

## Letter from the KWA President

April

### **KWA Members,**

Show season is upon us, and the Kentucky Walking Horse Association wishes all of our exhibitors, owners, and trainers a successful 2013 show season. The KWA board has been working hard to ensure that our members' voices are heard. Since January, we have posted all scheduled meeting dates on both on the KWA website and Facebook page. In addition, we post all board meeting minutes so that the public has full disclosure of all topics explored during our meetings.

As a result of the boards hard work we are excited to announce some new and exciting details for the 2013 show season.

**Scholarships:** Current high school and college students that are members of both the KWA and the Ohio Valley Walking Horse Association can apply for one of four \$500 scholarships awarded by these associations. More information can be found in the 2013 Bluebook and online at [kywha.com](http://kywha.com).

**Trail Riding:** The KWA board voted to add a new high point award for the 2013 show season. We felt that many Tennessee Walking Horse, Spotted Saddle Horse, and Racking Horse enthusiasts have a high interest in trail riding. For this reason we wanted to allow KWA trail riding enthusiast the opportunity to earn a high point award. We recognize the versatility of our great breed, and we wanted to honor all disciplines from the rail to the trail. The KWA member logging the most trail riding hours will be awarded "Trail Riding Distance" high point winner. (We will award 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> as with all high point awards.) Further information about this new high point category can be found on our website or in our 2013 Bluebook.

**High Point Changes:** The High Point Committee did a great job listening to the members about our current high point system. As a result, the board voted to make some changes for the 2013 show season. The following changes will allow both show managers and members more freedom and accountability.

- 1.) Any High Point class offered at least **one** KWA show **will be recognized** with a high point award at the annual banquet and awards ceremony.
- 2.) A trail riding high point distance award has been established for the 2013 show season. (Form Provided online)
- 3.) Owners of halter colts (weanlings and yearlings) **must** designate whether they want their points for owner of the year to count in the performance or pleasure division to the high point secretary by **12-1-13**.
- 4.) KWA members are **recommended** to record all points and submit those to the high point secretary by **11-1-13** to eliminate discrepancies.

**Bluebooks:** Many of you have been asking about the 2013 KWA show directories (The Bluebook). It is our hope to have those out by the first of May. The KWA Board of Directors will help pass these out to our members at the first few shows. I have personally seen the 2013 Bluebook, and it looks great!

There is a **full** list of KWAH shows for the 2013 show season! If you are unable to pick yours up at an upcoming show and would like yours mailed to you, please let us know.

As always please feel free to contact me with any question that you may have regarding the KWAH. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at The Lincoln Country Ag Extension Office in Stanford, Kentucky at 2pm. We encourage all members to attend!

Thank you,

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