judy @ 918-254-7735

For Sale: Halim Bahims Wind SRA 2007 Bay Egyptian Related filly, 45 days professional halter training. She has Blackwind Jafar and Khemosabi breeding. Placed 3rd in halter at 2007 Fall Classic Show. \$1,500 all offers considered.

Desira Wind SRA 2008 Bay Purebred Filly, 30 days professional halter training. Her sire is Al Saham Najiy, also has Blackwind Jafar and Khemosabi breeding. She won the 2008 GCAHA futurity and won Reserve Champion two and under at 2008 Tulsa State Fair. \$2,000 all offers considered.

SRA Qahtahns Amira 2009 Grey Straight Egyptian Filly, 30 days professional halter training. She has Thee Desperado, Ruminaja Fayez and Saud El Ameer breeding. She won the 2009 buy in futurity and placed 4th in purebred filly class. \$2,500 all offers considered.

SRA Qahtahns Farrah 2009 Solid Black Egyptian Related Filly. She has Thee Desperado, Ruminaja Fayez and Saud El Ameer breeding. \$2,000 all offers considered.

SRA Qahtahns Socks 2009 Bay Half-Arab gelding. He has Ruminaja Fayez and Saud El Ameer and Moniet El Sharaf breeding. \$300 all offers considered.

SRA Qahtahns Gameela 2010 Grey Straight Egyptian Filly. Shown successfully at the 2010 Tulsa State Fair. She has Thee Desperado, Ruminaja Fayez, Saud El Ameer and Moniet El Sharaf breeding. \$2,500 all offers considered.

SRA Mone Black Magick(registration pending) 2010 Black Straight Egyptian Colt. He has Thee Egyptian Prince, Abenhetep and Moniet El Sharaf breeding. \$2,500 all offers considered.

918 895 0090 or 918 520 7902 MUST MOVE SOME HORSES. Will email photos on request. (6/11)

Double registered HA/PtHA Bay Tobiano gelding (5 yrs), Breeders Sweepstakes registered, not yet broke. Has been shown heavily in halter futurities and Pinto World/Pinto Congress first two years. Hauls, lunges, clips, stalls well, good health, recent vet check, shots, floating, regular trims and current Coggins (\$1500 OBO). Easy keeper.

Purebred Crabbet/Polish dark bay Arabian mare, 18 yrs young, has had four HA/PtHA foals, green broke, maybe more, ready to show Intro tests, walk-trot classes, great extended trot. Trailers, clips, lunges, current on shots/Coggins, trimmings and teeth checked semi-annually. Asking \$1000 for good home. Large Western trophy roping saddle (Quarter horse style) with breastplate and handmade heavy leather girth. Fleece still good. Asking \$550. Donna Copeland Cell (405)326-6968 Home/Office(405)396-8582

Ads are free to members and \$5.00 to nonmembers. Ads will be edited if over 50 words per horse. Ads must be emailed to sonataarabianfarm@yahoo.com or mailed to Rt 4 Box 48A, Marlow, OK 73055

by the 5th of the month in order to be included in the newsletter. Flyers are \$20. You supply 15.

Please let me know if any of these ads should be pulled or if you would like to submit new ones. Some of these have been in our classifieds for some time.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Arabian Nationals RVR Authentikhemo +// was National Champion Arabian trail AAOTR and Reserve National Champion Arabian Trail open

Immortal Treasure +++// was Reserve National Champion Arabian trail AAOTR and Top Ten in Arabian Trail open

Napintime +// was Top Ten Half-Arabian Trail open and AAOTR owned and trained by Margaret Lucas of Gund's Arabians

Michele Smith sent the following:

2011 US Nationals
Amerikan Eagle+/ (R Classic Touch+++)

Champion Reined Cow Horse Open
Reserve Champion Working Cow Horse Open

Shown by Eddie Ralston

Amerikan Spirit (GT Integra x Lakesides Raw Silk)
Reserve National Champion Half Arabian Mares 7/Over Saddle/Pleasure
Shown by Steve Heathcott

Top Ten Half Arabian Mares Saddle/Pleasure AOTH



Congratulations to Hannah Monson and Amid Asim on their first showing together at the Region 11 Ozark Heartland Classic Arabian Horse Show on November 13, 2011. Hannah rode Amid to a 2nd place in the Western Pleasure ATR, 3rd in Western Pleasure JTR, 4th in the Western Pleasure Open Championship and a Reserve Championship in the Western Pleasure ATR Championship class. Hannah Monson is the daughter of Lewis and Rhonda Monson and granddaughter of Velma and Ronald Boodt. Amid Asim was bred by Desira Dark Arabians and owned by Brenda Wyant and Lisa Gallery of Cowgirl Training Center and trained in Western Pleasure by Lisa Gallery of Cowgirl Training Center. Lisa rode Amid to a second place in the Western Pleasure Open class. Look for Hannah and Amid at the 2012 shows, we think they are a great pair!

Brenda Wyant
Cowgirl Training Center

Sharon Davis sent the following:

US National Champion working cow futurity 2010 & 2011
Sheba Neshaad sired by Shah Neshaad

Shaman Arabians is proud to announce the following results from the 2011 Tulsa State Fair:

Laurel Wieck lead her beautiful yearling filly Sugar and Spice SA to a Junior Champion Mare. She was the highest scoring horse at the show.

Laurel also showed WCA Toi Zarus to 3rd place in Arabian Native Costume ATR.

Also showing for Shaman Arabians is Tessa Rae Newman showing 2 horses. Midnight Zepher JW won Senior and Grand Champion Arabian Stallion. The other one is Southern Nights SA won Reserve Champion Arabian Gelding.

Lisa Gallery sent the following:

Rebles Klasiqueluvbug owned by Velma Boodt and DDA Fancy Anisah owned by Desira Byrd both competed in their first Competitive Trail Ride, September 23-25 at Robbers Cave State Park. Luvbug was shown by Lisa Gallery and placed 5th out of 11 horses. Fancy was shown by Brenda Wyant and took 3rd out of 11 horses. This was a very tough class and we are very proud of both of these horses for showing so well.



I just wanted to update you on my filly's results at the recent Oklahoma Harness Horse competition held in Stillwater last month!!

Mae Delis Winter Echo (Echo) took 1st place in the Combined Driving pony division, and 2nd place in the Working Pony class.

Echo is a 4 yr old filly by Bee Maestoso.

We're training with Kail Palmer-Miller of Chandler, Oklahoma.

Margie Cox

AM I BLUE+ / won the 2011 AHA National Championship 100 mile (1/2 Arab)

Ride time: 13:40. Overcall placing: 5th

Same horse also won this in 2009

Sent in by Louise Burton

Meeting notes: GCAHA meeting 7/16/11

Attendees: Art Byrd, Betsy Barnes, Jeff Wright, Deb Smith, Lisa Gallery, Brenda Wyant, Dee Byrd, Kris Davis, Ed Davis, Madison Davis (youth), Linda Gremore, Virgil Gremore, Ron Lawson, Joyce Lawson, Barb McCalip, Beverly Cargile, Ann Morrison, Becky Amason, Francis Loyd, Dee Larimore, Kelly Harmon, Caroline Lackey, Kathy Pittman, Michelle Scrimshaw

Food was brought by the attendees and everyone enjoyed it.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Betsy. The first topic was election of delegates. Only 3 people had been nominated: Art Byrd, Kathie Hart, Velma Boodt. No other people were nominated. Becky Amason moved to close the nominations. Kelly Harmon seconded the motion. The nominated individuals were elected by acclamation.

Art told the group that the missing futurity ribbons were found. The replacement ones had not been ordered, so there is a gold star for procrastination.

Art informed the group that the judge hired for the Fair does not do Working Cow classes. He is looking for another judge for these classes. He has some names.

It has been determined that the trailer needs to be taken off Caroline Lackey's insurance based on information from her agent. Options for coverage are:

1. Secure a policy to cover it as a stand-alone policy. This may be expensive.
2. Transfer ownership of the trailer into joint names and insure under owner policy. The trailer would then be leased back to the organization for the cost of the insurance.

Motion made by Jeff Wright and seconded by Beverly Cargile for the 2nd option. Motion passed.

Art will secure insurance on the trailer and submit a statement of cost for reimbursement.

Update on Eddie Ralston: He is getting better. He has been doing more than he should, which surprises nobody.

Kris Davis suggested a Trail Ride and Fun Show where all proceeds go to the Ralston Family. There will be a concession as well. It can be held at Eddies. She will organize and call on volunteers as needed.

Ed Davis suggested obtaining Corporate Sponsors for the May Show and SSA. Varying levels of sponsorship would be available. Ed will organize and call on volunteers. Initial volunteers are Betsy, Velma, Deb and Jeff.

There is a SSA meeting at 6 pm on 7/22 in the Security building at the fairgrounds. All are welcome.

Stallion Service/ Futurity Meeting 08/05/2011 by Deb Smith

Present: Jeff Wright, Deb Smith, Velma Boodt, Betsy Barnes, Kathy Wright, Ed Davis, Kris Davis, Beverly Cargile, Barb McCalip, Michelle Schrimshaw, Becky Amason, Pat Lowe, and Chris Lowe

Meeting opened.

SSA Financials Read

Extra Prizes for SSA Weanling Futurity 2011 discussed

- Motion made by Becky Amason: Neck Garlands will be provided for the Champion Weanling, with the cost being kept at \$20 dollars or less. Barb McCalip seconded motion, motion carried. Amended to find sponsors for garlands, Beverly Cargile, Kathy Wright, Becky Amason and Jeff Wright offered to sponsor the four garlands at \$20 each.

Discussion on stallion presentation for the State Fair. Stallions or get that are being stable on the fair grounds for the show may participate. Participants will sign up at the show office.

Discussion on the Stallion Service Auction

- Motion by Becky Amason that the auction starts at the stallion service presentation and end that evening. Seconded by Beverly Cargile, motion carried with Becky volunteering to conduct the silent auction (Thank you Becky)

Barb brought up a question on a rule of a \$20 fee- Tabled for research

Discuss on refreshments for the stallion presentation.

- Motion by Velma Boodt that the refreshments be located between the stands. Seconded by Kathy Wright, amended that plates and cups should be in the trailer and a budget of \$75. Motion carried. Barb volunteered to purchase the refreshments. (Thank you Barb)

Discussion on SSA get only classes for the Spring Classic. No motions

Discussion on Announcement and neck garlands for the stallions and get that show at the Spring Classic. No Motions

Discussion on a high point award for the 2012 Spring Classic- Pat Lowe offering to provide prize. Table to discuss who would be eligible and how points are calculated.

Discussion on fund raising. Raffles instead of Silent Auction. Pat Lowe offered to look into donated or discounted items from Fancy Halter. Pat Lowe and Becky Amason volunteered to crochet items for raffles.

Ed Davis gave an update on sponsorship program. Working on paperwork and talking to Art about banners.

Discussion on the Stallion Service Program's direction. Issues discussed: economy, fees, participation, advertising, budgets, growth, showing get beyond weanling. No motions

Meeting adjourned.

Notes on General Meeting held on August 20, 2011 at Barb McCalip's house

Attendees: Jeff Wright, Deb Smith, David Kryslar, Kirsten Kryslar, Beverly Cargile, Ron Lawson, Joyce Lawson, Art Byrd, Wendi Daczewitz, Christina Daczewitz, Barb McCalip, Brenda Wyant, Lisa Gallery, Donna Copeland, Caroline Lackey, Michelle Schrimshaw, Kelly Harmon, Dee Byrd, Betsy Barnes, David Sawyer, Velma Boodt

The meeting was called to order by Betsy, after we had sandwiches, etc.

The minutes and financials for May and June were approved.

The issue of the Post Entry Fee for the fair was raised. It was the general consensus that the fee should be collected, since the opportunities are limited to make a profit at the fair.

Next was a discussion on the Volunteer sign-up sheet for the fair. It now shows the classes that are being held each session. There is a link on the website to check the schedule and instructions on how to sign-up.

The audit report for the first 6 months of the year is complete and only one receipt was missing from the Show account. Thank you Audit committee: Ann Morrison, Frances Loyd, Dee Lairimore.

At the current time, the show at Eddie's is still scheduled. Another email blast will be sent with sign-up times, etc . closer to the event.

There is a Show Committee meeting on Thursday, August 25th at 6PM in the Security Building at the Fairgrounds. This is an open meeting.

There was a motion by Caroline Lackey to refresh our artificial flowers with a budget of \$200. It was seconded by Kirsten Kryslar. Motion passed. Christina Daczewitz will check with the Sand Springs nursing home who in the past have made flowers, however, they are disbanding the project and may have flowers available at no cost or minimal cost. If these are not available, Kirsten Kryslar will purchase replacement flowers.

The topic of delegate reimbursement for the meeting in Vancouver was brought up. The flight and hotel costs are significantly greater than the club normally provides. In the past the delegate was reimbursed up to \$500 for personal expenses plus the cost of the packet. This year the hotel is \$200 per night and the flight cost is approximately \$600. This discussion will be deferred until after the next meeting. Donna Copeland offered to attend the delegate meeting in Velma Boodt's place.

Meeting adjourned and Ice Cream was served.

Notes from Show Committee Meeting on August 25, 2011

Attendees: Art Byrd, Beverly Cargile, Michelle Schrimshaw, Kathy Pittman, Barb McCalip, Betsy Barnes, Velma Boodt

A contract has been signed with the Working Cow judge, Darell Bilkie. He has a USEF card for working western. Velma to check if a AHA membership is required.

The event insurance company, Equisure, has some outstanding questions to complete the application. Velma to follow-up.

The Show office space in the northwest corner of the Ford Arena has been taken over for an operations area for the new center "scoreboard". A new location in the Ford Arena will be used. Exact area to be determined later.

Center ring will be set up on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 pm. A 12x16 platform will be brought in by the fairgrounds and then the decoration starts.

Additional T-shirts will be ordered by Betsy.

Stalls with shavings will be provided for the turnback horses – Victoria Pickens and Debbie Webster.

Tammy Pickens will pick-up gifts for the lead-line riders and gift certificates for the first place winners in all the junior classes (16 total).

Art will arrange for box lunches for the judges and steward on Thursday.

The statement in the Weanling buy-in payout regarding a \$10 class fee will be ignored for this year and removed for next year.

Motel rooms for the Steward and Sport Horse Judge will be at the Comfort Inn at 1737 S. 101st St.

Next meeting will be on September 15th at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds security building.

Region 9 Delegate Meeting 9/10/11

The agenda, minutes and financials were approved.

Region 9 currently has \$104,623.56 total assets as of August 31, 2011.

The net income for calendar year 2011 is \$4,133.05. It is going to be a tough year, again.

The initial proposed budget for 2012 which will be reviewed and approved at the delegate meeting at convention only shows a profit of \$855.

Discussion on moving the Sport Horse show from Waco to Ft. Worth and merging it with the R9 show was held. Many pros and very few cons were presented. There were several suggestions on how to merge the shows from a performance day perspective were made.

The Show Committee chair persons for each show will sit on the other committee to ensure as much synergy as possible is used. For the R9 show, the new Chair is Carrie Woolverton. Bill Eash will continue to chair the Sport Horse Show. A motion was made, seconded and passed to move the SH show and merge it with R9.

For 2013 and beyond the dates for the R9 show at the Ft. Worth complex have been lost. The new contract is being negotiated and must be signed by January 27, 2012. The only available dates for 2013 and beyond are the week following Memorial Day. This causes concern for junior riders, since many schools in the Dallas area are still in session. Alternative locations are still being investigated. The Mesquite complex where the Rodeos are held is planning on expanding their facility and is looking for groups that will sign a letter of interest. Several clubs are interested in the location. The Texas Event Fund is being used to attract events to Texas. This fund provides monies to the event promoters and facility to cover expenses and provide prize money. In order to apply for the money, a Market Impact Study must be completed at a cost of approximately \$8,000. The motion to expend the funds was made, seconded and approved. Hopefully funds can be obtained to assist in paying for the R9 shows and provide additional prize money in 2012. The Market Impact will not be required for subsequent applications for funds.

The early bird deadline for convention is 9/15 and as of 9/10, only 10 delegates from R9 had signed up.

The Horseman's Award nominations have closed and only 74 entries have been received. They will not be doing a top 5 this year.

The R9 Annual Awards/SSA Event will be held on January 21, 2012 in Fort Worth. Cathy Christiansen asks that stallions be donated as soon as possible so she can have a presentation ready for Nationals.

Debbie Himmel gave a report on the youth and stated that they are very responsible and civic minded which reflects very much on their upbringing.

Attended by: Velma Boodt, Kathie Hart and Michelle Scrimshaw for GCAHA.

Show Committee Meeting 9/15/11

Attendees: Art Byrd, Beverly Cargile, Betsy Barnes, Michelle Schrimshaw, Barb McCalip, Kelly Harmon, Kathy Pittman, Velma Boodt

Action Item: Brandi needs a count of Tack Stalls – info sent to Art – 50 stalls

Action Item: Betsy needs address for Janet Froeb – info sent to Betsy

Hotel rooms to be confirmed:

9/28 – Sport Horse Judge (Dawn Casey), Steward (Sarah Jane Martin), Judge (Jim Brown)

9/29 - Steward (Sarah Jane Martin), Judge (Jim Brown)

9/30- Steward (Sarah Jane Martin), Judge (Jim Brown) – unconfirmed

Set up for Center ring will be on Wednesday, 9/28 at 6:30 pm.

Turnback for working cow – Debbie Webster and Victoria Pickens, stalls and shavings to be provided

The SSA presentation will be moved to Ford Arena due to number of entries in SHIH.

Warm up arenas are outside.

Banner for Southern Tack and GCAHA will be displayed in Ford Arena. A GCAHA banner will also be displayed in Mustang.

Halter Championship Matrix will be included in the packets and posted outside Ford arena.

Request that Steward be at gate area during Halter showing.

Lunches will be available for Judges, Steward, Office and SHIH volunteers on Thursday.

Betsy and Kelly will be available on Thursday prior to Fair opening, in case EMSA is not on site.

GCAHA Combined Board and General Meeting – Saturday, October 15, 2011

Attendees: Kathy Pittman, Ed Davis, Beverly Cargile, Lisa Gallery, Kris Alford-Davis, Linda Gremore, Virgil Gremore, Dee Byrd, Barb McCalip, Art Byrd, Brenda Wyant, Caroline Lackey, Tammy Pickens, Vicky Carnahan, Betsy Barnes, Velma Boodt, Brennan Alford, Madison Davis, Victoria Pickens

The day started out as a work session to touch up the trail obstacles for Nationals. A great turnout and everyone did a great job.

After lunch the combined Board and General meeting was held.

The Minutes and Financials were approved.

The fair show highlights: 129 horses competed with a profit of approximately \$3,000. There were 94 goes in SHIH.

The USEF stewards report has been received and there were no negative items on her report. Congratulations to the club.

Discussion was held on delegate reimbursement for the convention. Since only 2 delegates are attending, it was proposed to provide a maximum reimbursement per delegate (Art Byrd and Katharyn Hart) of \$1,000. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the attendees for the proposal.

Christmas Party will be on December 4th at Freddie's. A proposal was made to pay \$10 towards meals for any volunteer at the shows during this last year. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the attendees for the proposal.

Discussion was held on a proposal to have a concurrent Sport Horse show at our May show. The second show will be a qualifying show for Region 8. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the attendees to have the concurrent show.

A request has been received to provide a donation to the Stroud FFA to assist them to attend their National convention in Indianapolis. Hannah Monson has been a volunteer for several years along with several others from the Stroud FFA. The youth group has approved of providing \$180 which is the balance from the Youth contribution for JTR winners at the fair. A proposal for the club to provide a donation of \$200, which is what has been provided for youth members to show. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the attendees for the proposal.

The proposed Committee Guidelines were discussed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to table discussion on these guidelines until a later date.

There is an unaccounted for \$250 in the SSA fund. A proposal has been made to allocate that money to the donation category. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the attendees for the proposal.

Ozarks Heartland Arabian Classic is being held on November 12th & 13th in Mt. Vernon, Missouri. A proposal was made to sponsor high point awards for Arabian and Half Arabians. The cost is \$60 per class. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the attendees for the proposal.

Brenda Wyant is GCAHA PR person. She is sending notices to clubs in Region 9 and surrounding regions about events. She is also putting notices in various online publications about events. If you have information that needs to be distributed regarding events, contact her at Arabcowhorse@hughes.net.

Tammy Pickens has resigned as Youth Director. Kris Alford-Davis has volunteered to be the Youth Director. Thanks to Tammy for all her hard work and Thanks to Kris for stepping up to the challenge.

The Benefit show on September 11th at Eddie Ralstons' was well attended and a total of \$1,426 was sent to the Arabian Horseman's Distress Fund. Thanks to all who volunteered and participated.

Elections for officers and board members will be held at the Christmas Party. If you are interested in any position, please contact Becky Amason at beckya@pantherenergy.us.

Discussions are being held about a clinic for Sport Horse In Hand. Kathy Pittman, Kris Alford-Davis and Betsy Barnes will be investigating and/or organizing the clinic. Information will be shared via eBlast when it becomes available.

A survey will be added to the packets for the May show asking the competitors whether they would be interested in adding hunter/jumper classes to the 2013 show. Additionally we will ask if they have any requests for other classes.

For the May 2012 show, there have been requests for driving classes and JTR SH under Saddle.

The Resolution review provides the following directions to our delegates:

1 – No Support	2 – Support	3 – Support	4 – No Support	5 – Discretion of Delegate
6 – Support	7 – No Support	8 – No Support	9 – Support	10 – No Support
11 – No Support	12 – Support	13 – No Support	14 – Discretion of Delegate	15 - Support

Show Committee / Futurity Committee meeting – November 22, 2011

Attendees: Pat Lowe, Joyce Lawson, Ron Lawson, Debbie Webster, Art Byrd, Beverly Cargile, Barb McCalip, Betsy Barnes, Michelle Schrimshaw, Velma Boodt

FUTURITY COMMITTEE NOTES:

Velma Boodt has agreed to be the new chair person for the Futurity Committee. The next meeting of the Futurity Committee will be on December 14th at 6:30 pm in the Security Building at the Fair Grounds.

There is a handmade bridle that will be raffled off during 2012 and the funds will be part of the 2013 premium payout for the SSA. The bridle is initially being paid for from the 2013 breeding fees. Debbie Webster will take pictures of the bridle on a Grey horse to support the raffle. Details to be worked out by the Futurity Committee.

The statement presented for the cost of the halter was \$225, which included \$150 for the halter and \$75 for overnight mail. Pat Lowe will obtain original documents for the cost of the halter and the shipping prior to payment.

SHOW COMMITTEE NOTES:

At the current time, no judges have been hired for either the May show or the Fair. Names have been provided to Art for review.

Working cow classes were discussed. There was an issue raised at Convention regarding the "quality" of the cows for Nationals. The cows were sourced from the same ranch as the cows for our shows. Not anything we can do regarding this issue.

Art will check with John Garland to determine the number of shows he plans for 2012. Art will check with Eddie Ralston and Travis Braden to determine if there is a need to have Working Cow/Cutting classes at our shows in 2012. Art will provide information at the next Show Committee Meeting on December 6th at 6pm in the Security Building.

The club has permission from Region 8 and Region 9 to hold a concurrent Sport Horse qualifying show in May. Need to determine how that would work and costs associated with those classes.

There was a discussion on the Trail Class and where to place it in the schedule. Michelle to look at the schedule and provide some alternative scheduling, i.e., no Working Cow/Cutting classes in May; adding "over fences" classes for Sport Horse, adding Dressage, etc.

Debbie Webster will contact Donna Wakefield to determine if she is available as a Paddock Manager for our shows, May 4-6 and September 27-28. This person is a professional Paddock Manager and it would be a paid position.

There is a new Trophy/Awards person in the Bixby area that can provide plaques, name plates (stall/bridle) at a reasonable price. Debbie to get more information and provide at next meeting.

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION:

Kathy Barnes has agreed to begin producing the Newsletter in January. She is currently the membership secretary.

Debbie Webster agreed to host a Sport Horse Clinic. Betsy to determine date and trainer(s) for the clinic.

Art reviewed the resolution from Convention and provided highlights.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Show Committee – December 6th at 6:00 PM in the Security Building – Fair Grounds

Futurity Committee – December 14th at 6:30 PM in the Security Building – Fair Grounds
