

## REPORT OF ANNUAL TWHBEA MEETING

The 2006 Annual Meeting of TWHBEA held in Cool Springs Tennessee was a very busy and productive affair. The 2007 Executive Committee was elected naming:

President Jerrold Pedigo  
Executive Vice President Jane Meredith  
Administrative/Fiscal/Audit Charles Wharton  
Breeders Kathy Zeis  
Enforcement Jamie Hankins  
Horse Show Pat Stout  
Marketing Marty Irby  
Owners/Exhibitors Jack Haefling  
Performance Horse Bruce Vaughn  
Pleasure Horse Darren Gray  
Trainers Wayne Dean  
At Large – Bi-laws Sidney Baucom  
At Large – Youth Holly Reynolds

The Pleasure Horse Committee met on Friday morning. The significant actions included:

1. The beetle hackamore is illegal in any class or event.
2. Bosals are accepted in speed and trail classes.
3. In January 2007, any hours earned in the TWHBEA Distance Program will be awarded to the person, not the horse. All else is the same.
4. If a horse has won 1 Youth Superior Championship (\$1500 award), all following Youth Superior Championships won by that horse will receive a \$500 award. This rule is effective Jan. 1, 2007.
5. Correct attire must be worn in order to receive Versatility points. No ball caps, tank tops, t-shirts or tennis shoes!

The Celebration will add more Trail Pleasure classes in '07 and will stress Youth classes. The TWHBEA trail rides that are partnered with a State organization or a club are now called "Host A Ride". I took the liberty of reserving another "Host To Ride" for Oklahoma in '07, but this will have to be approved by the Oklahoma Board of Directors.

Rhonda Martocci, chair of the TWH rule book committee proposed several clarifications to the rules. These will be added in 2007, but these are simply clarifications, no rule changes.

The TWHBEA World Versatility Show will be July 27 and 28, 2007 at the Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The entry fee will be \$25 per class or \$175 for all day. Pre-entries will be \$20 per class or \$150 for all day. Stalls are \$15 per day.

Of utmost importance to Breeders is the new rule passed on Saturday by the TWHBEA Board of Directors that TWHBEA is converting from blood typing to DNA testing. This is a big step forward! In order for a foal to be registered, both parents must have been converted to DNA. This means that you should convert

your breeding stock. No need to convert geldings. The cost of converting to DNA is \$25 per horse. The request for transfer of blood samples to DNA is attached, or it can be downloaded from the web site TWHBEA.com, or you can write to TWHBEA, P.O. BOX 286, Lewisburg, Tennessee, 37091-0286 and they will send the information. The Breeders Committee also instituted a Go! (Gelding opportunities) program to stimulate interest in geldings. This program is open to all registered TWHBEA geldings, is broken down by age into three divisions, performance, pleasure, and versatility. More information available at TWHBEA.

Our president, Jerrold Pedigo expressed several major initiatives that he plans to follow in '07. These include:

1. Building and maintaining customers
2. Research on the wants and needs of members
3. Support and outreach to State Associations
4. Support of trail riders and back yard members – (America by Horseback is sponsoring a ride across America in '08 using Tennessee Walking Horses. Governors of each state are invited to participate. So far about 20 governors have accepted!)
5. On line help – making the TWHBEA web site more user friendly
6. Walk this Way tour with Nicole Carswell
7. More support of our Youth and their programs

Yes, the meeting was very busy! If you have any questions, please contact me!

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