

# Regional Director's Message, October 2008

Region 17 Fall Meeting, October 4, 2008  
Grande Prairie, Alberta

I would just like to thank everyone for attending and especially thank Bob and Carrie for so graciously being our hosts for our meeting.

We have a long day planned with bylaws to ratify and new policy manuals to review.

## **AHA**

At the July Board of Directors meeting I attended there were some very interesting items passed. AHA has hired Glen Petty as the new EVP. He comes with many years experience and knowledge. I believe he will be a great asset to AHA.

I was able to get CALDRA accepted by AHA as our governing body for Distance rides, effective immediately. This is very important for our horses competing to be able to collect achievement points and Sweepstakes money.

In 2009 we will be required to have the addresses and DOB for our walk/trot riders. AHA will be able to track these riders in the future.

In 2009 the Western Seat Equitation will serve as the corresponding class for both the Western Horsemanship class and the Reining Seat Equitation Classes.

In 2009 the Reining Seat Equitation will consider 12 riders total per section. It was also passed that verbal coaching is not considered Schooling.

## **Region 17**

Thanks to our extremely hard working Show Commission we had a successful Regional show.

Amanda Ubell did a tremendous job promoting the Stallion auction and brought in over \$17,000. The Youth Silent auction was also a success, thanks to Kimberly Toye.

I have put together a list of judges that would be interested in judging our Sport Horse divisions at our show, anyone interested can get hold of me.

In November we have our Youth Judging team going to US Nationals in Tulsa and we want to wish them the best of luck.

At this time we have 2 riders in the AHA top 10 High Point Adult achievement awards and 2 riders

in the youth High Point. We also have 4 horses listed in the High Point Horse categories. We have some fabulous horses and riders in our Region and I would like to congratulate everyone.

Susan Fife has advised me that they have been able to place all the rescued horses. Great job Susan and team. This was a tremendous amount of work, time and money.

We had an Arabian team competing at Spruce Meadows again for the Battle of the breeds. They placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations. We need to find more volunteers and horses for the demo's and team events. Anyone interested please let me know.

I would again like to bring forward the suggestion to host the 2011 AHA Convention. We have been approached by both AHA and tourism Vancouver. The majority of the costs are now paid by AHA and the Regions responsibility is now approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000.

We have the largest geographical region in AHA and face some difficult tasks because of it. We have a very passionate and hard working Show Commission to put on the very best show for you. We have some excellent delegates in our area that work very hard and put out considerable time and effort. In this time of declining shows and entries, declining registrations and breedings, we all need to work together to support one another so we all survive. Help support some of the great promotional activities in the Region - Quarter Horse Bazaar, the Battle of the Breeds, Equifair, and Mane Event etc.

Please get your Youth teams results into Kimberly Toye ASAP. Remember to get your High Point forms into Karen Caughell before the end of December.

## **EC**

Remember that EC members are eligible for 30% discounts at Office Depot and 23% off at John Deer and cash back from Dodge and Sherwin Williams.

Anyone that would like to help out and get more involved please let me know. There are some great activities going on and we could use more help.

Any information you would like on the website you can forward to me and I can have it posted for you. We can now also do e-blasts for club information.

Get together, share ideas, and find out what other clubs are doing, so you can support them or you may be able to use their ideas in your area.

Have Fun Out There!  
Terry Johnson  
Director Region 17

The next meeting will be Victoria BC, on March 20 & 21, 2008. All members are welcome to attend.