

## ZONE 7 NORTHEAST CONNECTION

April 8, 2014

Conference Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by Marjorie Moser, Chairperson. Participating were: Marjorie Moser (Chairperson), Patti Cerio (Treasurer), Dorothy Quirk (Secretary), Lyn Fick, Stephanie Hearn (Delaware Delegates), Karen Roy (New England Delegate), Ashley Nolasco (GSPHC Delegate), Kathy Reinert (Empire State Delegate), Stephanie Reed (Pennsylvania Delegate), David Lands (Virginia Delegate), Allison Umberger (National Director).

ZONE 7 / NORTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIP PAINT SHOW / CLASSES: Marjorie noted that the members of the Committee had received a copy of the program objective and classes suggested by APHA. She noted the following:

- APHA will be sponsoring these APHA Northeast Championship classes in conjunction with the Northeast Connection Zone 7 Show.
- APHA will provide the award buckles and medallions.
- Zone 7 will be provided with a list of all ineligible horses prior to the show.

Marjorie asked Lyn Fick to give a more detailed explanation since she and Allison Umberger have been working on this program.

Lyn reported that she was approached by APHA at the Convention to see if Zone 7 would be interested in hosting these trial classes. Zone 7 was chosen, among other reasons, because it is located on the East Coast, a great distance from the World Show.

- It is an APHA Pilot Program.
- It is tailored to exhibitors who may never attend a World Show.
- Two Zones (Zone 1 and Zone 7) will be piloting this program this year.
- This program will never be held in Texas since that state is in too close proximity to the World Show.
- These Championship classes will not be pointed this year.
- Exhibitors / horses who won Intermediate World Show awards will not be excluded from the program this year.
- APHA hopes to be able to include these Championship class points on show records in the future.

Patti Cerio questioned:

- Exhibitor Eligibility: If an exhibitor placed in the top 10 in a performance class at the World Show, the exhibitor will be ineligible to compete in any Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, or Novice Youth division classes involving the same class.
- Horse Eligibility: If a horse placed in the top ten in a performance class at the APHA World Show, the horse will be ineligible to compete in any Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, or Novice Youth division classes involving the same class.

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Allison Umberger noted that this program is not intended to target World Show exhibitors and horses. The program is trying to develop a "less intimidating" class for exhibitors.

Patti asked for a clarification:

- A horse cannot be shown at more than one Championship Show during the same calendar year. What are the Championship shows?

Youth World Show: Lyn noted that she will get this clarified but she feels that exhibitors would be able to show at our Zone 7 show and then also show at the Youth World.

Top 10: Exhibitor Eligibility - If an exhibitor placed in the top 10 in a performance class at the APHA World Show, the exhibitor will be ineligible to compete in any Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, or Novice Youth division classes involving the same class.

- Patti Cerio recommended that there needs a date e.g. years for this eligibility. Stephanie Hearn noted that no time limit had been placed on this eligibility at this time since APHA was attempting to keep the rules simple.
- Also, what if a horse is sold?

At this time, Zone 7 and Zone 1 rules may not be the same.

Lynn Fick will contact APHA to:

- Adjust the eligibility requirements so that they are more inclusive and not so stringent for the horse and exhibitor.
- Add a figure for the years of eligibility. Five years was recommended.

Cost to Zone 7: Patti questioned if adding 17 more classes will cost us in overtime fees. Lyn reported that APHA feels that the entry fees for the classes (which Zone 7 will keep) will compensate for any overtime. The program, for Zone 7, should support itself financially.

Marjorie reported that she will set up another Conference Call when Lyn gets an answer from APHA on the above questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Quirk, Secretary

