

Minutes of the Region 17 AHA Spring Meeting

March 13, 2010 Kelowna, BC

(To be approved at the 2010 Fall Meeting)

1	<p>CREDENTIALING & DELEGATE CERTIFICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Delegates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bernie van Lieshout; Nicki Muller; Marcia Friesen; Terri Martin; Doug Archibald; Brenda Driediger; Dianne Pretty; Karen Caughell; Susan Rousseau; Bob Sproule; Marilyn Robinson; Ted Tuharsky; Wally Goertz; Gerald McDonald; Cameron Prowse; Bob Williams; · Members & Visitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Louise Gray; Megan Wright; Karen Wright; Laura Wolsey; Conley Driediger; Daniella Gray
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 stating 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 BC Interior AHA, Wally Goertz welcomed delegates and visitors to Kelowna.
4.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The agenda was approved with the additions of AHA Insider. The chair did reserve the option to adjust agenda order for coffee breaks, lunch etc.
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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Not all of the names of the delegates and members/visitors were captured · The word “Sprint” should be changed to “Spring” meeting · The minutes were adopted as corrected by Wally Goertz and seconded by Gerald McDonald · Approved.
6.	<p>BUDGET AND FINANCE</p> <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"> 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 reminded everyone that the year end is November 30 not December 31st.
- o The yearend does not coincide with the deadline for the stallion auction pledges. We need to change the stallion auction pledge deadline up to November 15th and a deposit at the show will be requested at the auction
- o 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: Karen Caughell

- o Lorne Robertson was not present, so Karen walked the delegates and members through the 2010 proposed budget. The Show commission also reported on their budget process from the Show commission meeting reminding the delegates that the show is the main fundraiser for R. 17 (the Regional Show) and it is based on a 'break even' show for this year Wally moved and Gerald seconded approval of the budget for 2010.
- o Approved

Investment Report: Sheena Steenhart

- o Sheena was not present at the R. 17 meeting so Bernie van Lieshout from the committee and Karen Caughell gave a verbal report. At this time the investment of ~\$112,000 is in low risk, easily accessed funds that also allows for some interest to be earned. Terry Johnson asked Bernie if she can present a full report for the next meeting if Sheena is not able to be present

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Director stated that she receives multiple emails and will address many of those in her Director's report

8 DIRECTORS REPORT

- Director Terry Johnson gave an oral report as a follow up to her written eblast of 3 weeks ago. The following are those points noted at the meeting:
 - o January 30th Terry attended the AHA board meeting
 - § AHA Sweepstakes program – the financing of this is under control and additional controls have been added
 - § Show fees have increased from \$1 - \$3
 - § After April 1 all new and renewing memberships will not include Modern Arabian Horse and people will have to purchase this separately for \$10
 - § Data Sources is available for all members
 - § Arabian horse galleries will be opening June 1, 2010 in time for the WEG

§ The AHA book “The sky’s the Limit” is available if anyone wants to get a copy

§ The PDF “Recipes for Success” is also available

§ Sweepstakes commission Premier Breeders Stallions Auction (based on Minnesota and Scottsdale’s programmes)

§ AHA Volunteer Awards – All Clubs are eligible to send 2 nominees a year; there is no cost involved and the recipients receive a volunteer pin and a certificate presented at Convention

· 2009 Recipients: Lorne Robertson and Kimberly Toye

· 2008 Recipients: Karen Caughell and Wally Goertz

§ Gerald McDonald received the President’s Award and the National Volunteer Award

§ Terry brought up that she is a member of the Points Monitoring committee and as such is looking specifically at the “qualifications” issue. There will be a motion to the April Board meeting regarding qualification that will identify in 2011 odd # regions can accept qualifications in odd # years and in 2012 even numbered regions can accept qualifications from even # regions. This would then be reviewed after the two year trial

- o Terry brought up about the saddle seat fundraiser
- o The marketing department of AHA (MDP) has provided \$1500 for the Spruce Meadows promotion
- o Terry attended the EC meeting in Montreal: the main issues between provincial memberships and EC and the Bronze/Silver/Gold memberships were all discussed. Terry reminded people that if you are in an opting-in province that you need to ask for your rebate. The members asked Terry to find out about the reciprocity for amateur status with USEF. Brenda Driediger will also clarify USEF and the concerns re: amateur status at the HCBC Board meeting
- o Terry reported that there is an EC Grant of \$300 for ”Remote and Island shows” to help offset judges fees and expenses
- o EC Breed Sport High Point: Purebred: Allison Mostowich with Friendly Fire/+ and Allan Ehrlick and Del Apollo ; Half Arabian: Vanessa Parsons with Kohlminer++++/. EC is just finalising the criteria and will let everyone know the new criteria, so they can let the director know by Nov 15 of each year if they think they are eligible.
- o Conley Driediger has won the prestigious Gillian Wilson Award from EC for the outstanding youth rider.

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FUNCTIONAL AREAS:**1. Show Commission Report : Dianne Pretty****Highlights:**

- Cam Prowse was welcomed to the Show commission as the representative from Alberta
- Terry Johnson asked the delegates to ratify the appointment of Cameron Prowse to the show commission. Moved by Marcia Friesen and seconded by Bob Sproule. Passed
- There are some minor adjustments to the show program/prize list based on suggestions from members
- The 2010 show budget is based on a break even scenario with 230 horses competing
- Judges for the 2011 regional show have already been booked
- The 2011 show will be held at the Westerner in Red Deer; 2012 is not decided at this point
- The show commission presented the new trophy to the delegates and members
- Plaques will be given out for 3rd, 4th and 5th places awards in all 17 and under classes. This way all top 5 are recognized. In 2011 we will reassess if members want plaques for all classes or just the 17 & under classes.

2. Directory Report : Karen Caughell

- See attached written reports from Karen

3. Canadian National Show Report – Gerald McDonald

We will be using the new building in Regina. We have added the Select Country, Hunter and Western both Purebred and Half Arabian.

4. Youth Directors Report

- Jessica Passey's Youth Director report was emailed to Director Terry Johnson. It was read out to the delegates/members. Clarification was needed as it sounded like Jessica was resigning and from the last meeting the Director was to ask Jessica if she would continue until the Regional Show this August. Terry will follow up with Jessica.

5. Youth Coordinator: no report received**6. Youth Tournament Report :** see attached report from Kimberley Toye

- a. Non Recognized Division:
 - i. Region 17 Champions were VIAHA, which was also first in all AHA youth teams in this category
- b. Recognized Division:
 - ii. Region 17 Champions were AAHABC Team #3 (2nd in all of AHA youth teams) and Region 17 Reserve Champions were AAHABC Team #4 (3rd for all AHA youth teams).
- c. The 2009 awards will be given out at the 2010 Western Breeders Show

7 Youth Scholarship: see report from Donna Kavanagh

Applications for the 2010 Scholarship were handed out and will be found on the web page Please attach to your club newsletters and let youth know that they don't have to be in their last year of school to apply.

8. Youth Judging: Phillipa Keegan was not present

9. 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
- Sponsorships for garlands/championships/reserve are still being sought (see memo on web page)

Marcia also gave a report on CAHR

- Life membership is reduced presently
- There is still amnesty for registering old horses
- Tex Kam is the new President
- \$2500 was donated to the Horse Galleries

10. Breed promotion

1. Battle of the Breeds

- Cameron Prowse reported that a plan has been developed that will resolve the ongoing problems we have had in paying teams for Battle of the Breeds.
- a new association is being formed
- The purpose of the association is to promote fitness and education for youth
- Participation in Battle of the Breeds will be used to promote the Association and to demonstrate to youth riders the skills and goals to which they can aspire
- The CAHR will put in the registration
- The goal will be to put forward the best team and there will be a process for member's selection. Lessons learned from the past is that the most successful teams are the most versatile horses and riders and this will be focus of member/horse selection
- The association will be in charge of their own fundraising and are exploring several grant opportunities
- it is hoped that the new Association can become self supporting within the next two years
- It was moved by Gerald McDonald and seconded by Dianne Pretty that the \$2,000 budgeted for the 2010 Battle of the Breeds is allocated to this association when it is formed. Passed. C. Prowse wished his abstention recorded in the minutes
- Motion Brenda Driediger and seconded by Gerald McDonald to pay the 2009 expenses for the team

2. Spruce Meadows The MDP of AHA provided \$1500 to offset costs to the Calgary club

11. Stallion Auction

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

2009: \$15,785 collected; \$425 outstanding/ \$4000 did not pay

12. Region 17 High Point Awards – Karen Caughell

1. See attached report
2. All information is found on the website
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 Reserve and Top 5

13. Endurance Ride

1. Nan was not present to give a report. Terry reported that there will be a regional ride in BC. It is thought that it will be in July in Merritt

10 **OLD BUSINESS****1. AHA Convention**

- o 2010 AHA Convention will be held in Orlando Florida
- o 2011 AHA Convention will be held in Vancouver
- o The budget to a club hosting Convention is \$20,000
- o Convention Chair; Kevin Johnson
- o Suggested Committee: Sue Rousseau, Doug Archibald, Brenda Driediger, Nicki Muller,
- o For the Orlando Convention the committee needs to do an “invitation skit” or such
- o It was suggested that there be appointed a key person from each club that can feed information about Convention to the club and also feed information back to the planning committee

2. AHA Info booth

- o Terry reminded all delegates that clubs wishing to use the booth need to apply to Gary Millar; that there is a \$300 refundable deposit for non damaged returned booth items. The cost for the BC1/2 Arabian club to ship the booth from Edmonton to Chilliwack for the Mane Event was \$45.00

11 NEW BUSINESS

1. The Show commission manual will come forward to the October meeting for review. Any suggestions for change please forward to Dianne Pretty so that the Show commission can include your items in the review.

12 ADJOURNMENT

The director adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting is planned for October 2. (The show commission will meet October 1). Terry will ask the Parkland Club if they are able to host. If not, then Aurora has agreed to be the backup host.