

Minutes of the Region 17 AHA Meeting

March 28, 2015

Ramada Plaza Airport Hotel, Calgary Alta

Delegates Present and Club they represent:

Terry Johnson, Regional Director and Chair of Board of Delegates

Cam Prowse, Vice director

Carla Jackson, Aurora AHA

Karen Caughell, Aurora AHA

Rob Calnan, VIAHA

Marlene Tomusiak, Aurora AHA

Betty Jensen, Parklands AHA

Gerald McDonald, Director at Large

Diane Dyck, Aurora AHA

Sylvia Carruthers, CAHA

Guests Present:

Gail Tory, Aurora & SC

Bob Sproule, CRV AHA & SC

Darlene Brouwer, Parkland & SC

Silvia Thacker, Parkland

Laurie Mostowich, CAHA

Debbie Storey, Aurora & SC

1. The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30
2. Sylvia Carruthers extended a warm welcome to the delegates and guests to Calgary – hoping that people enjoyed the wine & cheese, that it would be a productive meeting and that we could get out and enjoy the sites and shopping of Calgary
3. Additions to the Agenda: Budget
4. Approval of the Agenda: Carla moved and Karen seconded that the agenda be accepted. The chair retains the ability to adjust the agenda according to times of breaks and the presence of delegates for presentations/reports
5. The minutes of the October 14th, 2014 meeting were adopted as corrected.
6. **Show Commission Report:**
 - a. Darlene Brouwer reported on behalf of the Show commission
 - i. Since the last meeting the commission has held 2 teleconferences and 1 face to face meeting
 1. The commission met with officials from Calgary Stampede yesterday and brought the following issues forward for discussion/resolution with them.
 - a. Outdoor ring
 - b. Warm up rings
 - c. Stalls
 - d. RV parking
 - e. Security
 - f. staff attitude
 - g. main ring open 24/7
 - h. RV parking/dump station etc
 2. the plan is to have all classes inside and the show program is being adjusted to accommodate this

3. There will be a pre show on Monday hosted by the CAHA the prize list is on their web site.
4. prize list will be posted within 1 week – 10 days to allow time to work with Marion on the adjustments as identified at the SC meeting yesterday
5. Awards:
 - a. By consensus it was decided that all youth classes will receive a trophy for both Champion and Reserve as well as ribbons/garlands
 - b. The show commission will provide a choice of alternate awards at the September meeting so that the delegates may provide guidance and direction to the SC for the 2016 awards.
 - c. Gail and Debbie presented samples of glass ware to understand if the delegates would find these acceptable in lieu of trophies in future shows. A full range of alternate award ideas will be presented at the next Regional meeting

Motion: It was moved by Gerald and seconded by Marlene that for the 2015 show a champion trophy will be provided for all classes. If the SC is unable to secure trophies for all classes (because of the late time frame) they will select an appropriate alternate award.

6. The SC continues to look for volunteers for the Regional Show. At this point we are looking especially for a skilled person to work the Hitching ring for the whole show.

7. Treasurer's Report

- a. Profit and Loss statements were reviewed and discussed.
- b. Gerald moved and Cameron seconded that the T bill account be closed and that this money be moved into the chequing account.
- c. Gerald reported on a review of the past few years on the financial state of the Region. It was reported that in:
 - i. 2011 - \$3600 profit
 - ii. 2012 - \$7200 profit
 - iii. 2013 – 12,619 loss
 - iv. 2014 – 29,000 loss

He also commented that the show itself has been doing fairly well up until the last few years.

- d. Budget Discussion and Development

Income	
Region 17 Show profit	\$14,000.00
Directories	2,000.00
Investment income	1,500.00
Youth Fundraising	5,000.00
Hi Point contributions	1,200.00
Total Income	23,700.00

Expenses	
Regional Director	
- 3 AHA board meetings	\$3600.00
- 2 regional meetings	\$1000.00
- 1 regional show	\$500.00
- Hotels	2000.00
- Per diems	350.00
	7500.00
Region 17 Executive Expenses	
- Travel to regional meetings	2,000.00
- Hotel	600.00
	\$2600.00
General Expenses	
- Web page	400.00
- Bank charges	300.00
- Accountant	7200.00
- Lawyer	300.00
- insurance	1850.00
	\$10,050
Meeting expenses for regional meetings (x2)	
- Room and hospitality	\$2,500.00
Sponsorships	
- Canadian Nationals	350.00
- Western Breeders	250.00
- AHA	100.00
- WSS	200.00
	900.00
Programs	
- High point	2000.00
- Team tournament	1200.00
- Youth Scholarship	1500.00
- Youth director	3500.00
- Breed promotion	3000.00
- Contingency	1500.00
	12,700.00
Total Expenses	36,250
Predicted Deficit budget	\$12,550

Motion: Cam moved and Gerald seconded that the deficit budget as presented above be adopted. The motion was carried

Motion: Cam moved and Diane seconded that the Youth Scholarship for 2015 be suspended. The motion was defeated.

Motion: Karen moved and Sylvia seconded that the youth scholarship will be moved to being a Youth budget responsibility. However, if they are unable to raise sufficient funds to cover the \$1500.00 scholarship then the region will top it up to this amount. The motion was carried.

8. Correspondence

- a. Thank you letter received from Natalie Alves, winner of the 2014 youth Scholarship Award
- b. An email was read from Lorne Robertson identifying Natalie Alves as the winner of the Equine Canada Jr. Equestrian of the Year
- c. Request from Vancouver Charity Horse Show was read and discussed.

Motion: Cam moved and Betty seconded that a letter be written back to the Vancouver charity horse show stating that the Region does not support this show on the dates that it is presently planned. The region believes that this is a good idea and we wish them the best of luck hoping that next year the dates will not conflict with either an "A" show or the regional show.

9. Regional Directors Report

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

- Quorum issues. There was concern raised about club delegates being present for meetings as for this particular meeting we had a quorum, but if one person left then we would not have one. The agenda had to be adjusted so that all business could be covered requiring a quorum present. It also adds costs to the region because we had ordered lunch for a minimum of 20 and there were only 16 present, therefore the region still has to pay for 4 others that were not there.
- Horse show numbers are down; the number of horses is down and the number of riders is down. There was some brainstorming on how to increase participation by combining classes.
- Because of the change in the US/Canadian dollars it is hoped that Americans will consider showing at the Region 17 show and that Canadians will also consider the cost effectiveness of coming to our show
- Youth Nationals will move to Oklahoma city in 2016
- AHA Convention will be moved to Tulsa instead of Denver. The dates will remain the same
- The halter issue was discussed at AHA – and there is a proposed regional challenge at US Nationals. A halter ad hoc committee has also been formed
- In 2016 it is hoped that there will be a planned Halter show in Central Park, New York
- Winner's Circle Photos at National Shows. AHA has increased the number of support people attending the photo to 2
- If you have not completed your club bio on the AHA website, please do so ASAP. The forms are available from AHA

- The results of the EC helmet survey were released. There were about 1000 respondents; 80% were Arabian owners and they were generally against helmets while showing. The director will include the full survey results on the web page.
- The AHA website is being redesigned
- DNA testing for HA/AA is now required. Please check the AHA website for information on this
- AHA is looking at developing a passport program to help with the veterinarian/vaccination issues of travelling with horses
- Reminder that anyone can attend judges school
- Club Awards – a reminder that 2 volunteers/year may be nominated for awards. The nominations must be submitted by mid June to AHA
- AHA continues to consider the number of members in the club for delegate votes. Presently 605 of the clubs have less than 60 members. Only 16% have greater than 100.
- AHA will be providing Western Dressage Achievement/Qualification points as of 2016. The rules for such can be found on the USEF web page
- Sport Horse Nationals will return to Nampa September 21 – 25 2016.

10. **Directory Report.** Karen provided a written report that can be found posted on the web page.

Motion: it was moved by Diane and seconded by Sylvia that in the future only the Champion and Reserve will be listed in the front of the directory not all of the Top 5/10s. Motion was passed

Motion: moved by Carla and seconded by Betty that those who placed in Top 5/10 are eligible to have a reduced rate (\$50 for business card size) ad in the directory to recognize this placing. This ad is to be camera ready for the directory

11. Youth Reports:

- a. Sydney Young's Youth Director report was read and circulated to the delegates. The director reminded all that each club is asked to provide 2 items for the Youth auction. An eblast reminder will be sent out closer to the show dates.
- b. The Regional Director continues to look for a Youth Coordinator
- c. Youth Scholarship. The following people have volunteered to be on this committee: Cam, Laurie and Sylvia. The Director has asked them to meet, identify a chair and to begin the process before the next regional show.

12. **Western Canadian Breeders:** to be held in Saskatoon June 19 – 21.

- a. The class list is on the website;
- b. There is a breeders' cup with \$1000 prize for the highest winning horse breeder.
- c. They will continue to provide the Extravaganza and are hoping to add in a fun night as well. For more information, please connect with CAHR.

13. Canadian Nationals.

- a. Gerald reported that the omnibus will be available soon.
- b. That there are a few changes – the show is starting on Sunday with working western classes (trail warm up will be Saturday evening).
- c. There have been additions such as: English Trail and English Showmanship (PB & HA);

- d. there are ongoing changes at the site – new roofs are being installed at this time;
 - e. They are marketing that the largest AA class wins a purse of \$5000.
14. **Breed Promotion:** no report.
- a. Sylvia Carruthers will join the team of Tex, Lorne and Nan on this committee.
 - b. It was reported that the CAHA and PAHA plan to attend the Mane Event in Red Deer.
 - c. There was a request from some individual AHA members for funding to attend the Chilliwack Mane Event. This request is forwarded to the Breed promotion committee for their consideration.
 - d. CAHA also reported that they will participate in Horse Haven (the last 5 days of the Calgary Stampede) and that they have contingent of riders for the Stampede Parade.
15. **Select Stallion Auction.** A report from Wendy Don was presented and circulated. It will be posted on the web page as well.
16. **Regional High point Awards :** will be posted on the Web Site.
17. **Equine Canada.** Terry provided an update and the results of the helmet survey
18. **Old Business**
- a. Leveling the playing field program was discussed. Other suggestion such as combining AAO classes to not dilute the sweepstakes was also discussed
 - b. Sweepstakes Changes: Terry asked people to please check the AHA website and what classes are involved. There will only be sweepstakes at Regional and National shows.
19. **New Business** – Terry will be circulating the membership lists for those members that do not belong to a club to see if they would consider joining individual clubs.
20. **Saddle Seat Invitational.** Terry reported that this is for riders 12 – 21 year old and will be held in New Orleans. Pam Zimmerman is the coach for Team Canada and Terry is the judge. Next year this event will be held in South Africa.
21. **Next Meeting:** in Edmonton, hosted by Aurora. The show commission will meet on October 2nd and the Regional meeting will be on October 3rd.