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OHAHA President

By now if you live in or around the middle of the US you are starting to feel like an Eskimo.

The election of Officers and Directors for 2011 was held during the annual membership meeting January 23, 2011 at the Champion Center in Springfield Ohio. The Executive Officers are President, Dave Daugherty, Vice President, Cindy Clinton, Treasurer & Membership Chair, Donna Auber and Secretary, Lisa Stanley. The elected Directors are Michele Reser, Mike Knapic, Shirley Nowak, Lisa Corbin, Linda Ferris and Jackie Ferris-MacLaren. Along with the returning Directors Annge Daugherty, Larry Izor, Shirley Izor, Debbie Glasener, Linda Laufer, Kandy LaZarrus and Past President Donna Kitchel this makes up the OHAHA Board of Directors.

The meeting was filled with positive energy and ideas as we head into 2011. At the top of the list was the final location change for the OHAHA Spring Show April 22 thru 24 and Fall Shows September 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> which will both be the indoor arena at the Champions Center in Springfield Ohio. It has taken us over seven years to finally secure permanent dates at the very popular show facility and we are very grateful to Manager, Shirley Mann, for getting us in.

The Spring Show will be a concurrent Region 14 and Region 15 qualifying show this year with the addition of Sport Horse in hand and under saddle which will be held in the main ring. The Spring Show judges are 2011 US Nationals Judge, Teri Johnson for all Region 14 classes including Sport Horse classes and Christine Johnston for Region 15 classes and National Show Horse classes. The Buckeye Arabian Half Arabian Alliance has selected 20 Championship and qualifying classes from the OHAHA Spring Show and the Buckeye schedule and has put up \$10,000 in additional prize money for the Buckeye give back challenge. It works like this; if you are Champion or Reserve at the Spring Show in one of the selected Region 14 qualifying classes and you go onto the Buckeye and are Champion or Reserve Champion in the corresponding class at the Buckeye you will win additional prize money; \$300 for Champion and \$200 for Reserve. We are also working on a mini clinic on Thursday evening before the Spring Show with Western Trainer, Joe Reser, and English Trainer, Duane Esser, volunteering their time. Additional activities are also in the works.

OHAHA is raffling off a Dale Chavez custom work saddle and additional items this year starting at the Region 14 award's banquet and concluding with the drawing on Sunday during the Region 14 Show. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and can be purchased from any board member at the Banquet, Spring Show, Buckeye and Regional show.

OHAHA is holding a membership challenge this year in an effort to recruit new members. Each current member who gets a new member (someone who wasn't a member in 2010) to join as a full member thru AHA will get their name put in the drawing for each time they recruit a new member. During the Fall Show over Labor Day, we will draw the winner from those names to win \$200.00 cash

OHAHA is also working on moving meetings around to different areas of the State and will include clinics or social events conjunction with the meetings to afford all members the opportunity to participate in OHAHA functions.

As I said before, the January meeting was filled with energy and ideas. Watch for additional information in E Blasts and on the OHAHA website in the coming weeks.

Until Next Time: A Balloon without air is just a flat piece of rubber; it's the air inside that makes it a balloon.