

**Minutes of the Region 17 AHA fall meeting
(Approved at Spring 2010 meeting with corrections)
October 2, 2009 Calgary, Alta.**

1	<p>Credentialing & Delegate Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen Caughell, Laurie Mostowich, Marilyn Robinson, Gerald McDonald, Susan Rousseau, DeeAnna Lyke, Kimberly Toye, Nicki Muller, Debbie Storey, Jessica Passey, Lorne Robertson, Marcia Friesen • Members & Visitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not all of the names of the delegates and members/visitors were captured
2	<p>Introduction of Delegates</p> <p>Director Terry Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and asked that everyone introduce themselves and state where they come from and what club they are representing.</p>
3.	<p>Host Club Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of the Calgary Arabian Horse Association, Laurie Mostowich welcomed delegates and visitors to Calgary.
4.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda was approved as circulated. The chair did reserve the option to adjust agenda order for coffee breaks, lunch etc. so that the elections could be held while there was a quorum present. A straw poll showed that most people catching airplanes had to leave by 5:00 pm. The goal was to have the meeting complete by 4:30 p.m.
5.	<p>Adoption of the Minutes of the Spring meeting to the Official books</p> <p>It was noted that there was an error in the spring 2009 minutes. In the area under functional reports: Directories the minutes read : “New ads from Region 5, 6, 17, Sport Horse Nationals, Manitoba Winter Fair”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correction is that it should read: directories were shipped to Region 5, 6, 17, Sport Horse Nationals, Manitoba Fair. • The minutes were adopted as corrected by Wally Goertz and seconded by Karen Caughell • Approved.
6.	<p>Treasurers Report: Karen Caughell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the attached reports as presented by Karen • Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen reported that the advice from the bookkeeper is that although we are a non-profit organization we should (and we are) run like a business ○ We should be keeping 3 years of operating fund in liquid assets for ready access if needed ○ Karen reminded everyone that the year end is November 30 - so please get any expenses in to be paid so the books can be completed ○ The year end does not coincide with the deadline for the stallion auction pledges. Next

	<p>year it is suggested that we move the stallion auction pledge deadline up to November 15th at least. Another suggestion was to move up both the 1st and 2nd payment dates for this activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen brought to everyone’s attention that when members use credit cards, there is a fee charged by the credit card company. It is felt that Region 17 shouldn’t have to pay this fee. The group was reminded that in the Stallion Auction 10% of the fees collected were to go to administration and advertising; 90% goes to the prize, therefore the Region should not be paying the credit card fee, but rather it should be coming out of the 10% fee ● Budget Committee: Lorne Robertson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lorne reminded the delegates that the budget committee is in the process of developing the budget for the next regional meeting. The committee is working under the direction of the delegates that the main fundraiser for R. 17 (the Regional Show) will be based on a ‘break even’ show. ○ Remuneration of the Show commission members: Lorne moved and Nicki seconded that “the treasurer be authorized to add an additional \$2,000 to the Show Commission budget for work/jobs not remunerated for the 2009 show. ○ Approved ● Investment Report: Sheena Steenhart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Although Sheena was not present at the R. 17 meeting it was reported that the Investment committee is coming forward to the next regional meeting with a 3-tiered strategy for investments.
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter from Parkland Club as circulated to all club presidents was read. Discussion ensued to clarify the issues and misinformation. The president of Parkland mentioned that this was a frustrated voice of those members and acknowledged the letter received from both Marcia Friesen (SC Member) and Director Terry Johnson. The Director pledged to keep updated information on the web site for all members ● The 2010 Regional show is from august 2 – 8 at the Westerner in Red Deer ● Two other letters were received thanking the Region for acknowledgements to family losses
8	<p>Directors Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director Terry Johnson gave an oral report of her last 2 years as Director. Please see attached.
9	<p>Functional Areas:</p> <p>1. Show Commission Report : Dianne Pretty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see the attached report from Dianne <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dianne shared the results of the survey that was forwarded to all members through an e-blast. It was found to be a very good way to seek feedback from members and this will be used in the future to help the show commission in planning future shows and activities. ● Dominion Ribbon Company (Ontario) will be contacted to review the costs of ribbons/garlands through their company. ● The cost of shipping is making the trophies prohibitive for futures shows. Other options are

being explored and those options will be brought back to the next Regional meeting

- The discussion about providing some sort of acknowledgements for the top 5 was raised. The show commission was asked to explore the cost of items such as plaques or certificates from Dominion. The show commission did say that they were looking at providing plaques to those in junior classes (17 and under) for 3rd, 4th and 5th spot.
- Other ideas: please email them to Dianne
- Diane reported that the show commission would like to acknowledge the Unanimous Champion with a yellow garland. Members clarified that it should be for those classes where there is more than 1 horse in the class.
- Placement of 2010 Show: The 2010 show will be held at the Westerner. There was a worry that with limited locations available, if the show Commission did not enter into an agreement with the Westerner, that we could lose the facility. Because the show commission couldn't take the chance of losing the venue an agreement was entered into.
- In planning the 2011 show, Dianne clarified to the delegates that nothing has been signed and that many options are being explored, including: Saskatoon, a possible new facility in Ponoca; Red Deer, Calgary etc. The delegates were reminded that there are 2 main issues to consider: where the show is held and when the show is held. The show commission was guided to give deference to when not where.
- The show commission will present the pros' and cons' of the various venues available for the next meeting
- Terry Johnson asked the delegates to ratify the appointment of Rob Calnan to the Show Commission. Moved by Lorne and seconded by Kimberly. Passed.

1. **Directory Report : Karen Caughell**

- See attached written reports from Karen
- Karen circulated last year's directory along with a new option (with tabs). The majority of delegates liked the tabs. Karen will explore this option for the 2010 directory
- Club Presidents are asked to make sure that an updated membership list (with proper address/emails) is forwarded to Karen by Nov. 6th
- Terry then circulated to club presidents the list of "non members of a club, but members of AHA" and asked presidents to review this

2. **Canadian National Show Report – Gerald McDonald**

- The economy and "VS" negatively affected Canadian Nationals this year. As well there were problems with AHA marketing
- There were logistic issues for mass permits; Canada Customs let some horses through that hadn't been inspected
- N= 699 horses (the Cdn Show commission had budgeted for 850)
- Good quality classes
- 100+ volunteers
- Most of the changes incorporated into this year's prize list were considered positively
- The new facility (a 6-plex ice rink "L" shaped) will be ready for next year
- 80,000 square feet of usable space
- ~ 110 stalls per 20,000 square feet
- There will be a big warm up area and the main show ring will be as big if not bigger than the current main ring

- There will be huge improvements from Ring 2 point of view
- The flow of the facility will greatly change
- Many of the barns are going, but the commission is not sure when
- There are still issues with the wash racks and the floors
- Probably the commercial exhibitors will change
- Canada Centre will stay\
- Other barns are in plans for development
- There was no advance notice re: switching of judges (panel of judges) however Gerald pointed out that this was posted on the web site in May. The omnibus was incorrect. The plan had been to have random draw for the halter classes
- The footings are an ongoing problem. Gerald feels that the new manager understands the need for good footing

3. Youth Reports

Youth Directors Report

1. Jessica Passey's Youth Director report was received and accepted. Please see attached Youth Director and Coordinator Job and Role Descriptions
2. Kimberly Toye presented the Region 17 Youth Director and Coordinator job and role description. This report was moved by Wally Goertz and seconded by Kimberley to be accepted as presented
3. Elections for the new youth director will be held at the youth meeting to be held in conjunction with the Region 17 show.
4. The delegates suggested that a call for interested persons for the Youth Coordinator go out. Club presidents are asked to send in all interested names for youth coordinator within 60 days (to Terry). If there are no names submitted, then this role would be filled by the vice director
5. The delegates directed the Director to ask Jessica if she would stay on for 2010

Decision Making Procedure for Youth Director

6. Kimberly presented this algorithm that will be used this next coming year
7. It was suggested that time lines be added to give direction to the youth director to understand the process
8. Each club is asked to bring 2 items for the Youth silent auction. A reminder eblast will be sent 1 month prior to the Regional show

Youth Tournament Report

9. Kimberly reported that we had 11 teams for 2009: 7 through AAHABC; 2 through BCAHA and 2 through VIAHA (1 recognized and 1 non recognized). All reports must be submitted to Kimberly in a timely a manner as possible as her deadline to AHA is December 15th.
10. The 2009 awards will be given out at the 2010 Regional Show
11. The 2008 awards were presented at the 2009 Regional Show with the Champion going to the youth group from Rosemary Reed's barn. Reserve was from Brenda Dreideger's barn

Youth Scholarship

12. Donna Kavanaugh reported that the 2009 recipient of the \$1500 scholarship is Dana Adolphson

Youth Judging:

13. Phillipa Keegan reported that the 5 members that comprise the senior team continue to

prepare for US nationals. Phillipa moved and Laurie seconded that this group receive the education funds to assist in this endeavour. Passed

4. Canadian Breeders Report : Marcia Friesen

- The 2010 show will be sponsored by AAHABC and linked to their May show (May 13 – 16)
- The 2011 show will be hosted by the Saskatchewan Consortium
- On a go forward basis for 2011 the host will receive 75% of the monies garnered from this show and 25% will go to CHR

5. Breed promotion

- Debbie reported on the Battle of the Breeds, which was again very successful. Three new horses were on the Arabian team which was made up with Jacqueline Stephenson, Jaimie Stephenson, Lorraine Prowse and Debbie Storey. The need for seasoned horses with year – to – year commitment was identified by all
- The team ended up in 8th place
- The delegates asked if there was a plan to try to develop horses that would be able to demonstrate the versatility of the Arabian horse
- Delegates suggested that there needs to be selection criteria developed. It was moved by Debbie and seconded by Dianne Walker that a committee be formed to develop Terms of Reference for the “Battle” team. Committee members are :
 - Phil Jacka
 - Debbie Storey
 - Diane Walker
 - Deanna
 - Darlene Brouwer
 - Karen Caughell
- It was moved by the chair and seconded by Debbie Storey that the vice director take on the promoter/administrator role for the Battle of the Breeds
- It was suggested that the Team Captain role be developed and is a person who is not riding nor related to any members of the team. Darlene Brower was appointed the Team Captain for 2010
- Laurie reported on the booth at Spruce Meadows. The AHA banners were phenomenal and the handouts were well received. AHA staff were very impressed. The booth is presently stored at Gary Millar’s home and will be available to members for rental (discussion under new business)

6. Stallion Auction

No report received from Amanda Ubell, therefore Nikki Mueller gave a verbal report because a written report was not received from

- 2 people have backed out of their top bid for the stallion auction, but the runner up bidders have taken up the bid at their bid price
- Very few people have paid yet, but the goal is to have them all paid by year end
- The 2009 Stallion Auction should garner ~\$21,000
- N=40 stallions; 75% were sold

7. Region 17 High Point Awards – Karen Caughell

1. See attached report
2. All information is found on the website

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Riders are responsible for sending their show records to Karen 4. Sponsorships have already been received for the purebred and part bred Arabian category 5. Sponsorships are being sought for the amateur and junior sections 6. Deadline is December 31 7. Prizes : jackets for Champion; vests for Top 5 <p>8. Endurance Ride – Nan Harrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nan clarified that CTR is not the same as distance • CaLDRA or TRACK rules can be used, TRACK is easier • Nearly 100 rides • Held in conjunction with other rides\ • 3 years ago there were no rides in Region 17 • 2008 and 2009 there were CTR and endurance regional rides • Budget: there are no expenses to hosting a ride, but there is a need for a small budget. Prizes should be on par but also appropriate for this setting • The plan is to hold more AHA rides • Terry reminded delegates that the AHA recreational riding program is being brought forward to convention this year • This year there were 5 regional CTR and 12 endurance
10	<p>Old business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2011 AHA Convention will be announced at the convention this year in Reno (Nov. 18 – 22). Vancouver is a strong contender ○ 2010 AHA Convention will be held in Orlando Florida ○ The budget to a club hosting Convention is ~\$20,000 ○ A discussion ensued on the benefits of hosting the convention and the need for all members of Reg. 17 to take the opportunity to attend Convention and support this action as volunteers
11	<p>New business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waiver Form: Terry presented that there will be standard waiver form for AHA – EC shows implemented in 2010. This common waiver form will be used throughout Canada 2. Terry read a memo from AHA about the concern re: Sweepstakes money. See attached memo 3. AHA Info Booth: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. member clubs wishing to use this booth need to apply to Gary Miller or Terry b. It was suggested that a fee be charged to the member club to assure the care and return of the booth items c. Karen moved and Phil seconded that the club wishing to use the booth will submit a \$300 refundable deposit for non damaged returned booth items. The club is responsible for the shipping to and from Gary's home and the club will make sure that the items are insured for shipping d. Those events that Region 17 wants to have a presence at will not be charged. Such presentations as Spruce Meadows, Agribition would be examples. If you have an idea of where you would like the Region to consider a booth presentation, please contact Terry about this. 4. Terry presented information about the Alberta Equine Federation-Equine Canada differing of

	<p>opinion. Please read memo attached</p> <p>5. Terry raised to the delegates that as of January 2, 2010 qualifications for regionals will be both a first and second placement or based on points. There was also discussion about the resolution going to Convention about being able to designate which regional show you are qualifying for.</p> <p>6. Elections:</p> <p>a. Director: Terry Johnson was acclaimed Director for a 2 year term</p> <p>b. Vice Director: Marcia Friesen was elected Vice Director for a 2 year term</p> <p>7. Class A Shows within Region 17:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="324 504 1453 1071"> <tr> <td>Wildrose</td> <td>July 3, 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calgary Arabian Horse Assoc</td> <td>May 6, 7, 8, 9 September 25, 26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VIAHA</td> <td>June 19, 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parkland</td> <td>May 14 – 17 July 9, 10, 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BCIAHA</td> <td>May 21, 22, 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AAHABC</td> <td>April 1,2,3,4 May 13, 14, 15, 16 (Western Breeders) September 16, 17, 18, 19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aurora</td> <td>June 11, 12, 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carrot River</td> <td>July 2,3,4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SAHA</td> <td>June 3,4,5,6 September 18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Region 5</td> <td>July 6,7,8,9, 10</td> </tr> </table>	Wildrose	July 3, 4	Calgary Arabian Horse Assoc	May 6, 7, 8, 9 September 25, 26	VIAHA	June 19, 20	Parkland	May 14 – 17 July 9, 10, 11	BCIAHA	May 21, 22, 23	AAHABC	April 1,2,3,4 May 13, 14, 15, 16 (Western Breeders) September 16, 17, 18, 19	Aurora	June 11, 12, 13	Carrot River	July 2,3,4	SAHA	June 3,4,5,6 September 18	Region 5	July 6,7,8,9, 10
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12	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The director adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is to be hosted by the BCIAHA March 13th in Kelowna. If BCIAHA is unable to host, then the Parkland club has volunteered to host.</p>																				