



April 2018

Hello WRHA members,

Well, it's late March and we finally have the show bill out! There is quite a bit of a learning curve going on here and a BIG thank you to Sue for always taking my calls and answering my questions.

We also, finally, have all of our judges so we are ready for the 2018 show season. Early entry forms are currently available on the website as well as the nomination form. This year we are offering a "Versatility Award", year end only and only 2 divisions, All Age and Amateur. There is a separate column on the nomination form and participants must choose 2 cattle classes, 2 other ARHA classes (Ranch riding, Ranchmanship, Ranch Trail, Reining and Ranch Reining) and one conformation class. Each of these classes is also \$5.00/class in addition to your other nominations.

There are five shows this year and if you nominate you must compete in at least three. Two of the shows will be at Walworth Co. Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI, two at Heartland Stables in Custer, WI and one at Bound's Showtime Arena in Deerfield, WI.

Kenda Shotliff will be offering cattle practice sessions this year...no clinician, just come and work on what you want. There will be two/month, one in the evening and one on a Sunday. The dates are April 24th and 29th; May 8th and 20th; June 12th and 17th; July 10th and 29th; August 14th and 19th and Sept. 4th. Evening sessions are 6:30 – 9:30 and Sunday sessions are 1 – 4pm. Cost is \$40/horse/ rider combination. There will also be a cow trac available for more practice. Kenda reserves the right to call for a break if the cattle become overheated. She will have 15 head. Please email Kenda at Kenda@litewire.net if you are planning to attend.

Our Labor Day Show at Heartland Stables will offer freestyle Ranchmanship and Reining on Saturday night 1 hour after the last class. Time to get your freestyle on! Awards for the best routine and most creative.

ARHA has agreed to sponsor and approve 23 classes at the Western Working Horse Celebration Sept. 9 – 12th at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI this year. We will have a booth for the entirety of the show (10 days) in hopes of attracting new members so if you have a few

hours to give please join us either during the ARHA classes or the 7 days after....your help would be greatly appreciated! Since we already have 5 shows this year we have not approved it for WRHA points BUT points earned will add up to your ARHA totals. Hoping for an expanded class list next year and for us to approve it for WRHA. A big thank you to Erica Keeney of the ARHA for making this happen.

ARHA has made some rule changes for this year and next. The biggest of these is the expansion of the registry so if your horse walks, trots and canters he/she can be registered! Horses without breed papers (grade and/or previously not accepted breeds) must submit photos and a video to the ARHA for approval and papers. See page 15 of the ARHA rulebook for details. Please remember these horses CANNOT BE REGISTERED AT THE SHOW and you should allow 2 – 3 weeks for the ARHA to render a decision.

Shirts can now be zippered, still no sequins, rhinestones or crystals but nail heads are allowed.

That's all I can think of for now, looking forward to a great 2018 and I will continue to learn this new "presidential" position!

Missy Rueth
WRHA President