

A Message from the KWHHA President

Winston Churchill once stated, "There is something about the inside of a horse that is good for the outside of a man." We can all relate to Churchill's passion for horses.

The Kentucky Walking Horse Association was established in 1964 for people across our great state that shared a passion for the Tennessee Walking Horse. Under the leadership of the late B.C. Cotton, the KWHHA became a prominent name in the business.

Our strong heritage is what makes this association both unique and strong. For nearly 50 years the KWHHA has endured despite many changes in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. Many associations, programs, and ideas have come and gone. However, the KWHHA remains.

While our past makes us who we are, it's our bright future that excites us today. Our board accomplished many great gains in 2012. We will continue to prosper in 2013 and beyond. In a time of questions and uncertainty the KWHHA will continue to be a solid staple in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry.

As your newly elected president, and a lifetime member of KWHHA, I will handle my position with the utmost respect and dignity. I will work hard to serve the members of this association and support all aspects of this great breed. I promise to uphold the mission and goals of our association as stated in our bylaws. In addition to promoting the advancement of the Tennessee Walking Horse breed we will continue to offer one of the largest high point systems in our industry and offer a well respected annual show for our membership. The "Bluebook," our show directory, remains a valuable asset for our members.

We have an obligation to offer full disclosure of all business matters related to the KWHHA. If, at anytime, a member has any questions or suggestions I encourage you to contact myself or any board of director. I can personally promise you that any issue brought to our attention will be discussed during board of director meetings. As stated in our by-laws, members are welcomed to attend these meetings. As president, I encourage all members to take advantage of this right. We welcome all.

In 2012 our board worked hard to create a new and informative website, which proved to be a great resource for all of our members. Our board has made the motion to include all meeting minutes on our website. This will be a great way for all of our members to stay updated.

For our association to function effectively we need the help of a multitude of committees. As these committees are established we will be calling upon our members to work on these committees and offer feedback that will help our association prosper.

There are many reasons to be excited about both the KWHHA and our industry in 2013. I would encourage all horse lovers, both in Kentucky and in surrounding states, to become members of this great association.

I extend the invitation to everyone to contact me about any ideas or issues pertinent to you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Let's saddle up and be ready to ride in 2013.

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