

ZONE 7 COORDINATING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
June 2, 2014

The conference call was called to order by the Chairperson, Marjorie Moser, at 8:10 PM. Joining the call were: Marjorie Moser (Chairperson), Dorothy Quirk (Secretary), Patti Cerio (Treasurer), Lynn Fick (Del Marva PHC), Stephanie Hearn (Del Marva PHC), Bob Drake (Vice Chairperson/New England PHC), Karen Roy (New England PHC), Ashley Nolasco (Garden State PHC), Kathy Reinert (Empire State PHC), David Lands (Virginia PHC), Alison Umberger (APHA National Director).

APHA NORTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIP PAINT SHOW: Marjorie asked Lyn Fick to give a report on the status of the show. Lyn commented that the "Questions and Answers" sheet that has been formulated should answer any questions that most folks will have. Per the last Conference Call, the limitation on eligibility has been changed to five years as our Committee had requested. Lyn noted that, since this is a Pilot Program, rules, eligibility, etc. may change for 2015. APHA is, as noted before, targeting exhibitors who either can't or don't attend the World Show. They have attempted to keep the rules as simple as possible in order to make the program easy to police and understand. Lyn is working with APHA, as requested by our Committee, to get a list of ineligible exhibitors and horses for our show office to use. The Committee feels that this list is very important to have as a check-off when exhibitors enter at the show. Lyn said that she has gone back through the last several years of Zone 7 shows and checked the status of our Zone 7 exhibitors. She has found that approximately 90% of them will be eligible for the Championship classes. The Northeast Championship show packet will consist of three pages - the class list, the entry form, and the Questions and Answers sheets. These classes will be entered (on the separate entry form) at the same show window as the Zone 7 classes. APHA is planning on notifying all Zone 7 members of the availability of these classes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- The \$25 entry fee for each Championship class is paid to Zone 7. These entry fees should cover any judges' overtime that may be incurred. APHA will be providing all the Championship class awards.
- If an exhibitor enters the Championship classes only, and doesn't show any of the regular APHA classes, an \$18 office fee will be applied.
- We plan on calculating the Championship class winners on a 1-10 point system. Lyn will check with APHA to confirm that this is acceptable. Patti will check with Heather and Lyn will check with APHA to see if software is available to do the tallying or if it will be done "by hand".
- The winners of the Championship classes will be presented their awards in the ring immediately following the tallying of the high point results, An APHA representative will be attending the show to present these awards.

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- Motion was made (Cerio/Fick) and passed that the Bridleless Western Pleasure class be dropped from our program due to the time constraints of adding the Championship classes to our show.
- The addition of these classes will add substantial time to our show.
- The winners of the 2014 Championship classes will be able to participate in these classes in 2015 if they are not restricted by the eligibility restraints applied to exhibitors at the 2014 World Show.
- Bob Drake noted that our Championship Show class requirements are very similar to the requirements used by Quarter Horse for their Regional Shows.
- Winning a futurity does not make a horse ineligible for Championship classes.

FOLLOW-UP:

- Lyn will contact APHA:
 - To get a definitive answer on how we can /are to calculate the high point scoring.
 - She will send APHA our show bill, Championship class entry form, and the Questions and Answers sheets.
 - She will indicate on the show bill which days (Saturday or Sunday) each class will be held.
- * Allison asked Committee members to contact her if they think of any additional Questions / Answers that should be added.
- Patti will contact Heather in regards to the computer aspect of the show program.

ZONE 7 SHOW:

Zone Awards: In the past, our Zone 7 Show Class Circuit Champions have been designated: "NE Connection Circuit Champions" and the Zone 7 logo has also been affixed to the award (when possible). Regarding the "new for 2014" Zone Resident Class Circuit Champions, motion was made (Quirk/Drake) and passed that these awards be notated as "Zone 7 Circuit Awards" and have the Zone 7 logo also affixed.

Back Numbers: Patti reported that Heather Mounts is not comfortable printing out back numbers to use at the show. She has purchased a set of back numbers to use at the Zone 7 Show. Motion was made (Cerio/Drake) and passed that Zone 7 purchase (for \$75) these numbers for Zone 7 and reimburse Heather for them.

Sponsors: Patti reported that she is still looking for more sponsors for the Zone 7 Show. In the past, Professional Choice has sent gift certificates (to be used at the Zone Show) for every APHA member's information that was sent to them. Patti asked that each Club

send her their membership list and she will compile a listing of all those members to send to Professional Choice. In return, Zone 7 will receive the gift certificates to distribute as random awards at the show. Marjorie will check with APHA and confirm that submitting APHA membership lists to Professional Choice is acceptable.

Insurance: Marjorie said that she will be securing the insurance for the Zone 7 Show.

"Play a Five" Drawing: Dorothy Quirk reminded all the representatives present (David, Bob, Kathy, Stephanie, Alison) that, if they are not planning on attending the Zone Show, that they should send her their ticket stubs and check for this drawing which will take place July 5 at the GSPHC Paint Show.

VIRGINIA'S REQUEST FOR ZONE REALIGNMENT: Marjorie asked David Lands to give an overview of the Virginia PHC's request for Zone realignment. David noted that the Virginia PHC has no issues with the Zone 7 Committee or the Zone 7 Show. He stated that Virginia has recently developed a strong relationship with North Carolina and hold two of their shows in North Carolina. Virginia has club members who show in both Zone 7 and Zone 9. He added that the Virginia PHC does not have many active members but, for those who show in North Carolina, etc., changing to Zone 9 would help these members in working for Top 5 in the Zone. He does realize, that, if they do change to Zone 9, the members would not receive Top 5 Zone points at the Zone 7 Zone Show. Virginia has researched changing Zones and knows that they will have to abide by APHA's requirements for a Zone Show, which will involve forming an official Coordinating Committee.

Alison Umberger also noted that the Virginia PHC has no problem with anything connected with the Zone 7 show or it's members. She feels that the logistics, with Virginia holding two of their shows in North Carolina, is a basis for the request for Zone realignment. She would like to see the Virginia members able to earn Zone Top 5 points at the majority of the shows in which they participate. She feels that, changing Zone realignment, will open up the possibility of having another large Zone show on the East coast.

Discussion:

- It was noted that, consistent with 2013, Virginia has a variance to allow Zone 7 points to count in their July 17-18 (Thursday and Friday) North Carolina show.
- If Virginia moves to Zone 9, then those Zone 9 members will not be accumulating Zone Top 5 points at the Northeast Connection Zone 7 show.
- Stephanie Hearn (Del Marva representative) stated that she feels this will negatively impact their club since Virginia PHC members will no longer be able to earn Top 5 Zone points at the Delaware shows.
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- Zone 7 shows run from April through October. Taking Virginia out of Zone 7 will mean that Virginia's later/fall shows will not count for Zone 7 Top 5 awards anymore.
- Lyn Fick commented that losing the Virginia PHC would make Zone 7's membership smaller and Zone 7 would lose their Virginia members/participants. She asked that, if APHA could guarantee approving the variance for the Zone 7 points for the first POR of the July NC show every year, would that make the need for realignment to Zone 9 less of an issue to the Virginia PHC.

Final Decision:

- The APHA EC will ultimately make the final decision on whether Virginia will be permitted to join Zone 9.
- Zone 7 Coordinating Committee feels as those they will lose both members and Coordinating Committee / show workers if this change is made.
- A draft of these comments will be developed by the Secretary and e-mailed to conference call participants for their approval before it is sent to APHA.

The meeting was culminated at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Quirk, Secretary