

Show Commission Report, March 2008

Oral Report given by Kimberly Toye for the Show Commission (SC) Members: Dianne Pretty, Kimberly Toye, Barrie Padgham, Marcia Friesen, Robert Sproule, Debbie Storey (absent)

We welcome Barrie Padgham to the Show Commission. We would like to thank Wally Goertz for more than 15 years of service on the SC. His work ethic was inspirational and his energy unstoppable. We will miss seeing him riding his bike around the show grounds while on 'SC official business'!

A. Classes at Regionals:

- \$500 Purse Added Classes have been increased by 2: PB Show Hack Open and HA/AA Show Hack Open
- for 2009, we will consider adding Dressage Training Level 4 Open and Level 1 Test 4 Open
- Jackpot Classes will still cost \$100 to participate, however the class entry fee has been reduced to \$25 rather than \$65 as in 2007. We will not award trophies but will award ribbons and money.
- in all Regional classes we will place a true Top 5 except for 10 and Under classes which will place a full Top 5

B. Additional Regional Show Information:

- we reviewed our schedule and we are fine tuning the timing as well as our personnel needs for the show. Our Patron's Package pricing will remain the same for 2008 as it was in 2007.
- we have kept our exhibitor pricing basically the same as 2007 but we increased our tack room prices to the exhibitors by \$10 due to excess garbage being left in the tack rooms. The Westerner has set a fee for clean-up of tack rooms so we increased the cost to cover this fee.
- we are pleased to announce that we are providing Reserve Champion garlands this year for the first time. Please consider sponsoring garlands at 1 for \$30 or 4 @ \$100. Kimberly Toye is the contact.
- we will continue with the Annual Dog Race and hold the Appreciation Dinner for Patrons as we have in previous years.
- we have approved one memorial cooler in honor of Surphin Boy. This cooler will be presented to our Hunter/Jumper exhibitors based on excellence at our 2008 Hunter/Jumper classes
- we have a new halter system as outlined/mandated by AHA. The SC selected the "in ring" option.
- the 2008 judges for performance classes are: Julie Fischer Addante, Richard Petty and Rebecca Fleck. The Dressage judge is Sue Waters. The Sport Horse/ Hunter/Jumper judge is Lorne Robertson. The reining will be judged by Julie Fischer Addante.

C. Prize List:

The SC has made a decision to move to an on-line format for the Regional Prize List. Printed prize lists may be requested. Please try to download your class list and forms. We save a minimum of \$2000 by going to an on-line format. Terry Johnson will send out a mass e-mail to our members with the link to the Region 17 web-site. We will also send postcards to those who don't have e-mail to let them know the prize list is available.

D. Show Commission Information:

-the SC thanks Lorne Roberson and Karen Caughell for the time they spent at our SC meeting. Lorne has been working on the show budget for the 2008 Show. Lorne will present and speak to the SC decisions that affect the budget for the 2008 Show and the Region 17 Financial Budget.

-the SC will be designing/writing a Judge Selection Protocol for the SC. This will be headed up by Marcia Friesen and Kimberly Toye. This will include surveying members and exhibitors.

-the goal of the SC is to produce a show for 2008 that aims to make a profit of between \$20 000 and \$25 000.

E. 2009 Region 17 Show

The 2009 Region 17 Show will be held in Langley, BC at the Thunderbird Equestrian Show Park. Our judges are presently being hired. At this point, we have confirmed Greg Knowles and Lisa White for two of our performance judges.