

Show Commission Report:

The Show Commission met yesterday and reviewed the 2015 show and discussed plans for the 2016 show.

1. The 2015 show
 - Overall the show was well received. There were 185 horses entered in 218 classes
 - The week started off on shaky legs with many issues to do with stabling and the footing in the rings
 - the judges panel was well received
 - There were many positive comments about the Thursday night exhibitor meeting and the show commission has looked at all of the suggestions that were brought forward.
 - The hotels were good
 - the RV's has turned out to be an issue. The SC actually has nothing to do with the RV's – it is the CS that run this. There was damage done and rather than coming back to the individuals the CS has taken the damage deposit. So, next year we will make more explicit the rules about the RV parking, but know that should there be any damages incurred, you will be paying for them not the region.
 - The Good News: the show met a small profit
2. Reviewing how we ended up in Calgary and the 5-year contract
 - you will remember that we used to have a 2-year in Red Deer and 1-year in Langley rotation for the regional show. The dates in Red Deer did not allow us to have 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 now completed 2 years of the 5 year contract and there is a 1 year opt out clause.
 - It was also thought that if we had a more permanent home in one location that we might be able to garner corporate sponsorships.
 - After 2 years we have not seen any new corporate sponsorships and in discussions with Red Deer there is still no time available to provide better spacing between the regional show and the national show
 - the Red Deer facility is cheaper than Calgary, but Calgary is cheaper than Thunderbird and Thunderbird has just put their prices up

So, the Show Commission recommends: That the 2016 and 2017 Region 17 show be held in Calgary

- this fulfills our present contract leaving the possible opt out year for 2018
- at the March regional meeting the S.C. will present options for 2018.

Terry will need to take a vote on this

So, now on with the 2016 Show

The Show runs from July 25 – 30. There is 2 full weeks from the end of the regional show and the beginning of Cdn Nationals. The earliest that exhibitors can move in is SATURDAY night. The region actually has the CS property from Sunday – Sunday – so CS is being generous in letting us in on Saturday evening. Sunday the arena will be open for people to work horses first thing in the morning

Discussions will be held with the Calgary club regarding a Pre Show to be held on the Monday but we

also hope that some "in hand" classes can be held on Monday evening

At this time the following judges have been booked:

1. Brian Scoggins
2. Debbie Johnson

Most of the officials have been booked, we are asking Rob Hess to return as the photographer

Awards: There has been a lot of discussion at past regional meetings and at the exhibitors meeting about awards.

The Show Commission recommends the following prizes for the 2016 show:

1. A Champion garland with plaque
2. A Reserve Champion Garland
3. Full Top Five
4. Champion and Reserve Ribbons
5. Youth Plaques for Top 5

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I want you to know that the S.C. will continue to work with the Calgary Stampede on the following concerns you brought up at the exhibitors meeting. Our main issues are : warm up areas and ring maintenance

After reviewing the SC manual and discussing the composition of the Show Commission, the SC recommends that the 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".

Rationale:

1. We are having difficulty recruiting to the 6 positions
2. in the case of a tie vote the odd number will make for clearer decision making
3. there is a cost savings re: travel/rooms/per diems for meetings and the regional show

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Do you have any questions?

Communicate by eblast.