

ATAA Newsletter

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2012 ATAA General Membership Conference

By Cathy Leddy

Snohomish, WA and Friday Harbor, WA

This past weekend was the 2012 Yearly Conference. Amrita Ibold and I were co-hosts. People started coming into town on Thursday morning, (thank you for all your help Jas!). Friday evening was the Meet and Greet at the Country

Inn and Suites in Bothell, WA. We had some great nibbles, including chicken skewers, fruit, phyllo/spinach bites and cheese. In fact, cheese seemed to be featured at every single meal or snack, so much so that we started calling this conference "Eat more cheese". We had some people that came to all ...continued on page 3

Remembering Zarov

By Debi Gilbert

How often does one get to ride a horse that is such a "Good Packer?" I was given just such an opportunity when I was able to ride a horse named Zarov. In April of 1996 we were newly transferred here to Huntsville via the Army. That is when I met my soon to be friend Karen Yates. We met thru the man who installed both of our fences. After a phone call we decided to meet one evening and ride at her farm.

That is where I first saw and heard of a very rare breed of horses called the Akhal-Teke. I got to meet Kandar, the glittering golden one, Zang, her Rolex wonder, Zarov, the gentle gray giant and Dang the baby of the bunch. I had never seen this breed and I was in awe of these horses. They were so athletic and friendly. Karen offered Zarov for me to ride and she rode Kandar. Off we went riding on her

Blood typing is going away!

If you have unregistered horses whose parents were not DNAd, get them registered NOW. University of Kentucky has notified us that they will be discontinuing blood typing within a year. They will do it this year and one more time next April (2013). This means that if your unregistered horse has parents that were only blood typed and you try to register that horse after there is no more blood typing, you are out of luck. Contact the Registrar, Amrita Ibold at ibolds@rockisland.com or the Registration Secretary, Cathy Leddy at c.leddy@frontier.com for more info or to start registration proceedings.

farm. We crossed the river to the Island and then back again to another part of the farm where we came upon the cows. I just knew that my steed was going to spook, but I was so wrong. After about a two hour ride and helping feed Karen offered me a chance of a life time. She asked if I would

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ATAA News



Amrita and Shannon at the Awards Banquet at the ATAA Conference



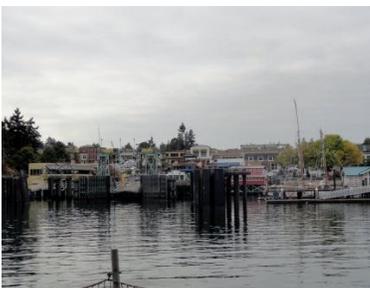
Most of the group that went up to Friday Harbor on Sunday



Horses doing a jumping exhibit on Saturday



3 of Amrita and Jenny's students riding on Sunday



Coming into Friday Harbor on the ferry.

Registry Computer-The Registry Staff has received all the files and the ATAA computers from Lucy Kester and we're working on streamlining the registration process.

VNIK Registrations – The ATAA has Registered 17 horses with VNIK this year. The horses are now registered in the Russian studbook and happy owners have the certificates in hand.

BOD Elections- We have 1 returning member on the BOD (Amrita Ibold) and 1 new person elected for 3 years, Tish Saare and 2 new members to replace non-performing Board members, Catrina Mettam and Betsy Wandler.

Membership Directory- is out. We have four new members since the last newsletter: Alta Boyes, MT, Tim Floyd, ID, Shannon Mayfield, OR and Eloise King, CA.

2011 Taxes filed:

In the course of checking records, we realized that the 2011 Federal Taxes had not been filed. A non-profit corporation form 990- e postcard was filed September 28th, 2012. No penalties were incurred.

ATAA now operating as a Foreign Corporation in WA State:

Papers were filed on September 28, 2012 for the ATAA to operate as a foreign corporation in WA

State, after a phone call to the IRS as to the best way to handle our business. As reincorporating as an entirely new entity in a state other than MO would require us to also refile for our tax exempt status, the IRS suggested we file as a foreign corporation operating in WA State. Our registered agent is now ATAA Secretary Cathy Leddy. This preserves both our status as a 501©5 non profit and keeps our original status of incorporation in Missouri in 1998.

ATAA 2012 Yearly Conference finances:

Income: \$2115

Expenses: Hotel-food and meeting rooms: \$2016.24.

Ferry fees: \$137.58

Extra insurance for event: \$40

Misc.: \$19.20

Total expenses: \$2203.02

Total for Conference: (88.02).

Both Cathy and Amrita donated snacks and lunch for their farm visits.

FOTATA ATAA Awards presented at Awards Banquet:

- Shannon Mayfield presented the ATAA FOTATA Awards Saturday night. She gave out great awards in the following categories: Volunteer, Endurance,

Eventing and Jumping. She also presented Lucy Kester, Amrita Ibold and Cathy Leddy special awards for their work on the ATAA Registry. More on those awards on page 13.

Classified Ads

Each ATAA member will receive a free ad in the ATAA Newsletter Classifieds each issue.

Individual membership: 30 free words per issue.
Family membership: 60 free words per issue.
Farm membership: ¼ page ad

If that amount just isn't enough, you can buy more ad space.

Full Page: \$75 per issue

Half Page: \$50 per issue

Quarter Page: \$35 per issue

1/6 Page: \$10 per issue

Business card: \$8 per issue

You can pay via check or on the ATAA website with the PayPal button on the membership page. Just make sure you add a note with your payment so we will know what it is for.

Send Ad copy to ATAA newsletter, 21314 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 or c.leddy@frontier.com

Ads due by the end of the month before publishing.

ATAA Annual Conference, September 21, 22, and 23rd

Or

Eat More Cheese

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three days of the Conference and many others that only made it to one or two parts. Overall, I think we had about 40 participants. We had people come from Montana, California, Colorado and quite a few from the Pacific Northwest.

Friday night we got to see some new faces and start getting to know some great people. This was the first conference for several people, while others have gone to almost all of them. There was a lot of chatting and nibbling Friday night and then we set up for Saturday morning's General Membership Meeting in our conference room at the hotel. We also had a Board of Director's meeting with Ann Tipps, Cathy Leddy, Amrita Ibold, Jas Shearer-McMahon there in the flesh and Terri Fender attending via Skype. Board meeting minutes will be available on the ATAA website.

Saturday morning was the General Membership Meeting



Friday night Meet and Greet at the Country Inn and Suites

and we had 14 people attending in the flesh, 2 attending via Skype and 1 attending via cellphone. We had a quorum of Board members. Our meeting lasted almost 4 hours (with breaks in the middle and lunch being served during the meeting – more cheese!) and we discussed many issues and came up with some decisions and a few things that need more information.

Minutes of the Meetings will be printed up for the website and newsletter. The entire meeting was conducted in a very relaxed setting, with any questions answered and suggestions sought. When we finished at about 1:15, I think everyone felt that we had accomplished quite a bit. We have 4 new Board members – 2 that filled open spots and 2 that will take over for non-performing Board members. Our new Board is: Terri Fender, Cathy Leddy, Jas Shearer-McMahon, old members and new members (or returning members), Amrita Ibold, 3 years, Tish Saare, 3 years and Catrina Mettam and Betsey Wandler filling the last year of the non-performing members terms. All the while, the Silent Auction was going on, with Amrita and Jenny updating bids online throughout the day. We had a great bunch of items this year and Amrita reports that we made \$581. Thank you to everyone that donated an item!

Then, we made our way to

Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes for one of our farm visits. Catrina Mettam brought her sport horse mare Mazaly and she and Monica Bretherton on Magdan jumped for us around our 'course'. Later, Wendy Connell and Margaret Boos brought their Nez Perce horses and rode in the arena. In between, we visited all the Cascade Gold horses and of course, ate more cheese. Jenny Rice did a barefoot trimming demo on Astrachan during the afternoon. We finished up around 5 and people left to get ready for the Awards Banquet.



*Catrina and Mazaly and Monica and Magdan after jumping at CGAT
Betsy Wandler photo*

The Awards Banquet started at 7 pm and we had another great meal, this time with grated cheese. (Had to get our cheese in there somewhere!). After we had finished most of our meals and started on the wine, Shannon Mayfield presented the ATAA FOTATA awards. Shannon has done the FOTATA awards for several years now and she had them on display during dinner. The plaques she made are a great combination of woodworking, leatherwork and authentic looking Turkmen textiles, along with an embossed metal plate on each one. They are really something special! She presented 4 Volunteer awards, 5 endurance awards, 3 eventing awards and

...conference continued

4 jumping awards. She also presented some lovely china plates with the owner's horse's photos on them to Amrita, Cathy and Lucy for their work on the Registry this year. We have to thank Ann Tipps for her part in facilitating the Registry handover too – we couldn't have done it without her. I then presented a certificate to Shannon, along with a 2012 ATAA membership to thank her for her hard work. The certificate was certainly not up to the standard of the awards she presented to everyone else, but it given in sincere thanks.



*FOTATA Awards- made and presented by Shannon Mayfield at the Awards Banquet on Saturday.
Betsy Wandler photo*

Then, Amrita let us know who had won the Silent Auction bids and we all gathered up our booty and paid for it. More chatting and finally we all dragged ourselves to bed, as we had a very early start the next morning to Friday Harbor and the Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke farm visit. We were at the hotel at 7 am to pick up people; we took two vehicles on the ferry, as it's quite expensive. Several people had to get home Sunday, so couldn't come, but we had 11

people in our two cars, along with Amrita and Jenny in Amrita's car. Once we got on the ferry, it took a bit over an hour to get to San Juan Island, so everyone enjoyed the scenery, chatted more and of course, ate more cheese. We arrived at Friday Harbor around 10:30 am or so and immediately started visiting horses. Amrita drove me around the fields in her car, as I'm using a scooter right now (recent leg surgery), which I really appreciated, as their fields are BIG! She has 30 Tekes there now and we got to visit them all to see.



*Amrita and Eloise with a few friends
Betsy Wandler photo*

Then, we headed back to Amrita and Jay's house and had lunch, with; you guessed it, more cheese! We sat in the sunshine and enjoyed the quiet and the view while 4 of Amrita and Jenny's students prepared their horses.



*Obligatory cheese shot at Amrita's
Monica Bretherton photo*

Seda Durham vaulting on Pasabi. She did a great job and it looked like a lot of fun. Then, we went to their outdoor jumping field and watched as Zoe Saccio, Marina Binestock and Mia Saccio jumped 3 Teke geldings over some very nifty jumps. All three did a great job and I bet next year we'll have more than 1 junior competing for ATAA Awards! Then, it was time to go get in the ferry line to go home. Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on how you look at it) we had to wait for 2 ferries to come and go, so we put our time to good use by exploring the town and then having a great seafood dinner. We finally got on the ferry around 8:30 pm and made it to Anacortes (the town on the other side of the ferry) at about 10 or so. Then, back to the hotel and home by around midnight



*Group shot of most of us that went to Friday Harbor
Monica Bretherton photo*

All in all, it was a fantastic weekend, with great people, good food, lovely horses, lots accomplished and great CHEESE. More photos on Facebook and the ATAA website.

Next year's Conference will be in Minnesota, place and dates TBD.

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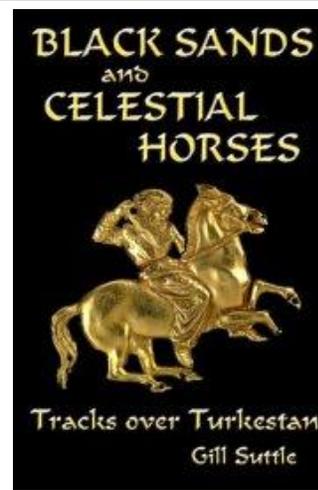
like to keep riding Zarov and I quickly said yes. Zarov was her first colt and I felt honored that she entrusted me to ride him. A few weeks after riding Karen asked if I would like to do an Event. My answer was a quick yes and couple weeks later off I went to my first Event with him. I am proud to say I came home with a 5th place ribbon. And that wasn't too bad considering I had no idea what Eventing was 2 months before I went. I was able to take lessons with Jim Graham and learned as much as I could at every lesson. Zarov and I were always in the ribbons and we were having fun. We achieved several momentous events. We were 3rd in Novice Division one year and had a couple of Medallion Awards. One of my favorite memories was while walking the Cross Country Course at my first Training Level Event at Big Bear in Georgia; I came up on a big jump, one that I had never done before. I just knew that this was going to be a tough course to complete. But Zarov had other ideas. When we rounded the corner to that jump I got into my two point position and told him "It's up to you Zarov." When we landed I turned and looked back at the jump and yelled "We did it!" Right then I knew the meaning of a "Good Packer." This horse would jump any fence I aimed for and it would feel like we were flying. He was a JUMPER!

Because of this wonderful gentle giant I wanted to have one of these Akhal-

Teke horses for my own.

In June of 1999 Kashman's Legacy was born at my farm, the spitting image of his uncle Kandar, and the kindness of Zarov. How lucky was I to be able to have one of these horses also known as the "Heavenly Horses." Zarov taught me that with time and patience I could learn to sit a strong trot that I could trust myself and my horse in any situation and what it was like to fly.

On May 18, 2012 Zarov lost his battle with cancer. He was 26 years old and still tried to enjoy his life. He will be truly missed by all the lives he touched. Thank you Zarov for all you taught me and for all the great memories. You have a place in my heart forever. So Fly, Fly my cherished one.....Fly to where we'll meet again.....



Scimitar Press

<http://www.scimitarpress.com>

The story of Gill's Turkmenistan trip has history, adventure and of course, Akhal-Teke horses. It is an excellent read. For more information, search on Facebook or go to the website above.

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We'd love your farm reports,
competition reports and foal
photos for the newsletter and
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Web!**

See us at:

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*Debi Gilbert riding Zarov at the J-3 Horse Trials in 1999
Shannon Brinkman photo*

The World Akhal-Teke Organization

By Jessica Eile

WATO was founded at a meeting in Moscow on August 18, 2008 and is still alive today but it is not thriving.

Background

The Akhal-Teke breed has developed over millennia by careful selection for a specified purpose in a rather isolated and specific environment; this made the Akhal-Teke, today the only remaining pure strain of the ancient Turkmen horse. In the beginning of the 1900's the breed came under a regulated breeding program developed by Russian scientists and a studbook after Anglo Saxon model was created. A selection of horses made by Turkmen breeders and Russian experts where entered into the first volume and today all purebred Akhal-Tekes stems from this selection.

In the 50's Akhal-Tekes were bred in Kazakhstan and southern Russia and in the 60's exports were made to Germany.

At the time for Perestroika, the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, there were several state stud farms in former Soviet Union that were engaged in breeding Akhal-Tekes under the rule of a centralized horse breeding institute that maintained a breeding program and evaluated and registered the purebred as well as the part bred Akhal-Tekes. Once the Soviet Union had fallen, people were allowed to

private ownership and it got much easier to buy Akhal-Tekes from Russia than during the Soviet time when most horses available where selected and sold via state auctions.

The breed has since spread all over the world with breed associations in many countries in Europe in the Americas and in China.

Foundation of MAAK

In the 90's an international association, MAAK, was founded in Russia, with the aim to maintain Russian control over registration and development of the breed. MAAK is still in existence today and is managed by the All-Russian Horse Breeding Institute, VNIIC, in Ryazan, Russia. VNIIC has via MAAK over the years signed agreements with many national breed associations to maintain the rights to register, control the development and evaluation of the breed. Now, the work and methods of VNIIC has for many years been under critic from some breeders for being corrupt, old fashioned and undemocratic. Some breeders and national associations though are satisfied with the work of VNIIC.

Foundation of WATO

The group of complaining breeders however, felt that it was time to create an international association based on democracy, transparency and modern

methods for developing and promoting the Akhal-Teke breed.

A meeting, put together by Alexander Klimuk, Russia, Leonid Babaev, Russia and Jessica Eile Keith, USA was held in Moscow with participants from VNIIC, breeders and owners from Russia, Kazakhstan, Dagestan, Ukraine, Italy, UK, Germany, USA, France and China. A lengthy discussion about the pros and cons in starting another international association as long at the status of MAAK was unknown; some said MAAK was dead as they had been no activities such as board meetings for many years. Ideas on what a new international association could achieve was also held and eventually an open voting decided that the World Akhal-Teke Association, WATO would be founded and working groups where created with an Executive Committee, EC, to put together constitutions and other steering documents and within two years arrange the first general meeting of WATO.

It should be mentioned that a lot of effort was made to cooperate with the, at the time, manager of the VNIIC Akhal-Teke studbook, Tatyana Ryabova, eventually though she decided to not cooperate with WATO, later when the issue of registering hundreds of Akhal-Tekes from Turkmenistan into the

VNIIC studbooks, the EC of WATO again tried to push for an international audit committee that would monitor the registration of such an unprecedented large amount of horses in to the studbook, especially since Dr. Ryabova had suggested that some Turkmen Akhal-Tekes without full paper trail would be grandfathered into the studbook. This suggestion from WATO was declined as well.

Members of the founding EC of WATO were representing the biggest breeders and the biggest Akhal-Teke populations in the world but there were no representation from Turkmenistan who, in a meeting with WATO representatives in Ashgabat in 2009, kindly rejected the offer to participate as they wanted to have the headquarters to an international association to be with Turkmen Atlary in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. The EC embarked on the challenging task of creating the platform of an international association that would serve as an umbrella and support to national association, to encourage international cooperation and exchange and improve service and transparency to breeders and owners worldWide.

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Language and cultural barriers were set aside and a year after the foundation meeting, in July 2009, non-profit registration in Switzerland, constitutions, studbook regulations and criteria for national studbooks had been produced and approved by the EC. One important issue though was the membership and voting rights, there were different opinions on qualifications for membership and voting rights, this issue was never resolved, and so even though the platform was there WATO could welcome members and thereby could not operate democratically and was without income of membership fees. In 2010 a general meeting was held in Pyatigorsk, Russia and a new EC was elected by those who participated in the meeting which was a rather small group. After the general meeting little or no activity was noticed from WATO and it was forgotten by many.

Foundation of IATHA

At the same time Turkmenistan announced the foundation of the International Akhal-Teke Association, IATHA in 2009, and a big opening conference with more than 100 participants was held in Ashgabat in 2010, with the President of Turkmenistan as chairman of the meeting it certainly was a milestone for the breed. Several members of the WATO EC had alienated themselves with the Turkmen and it was agreed that WATO had, like MAAK not been able

to work as intended and that now IATHA could take the role as an international association for the breed. IATHA has since its foundation arranged annual, international conferences with 100s of participants, and has also attracted more than 100 members, this has created an energizing and fruitful international cooperation and exchange of experiences and knowledge between interested and experts. In an attempt to revitalize WATO, a discussion forum on Facebook was opened by one of the EC members in 2011 and in 2012 a meeting was held in Frankfurt Germany with some 10 participants that elected a new EC and new president. The meeting generated an ambitious work plan and it is yet to be seen if WATO can become what it intended to be. For now though the annual IATHA meetings serves as a think tank and inspiration to various smaller projects that can be done by groups of people working together for a certain time, several such projects are already under way and hopefully we will see more of them done to benefit the breed and to get people to work together and inspire each other. Maybe the Akhal-Teke community wasn't ready after all for such a big project as WATO was when launched in 2008.

Contact info for the associations mentioned above:

VNIK/MAAK, Russia- Nadejda Abramova email: tagat2010@yandex.ru
WATO, Switzerland - Christoph Vogel email: ch.vogel@bluewin.ch
IATHA, Turkmenistan- email: ahaltekeworld@gmail.com

ATAA Board Meeting Minutes September 21st, 2012

6:45 pm, Country Inn and Suites, Bothell, WA

Called to order 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Cathy Leddy, Amrita Ibold, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Ann Tipps, Terri Fender (via Skype). Also present: Eloise King, Gary Tipps. Absent: April Prunte, Bill Bowles

Reading of 2011 BOD meeting minutes: **Motion to accept Jas, seconded by Cathy, approved**

Old Business: Ann found the name and contact info of the company that did the old ATAA decals: Van Gard Industries West, 760-438-4437

New Business:

Registered agent for Corporation in MO - ?
Need to file yearly report.
Discussion of how to do yearly reports as we need someone with an address in that state. Cathy will look into registering the ATAA in Washington State and let the BOD know what happens.

Motion by Amrita for a Meeting within a meeting to address non performing Directors, seconded by Jas, approved

2 BOD members have not contributed this past year. According to our Bylaws:

4.8H Removal of a Director or Officer. A Director or Officer may be removed from office provided all the following items are met:

4.8Ha A meeting of the Board of Directors is called expressly for that purpose by a majority of disinterested Directors.

4.8Hb Board of Directors must have cause to remove a Director or an officer of the Board of Directors.

4.8Hc. Any Board member consistently absent from voting for three (3) consecutive voting issues over not less than 45 days, unless just cause, including but not limited to illness or travel, may be removed from office and replaced by the Board of Directors under 4.8F.

BOD votes for the year were presented to all BOD members present to show that 1 non-performing member did not participate in any votes or discussions and 1 non-performing member participated in 1 vote. There were 22 BOD votes during the previous year and Terri Fender had tried calling these BOD members several times.

After discussion, a motion was made:

Motion: The 2 non-performing BOD members will be removed from office. They will be contacted via certified mail by the Secretary to apprise them of this. The two BOD nominees with the 3rd and 4th amount of votes will take over

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**these two positions.
Motion Amrita
seconded by Jas,
approved**

The ATAA was approached by the ALBC to take over the Caspian Registry. Cathy has asked the ALBC for more information on what would be involved. So far, no more information has been received, so the idea was tabled.

Change to University of Texas for DNA reports- Amrita reported that Gus at the University of Kentucky is very easy to work with and the DNA reports are cheaper than U of K. Cathy asked if DNA done at U of K will be able to be transferred to U of T for upcoming registrations. Amrita said it will work out fine. We decided to bring this up to membership for a vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

**ATAA General
Membership
Meeting Minutes,
September 22, 2012
at the Country Inn
and Suites, Bothell,
WA**

Called to Order: 9:17 am, September 22, 2012 by Cathy Leddy, Secretary

Roll Call by Secretary: Jas Shearer-McMahon, Cathy Leddy, Ann and

Gary Tipps, Amrita Ibold, Catrina Mettam, Jeremy Quantrell, Eloise King, Monica Bretherton, Betsey and Erin Wandler, Tish and Jack Saare, Jenny Rice, Terri Fender and Reeny Thompson via Skype and Susie Morrill via cellphone. Minutes of 2011 General Membership Meeting- distributed to all attendees

Motion- Jas motions to approve 2011 General Membership Meeting minutes, Amrita seconds, approved

President's Report, Terri Fender: Read by Vice President Jas Shearer-McMahon

Treasurer's Report, Amrita Ibold: Amrita handed out reports to attendees. Treasury is in Quicken and reports are easy.

For 2012, income exceeds expenses. 3 accounts, savings, checking and CD Amrita has itemized lists of accounts. Amrita asks if we should put treasury reports on the ATAA website. The membership approved putting a monthly summary of the Treasurer's report on the ATAA website.

All ATAA bank accounts:
Starting amount in checking 7276.46 + income of 3919.18 = 11195.64
Expenses to date of 2389.54 = 8806.10 total checking and savings.
\$6500 transferred to savings, which along with a monthly amount of \$100 going into savings, waives any bank fees. So, 2306.10 in checking, \$6500 in savings and 10,000 in the CD that matures in

2013. Total assets of the ATAA now = 18806.10 (as of 9/21/2012, the date of the Conference).
Motion- Cathy motions to approve putting a monthly summary of Treasury reports on the ATAA website, Jas seconds, approved

Secretary's Report, Cathy Leddy: 3 newsletters so far this year, 38 members, brief overview of promotions, Corporate logbook

Registrar's Report, Amrita Ibold: Registration is starting to move. Thanks to Lucy for sending computer and software. Thanks to Ann for helping getting things going. Amrita would like to register our horses with VNIK.

Discussion with members of automatically registering all purebred ATs with VNIK along with ATAA registration. VNIK charges a yearly fee for each horse registered. . Amrita suggests we charge \$280 for combined ATAA and VNIK registration. Discussion of if registering geldings with both makes sense. Several questions were brought up that Amrita will research with VNIK. We talked about starting a fund to help defray VNIK registration costs. We need to encourage people to register their half-bred ATs with us. Terri asks if there are two VNIK studbooks, Amrita answers that there is only one. Right now, VNIK registration for horses costs \$180, not sure about yearly fees. Discussion of specific fundraisers to help register horses.

Motion-Amrita motions that we use profit from the Silent,

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Silver Hill Akhal Teke



Proudly announces the birth of "Silverhill Tayzarmak" 2012 colt (Tay Shael x MV Kiyasa).



For Sale: 2008 Akhal-Teke/Arabian mare "Kisara" (El Lameh Amir [Arabian] x MV Kiyasa) Currently in training under saddle

Please visit our website or contact us for more information about our horses!

**Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes
Erin and Betsy Wandler
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Billings, MT 59101**



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www.silverhill-tekens.com

Auction to set up fund to help register horses and to make a plan, Jas seconds, approved
Motion- Ann motions to have Amrita look into VNIK registration for all ATAA horses, Catrina seconds, approved

Catrina asks about horses that are already registered, Ann asks if annual VNIK fee is new. Amrita replied that the annual VNIK fee IS new, and Ann suggested that we clarify that the Board is investigating the cost of doing this and will work to create a plan that will be economically sensible for the members who have diverse needs and need to mitigate the financial impact of the VNIK registration fees.

Ann suggests Board approval for registering horses with both ATAA and VNIK. Automatic registering with both ATAA and VNIK was tabled for more information that will be passed along to members as we get it.

Website Report, Amrita Ibold: Amrita wants to put pending registrations on website in their own section, so people can see if any items are missing and where registrations are in the process. Ann brings up 2011 minutes, where this was tried and it was negative instead of positive. Discussion followed about how to make it positive. It was decided to do it by horse

name only, with list of what was needed to finish registration.

Motion- Catrina motions to put pending registrations on website with horse name ONLY. Jas seconds, approved

Newsletter Report, Cathy Leddy: 3 newsletters so far this year, more than half the members get it via PDF file. We still need content; Monica suggests a stockpile of articles. A member spotlight is suggested, with standard questions. Cathy will work on that.

Awards Report, Catrina Mettam: AERC has the best awards so far of the alphabet orgs – AERC has 4 awards to be presented at the National Conference next year, LD and Endurance for both purebreds and sport horses

USDF has high points awards for each division, no difference between pure and partbreds. People need to register for these awards using the AT abbreviation to be counted towards awards.

USEA will email us with high point and pure and sport horse by division.

Showjumping – same thing

Catrina is having nice coolers embroidered with the ATAA logo and the words “Akhal-Teke Association of America 2012” for each award. She did not have a finished one,

but had a cooler to show us. Ann suggests that we suggest that we use etched glassware, like what Lucy did a few years back for some awards in the future.

Catrina appointed Head of Awards Committee

Membership Report, Cathy Leddy: 38 members total, 7 Lifetime members, 3 Friends members

1 Jr member, 27 Active members-2 family memberships, 2 farm memberships, 2 International members

Of Active members, 7 joined after 3/31/2012, so cannot vote this year

Promotions Report, various: We did the Horse Illustrated ad and article; we got 14 breeders to participate, not all of them ATAA members. Tish would like to bring horses to CA expos; there is a large one in Sacramento in June. Eloise suggests getting Tekes into the Rose Parade, which she rides in yearly. The idea of a show box was brought up again. Cathy talked about renting out WEG banners – one just went to the Heirloom Expo in CA. Idea of sending people files to print their own brochures.

Tish appointed Head of Promotions Committee

Nominations and Elections Report, Jas Shearer-McMahon: candidates gave short

speeches. We had 5 nominees, Amrita Ibold, Jenny Rice, Tish Saare, Betsy Wandler and Catrina Mettam. 2 3 year terms were available and 2 terms taking place of non-performing members, both to run through 2013.

Two bylaw changes were also on the Ballot: Article IV, Management 4.5E regarding the definition of a yearly audit, as follows:

Article IV: Management 4.5E

A change we need to consider re-wording in the Bylaws is the requirement for an "audit" of the treasurer's records. Per right now, "audit" is the whole nine yards, requiring bringing in every receipt and bank statement and having a CPA pore over it—very expensive, and more involved than an annual review of the records that could be done by a bookkeeper or CPA.

As the rule reads now:

The office of Treasurer shall be bonded and the Association accounts audited annually.

Proposed change:

A review of the ATAA financial records shall be performed by a professional bookkeeper or accountant, not otherwise affiliated with the ATAA at the

end of every year.

This bylaw passed.

Second bylaw change in Article III Membership, Category I, Active Membership

Bylaw Article III Membership, Category I, Active Membership

Here is what our Bylaws state now:

As the wording is now:

Category I; Active Membership. Open to the owner(s) of any horse(s) registered with the ATAA. Active members shall be entitled to vote after six (6) months membership and shall receive the Association newsletter. Active membership includes the following types of memberships: Charter, Lifetime, Individual, Family and Ranch/Breeding Farm.

Proposed change in bold and underlined:

Category I: Active Membership. Open to the owner(s) or lessee(s) of any horse(s) registered with the ATAA. Active members shall be entitled to vote after six (6) months membership and shall receive the Association newsletter. Active membership includes the following types of memberships: Charter, Lifetime, Individual, Family and Ranch/Breeding Farm.

This Bylaw also passed.

Ballots collected with 4 mail in ballots, 1 via email and the rest voting at the meeting.

Results: 3 year terms to Amrita Ibold and Tish Saare. 1 year terms taking over non

performing member's terms, Catrina Mettam and Betsy Wandler. Both Bylaws up for vote passed.

Farm reports were given during counting of the ballots.

Silent Auction, Amrita Ibold- Excellent turnout at the auction, Amrita and Jenny set up online bidding on items on the ATAA website, which worked pretty well. Auction ended at 5 pm and Amrita reports that it made \$581, with \$373 collected and emails sent out for the remainder. Money will go in the fund to help defray registration costs, per the motion above.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: DNA vet signature requirement for registration brought up to membership. BOD had voted to abolish this, but we decided that membership should be asked their opinions.

Vote- No vet signature required on DNA reports – approved

Discussion of using University of Texas with Gus Cothran to do our DNA reports vs. continuing with University of Kentucky. U of T is \$20 vs. U of K \$29. Also, Amrita says that Gus is easier to work with and gets back to us sooner.

Motion-Jas motions to change to using University of Texas for our DNA testing, Catrina seconds, approved

Grading Tour: Discussion of previous grading tours, pros and cons. We will look into inviting Nadejda Abramova next year to do a grading for us with information to follow to members. Brief discussion of getting people here certified as graders, tabled for now.

The possibility of including the Caspian Registry with ours, per a suggestion from the ALBC. It could be a good thing and the Caspian's could have a section on our website and in our newsletter. The suggestion was tabled until further information comes in from the ALBC.

The Board then asked the membership for suggestions on what they would like the ATAA to do for the next year.

Suggestions from floor: print more ATAA decal stickers (Ann had contact info for company that did the old ones). Logo wear with ATAA logo for sale. Tish said that she will head the Promotions committee and will work on decals and logo wear.

Grants: Cathy brought up having some sort of scholarship or grant fund to help with extraordinary efforts to promote and preserve the AT. The WEG 2010 booth was brought up. Betsy suggested that we write up a possible scholarship fund proposal. Eloise suggests that we get some ATs into judging forums to help judges in the

future when Tekes compete. Susie suggests that we get donations for the fund. Cathy will start writing up proposals for the BOD and membership to look at.

Motion-Monica motions that we put \$500 into a starting up a scholarship fund, Betsy seconds, approved

Meeting adjourned at 1:15

The Akhal-Teke – A Horse of History...A Horse With Heart

HorseFlicksTV launches its award winning programming on HRTV beginning Wednesday, March 14th at 9:00 PM Eastern time, 6:00 pm Pacific time, **and the Akhal-Teke will be showcased in this three year broadcast run.**

This program was produced by The Breeder's Co-op.

The initial schedule can be found on Facebook on the HorseFlicks page, or simply click the link <https://www.facebook.com/pages/HorseFlicks-Horseflicksphotosbyjojoco/139405276172037?sk=wall>

and go to the posting "HorseFlicks Air Dates on HRTV."

If you Click "LIKE" you will be kept apprised of all airings, dates and times during the three year broadcast run.

Briar Cottage Farm, Lexington, KY

At Briar Cottage Farm, Garpun has continued his education as a volunteer mounted patrol trooper. I am so proud of him. In 2 yrs. he has gone from a horse who was barely halter broke, you could not pick up his feet, to one of the few horses- maybe 2 in 10 prospects make it- able to handle the stresses of mounted patrol. He has gone on search and rescue missions (the first photo is the morning after the f-4 tornado took out the town of West Liberty, KY on 3/2/12), traffic and crowd



control such as the KY Secretariat festival on 9/22/12, and works very well with his teammates in close proximity in spite of being all-boy. He has even



learned to allow shooting from his back! (I about shied off his back, but he stood steady). Meanwhile the ladies Marigold and Happy are mothering 2 little boys born at the end of June and early July. One is already spoken for by the assistant chief of the mounted patrol. Rebecca Supinger sent us the mare

Karagackli who is favorite auntie to the kids, and one very pretty, sweet girl. Happy developed a mystery neurological disease 2 weeks before giving birth, and in spite of continuing and exhaustive care and treatment, will probably cross the Rainbow Bridge before Christmas. The whole crew successfully entertained and acted as Akhal-Teke ambassadors for a group of Chinese horsemen who passed through the area in August on a weeklong horse tour. All the horses and babies were showing off how friendly and personable they can be...the Chinese guys learned one English phrase, "No treats! No treats!" (This said while being repeatedly mobbed by the boys and the ladies as the tour guide tried to expound upon the virtues of ATs. They said this was the highlight of their tour.) Marigold is taking the coming year off from mom duties to relearn how to be a riding horse, and the only foal due for 2013 is a Clydesdale cross, asked for by a fellow foxhunter. Clyde x TB crosses are very popular local hunting crosses, and the huntsman noticed last year that Garpun was a very sensible boy out in the hunt field and thought that cross might add a little of that to the popular mix....so we shall see.(Wasn't sure it was going to work- all we do here is natural cover, and the lady Clyde, Ms. Maebelle, is really big, and well.....they figured out how to use the fence to give him a little extra leverage....LOL!)

AustralianTekes

Brisbane, Queensland

We showed of our Akhal-Teke stallion at a regional 2 day horse show , that was the first time any A-T has been seen in Australia at a show and of course we had a steady stream of people coming up to us to find out where they came from and what they are used for.



*JBK Mukam at the show
Photo by Kate Owen*

At this this time there are only 2 lots of A-Ts in Australia, Bill and Denise of the Dkinder stud who bought all the horses from Rosemary Swift in Sydney and us, Tom and Dawn Thomsen. As luck would have it the Dkinder stud is 50 miles from us so we went together in a stall at the show. We were asked to be the opening event with just a simple walk and trot in the arena for some 15 minutes this suited Mukam our stallion because he had his chance to show off and he put on a turn, We were then asked for a repeat performance

some 2 hours later. We were certainly the stars of the show.

Most people were impressed but not everybody; there was one old time cowboy who came over, it was so funny, he walked around the horse looking everywhere then when I said hello to him he informed me the horse would be no good as it was the wrong shape for a cow horse. We also won a ribbon for in the category "The horse you would most want to ride a thousand miles on " and while the judge was making his decision the loud speaker was telling the crowd that Akhal-Tekes were bred for the very purpose of carrying a rider for days on end. I have a suspicion I was meant to go away from the show with a ribbon.



*Tom and Mukam at the show,
Kate Owen photo*

There is another A-T stallion on its way to Western Australia which is about as far away from us as you can get About every 3 months we get an inquiry about Akhal-Tekes on the internet which is a lot more than we were getting 2 years ago, so while it is slow horse people over here are starting to hear about Akhal-Tekes.

Tom Thomsen

4 Nomads Ranch and Akhal Texas

The last few months have been filled with activity. On May 1st, Katrina gave birth to a lovely metallic palomino filly, Kestrel (by Eramay). Kestrel is beautiful and full of personality. Soon she'll be weaned and will join the yearling fillies (Harisma, Keshi, and Tamila) in their pasture.

Nicole and Kugar are slowly making advances toward their endurance goals (well, Nicole's endurance goals, anyway). In the summer, they completed the three-day pioneer limited distance ride at Fort Stanton, New Mexico. Those completions earned Nicole her 250-mile limited distance award. Nicole and Kugar will try to complete their first 50-mile endurance ride this fall, and they also hope to head to Moab for another three-day pioneer ride.



Kugar and Nicole at the Ft. Stanton ride

The recently gelded Grom (Gigant-Mippa, born 1995) will join the herd in October. After he has gotten fit, Grom will hopefully participate in some limited distance rides, trail rides, and other activities as an ambassador for the breed. Before Grom was gelded, his semen was

frozen at Colorado State for later use in our herd and for purchase for use in approved domestic mares. We are very excited about Grom's arrival and thank Jas Shearer-McMahon for her invaluable assistance in helping us get him here!

Sweet Water Farm

Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke has enjoyed another busy summer here on San Juan Island, WA. We continue to have a great group of students riding, training, and competing on our Akhal-Teke horses in dressage, jumping, and three-day eventing. And we've expanded our trail riding program (using all purebred Akhal-Teke horses) to tourists and visitors who come to the islands from near and far. Joining the Friday Harbor Chamber of Commerce has helped us connect with our local tourist industry, and serves as a dynamic tool for advertising the



Sweet Water Farm on parade

Akhal-Teke breed. We currently have five purebred mares confirmed pregnant by three different stallions for 2013 foals, and recently welcomed four purebred mares into our program for breeding, training, and/or sales. Be sure to check out our sale page for information and photos of the new additions! We were very

pleased to co-host the 2012 ATAA conference, together with Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes... a big THANK YOU to all who participated... it was a fun and successful event and we look forward to seeing you next year! And the most exciting news of the season is... we're expanding the farm! Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke LLC has moved forward on the purchase of additional San Juan Island farmland. Check out our website and blogs for upcoming details... and wish us luck!

Saarena Moves to Montana

Letter from Sharon Saare to Alta Boyes, 5/18/2012

Alta, as far as I know Saarena is the last living cross of the original lines of Akhal-Tekes in the US as imported by Sprandel and Phil Case: Sprandel through Feja x Asal, Case through Sengar and Senetir. Saarena has produced 5 foals as of 2012- four of them were purebred by Aliger.

Saarena was the first purebred Akhal-Teke in the US to win an endurance ride of any length. She has been graded an elite mare every grading. When graded as a yearling was highest graded yearling in the US. Won 2008 ATAA Breeder's Award for Sharon Saare knowing Saarena's performance in endurance.

Sharon Saare

Heirloom Expo, Santa Rosa CA

Hi there from Sabrina and Atly (Aliger x Meshhurlyk, bred by CGAT) in Santa Rosa, California! This September we attended the National Heirloom Expo, which showcases everything from fruits, to veggies, to livestock...and promotes everything rare/heritage/heirloom.



Some neighbors at the Expo, Sabrina Impelido photo

Atly and I stayed there Monday thru Thursday and informed over 15,000 people on the Akhal Teke! The 2nd day of the expo was "School Day" where there were over 1,000 kids from Kindergarten thru High School, most of the schools were from the LA area, and have never seen farm animals before. People were in awe with how gorgeous and unique Atly was, so it was truly wonderful to see people respond to him in that way! It was an amazing experience and we are going to attend it again next year! Enjoy the pictures!



Atly and an admirer, Sabrina Impelido photo

ATAA FOTATA Awards

presented by Shannon
Mayfield at the ATAA Yearly
Conference, September 22,
2012



*Fotata Awards presented at the
Saturday night Awards Banquet.
Betsy Wandler photo*

Volunteer Awards:

Lucy Kester, Catrina
Mettam, Terri Fender, Phil
Case

Endurance Awards:

Jas Shearer-McMahon,
Nicole Duarte, Monica
Bretherton, Tom Thomsen,
Cathy Leddy

Eventing Awards:

Amrita Ibold, Jenny Rice,
Zoe Saccio (Jr)

Jumping Awards:

Jenny Rice, Amrita Ibold,
Zoe Saccio (Jr), Catrina
Mettam.

Classified Ads

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Pure and non-purebred Akhal-
Tekes of all ages for sale.
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Breeding, training and
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www.cgakhaltekes.com or 425-
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Midnight Sky Farm has
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Stallions Madras and Fakir. 4,
4yr old geldings, 3 4yr old
fillies. All crossed with Arab
mares.
541-686-1240

For Sale: Miril, 4 year old 15.2
purebred gelding, (Maruk x Dar
Khanum) currently in under
saddle training. Also, 3 Arab
cross fillies (2 yearlings and 1
weanling) and one very flashy
frame overo pinto Arab cross
weanling colt. All Ak Sakal
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www.oasisakhal-tekes.com or
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Stallions at Stud

Arim and Eramay are standing
at ABSOLUTE AKHAL TEKE
and are available for cooled,
frozen or live cover.

Arim is offered for \$1100.00 to
the first mare booked Eramay
can be booked for \$400.00 to
the first mare. For more info:
Favjockey@aol.com or
(813)469-1089 cell (352)567-
9885 house

Other for Sale

Cowrie Aladjas



Two silver and cowrie shell
aladjas for sale. Both have
crystal stone accents. These
look great on Arab/Akhal Teke
sport horses. Asking \$50 for
the top one and \$55 for the
bottom one in the
photo. Proceeds benefit the
Friends of the Akhal Teke
Awards program
for 2013 prize
materials. Contact Shannon
at:
shannon@phantomcycles.com
for more info.

AWARDS

Make sure you and your horses are eligible for awards this
year! Check out the ATAA website under awards
<http://www.akhal-teke.org/awards-programs.html> and the
ATAA FOTATA awards,
<http://fotata.webs.com/ataaactivities.htm> to be presented at
the Yearly Conference In September.



Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes

Pleasant Grove Akhal-Tekes is proud to stand two excellent pure bred stallions.

Gallo (photo right) is a metallic bay stallion from the Skak line.

Arin (photo below) is a shiny cremello stallion from the Gelishikli line.



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