**Annual Meeting Minutes**

**AVA Region III**

**Saturday, 21 June 2014**

**Oregon Horse Center, Eugene, OR**

1. **Call to order:** 5:28pm
2. **Presided by:** Kathy Rynning, Region III Supervisor
3. **Reading and Acceptance of 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Read by Lynda Bender. Motion to Approve made by Tom Sayles. Second by Sydney Dexter. Motion approved.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Kathy Seelye
   1. 2012-2013 Annual Fiscal Report was submitted to the National office on time.
   2. Current regional finances (1 Jan. to 31 May) looks good with 3 accounts in excess of $10,000. But not all the bills are paid, particularly from the 2014 Regional Championships.
   3. Regional Scholarships to the 2013 AVA National Conference was awarded in 3 categories. The winners were Kaleb Patterson, Daniel Jaynes, Isabel Pioli.
      1. The Region also paid airfare only for Kathy Rynning to attend the conference.
      2. 2014 Scholarships will be determined until after Nationals.
   4. Motion to Approve Report made by Tom Sayles. Second by Tammi Denault. Motion approved.
5. **Profit Sharing of 2014 Regionals**
   1. Unlike last year, Kathy Seelye estimated that the 2014 Region III Championships would just break even because of the added expense of hiring a USEF judge plus extra facility costs.
   2. Discussion of options if any profit seen:
      1. Kathy Rynning suggested putting money back into the Region III general funds
      2. Lynda Bender suggested scholarship for vaulters to go to the AVA National Conference
   3. Motion made by Lynda Bender to approve conference scholarships for vaulters with any profits in 2014-2015. Second by Lori Robison. Motion approved.
6. **Discussion of Future Region III Competition Goals**
   1. Kathy Rynning submitted idea that Region III could host a CVI\* or CVI\*\*, however lots of advance planning would be needed because of:
      1. European judge needed (expensive)
      2. Extra costs of FEI Steward and U.S. Steward
      3. Extra costs to vaulters and teams because of fees, extra paperwork, vet checks, etc.
      4. Request to host a CVI must be submitted at least 9 months in advance
      5. Tremendous cost up front though less than a CVI\*\*\* that cost approximately $50,000; possibly CVI\*\* could cost $30,000 with good planning
      6. Facility must have dedicated riding only arena, grass turn out, security, separate stalls for CVI horses
      7. Look at timing CVIs with World or Junior World years
      8. 2014-2015 could be educational phase for region
      9. Needs further consideration
7. **2015 Site Selection for 2015 Region III Championships (USEF)**
   1. Scheduling considerations:
      1. Vaulters prefer end of June to avoid conflict with selection trials
      2. 2015 Nationals TENTATIVELY scheduled for mid-July
      3. 2015 Junior Worlds TENTATIVELY scheduled for early August
      4. Mid-June conflicts with many graduations
   2. Site possibilities include:
      1. Lynden is available June 26-28 only
      2. Donida is available June 13-14 only
      3. Availability of Oregon Horse Center, Eugene was unknown
      4. Availability of Moses Lake facility was unknown
   3. Voted on order of site preference:
      1. #1 Lynden with 20 votes

#2 Donida with 14 votes

#3 Eugene with 11 votes

#4 Moses Lake with 10 votes

* 1. Voted on date preference: Majority favored late June versus mid-June.
  2. Region III Meeting at Nationals on Thursday, 10 minutes after last go in Blue Arena
     1. Final determination will be made after Nationals’ 2015 schedule is announced

1. **2015 Fest Committee Volunteer Positions**
   1. Fest Manager: Kathy Rynning
   2. Facility Manager: Kathy Rynning
   3. Volunteer Coordinator: Kathy Rynning
   4. Hospitality/Gifts Coordinator: Lynder Bender
2. **2014-2015 Region III Tentative Competition Schedule:**
   * + - * 4-5 October—Oktoberfest, Brookwood
         * 27-29 March—USEF--Warm Beach Vault into Spring, Lynden
         * 26-27 April—Mountain Wind Fest, Kettle Falls
         * 3-4 May—CVI—Pacific Cup, Gilroy, CA
         * TBD May—Brookwood
         * 29-31 May – CVI Chiliwack, BC
         * TBD June—USEF—Regional Championships, TBD
         * TBD July—USEF—Nationals, TBD
3. **Educational Offerings:** Blake Dahlgren scheduled 13-14 September, 2014 at Harbor View Vaulters in Gig Harbor
4. **Formation of Grant Committee:** So far, scholarships decided by Kathy Seelye, Lori Robison, Tereesa Wentland, Kathy Rynning, Lynda Bender
5. **Region III Board Openings:**
   1. Vice president position is open.
   2. Accepting nominations. So far Mary Jane Pioli only nominee.
6. **Regional High Point**
   1. Jody Venters discussed how latest High Points were calculated.
      1. Recommended that 2013 and 2014 be split; with 2014 calculations to start at 1 January to competition just prior to Regionals
   2. Motion made by Jody Venters to change High Point calculating schedule to 1 January to 31 December of each year. Second by Saacha D’Ambrosio. Motion approved.
   3. Discussion of High Point budget ensued. Spent $300 on most recent awards. Many said that was not enough.
   4. Motion made by Tammy Denault to budget $500 for next High Point awards ribbons. Second by Patti Skipton. Motion approved.
7. **Discussion from Membership**
   1. Gaelle Cimetiere was gratefully acknowledged by all for the wonderful work and quick updates she has done on the Region III Facebook™ page. Thank you, Gaelle!
   2. No further discussions.
8. **Meeting Adjourned**.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by**

**Miriam Burk**