

**Youth Directors Reports**  
**2014 Region 17 Fall Meeting**

In July, I attended the AHA Youth National Horse Show, on behalf of Region 17 and AHYA.

I attended Youth Convention and encouraged several other youth from Region 17 including Natalie Alves, Cheyenne Cook, Hennessey Zimmerman, Brennan and Jake Cavanaugh.

I would like to thank all the Region 17 delegates and members as well as the executive committee, for their support throughout my term as Youth Director. It has been an honor and privilege to be the advocate for Region 17 Youth for the past 4 years.

I wish Sydney Young good luck in her newly elected position and I know she will do a great job at fulfilling the job of Regional Youth Director.

This position has given me so many opportunities to meet and work with other amazing youth in AHA.

I cannot stress enough the importance of your support of the youth, and I hope this continues in the future. The youth are the future!

Sincerely

**Katie Johnson**

Past Youth Director

## ***Region 17 Youth Report***

**October 2014**

***Youth Director: Sydney Young*** *sydth3kid12@gmail.com*

**Recent Regional Meeting: Wednesday July 23rd** at the Calgary Stampede Grounds during our regional show.

### **Upcoming/Recent Shows and Activities**

#### **June**

*June 6-8 Alberta Classic (Ponoka AB)*

*June 14-15 VIAHA Island Classics (Victoria BC)*

*June 20-22 Western Canadian Breeders Championships (Saskatoon SK)*

*June 28 -29 Manitoba Arabian Spring Fling (Brandon MB)*

#### **July**

*July 5 Calgary AHA Working Western Show (Calgary AB)*

*July 21-26 Region 17 Championship Show (Calgary AB)*

#### **August**

*August 1-3 AAHABC Junior/Amateur Show (Langley BC)*

*August 11-16 Canadian National Championships*

#### **September**

*September 6-7 Parkland Fall Show (Red Deer AB)*

*September 11-14 Battle of the Breeds, Masters Tournament (Spruce Meadows AB)*

*September 12-14 AAHABC Fall Frolic (Langley BC)*

*September 13-14 SAHA Fall Classic (Moose Jaw SK)*

**Youth Activities Held**-Youth meeting and subway lunch at the regional show along with a costume class and ice cream social. Fun classes also held at some of our club shows and are organized by youth leaders within each club.

### **Communication**

- *I communicate with my youth through interaction at show, Facebook, emails, phone calls if necessary and I make sure all the youth have my cell number to contact me at any time.*

### **Youth Coordinator: Terry Johnson**

*Helped to run meeting and all our fundraisers/ activities*

### **Treasurer: Karen Caughell**

*Manages all our youth finds and keeps track of my budget and spending.*

### **Vice Directors:**

**Kaitlin Payne, Emma Jensen, Ali Morphy, Sarah Shipton, Natalie Alves**

### ***Fundraisers:***

I organized a trainer egg and spoon class and set up silent auction style bidding sheets for each trainer. The spectators and other exhibitors could bid on their favorite trainer over 2 days and the highest bidder on each trainer paid right when the class started. The bidder on the winning trainer took home half the earnings of the class. Fortunately for us our winner donated back her winnings and we raised \$880 for our youth programs! We had 14 trainers participate all competing for the ultimate prize of beer. Also, our amazing judges joined in riding borrowed horses! Our show commission ran the class and even our show steward was there to enforce the rules of our game. Everyone had a blast and we raised a lot of money. Our other fundraiser was the youth silent auction. Thanks to all our donations, that raised \$1300 for the youth. Our regional show was a success bringing in \$2100 for the region 17youth. For next year, we have plans to rent a dunk tank as a fundraiser along with continuing the egg and spoon ride and the silent auction.

### ***New Ideas for Region 17:***

- Hosting youth judging contests during exciting open classes at regionals.
- Having a sponsored youth lunch every day to bring everyone together at least once a day over our 3 days of showing.
- Fun classes that include everyone not just youth. It's a blast when the trainers join in too.
- Having an open photo booth at the show with costumes and signs
- Most important of all trying to spend as much time with each other as possible to build a stronger youth group in our region who will be excited to see each other at shows.

### ***More about the Region 17 Youth***

This year at the show we had 27 kids show up to our meeting and subway lunch. They all had great ideas and signed up to help out where they could. We created a "show committee" that the kids put their names on to help with all the planning and events that go on at the show. I hope to continuously run fundraisers at shows throughout the year to raise money for our region. With the help of my vice directors my goal is to have enough money in our region to do all the fun things requested by the kids!

### ***Next year's youth "giveaways"***

I'll be looking for sponsorships again for the 2015 youth t-shirts. I had a tie dye event in mind where I will get white shirts made with our logo and sponsors then use any leftover sponsorship money to buy tie dye for everyone. During our meeting is when we can do our little craft and personalize our own shirts. I would also like to host a campfire night and buy glow-sticks and s'more supplies for everyone. I am going to keep in touch with my "show committee" and brainstorm more ideas.