

Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 3:54 pm on 4 December 2008.

Persons attending included Jennie Bohart, DDC; Nancy Burba, SEDA; Sally Chionsini, BACH; Jan Colley, Austin; Joan Darnell, DDC; Laura Freeman, SEDA; Sherry Guess, ODS; Susan Howard, CTDS; Kathy Jones, HDS; Paul Kathen, HDS; Marilyn Kulifay, HDS; Kathryn Kyle, PM; Nicole Landreneau, SEDA; Bruce Lawrie, DDC; K Leonard; Sarah Jane Martin, BACH; Donna Meyer, BACH, HDS; Vera Muckleroy, ADA; Sarah Parsons, LEDA; Karen Peacock, HDS; Susan Peacock, ODS; Elizabeth Rice, MSED; Evie Tumlin, MSED.

Burnis Foy would like to change the guidelines for the Region 9 Horseperson of the Year. Kat moved and Sally seconded that we accept Burnis Foy's recommendation to change the guidelines for the Horseperson of the year. Susan Howard suggested that we exclude the priority phrase that it be a person near the end of their career. The addition passed. The change to the guidelines passed.

We then discussed the Regional service pin award.

The first motion was to add a five-year service category. Kat made the motion and Susan seconded. The motion was approved. The second motion was made by Kat and seconded by Paul. It was that the pins would be presented at Region 9 Championships. The third motion was that we add a certificate suitable for framing and that it be placed on the website in a printable form. The motion was made by Kat and seconded by Sarah Parsons. The motion passed. The next motion made by Kat and seconded by Susan was that if the recipient doesn't attend the regional championship the pin will be mailed. It was approved. The last motion made by Kat and seconded by Jan was the method of implementation. There must be a letter submitted to the committee stating what service was performed and the date. The person submitting the letter can be the recipient or another person. The Committee will validate the service. The motion passed.

It was moved by Donna and seconded by Paul that the 2010 Omnibus price be raised to \$15.00. The motion passed. It was added that competitions, advertisers that buy a full-page ad, Region 9 Judges and TDs get a free copy.

Bess gave the Bench Fund report. Right now we have \$6850.00 to pay our obligation. It was suggested that every recognized show in the region give \$50 per day of their show and \$10 per schooling show to bench fund. It was also suggested to have a silent auction at the shows to benefit the bench fund.

Bess mentioned that the Regional Committee Chairs and Coordinators need to be persistent in trying to get on the national committees.

Mary Wetzel asked that all GMOs send their newsletters editors' email addresses to all the chairs.

It was mentioned that regional financial assistance is available to small GMOs. There is \$500.00 per GMO to send a board member or convention delegate. They must send in an application. The GMO must have less than 75 members or less than \$5000.00 in their treasury. Kat moved that assistance to GMOs be capped at \$1000. (Not per GMO). Susan seconded the motion and it passed.

GMOs need to remember that after they have their board elections that they need to send the new names and email addresses to Bess Reineman.

GMOs are asked when they receive regional news in the eblasts and emails to put the information in the GMO newsletters. Please inform and educate your members.

A committee to update policy and procedures of the region was created. It consists of Kat, Sherry & Laura Freeman.

Bess asked to be thinking about where we as a region excel and where are we lacking. She wants to identify how can we improve and in what areas.

Our next Summer meeting will be in August probably in Dallas.

There is a GMO member benefits page. Bess will email it in an eblast.

To fulfill the going green edict Bess will accept any reports by email.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed.