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Tune in as AHA President, Lisa Blackstone, gives an update on exciting news and information on AHA. As well as her May presidential letter.



May 2026

President's Letter

A message from Lisa Blackstone

Dear Members,

As promised, I'm doing a monthly President's Letter to bring you up to speed on various AHA activities.

You can find the previous April issue on our website.

Since the last letter, here is an update on our activities:

- Stan Morey has officially retired and is looking forward to more time with family, especially the grandkids! Congratulations Stan! Everyone wishes you only the best!
- Taryl O'Shea began employment with AHA on May 11 as our CEO. Taryl is a great leader, and we look forward to her own vision for the future of AHA. Welcome Taryl!
- We completed our first Listening Session on attracting people to local shows. This is a great way to gather ideas from our members and really "hear" what our customers want.
- This month's Listening Session is on how to improve our working relationship with USEF, a subject that deserves your attention. The USEF ad hoc committee is working hard to get more value out of our relationship with them, and I applaud their commitment to that task. Your input would be welcome.
- The Board is committed to upgrading AHA's use of technology to improve customer service, and this includes a new platform that will enable us to register horses online. We are getting closer to making this a reality. More updates to follow.
- For the next 90 days, our new CEO will work with the Board to prioritize our immediate initiatives. By fall, we will develop a strategic plan that will involve the least amount of effort with the highest amount of impact to begin growing our community.

As we committed to you, we are being transparent about our activities and our finances. Please see the attached financial reports that include:

- Financial Flash, a summary of financial information
- Key Indicator report
- Additional data to help you best understand AHA's financial position and progress

Thank you to Ralph Manning, Jill Orr, and Lisa Montgomery for your diligent work creating transparent, understandable financial reports. The AHA Board feels it is imperative that our members be well-informed, and you are making that possible.

Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Board with your questions, comments, and ideas.

Sincerely,
Lisa Blackstone



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