

Minutes of the Region 17 AHA Meeting

October 3, 2015

Nisku Inn, Edmonton Alta

Delegates Present and Club they represent:

Terry Johnson: Director, Region 17	Gerald McDonald: Past Director, Region 17, Director-at-large
Karen Caughell: Aurora, Treasurer	Rob Calnan: VIAHA, Secretary
Sylvia Thacker : PAHA Wally Goertz : BCIAHA Sylvia Carruthers : CAHA Dee Lyke: SAHA Marlene Tomusiak: Aurora	Kimberly Toye: AAHABC Bernie Van Lieshout: AAHABC Carson Ehret : Aurora Carla Jackson : Aurora Sydney Young: Aurora, Youth Director

Other Members present:

Darlene Brouwer: PAHA, Chair, Show Commission Betty Jensen, PAHA Karen Carruthers, Aurora Gail Tory : Member of Show commission: Aurora	Lorne Robertson: AAHABC Kathy Padgham : Aurora Shelley Robertson : Aurora
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1. Carla Jackson warmly welcomed the delegates and members to Edmonton and to the Regional meeting
2. The Chair made the following additions to the Agenda:
 - a. 2016 Show dates

The agenda was moved by Wally and seconded by Karen with the addition. The Chair maintained the option to manage the agenda according to the time schedule and meal breaks

3. The minutes of the March 28, 2015 meeting were adopted as circulated by Sylvia and seconded by Wally.
4. Show commission Report. Darlene Brouwer, Chair of the Region 17 Show Commission provided a report to the delegates the highlights include:
 - a. **Review of the 2015 Show**
 - i. Overall the show was well received. There were 185 horses entered in 218 classes
 - ii. The week started off on shaky legs with many issues to do with stabling and the footing in the rings
 - iii. The judges panel was well received
 - iv. There were many positive comments about the Thursday night Exhibitor Meeting and the Show commission has looked at all of the suggestions from that meeting

- v. The hotels were good
- vi. The RV's have turned out to be an issue. The Show Commission actually has nothing to do with the RV's – it is the Calgary Stampede that runs this. There was damage done and rather than coming back to the individuals the CS has taken the damage deposit for the show commission. Next year there will more explicit rules about the RV parking and any damages incurred will be charged to the individual, not to the region.
- vii. The show met a small profit

b. Discussion regarding site of the Regional Show

- i. Delegates were reminded in the past of a 3 year cycle – 2 years in Red Deer and 1 year in Langley.
- ii. The Red Deer dates did not allow sufficient space between the regional show and the national show and *the delegates asked the show commission* to look at other options. On further investigation the delegates chose to go to Calgary and the 5-year contract was established. We have completed 2 years of the contract at the Calgary Stampede site.
- iii. It was also thought that if we had a more permanent home (one location rather than moving back and forth between Langley and Red Deer) that we might be able to garner more corporate sponsorships
- iv. After 2 years we have not seen any new corporate sponsorships and in discussion with Red Deer there is still no time available to provide better spacing between the regional show and the national show
- v. Cost Comparison: The Red Deer facility is cheaper than Calgary, but Calgary is cheaper than Thunderbird.
- vi. The Show commission suggested that the 2016/2017 stay at the Calgary site and that at the March regional meeting the show commission will present options for 2018. This suggestion was not supported by the membership

MOTION: It was moved by Rob and seconded by Lorne that the show commission provides options at next September's regional meeting for the 2017/2018 and future of the Regional Show site. The Contract shall be reviewed and presented to the members at the Spring meeting so delegates are clear on the contract obligations. Passed

- vii. In reporting back to delegates the members suggestions for sites for the Show commission to review were: Sherwood Park; Thunderbird; Pinoca: Brandon (1 week before Cdn nationals); Red Deer. The comparison to include dates/costs/# of stables/rings/warm up areas
- viii. Members also asked the Show commission not to forget the intent of rotation of the show site
- ix. The Show commission reminded the members that the dates are the biggest issue for planning a show trying to give enough space between the regional show and

nationals; not overlapping with other regions' shows; giving individual clubs time to have their A shows so that members can qualify for regional's and site availability

- x. Members also asked the Show Commission if they could approach Calgary Stampede to find out if individuals could rent floor mats from the CS for their horse stalls.

c. 2016 Show:

- i. The show will run from July 25 – 30
- ii. There is 2 full weeks from the end of the regional show and the beginning of Cdn Nationals.
- iii. The earliest the exhibitors can move in is Saturday night
- iv. Discussion will be held with the CAHA regarding a pre show to be held on the Monday
- v. It is also hoped that there will be some Regional In Hand classes on the Monday evening
- vi. Judges booked at this time: Brian Scoggins and Debbie Johnson

d. Awards:

- i. There has been a lot of discussion at past regional meetings and at the exhibitors meeting about awards. The Show Commission recommended the following prizes for the 2016 show:
 - 1. A champion garland with plaque on it
 - 2. A reserve champion garland
 - 3. Full top 5
 - 4. Champion and reserve ribbons
 - 5. Youth plaques for Top

The recommendation from the show commission was not supported by the delegates. The following motion was made regarding awards:

MOTION: Moved by Sylvia and seconded by Gerald that the following awards be presented at the 2016 Regional Show:

- A championship garland with plaque
- A reserve champion garland with plaque
- Full top 5
- Champion and reserve ribbons (neck ribbons or rosettes)
- Youth Top 5 awards

Motion was carried by a vote of 8/7

- ii. The show commission will continue to work with the Calgary Stampede on the warm up areas and ring maintenance concerns

e. Show Commission Membership

- i. The Show commission brought forward the recommendation to change the makeup of the Show Commission membership from the present 6 members to 5. The recommended membership of the SC be changed to: 1 representative from each of the 4 western provinces making up Region 17 and 1 commissioner “at large”. The membership did not support this recommendation.

Motion: Moved by Gerald and seconded by Sylvia that the director-at-large position on the show commission not be filled until after ratifying a new show commission structure to be brought forward at the March meeting. DEFEATED

- ii. The members elected the following members as Show Commission members:
 - BC Representative: Wally Goertz for 3 years : fall 2015 – fall 2018
 - Saskatchewan Representative: Deanne Lyke : 3 years : fall 2015 – fall 2018
 - 1-year Director at Large (vacated by Cam Prowse). Lorne Robertson.

It was moved by Karen and seconded by Sylvia that the ballots be destroyed

The Terms of Office for the Region 17 Show Commission is:

BC (Wally) and Sask. (Dee) 2018

Man (Gail) and D-A-L (Darlene) 2017

Alta (Debbie Storey) and D-A-L (Lorne) 2016

5. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Profit and Loss statements were reviewed and discussed.
- b. Karen commented that :
 - i. the show made a profit of \$5074.21;
 - ii. that there had been a request for support for Breed Promotion for individuals attending Mane Event
 - iii. sponsorships were \$20,000+
 - iv. that for the Hi Point awards 4 out of the 7 were sponsored
 - v. the accounting fees were extremely high – it was suggested that Shelley do the bookkeeping and that Karen shop around for new auditors re: costing
 - vi. Karen also reminded the delegates about the GST return as the assessment notice shows a credit of >\$4400.00

6. Correspondence

- a. A thank you was received from Nicki Muller for the flowers she received from the region during her recent hospitalization
- b. Alan Ehrlick sent a thank you for the fruit basket that he also received from the region following his recent surgery.

7. Regional Directors Report

The director presented a very detailed report. The highlights follow:

- Central Park: will be able to be viewed on line. The presence of Arabians at the Central Park presentation of horses is a coup for AHA. There are > 10,000 viewers on line. September 21, 2016 will be the presentation next year.
 - AHA Sweepstakes program changes: members are asked to review the AHA eblasts/website regarding this
 - Leveling System – has been modified and there are updates on the point changes. This will also be discussed at Convention
 - AHA Scholarships: for members interested the Regional Director will circulate the form
 - Inductees Hall of Fame: talk to the Regional Director re: nomination process
 - Western Dressage grandfathering of points from 2014 – 1015
 - AHA Refunds. AHA will not refund for <\$25 unless they are specifically requested.
 - Photos at National shows: will only allow trainers and 2 people in the photo for safety reasons
 - Oklahoma has been chosen for the 2016 Youth Nationals.
 - Youth Teams need to be in by February 1
 - The director asked members to check that their club bio on the AHA website is up to date
 - There is a new prohibited substance list that members should review
 - DNA testing for ½ Arabians
 - AHA now has a Dodge Truck Sponsorship
 - Convention will be held this year in Tulsa as the hotel in Denver is under renovation
 - US Nationals Filly and Colt Champions will go to Paris for World championships
 - For those showing in the US the Vaccine record will be needed
 - The Vancouver Charity Horse Show was cancelled and a report was made to AHA
 - Victoria Fryer – Region 17 scholarship winner
 - Helmet Survey through EC – has lost interest
 - Club Awards – the regional director reminded people to nominate people for volunteer awards. Criteria and nomination can be found on the AHA website
 - Directory Ads
 - 2 Youth from our region have been nominated for AHA Youth of the Year
 - The director encouraged participation in the Judges School and Breed Promotion
 - Gerald discussed the Future State document
8. Directory report. Karen provided a written report that can be found posted on the web page. She reported that a small profit was made. This past year the region printed 1500 directories and 500 booklets.
- There was discussion about the future possibility of moving the directory on line in a digital format

MOTION: It was moved by Rob and seconded by Sylvia to print the directory for this year and move towards establishing an online directory. For the 2015/2016 year there will be 1000 directories; 500 promo booklets printed. Passed

- The clubs were asked to send in the Champion and Reserve Champion winners from their club for national shows for inclusion in the directory

- Shipping costs are to be borne by the region not the club
- A Directory Committee was established to review the ability to move online. Committee members are : Carson Ehret; Sidney Young, Karen Caughell and Marlene Tomusiak

9. Youth Reports:

- a. Youth Director Sydney Young: Sidney spoke to the report which she precirculated to the delegates. This report will be found in full on the website. Sidney asked if there was the ability to have a “members only” area on the Region 17 web page where youth members may be able to access and share information. An inquiry will be made to Wendy Don to find out if this is possible.
- b. Kimberly Toye presented the Youth Team Tournament report :
 - i. highlighting that there can be 6 horses to each team and a variety of ways to have kids participate
 - ii. Nov. 1st is the deadline for the tally sheets to Kimberly
 - iii. Kimberly also gave notice that she will step down as the leader of the Youth Team Tournaments and that the Region will have to appoint another person to complete this role. Kimberly will help the new person with the transition. The Director thanked Kimberly for her years’ of service not only on this committee but in all of the work she has done for the region.

MOTION: (FIND IN HER REPORT) passed

10. Canadian Breeders: had 110 horses show in 2015 and about 1000 people in attendance. The show in 2016 will be held from June 16 – 19th in Saskatoon

11. Canadian National Show Report – Gerald

- a. 2015 was another good show
- b. VSE in various states did impede some Americans from competing
- c. Very positive comments received about the new warm up areas
- d. The SC is pushing for another building (\$22 M)
- e. The contract is up in 2016 and the decision has been made to go for Bids for 2017.

12. Breed Promotion

- a. Arabians placed first in the Calgary Stampede Parade
- b. At the Saskatoon Equine Extravaganza Team Arabian placed 2nd
- c. There was a letter of request from members for assistance to present Arabians at the Mane Event (Chilliwack)

MOTION: it was moved by Wally and seconded by Kimberly that \$240 be provided for this group to cover the cost of wristbands to the Mane Event. Passed

13. Stallion Auction : the report was received and read out to the group

14. High Point: Karen Caughell

- a. 4 of the 7 categories have been sponsored (\$200 per sponsorship). Entries are due Dec. 31st

15. Equine Canada Report. Terry reported :

- a. That breeds have been moved and are now under “industry” not high performance – she said that this is to take advantage of services offered by being “industry” in EC
- b. Breed Sport Committee
 - i. Has the 2nd largest membership
 - ii. In the rule book recognizing Breed sport
 - iii. For saddle seat medal class at local shows – the winner will get a cooler from BS Committee of EC – but you must apply to EC prior to the show
 - iv. Rules for provincial championship are being developed by the committee
 - v. The participants will need to qualify
 - vi. AHA needs to add Adult saddle Seat to the rule book
 - vii. Saddle seat rules have been rewritten/updated – and they are coming out in the new breed book.
 - viii. World Cup Applications – for any amateur, not just youth
 - ix. Hunt Seat Eq tests are very different between US & Canada
 - x. EC Hi Point given out at Convention for Arab/ ½ and Saddle Seat

16. Convention Resolutions

- a. Members were asked to identify resolutions for discussion so that delegates to Convention would understand the perspectives to take to Committee in Tulsa and then to the voting floor. Issues raised were:
 - i. Amateur Committee: 4 resolutions
 - 1. Issues regarding ownership and differences between Canada/USA
 - 2. The definition of AMATEUR
 - 3. Ownership between rescue horses/Rescue Charity
 - ii. Hunter/Jumper
 - 1. Joint ownership between 2 non related amateurs
 - 2. Leased horses shown in ownership classes
- b. The regional director will organized times for the delegates to caucus in Tulsa for discussions and direction

17. Elections

- a. Director: Terry Johnson to serve from Sept. 2015 – Sept. 2017
- b. Vice Director: Rob Calnan to serve from Sept 2015 – Sept 2017

18. 2016 Show Dates

- a. PAHA : May 20 – 23
- b. Aurora : June 2 – 5 possibly April 21 – 24 (Spring Fling)
- c. CAHA : dates not known at this time
- d. AAHABC: May 5 – 8 and Sept 16 – 18
- e. BCIAHA: dates not known at this time
- f. MAHA : date not known at this time
- g. SAHA : June 3 – 4 and Sept. 10 – 11
- h. BC1/2 : date not known at this time
- i. VIAHA : June 18 – 19
- j. Carrot River: date not known at this time

k. Breeders : June 16 – 19

l. Regionals : July 25 - 30

19. Spring Meeting: March 19th hosted by VIAHA. Location to be determined by VIAHA but somewhere on Vancouver Island (Nanaimo or Victoria)

20. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p