

**Minutes of the Region 17 AHA Meeting
October 2, 2010
Edmonton, Alta**

1 Credentialing & Delegate Certification	
	<p>Delegates: Bob Sproule, Darlene Brower, Lorne Robertson, Dawn Hopkins, Donna Kavanagh, Wally Goertz, Nan Harrison, Berni van Lieshout, Susan Rousseau, Nicki Muller, Brenda Driediger, Doug Archibald, Karen Caughell, Gerald MacDonald, Marcia Friesen, Phil Jacka, Bob Wasylyk</p> <p>Members and visitors: Melissa MacLellan, Dianne Pretty, Silvia Thacker, Cam Prowse, Barbara Prowse, Jill McKinney, Kim Kelemen, Jill Bromley, Carla Jackson, Kristine Rennich, Michelle Hansen, Rae Roulston, Sandra Daniel, Betty Jensen</p>
2 Introduction of Delegates	
	Director Terry Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and asked that everyone introduce themselves
3 Host Club Welcome	
	Darlene Brouwer welcomed the delegates and members to Edmonton
4 Approval of Agenda	
	<p>The agenda was approved with the additions of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Judges Selection Committee o Breed Promotion Committee o Demo Stalls o EC Horse of the Year o AHA 1 day show. <p>The chair did reserve the option to adjust agenda order for coffee breaks, lunch etc.</p>
5 Adoption of the Minutes of the Spring meeting to the Official books	
	The minutes were adopted, moved by Darlene Brower and seconded by Gerald McDonald Approved.
6 Budget and Finance	
a.	<p>Treasurers Report: Karen Caughell</p> <p>See the attached reports as presented by Karen</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Karen reported that the advice from the bookkeeper is that although we are a non profit organization we should run like a business keeping 3 years of operating fund in liquid assets for ready access if needed – this is the present investment fund. o Karen did a line by line review of the budget to remind the delegates what the allocations are – it was brought to the delegates attention that when one adds up all of the items that we budget for, the cost of running the regions’ business for a year is about \$28,500 (this is an increase from our previous budget of \$25,000). o The budget will be developed and presented at the spring meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen asked that bills or invoices be sent into her within 30 days of receiving the bill so that she can pay the bill and reconcile our books in a timely manner. ○ Bank Balances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cheque: \$105,864.48 ▪ Investments Account : \$113,043.12 <p>The treasurers' report was approved as presented; moved by Dawn Hopkins and seconded by Lorne Robertson. Motion passed</p> <p>b. Budget Committee: The budget committee needs to have members requests for the budget development before the next meeting</p> <p>c. Investment Committee: The director thanks the members of the investment committee for serving on this committee for the last two years. The following people volunteered to be on the committee for 2010 – 2012: Berni van Leishout, Gerald MacDonald, and Wally Goertz. Ex officio member: Karen Caughell</p>
7 Correspondence	
	<p>The Director reported on the following pieces of correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ocala Arabian Horse Farm Tour during Convention ○ PNE – the introduction of a “Battle of the Breeds for 2011” ○ Equine Canada letter re: memberships across the country ○ Request from Tara Kowalski and “ MJ Fatal Atracson” for funding to the WEG (Para Dressage competitor from our region riding a Anglo Arabian owned by Rachael and Philippa Keegan of Calgary
8 Directors Report	
	Director Terry Johnson provided an update to her circulated written report (see attached)
9 Functional Areas	
a.	<p>Show Commission Report : Dianne Pretty <i>Highlights:</i></p> <p>Dianne gave a report on the 2010 Red Deer Show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall it was a very positive show with 213 horses and 125 classes. The final budget numbers are not in, but it appears that the show will make money. ▪ The largest class had 14 horses. 54 classes had 3 or fewer horses. The show commission will be reviewing particular classes that have a pattern of poor participation ▪ Facility: the Westerner is generally ok, a few problems did arise, but they were easily handled and worked out. Other Security options will be explored ▪ The show commission will review the prize list/class timings – especially with the need to have flexibility for trying to get from the main ring to the dressage ring. ▪ While the pre show did not have a lot of horses it helps the show commission iron out potential problems before the Reg. 17 show. As long as it is cost neutral or makes a profit the Show Commission believes it is beneficial to hold a pre show. ▪ For both Jumping and Trail, it takes a lot of time and effort to set up the course for the few number of competitors. A course designer from within the region will be sought and notification will be given that the jumping classes are on probation ▪ Karen Caughell did an incredible job seeking sponsorships which helped in the overall financial outcome of this show ▪ Trophies and ribbons: most people are pleased with the Championship trophy. The SC will look at how the reserve trophy can be improved. The yellow garland for the unanimous champion was very well received and we will do this again next year with the proviso that this is for classes with 4+ horses in it

- The dog race was well received

Suggested Changes that the SC are considering:

- Patron's Dinner: it has been suggested that instead of a Patron's Dinner that a progressive barn dinner be organized and the cost of the Patron's Dinner be taken out of the sponsorship package
- Refocusing of the show so that participants have fun and that the show is a memorable experience. It was suggested that we focus the next years' show to allow the following:
 - Thursday : Youth Events
 - Friday morning: Sponsored breakfast by Rae Dawn
 - Saturday: sponsored lunch by Warren
 - Saturday night: the progressive barn dinner
 - Inclusion of a men's side saddle event
- Cam Prouse then gave a report on Future show dates and future show venues
- The Chair then opened the floor for a long and detailed discussion before entertaining a motion

Motion: it was moved by Wally Goertz and seconded by Doug Archibald that the show commission pursue continuing the 2:1 rotation considering all facilities starting in 2010 and 2011 in Alta and 2012 in BC for a 6 year rotation. The motion was defeated: 8 votes for the motion; 8 against the motion; 1 abstention. The chair then called for the lunch break and would resume the discussion following.

The meeting was resumed and the following points were brought forward:

- The biggest issue about the R. 17 show are the dates
- The Westerner has made a long term commitment to us but we do not have a long term commitment to anyone
- The commitment from the Westerner includes holding our dates for 7 years and during that time there is 1 opt out year – with 2 years notice.
- For this reason the show could not return to BC for 2012
- Brenda Driedeger wanted it recorded that BC wants the 2:1 cycle retained

Motion: it was moved by Lorne Robertson and seconded by Darlene Brouwer that the R17 Show Commission work to secure the R17 show for the following sites/years:

- Alta 2011, 2012
- BC 2013
- Alta 2014, 2015
- BC 2016

The motion was passed with 11 votes for and 5 votes against

Judges Selection Committee

Dianne Pretty announced that the Show commission's representative to the Judges Selection Committee is Marcia Friesen. It was also identified that 2 other members needed to be elected – one for a 1 year term and one for a 2 year term. Nominations were received from the floor.

Elected to serve on the Judges selection committee:

- 2 year term: Darlene Brower
- 1 year term: Nicki Mueller

There was limited discussion on the Show Commission structure. The consensus of those attending was to leave this as is and to review at the next meeting.

Motion: it was moved by Wally Goetz and seconded by Berni van Lieschout that the existing show committee members stay until the Fall of 2011 when the representation and turnover of Members can be clarified. Passed

b. Directory Report : Karen Caughell

Karen provided a written report and identified for all present that the deadline for submission is November 12. The distribution date is planned for late January. It is the clubs responsibility to send the correct name/ dates of shows/ awards that members have received in the last year of competition etc.

c. Canadian National Show Report – Gerald McDonald

- There were new challenges working within a new building, but overall it was a well organized and smooth transition. Thanks to the hard work of Tony Caughell
- 3 main issues were identified:
 - Water accessibility
 - Footing
 - US issues; permits etc.
- Numbers held strong and people are starting to come back
- Signage and sponsorships : a terrific job was done by Karen Caughell
- A good number of “hits” to the live on line video feed of the show
- There was discussion about the added Sport Horse Classes
- It was mentioned that there is a planned North American World Championship for the first week of Canadian Championships – to be held in Virginia and this will be similar to the world cup Halter show held in Las Vegas
- Following discussion it was suggested that the Director email Julie regarding the \$ difference between Youth entry fees at Canada and Youth Nationals

d. Youth Reports

Youth Director: Katie Johnson was elected Youth Director at the youth meeting held at the Region 17 show Please see the attached report from Katie.

Youth Team Report: some clarity will be sought from Kimberly

There were 60 youth teams entered throughout AHA: 10 are from R17; 6 are from AAHABC

1. All reports are due to Kimberly by October 31
2. WCB and Regional's Count
3. Canadian Nationals does not count

Youth Scholarship: Donna Kavanaugh reported that all of the information and application forms are on the website and it has been asked that clubs include this information in their newsletters. This is not just for students in their graduating year, but students who are also returning to school after a break

Youth Judging: Phillipa Keegan was not present but it was discussed that we are in a time of transition and R. 17 will not be sending a team to US Nationals for this event

e. Canadian Breeders Report : Marcia Friesen

- The 2011 show will be held in Saskatoon June 24, 25, 26

<p>f.</p>	<p>Breed Promotion</p> <p><i>Battle of the Breeds:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The participants thanked the region for the support of the \$2000 to help offset their expenses. There was record attendance this year of 70,000+ people ○ The 4 horses did an outstanding job and there was significant improvement in all of the events; however the team missed” Poison” ○ This was the best result since the early 1990’s ○ Overall team Arabian came in 5th <p>Motion: it was moved by Donna Kavanaugh and seconded by Nan Harrison that R. 17 cover the cost of 2 stalls for 4 nights @ \$65 (Total ~ \$546.00) for the horse in the demonstration. The motion was passed</p> <p><i>Breed Promotion Committee:</i> The delegates had discussion that there was need for a Breed Promotion Committee. Those who volunteered to work on the development of such a committee are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sylvia ● Melissa ● Darlene Brower ● Sandra ● Rae ● The R. 17 director will also be an ex-officio member of this committee. <p>For the next meeting the committee will prepare “Terms of Reference”, a plan and an agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Motion: it was moved by Donna Kavanaugh and seconded by Doug Archibald that R. 17 pay for 2 stalls at the Mane Event (Red Deer and Chilliwack) to a maximum of \$200/ event for demonstration horses. The motion was passed.</p> <p><i>Stallion Auction:</i> For this year’s auction there were 36 stallions, 29 Canadian owned and 42 breedings were offered. 18 were sold for a total of \$9345. The group were reminded that there is a 10% hold back for administrative fees</p>
<p>g.</p>	<p>Region 17 High Point Awards – Karen Caughell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See the attached report
<p>h.</p>	<p>Endurance / Distance Ride : Nan Harrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There was not a CRT held this year ● 2011 there is a planned endurance ride and Nan will update at the next meeting
<p>10 Old Business</p>	
	<p><i>Convention:</i> Gerald McDonald and Terry Johnson gave updates on the process and plans Brainstorming for the skit: Canadian jerseys & mitts; Gold medal chocolates; Molsen Canadian Beer cans; “I am Canadian” speech/PowerPoint. A Team Canada theme</p>

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a.	<p>2009 EC Horse of the Year Terry reported that she had nominated 3 horses for 2009 EC Horse of the Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kohlminer++++// owner Vanessa Parsons ○ VQA Friendly Fire+/ owner Katie Mostovich ○ Dal Apollo owner Alan Ehrlick 																										
b.	<p>AHA 1-Day Show: Terry updated the delegates on the 1 day Arabian show and that more information is coming about this</p>																										
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13 Adjournment																											
	<p>The director adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is planned for March 12th or 19th in Victoria</p>																										