



Youth Activities and the NRHyA Meeting at the 2009 NRHA Futurity and Adequan® North American Affiliate Champion Show

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Saturday, December 5, 2009, began early with very cold temperatures. It was the last day of the 2009 NRHA Futurity and Adequan® North American Affiliate Champion Show in Oklahoma City. The short stirrup class started in Barn 8 at 9:00 a.m., followed by the youth classes. I was amazed at how far some of the youth had traveled to be at the show! They came from Canada to Mexico - Idaho to Florida and many points in between!

After watching the youth classes, we walked over to Arena 6 to watch Clinton Anderson's clinic. It started at 10:00 and ended at 12:30. Clinton Anderson gave safety tips, how to gain respect from your horse, and taught groundwork exercises. For demonstration, he brought in a beautiful filly who knew nothing about groundwork. Within 10 minutes, she looked like she had been in training for months. It must have been the technique that Clinton Anderson was using. I wish my horse would have been that easy to train!

At 2:30 the NRHyA meeting started. Pizza and punch was provided. Meaghan Burns brought the meeting to order and was in charge of the ice-breaker. We separated into different groups according to eye color, state, and birth month. Next, the officers and delegates introduced themselves and told a little bit about their backgrounds. After that, we watched videos of candidates running for various offices that couldn't be there. Candidates who were there gave their speeches. Emily Winegar gave a presentation on the 2010 filly that her family farm – Green Valley Ranch donated to the NRHyA. Emily and her family named the filly “Take a Chance” – to remind people to take a chance on purchasing a raffle ticket to win the filly! Cash Bridges is graduating from high school, so he gave his last speech as NRHyA president. He said that he had learned so much and met many people during this experience. Then, the officers presented a PowerPoint covering the 2009 year activities. It showed that although they put in a lot of hours working on various projects, they sure have a lot of fun, too! In conclusion of the meeting, we voted on who we wanted to be the new officers. The 2010 NRHyA Executive Committee was elected and then the meeting ended at 3:30.