From the President's Desk:



I would like to take this time to formally introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. My name is Lance Meisenheimer, and I am a lifetime member of the RHBAA. I'm the second generation of the Meisenheimer family to serve as your President. My father, Mike, was President from 1991-92. He also served on the board of directors from many years. I was born into the Racking Horses and am proud to now serve as your President.

My passion in this breed has been the performance show horse. While I enjoy training and showing my own horses, there is so much more to our breed. The Racking Horse is the most versatile horse in the world. I can't think of another breed that can offer performance, pleasure, trail and speed in all the varieties of each category. While it is no secret that the performance horse has been under scrutiny, I am proud to say that the performance horse lives on and now shows just how naturally talented our horses are.

Our biggest asset of this breed is our variety. Just think about what is offered at the World Celebration in Decatur, AL! All the disciplines of the Racking Horse are represented in one place by people from all over the world. Yes, I said the world! I am pleased to announce that we have completed and submitted the necessary paperwork this winter to now be a recognized breed all across Europe. What does this mean? It means that now Racking Horses can be bred and sold in Europe. There is a very promising market for the Racking Horse across the Atlantic, and I am hopeful that you will take advantage of this. We will be proud to showcase our breed and see expansion and growth in this uncharted territory over the coming months and years.

Although at first glance I may appear young, or not ready for this kind of responsibility, first know this about me: I have been blessed to have the Racking Horse as part of my entire life. This horse has given me experiences, lessons and wisdom beyond any school or training I've ever formally received. For this knowledge and experience, I owe the breed and the breeder's association members to do what is best for this breed and not for any one particular entity or participant. I ask you now, as your President, to do the same and put the breed first as we start 2020. I challenge you to make new friends in the breed and learn why they are here. We are all neighbors and we all share a lot of common ground. Take some time to respect one another and use proper judgement in the decisions you make-just do what is right. I'm going to let you in on a secret that some people have a hard time learning: you will not win every time, your horse can be beat, there is always room for improvement, and someone will be trying to outwork you no matter what. Do the best you can with the resources you have and continue to improve.

If possible, please make plans to attend our Winter Meetings February 21st & 22nd in Decatur, Alabama. If we haven't yet met, please introduce yourself and let me know what the breed means to you and the direction you would like it to go. Whether you're coming to your first meeting or your 48th Winter Meeting, I'd love to get to know you better. If you aren't able to attend, or just would like to talk at a later date, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for being on my team, and let's have a great 2020!

Lance Meisenheimer #35166
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2020 Winter Meetings

Make plans now to attend this year's Annual Winter Meeting, February 21st and 22nd in Decatur Alabama.

Meetings will begin Friday morning at 9:00am. Please see enclosed Schedule of events for meeting times.

DOUBLETREE
BY HILTON

2020 RHBAA Winter Meetings

February 21st and 22nd, 2020
1101 6th Avenue Decatur, AL 35601
256-355-3150

Hotel Room Discount Rate $76 plus Tax
this rate is good until February 14th

To receive these rates you must call the Double Tree. You can also request an Early Check in at 2pm, early check in is based on availability normal check-in is at 4:00pm. Request the rates for the Racking Horse Breeders this rate is good until February 14th.

Entertainment:

To Be Announced

Silent Auction
Winter Meetings Banquet

Banquet Menu: Fried Chicken, Roast Beef Au Jus, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans w/ Bacon, Baked Squash Casserole, Fruit Salad, Garden Salad, with Ranch and Thousand Island Dressing, Warm Rolls with Butter, Assorted Cream Pies, Coffee, Sweet Iced Tea And Water, Open Bar

Banquet Reservation Form

$20 Adults
$10 Children 10 & Under

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Adult #: _____

Children #: _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp._____CVC_____

****** ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE******

Return this form along with payment to RHBAA -67 Horse Center Rd. Suite B – Decatur, AL 35603

Reservation Deadline February 15th 2020



2020 Winter Meetings
Schedule of Events



Friday, February 21st

9:00 am – 12:00pm	University Conference Room (UCR)	Board of Directors Meeting
12:00pm – 12:30 pm	Community Boardroom	Speed Association Board Meeting
12:30pm – 1:30 pm	UCR	Breeders Committee Meeting
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Community Board Room	Judge's Apprentice Program Test
1:30 pm – 2:30pm	Community Board Room	Judge's Committee Meeting
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	UCR	Advisory Committee Meeting
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	UCR	Rules Committee Meeting
6:00 pm –	Ball Room	RHBAA and Pro Trainers Assoc. Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 22nd

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Dedication Room	Speed Association Meeting
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Dedication Room	Judge's Meeting
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Dedication Room	Commissioner Meeting
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Excellence Room	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Dedication Room	Amateur Association Meeting
11:00 pm – 12:00pm	Ball Room	General Membership Meeting
TBA		Juvenile Auxiliary Meeting
10:00 am – 11:00 am	UCR	Trainers Board of Directors Meeting
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	UCR	Trainers General Membership Meeting
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Dedication Room	Pleasure Association Meeting

RHBAA Deadline Dates

January 1	All Show Cards	Membership Dues
January 31	Judges Application	Commissioner Renewal
March 15	Stalls, Box Seats, and Camper Reservation for Spring Celebration Membership and Amateur Show Card Late Fee	
March 31	Vendor Contractors Spring Celebration	
August 15	Stalls, Box Seats, and Camper Reservations for World Celebration	
October 15 Affiliated Show	Stallion Report Late Fee 90 Days prior to show Affiliation Fee, Application and Show Bill	