

**Arabian Horse Youth Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes
Denver, CO
March 12-13, 2016**

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Taylor

- a. Meeting called to order at 8:01 A.M.

II. Roll Call/ Introductions – Taylor

Kailey Wessel (3), Jamie Seals (3), Danika Overstreet (3), Tessa Kimbler (6), Emily Maersk Moller (8), Alycia Boucher (9), Peyton Mainwaring (9), Hunter Offord (10), Emmy Farago (10), Katie Treadwell (10), Kate Lewis (11), Rachele Cate (13), Marijke Kalisvaart (17), Brenna Whitlock, Debbie Himmel, Cindy Howey, Flora ElmColone (Secretary), Taylor Kyse (President), Emily Barker (VP), Sydney Young (Treasurer)

III. Approval of Agenda – Taylor

- a. Motion #1 (3/12/16)- Emily Barker makes a motion to approve the agenda, seconded Flora

IV. Treasurer's Report – Sydney

- a. Arabian horse judging contest is budgeted at \$4,500. We're aiming for \$4,000 in sponsorships for the judging contest. Stall decorating contest is budgeted at \$1,000. Ice Cream Social is budgeted at \$1,000. Qualifier T-shirts are budgeted at \$6,000.
- b. Goals for 2016: Board to continue involvement in fundraising. AHYA Board to challenge themselves to come up with creative fundraising ideas and encourage each other, and to submit silent auctions equal or exceeding to their plane ticket price for the March meeting with a standard minimum of \$100.

V. Unfinished Business

a. *Timeline and Responsibilities Review* – Brenna

- i. The goal is for everyone to get at least one \$250 T shirt sponsorship.
- 1. Question—Does the \$250 have to be from one person or can it be from multiple? Answer—You can collect the money however you want but it all needs to be under one name.

b. *Social Media* – Brenna

- i. *AHYA Blog*— Go over sign ups
- 1. Can be anything from Regional updates, College, Equine Fashion, Barn tips, etc.

VI. Regional Updates

R1-

R2- New Regional director, Natalie Zavala. At the Region 2 Show she will be continuing the Silent Auction, the Ice Cream Social, the Scavenger Hunt, and the Volleyball game. Natalie is implementing an Egg & Spoon contest and a 3 legged race. Hippology & Judging Contests will take place in June to determine who will attend Youth Nationals.

R3- New ideas: Theme nights, Movie nights, Dance party. New Fundraisers: Horse poop bingo, Trainer Equitation Class. Fun Classes: Dollar Bill Class, Egg & Spoon, Dress-up class. Upcoming show in April—Rancho Murieta

R4-

R5- First show coming up at Monroe Fairgrounds. They have a new secretary and treasurer, and have had good involvement. 6th overall AHA High Team at the AHA Judging Contest. Youth Benefits show is coming up, and the Arabian saddle company is sponsoring. "A Day at the Races" tour coming up. Trying to incorporate a lot more fun youth events outside of shows and meetings. Fundraisers: Dessert dash, Silent Auction, Italian Soda or Popsicle cart, and a potential Region 5 calendar. Danika is working on incorporating more Sport Horse youth, including a "Design your own Dressage Test" at Regionals. Trying to implement a Youth Mentor program to teach youth how to run the show.

R6- New Regional director, Tessa Kimbler. Communication is mainly through social media and emails. Fundraisers: Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and TAIL Program was implemented with great success.

R7-

R8- Region 8 championship show is in June. Communication is mainly through social media, emails, and texts. Fundraisers: Bake sale, Coin wars, Silent Auction, Scavenger hunt. Fun Classes: Men's sidesaddle, Dress-up class, Dollar Bill class, Bareback class, Egg & Spoon class. New ideas: Golf cart design competitions.

R9- Fundraisers: T shirt sponsorships, Chuck a Duck, Silent Auction or 50/50 Raffle. New ideas: Battle of the Barns, Lip Sync Battle. Alycia is planning on making a Region 9 Instagram soon.

R10- There will be a Silent Auction in May. Fundraisers: Region 10 Coloring Book—using pictures of successful Region 10 horses with a brief background on them. Region 10 Show is in June, and the youth are putting on a "Trainer Beauty Pageant." Hunter is trying to organize a Movie night. They will put on a Coloring contest at the Region 10 Show, as well as a trivia contest about local trainers. There will also be Face Painting at the show.

R11- Continuing Chuck a Duck, T Shirt Sponsorships, and Bingo. Kate is working on improving the Youth Lounge at the Region 11 Show and trying to get youth more involved.

R12-

R13- Will have a concession stand at the local schooling show to benefit the youth. Regional show is in June. Fundraisers: Chuck a Duck, Region 13 Pillowcases. Rachele is trying to make use of social media more. Ideas: Battle of the Barns at National Shows.

R14-

R15-

R16-

R17- Show season starts in April. Region 17 Show is in July. New ideas: Root beer Float Social, Scavenger Hunt, Novelty Classes. Fundraisers: Photo booth, Trainer Egg & Spoon Challenge, Silent Auction, Carnival Night.

R18-

VII. AHYA Committees

a. Reports

i. Youth Activities – Taylor

1. Theme for YN—Go For The Gold. One idea that got brought up was the Olympic Games as an activity.

- ii. *Membership/Fundraising & Promotions* – Taylor
 - 1. Fundraiser for Ryan Melendez was discussed at the November Meeting. We will continue the Flamingos at YN, and we need to come up with some new fundraisers for this year as well.
 - 2. We're working on keeping members involved through college.
- iii. *Regional/National Classes* – Sydney Rice
 - 1. Danika, co-chair, created a survey for people to answer what they would like to see more of at their Regional and National shows to be handed out at Regional shows if approved.
- iv. *Equitation & Showmanship* – Emily
 - 1. The 2016 Equitation and Showmanship should be ready for print by later this month, including new Saddleseat & Hunter Equitation Trends.
- v. *Working Western* – Lilly wasn't in attendance. No report.
- vi. *Sport Horse* – Emily
 - 1. Added cross rails 10 & under at YN.
- vii. *Distance* – Vacant
 - 1. Tessa Kimbler will fill the position as committee chair.
- viii. *Canadian Nationals* – Sydney
 - 1. We need to nominate a new chair because Sydney is aging out. In the past Sydney put on a pizza night which was really successful and she recommends continuing it. There was also a lot of success in a week-long Scavenger hunt with teams. Try to be involved in the TAIL Programs at the Canadian Nationals. There is a large turnout of local spectators at the show so Sydney would recommend interacting with them to promote Arabians.
 - 2. Marijke will be the new committee chair.

VIII. Youth Nationals

- a. *Schedule* – Brenna
 - i. *AHYA Board meeting* – decorate before meeting
 - 1. Thursday, July 21—food will be provided.
 - ii. *Committee Meetings*
 - 1. Open to any youth members
 - 2. One time slot before Convention: Sport Horse
 - 3. One time slot after Convention: Equitation & Showmanship, Regional & National Classes
 - iii. *Welcome Party*
 - 1. Activity: Ideas: Team-building ice breakers, Olympic game-like activities have to participate in activities to get food tickets, 3 legged Race with a partner from a different region, Obstacle course that allows you to get to know people from other regions, Lip sync contest, Team building activities with the requirement of one person from each region on your team.
 - 2. Olympic Games coincides with Obstacle Courses and 3 Legged Race → Team mixed Regional competitions.

3. We need to pick one of these four activities: Team mixed competitions, Regional challenge, challenge for food, & lip sync battle.
4. Straw Vote: Team mixed challenge: 7, Regional Challenge: 2, Challenge for Food: 3, Lip Sync Battle: 3. → Mixed Team Challenge will be our activity.
5. Ideas: Blindfolded string obstacle course, trivia contest, hula hoop activity, tug of war, scavenger hunt → Need to narrow it down to 3 games. Options: 3 legged race, wheelbarrow race, obstacle course, string challenge, trivia, hula hoop line, tug of war, scavenger hunt.
6. Straw Vote: vote for your top 3. 3 Legged Race: 0, Wheelbarrow Race: 1, Obstacle Course: 17 (everyone), String Challenge: 13, Trivia: 2, Hula Hoop Line: 7, Tug of War: 7, Scavenger Hunt: 2.
7. Top 2: Obstacle Course & String Challenge. 3rd: Tie between Hula Hoop Line and Tug of War.
8. Straw Vote: vote once between top 4. Obstacle Course: 10, String Challenge: 4, Hula Hoop Line: 0, Tug of War: 2. → Top 3: Obstacle Course, String Challenge, & Tug of War.
9. *Obstacle Course* ideas: Putting together tack, running through things, equitation patterns, relay where you dress in old sports clothes like Olympic athletes, track related events, horse show themed race, create 3 stations, use a torch as a baton.
10. Straw Vote: Options: Horse themed or Olympic themed. Olympic: 16. Horse: 1.
11. Straw Vote: Options: Relay, balancing the baton (towel insides that can be personalized), 3 legged race, track & field events → (running, throwing, jumping, ring toss), wheelbarrow races. Vote for your top 2: Relay: 13, Track & Field: 14, 3 Legged Race: 0, Balancing the Baton: 1, Ring Toss: 0, Wheelbarrow Races: 2.
12. Top 3: Relay with Sports clothes, Track & Field, Wheelbarrow Race → Relay, Pool Noodle through Hoop, Human Wheelbarrow Race.
13. How many on a team? → Ideas: Have different team members doing different events simultaneously, Eliminations, Team Names, scoring events like track meets with a scoreboard, whole team participating at the same time. Question: Should all teams do all activities or should it be an elimination?
14. Straw Vote: Options: Elimination or Total Participation. Elimination: 11, Total Participation: 6. → Elimination has the vote.
15. Ideas for how many people on a team: 5, with a minimum of 2 regions represented on a team. Split regions into four sections (North, East, South, West), and pull names for teams.
16. Range: 4-6 per team. Have sign-ups for Obstacle Course at dinner. At least 2 Regions must be represented on a team.

Break at 9:50 A.M.

Call back to order at 10:06 A.M.

iv. *Stall Decorating Contest*

1. Run by AHYA Board, like at YN 2015
2. Prizes – same as last year, frames made by Emily Barker’s dad.

v. *Parade of Regions*

1. Sunday at 5:30 down main street
2. Golf Carts will be available – will not have as many though
3. Need awards –We do have a perpetual plaque, we have \$300 budgeted for Parade of Regions prizes. Ideas: Pizza Party for winning region sponsored by AHYA → hard to schedule because of class conflicts. Question: pizza party for whole region or only those who participated in the decorating? Pizza party could be confusing or not enough incentive. Idea: Olympic themed medal for winning members, a picture of the winning team on the AHYA website, a banner in the show ring announcing winning region that region gets to keep.
4. Straw Vote: Options: Pizza Party or No: Pizza Party: 0, No: 17
5. Other options: Banner, Picture on Social Media, Medals. Question: How is it decided which barn gets banner? Idea: display banner at AHYA booth. Region gets to take Banners and photos to display at Regional Shows. Page in the Modern Arabian Horse Magazine for winner, Horse water bucket filled with swag? 2nd place idea: “candy medals”, candy bars attached to an AHYA Lanyard.
6. Should we have other awards besides the overall winner? i.e. Most participation, etc. Overall Champion, & Most Youth Participation.
7. Overall winner gets a banner and a photo frame. Most Youth Participation gets Candy Medals? Or, Silver to runner up & Bronze to Most Participation. → Silver to Runner Up & Bronze to most participation (could be one of other two).

vi. Followed by *Ice Cream Social*

vii. *Stick Horse*

1. Thoughts: Usually 25-30 participants. At YN 2015, there were 12 that went into the arena (6 & Under). No objections to keeping stick horse.

viii. *Flying Pigs*

1. It was requested that each arena gets their own flying pig contest with a designated arena → There will be 3 rings at OKC. Flying Pigs going on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday. No objections to keeping Flying Pigs. The payouts will be based on the total amount of monies collected over the 3 Tosses.

ix. *Barn Night Out*

1. Brick Town → in downtown OKC. Proceeds benefit AHYA. No objections to keeping Barn Night Out.

x. *College Day – Thursday (2nd Thursday)*

1. Wear college attire
2. Similar to a College Fair, any college with a horse riding program, team, majors, etc.
3. Each college needs a representative and will set up a booth.

- xi. *Patriotic Day* – Friday (2nd) July 29
 - 1. USA/Canada day, wear your colors (Red, white & blue or Red & white)
- xii. *Hippology contest* moved to Friday (2nd) July 29
 - 1. From 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
 - 2. Question: Can we make “study guides” available?
- xiii. *Regional Posters*
 - 1. Idea: Each region representing an event. → Just from summer events?
 - 2. Regional posters coincide with your event.
 - 3. The golf cart decorations will tie in with the Regional posters.
- xiv. *Sponsorship of Jacket/Buckles*
 - 1. Motion #2 (3/12/16): Flora makes a motion to have \$1800 for sponsorships of jackets & buckles at Youth Nationals, seconded.
 - 2. Motion passes.
- b. *Fundraisers*
 - i. *Qualifier t-shirts*
 - 1. What color – blue/gold are main theme colors
 - 2. Idea: Green & gold, green shirts with gold writing.
 - 3. Straw Vote: Options: White & Blue, Green & Gold, Green & White. White & Blue: 2, Green & Gold: 15, Green & White: 0. → Green & Gold has the vote.
 - ii. *Flying pigs*
 - 1. Continue
 - iii. *Flamingos*
 - 1. Continue
 - 2. New special prize
 - 3. New pricing structure → 5 birds = \$10, 8 birds = \$20, 10 birds = \$30, Golden Bird = \$50. Idea: with purchase of Golden bird comes a raffle ticket for a small raffle for only the “golden” purchasers. Idea: number of birds increases until the barn who was flocked pays to remove them and it increases with time, sort of like interest. Idea: With Golden bird comes a big bag of carrots. Attach a personalized note.
 - 4. Golden bird: \$40 and comes with a bag of carrots and a personalized note.
 - 5. End sales on Thursday evening
 - 6. Last day to flock is Friday morning
 - iv. *Limited Edition Item*
 - 1. Still have dog collars left → We need to sell all the dog collars before we can purchase a new item.
 - 2. More Ideas: Nice reusable plastic water bottles, Phone cases, hats, headphones, polo wraps, iron on patches.
 - 3. Straw vote: Options: Water Bottles, hats, beanies, polo wraps, tail bags, iron on patches: Hats: 2, Beanies: 0, Tailbags: 0, Water Bottles: 4, Headphones: 0, Polo Wraps: 11, Iron on Patches: 0

4. Polo Wraps get the vote.

v. *Golf Car Raffle*

1. Winning ticket gets pulled the last night of U.S. Nationals
2. Ticket Pricing → \$50
3. A maximum of 400 tickets will be available for sale.
4. Board Responsibility (5 tickets each)
5. Brenna will let board members know if selling tickets online is an option or not, expect an update soon.
6. Thank you cards

Break for Lunch at 11:33 A.M.

vi. *Fundraiser in name of Ryan*

1. In November, the board had discussed giving a scholarship in Ryan's name, but it would be much more practical to give a flat donation in his name.
2. Money wall → Each individual donates a different amount, picks an envelope on a wall, i.e. the \$1, \$50, \$250 envelopes, etc.
3. Putting green → A fundraiser that rewards hitting the ball into the hole. Idea: At U.S. Nationals in the commercial hall.
4. Idea: Jamie said at Region 3, people would buy x amount of balls, and in a faraway space they set out hula hoops with different prizes, i.e. Disneyland trip, iPod, etc. If you made the ball into a hoop you would get the prize. The fundraiser would be selling the balls.
5. Straw Vote: Options: Money Wall, Putting green, Driving Range. Money Wall: 11, Putting Green: 1, Driving Range: 5.
6. Money Wall has the vote. Question: What percentage of the proceeds should we donate and what organization should we donate to?
7. Straw Vote: Options: 100%, 75% or 50%. 100%: 17 (everyone). 75%: 0, 50%: 0.
8. Question: which organization do we want to donate to? Options: Childhood leukemia foundation, Make A Wish, American Cancer Society- ALL research, MD Andersen Cancer Foundation
9. We contacted Kristal, Ryan's mom, and she heavily favored Make A Wish organization.
10. Straw Vote: Options: Make A Wish, American Cancer Society, MD Andersen Cancer Foundation, Childhood Leukemia Foundation.
11. Make A Wish won the vote unanimously.

- c. *Sponsorships* → No new business.
- d. *Volunteerism/Committee Work* → No new business.
- e. *Flag Riders* → Preferably youth riders about to age out in their last year
- f. *Anthems* → For Friday night singer is needed. Also, possibly will need a singer for Saturday night.

IX. New Business

- a. New contest?

1. Ideas: Kerrits breech designing contest, Brenna will do some research.

b. *Fundraiser Incentive Program*

- i. \$300 Scholarship to top seller
- ii. Prizes to top three

c. *Marketing*

- i. Arabian horse day at the Race track → TAIL Tours & activities going on at the local race track here in Denver.

- ii. May – Arabian Horse Month

1. Challenge local clubs to put on youth activities promoting the Arabian horse.
2. i.e. 5k race, fundraisers, etc., benefitting the AHYA.
3. Each board member needs to come up with one activity during the month of May to promote the Arabian horse.

- iii. *Snapchat* → Likes & Dislikes?

1. Idea: Each board member takes over snapchat one day, once a month. Danika mentioned that she would like to see more snapchat stories of daily life in the AHA office, to show the business side of AHA.
2. Each board member gets access to the snapchat during their Regional Show.
3. Geotags for Youth Nationals, U.S. Nationals, Canadian Nationals, etc.
4. Trivia days during the week on snapchat concerning Hippology. Other contests would be good too.

- iv. How to keep youth after they age out

1. Each board member was supposed to talk to an aged out member about how they think we should try to keep aged out youth involved through AHA after graduation and through college.
2. At the November meeting we had talked about having an orientation for new AHA Adult members, a transitional discount membership for college students, and Youth delegates on the adult board.
3. Some Responses: College AHA clubs that attended shows or held events. Desired more AHYA or AHA outreach to colleges. More AHA Scholarships for college students. Or people could apply for a post-college scholarship for students dealing with paying off student loans. Internships or part-time jobs at the AHA office, available only to AHYA/AHA members. Advertisements geared towards college students at shows. College students would like to be adult supervisors or help at AHYA Shows with events such as Chuck a Duck and would like to get involved with younger kids in AHYA. Financial aid for students that are graduating college. Casual class for an added age group for college students. Once a month emails updating the college students about what's going on in the youth board and what we're doing to stay involved. Nothing has happened on the AHA board with the proposed discounted AHA College Membership. Some students said that they stopped riding because of financial reasons, because it's hard to pay for school, keep your horse in training, board your horse, getting a truck and trailer to go to shows,

entry fees, etc. Many said that they were planning on purchasing horses and beginning to show again after college, once they had the necessary financial means. One said that if there was a decrease in cost they would absolutely stay involved. One suggested a Facebook group for trainers going to shows that have an extra slot in their trailer to haul students' horse, and also suggested a one-day stalling fee. A Facebook group for college students in the same situations with their backgrounds, what division they ride, etc., where trainers can ask students to show an extra horse they have available at local shows. An online space where people could write a small profile about themselves where trainers could find experienced ex-riders to help with braiding, grooming, etc.

4. Another question we should ask is how many people stop showing throughout college and then return, and how many stop completely after they age out. Danika suggested that we should focus on college students whose parents aren't involved in AHA and don't fund or support them.
5. Sydney suggested that one of the biggest burdens is actually caring for a horse. As a college student, Sydney said that caring for her horse costs as much as caring for herself does. She said she would like "first dibs" on AHA Volunteer opportunities to be able to volunteer at shows and stay involved at shows, whether or not you're showing.
6. Rachele and Emmy brought up that besides show fees and board, college students probably won't fit into their youth show clothes and will probably need new tack. Rachele suggested a new class of less expensive and less fancy yet still legal tack/ dress code. → Taylor suggested another Facebook page for old show clothes, tack, etc. for college students. Brenna mentioned that she doesn't think AHA can be involved with or run a Facebook page for college students.
7. Emily said that she thinks we have to look at the reality that some people genuinely lose interest after they age out, and that's a reality that we can't keep everyone.
8. Sydney and Flora discussed the possibility of notifying students when there's local shows close to where they are attending school or living because then they can still stay involved and be a part of the show atmosphere without showing in the ring. Sydney suggested an AHYA Board Alumni program to volunteer at shows.

v. AHYA Tablecloth and pop up for local shows?

1. Very successful at Region 2, Region 2 Youth would definitely recommend it.
2. Brenna will research all costs involved.

X. AHYA Convention

- a. If there are no objections, as chair, Taylor states that we are amending our agenda to move the rest of our discussion of Convention to Sunday 3/13/16 at 9 A.M.

****Break into Committees at 3:02 P.M.****

Sunday, 3/13/16

This meeting is called to order at 9:11 A.M.

Roll Call- Taylor

1. Kailey Wessel (3), Jamie Seals (3), Danika Overstreet (3), Tessa Kimbler (6), Emily Maersk Moller (8), Alycia Boucher (9), Hunter Offord (10), Emmy Farago (10), Katie Treadwell (10), Kate Lewis (11), Rachele Cate (13), Marijke Kalisvaart (17), Brenna Whitlock, Debbie Himmel, Cindy Howey, Cynthia Richardson (AHA President), Flora ElmColone (Secretary), Taylor Kyse (President), Emily Barker (VP).
2. It was determined that there is a quorum.

b. Convention Speaker

1. Christy Landwehr- in charge of the Certified Horsemanship Association, past Youth & Family Coordinator with AHA.
2. Rebecca LaMalfa- Chef
3. Kathy Hart- nominated for USEF Equestrian of the Year, part of the AHA & USN Show Commission
4. Anne Judge- Thunder's trainer (Denver Broncos)
5. Phillip G Anderson- speaker at AHA Convention in November
6. Straw Vote: Options: Christy Landwehr, Rebecca LaMalfa, Kathy Hart, Anne Judge, Phillip G Anderson, a Trainer who will be at YN. Christy Landwehr: 0, Rebecca LaMalfa: 0, Kathy Hart: 9, Anne Judge: 3, Phillip G Anderson: 3, Trainer: 0
7. Kathy Hart has the vote, Anne Judge & Phillip G Anderson are tied for second.
8. Question: What would we like them to speak about? → Cynthia mentioned that since Kathy is our first choice, she could give us a history of how she stayed involved with horses and AHA.

c. Recruiting Ideas

1. Ideas: Sunglasses, water bottles
2. Drop off AHYA Sunglasses and water bottles at barns as incentive to come to convention.
3. Pass out candy to barns and tell people to come to Convention, as a personal face to face invitation.
4. Start promoting before Youth Nationals, at regional shows. Put up posters in Regional show offices and around our regions with pictures of people having fun at Convention 2015.
5. Post pictures on social media way in advance to promote it.
6. Go around to barns with water bottles and/or sunglasses and tell people that if they come to Convention they can get them.
7. Pick one idea to focus specifically on before Youth Nationals and one idea that we can focus on the day of Convention. Goal for prior to

YN: Have flyers in your Region and talk about AHYA Convention at every Youth meeting.

8. Goal for Convention: Go around to barns with cold water bottles since it will be hot in Oklahoma and pass them out to exhibitors with a personal invite to Convention, have BOD wearing their Board T shirts and AHYA Sunglasses. Days: Thursday afternoon & Friday morning.
9. Giveaway at Convention: Water bottles. When people come in, they get a ticket and they get entered into the door prizes. They must be present to win, and we will raffle off larger prizes throughout Convention.
10. Brenna will create a flyer and social media items that AHYA Directors can use to help promote the AHYA Convention prior to Youth Nationals.
11. Board T shirts: What color? Ideas: White, Blue, Pink, Tie Dye, Purple. Straw Vote: White: 0, Blue: 1, Pink: 0, Tie Dye: 12, Purple: 2
12. Tie Dye has the vote. Second Choice Straw Vote: Pink: 9, Blue: 5, White: 0, Purple: 1. Pink has the second choice vote.

d. Planning

- i. *Decorations* – Focus on Olympic sports themed.
 1. Olympic rings with horse heads in them or photos of youth → We can't use the exact Olympic rings because of trademark issues. Olympic podium on stage for speakers, Rio 2016 sign, Flags of different countries, photos of historic Olympic athletes. Themed with the Regional events around the room. With your poster, bring a few decorations to decorate an entire space rather than just one poster, including pictures of iconic athletes from that event. Large medals hanging around, human sized balloon torches.
- ii. Special activities during convention – Trivia, Icebreakers. Trivia based on Regional posters.
 1. Icebreakers: Human Knot, Name Game, Ships & Sailors (Olympic version)
- iii. Cynthia mentioned that if we are going to have some committee meetings after Convention, we need a follow up. Also certain resolutions come forward at Convention and if people haven't met with their committees yet, they aren't sure what's going on. Idea: make sure you have everybody's contact information, and committee chair fills out a report and sends it to Brenna and other committee members. Have a roll call sheet ready for committee for people who are already signed up, have additional space for people to sign up with Name, AHA #, Region, Email, & Phone Number, then give a brief introduction to what the committee is about. Chair would then ask someone to take minutes of that meeting and turn those minutes in after. Encourage kids to sign up for committees prior to convention at Regional shows as well.
 1. Straw Vote: Options: Keep committee meetings how they are or change them to all prior to convention. Keep committee meetings

how they are: 15 (everyone). Change all committee meetings to prior to Convention: 0.

XI. Reminders

- a. **June 1** – Convention voting eligibility. Must be an AHYA member no later than June 1.
- b. **June 15** – T-shirt Sponsors DUE
 - i. Start now if you haven't already
- c. **July 1** – Committee Agendas Written
- d. **July 17** – AHYA Meeting at YNL
 - i. Written Regional Report DUE
 - ii. Regional Poster DUE
 - iii. Regional Meeting Minutes
 - iv. Remember, we will be choosing the next meeting date/time, so if you will be on the 2016-2017 Board, start thinking about when and where you want the fall meeting (typically piggy backs on either US Nationals in OK or AHA convention in Denver, CO.)

****This meeting was adjourned at 10:18 A.M.****