Judges Committee
2014 AQHA Convention
New Orleans, LA

1. To add to Rule SHW413 (Western Pleasure), faults to be scored according to severity: excessive movement of the topline at the lope.
   Show Council Action: Approved
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

2. That Specialized Over Fence Judges be required to take a rulebook test on the classes they are eligible to judge.
   Show Council Action: Approved
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

3. Amend Rule SHW464.5 to add to disqualified (0 score) failure to open and shut gate or failure to complete gate. Disqualification not to apply to Novice and Rookie classes.
   Show Council Action: Approved
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

4. To add to rule SHW330 (Western Classes) – Correctness, Quality and Degree of Difficulty along with the appropriate verbiage explaining each of the above.
   Show Council Action: Approved
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

5. To add to Ranch Horse Pleasure:
   Rule SHW419.2 - 3 point penalty for severe disturbance of any obstacle
   Rule SHW419.3 - 5 point penalty for each refusal (3rd refusal is a DQ)
   Rule SHW418.5 - Suggested to use breast collar and rear cinch
   Show Council Action: Approved
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

6. Amend Rule SHW419.1 (Ranch Horse Pleasure) to remove the penalty for splitting the log at the lope.
   Show Council Action: Approved
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

The following items do not affect any rules and are submitted for Executive Committee approval in April.

7. To form a subcommittee to make recommendations on the selection of world show judges. Recommendations to include an increase in funding for world show judges.
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

8. That at any of the AQHA World Shows, the Sr. Director of Judges and at least two other members of the judges committee present, will be appointed, and if necessary, have the authority to remove a world show judge.
   Executive Committee Action: Approved

9. That AQHA Stewards will pre-check all horses for lameness and have the right to dismiss obviously lame horses.
   Executive Committee Action: Approved (Clarification – this is at AQHA's World Shows).

10. That six of the 17 All Around applicants to be approved to test at the 2014 Judges Qualifying Exam.
    APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT MARCH 10 MEETING

11. That three of the six Specialized applicants be approved.
    Executive Committee Action: Approved

12. That one Versatility Ranch Horse judge be approved.
    Executive Committee Action: Approved