

**Region 17 Spring Meeting**  
**March 19, 2015**  
Coast Hotel, Victoria BC.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Present:        Executive;  
Rob Calnan, Vice-Director (Delegate for VIAHA)  
Karen Caughell – Treasurer (Delegate for Aurora)  
Sylvia Carruthers – Secretary

<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Club</u>
Sandra Gilbert-Stockhauser	VIAHA
Darlene Brouwer	Parkland
Carla Jackson	Aurora
Marlene Tomusiak	Aurora
Dee Lyke	SAHA
Allison Mostowich	CAHA
Gerald McDonald	Delegate at large
Wally Goertz	BCIAHA

<u>Guests</u>	
Norrie-Shan Fyfe	Aurora
Andrea Pringle	VIAHA
Thomas LeBlanc	VIAHA
Bob Ramsey	VIAHA
Wendy Don	VIAHA

Regrets – Terry Johnson, Director

The Director having sent her regrets, the Vice-Director, Rob Calnan assumed the chair and the Secretary, of the Society, Sylvia Carruthers acted as secretary of the meeting. A quorum of delegates being present in person at the meeting and all the delegates being sent notice as required, the Chair declared the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business.

1) Approval of Agenda

With the addition of a discussion of the BC Societies Act being requested, the agenda as presented was approved.

2) Adoption of Minutes of October 3, 2015

Upon motion made by Sandra Gilbert-Stockhauser, seconded by Carla Jackson, and carried unanimously :

RESOLVED that the minutes of the October 3, 2015 meeting of Region 17, AHA be and the same be approved as circulated.

### 3) Director's Report

The report of the Director, Terry Johnson was submitted in writing and read to the members by the Vice Director. The report is attached hereto as Schedule A to these Minutes. (Please note that the reference to the Central Park Show should indicate 2016.)

Gerald McDonald, as a member of the Hydra committee of AHA, an oversight committee with respect to the changes taking place at AHA, reported that the new changes to the website were being phased in by stages. Currently the Member section continues as in the past, but it would be changed to the new format in approximately 2.5 years. A new accounting programme to facilitate more flexible financial reporting is being implemented in priority to the membership section and then the National Events and Competitions will be updated.

Gerald Mc Donald also reported on changes to the Sweepstakes programme which includes a new Young Horse Sweepstakes class. Other money classes of \$15,000.00 each are being added.

Gerald also congratulated the clubs of Region 17 in that the youth teams from VIAHA were the top team for the non-recognized shows and all five of the Aurora club youth teams were in the top group.

Upon motion made by Wally Goertz, seconded by Gerald McDonald, and carried unanimously:

RESOLVED that the appointment by the executive of Karen Caughell as Treasurer and Sylvia Carruthers as Secretary of the Society, be ratified and approved.

### 4) Regional Show Commission Report

Darlene Brouwer, presented the Region 17 Show Commission report. In addition to the report attached the following information was provided:

- Three of the six members of the Commission met for most of Friday (See Minutes attached)
- The judges are Deborah Johnson, Kim Morgan and Brian Scoggins; the dressage judge is still to be hired
- Wally Goertz is the show manager
- Levelling has not been added due to the small classes this would create, but the Commission monitors this each year
- The awards are in a transition year and while there are new neck garlands with plaques for the Championship awards, the former neck garlands will be used for the Reserve Championship awards this year. Next year new neck garlands with a smaller plaque will be obtained for the Reserve Champion awards
- The Commission will seek input from the delegates for other alternatives at the Fall meeting
- An Exhibitor meeting is planned for the evening of the Stampede barbeque.

- It was suggested that volunteers be advised when they might be needed by means of the sign outside of the Show Office

Promotion of the Show:

- An issue was raised how we might better promote the show to exhibitors
- Discussion ensued about the use of social media to accomplish this
- We want to target Regions 4, 5, and 6 to attend our show
- Use of Arab Select, Arabian Global or Arabian Horse to send out e-blasts was suggested
- Members were encouraged to communicate about the advantages of showing at Region 17 whenever at other shows outside Region 17

Upon motion made by Carla Jackson, seconded by Wally Goertz and carried

RESOLVED that the Breed Promotion Committee be provided a budget up to five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to advertise the 2016 Region 17 Championship Show through options available through one of Arab Select, Arabian Global or Arabian Horse, by having a professionally designed page prepared in camera ready format and having three e-blasts advertising the Region 17 Championship Show sent by June 19, 2016, keeping in mind reasonable spacing and timing.

5) Barn Stomp Report-

- Karen Caughell reported that she had attended the Barn Stomp and it was well attended with 160 attendees and fun was had by all!
- See attached report
- Profit of \$ 2399.00 has been reported to date, but not finalized
- Organizers have asked that the profit will be used for added prizes for the Region 17 Championship Show
- Organizers are already planning for next year
- Discussion ensued about the possibility of holding the Spring meeting in conjunction with this next year
- Thanks and appreciation go out to Kathy Padgham, Kerri Buksa, and all those involved in this effort!

6) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Karen Caughell. The Statement of Financial Position (in business terms, the Balance Sheet) and Statement of Activities (in business terms, the Financial Statements) attached were then presented to the assembled group.

Highlights presented by the Treasurer included:

- the goal is to have sufficient funds available for the Society to cover 3 years of operating expenses. Operating expenses have increased to approximately \$30,000.00 per year.
- There is currently a balance of \$ 128,252.15 in the Canadian account and \$ 430.00 in the US account.
- Savings of \$2,000.00 will be achieved this year as Shelley Robertson will do the bookkeeping.

- Costs have been cut in other places as well
- The Youth Scholarship is not a responsibility of the Youth budget
- Five of the seven Youth teams have been sponsored
- The directory shows a profit of \$ 1876.00 this year which was somewhat lower than other years because there were some shipping costs which are not usually incurred. – that will not be a cost this year
- Our major source of funds for the Region is the Regional Show

#### 7) Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

#### 8) Budget

Discussion centered on how costs might be reduced and how additional funds might be raised. It was noted that last year a deficit budget of almost \$ 30,000 was approved.

Budget for the Executive (director and officers of Region 17) includes travel, and sponsorships from Region 17 for the Canadian National Show, Distress Fund and other costs.

Darlene Brouwer has agreed to organize some fundraising activities at the Region 17 Championship Show

The budget for the Executive (including the Region 17 Director), was reduced with the suggestion that sponsorships from Region 17 be limited as follows:

Canadian Nationals	\$ 350.00
Distress Fund	\$ 275.00
Arabian Foundation	\$ 150 .00

It was noted that this is a budget and not an intention to spend these amounts unless necessary. With some changes in expenses the budget as follows was presented.

#### Expenses

Breed Promotion	\$ 2,000.00
Director (Executive)	\$ 10,000.00
General	\$ 15,000.00
Hi-Point	\$ 2,000.00
Show Commission	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 32,500.00

#### Income

Show Sponsorships	\$ 10,000.00
Directory	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,500.00

Deficit	\$ 21,000.00
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Upon motion made by Gerald McDonald, seconded by Wally Goertz and carried unanimously,

RESOLVED that Region 17 approve a budget for the 2016 fiscal year showing a \$ 21, 000.00 deficit.

#### 9) Directory Report

Karen Caughell provided the Directory Report. See attached.

The cover of the Directory this year is new.

There was discussion of the future format – see attached ``Future Moving Forward``

The cost for this new approach would be essentially the same as the current cost

Our thanks to Millarcom for assuming the shipping costs of the directory this year.

As before the deadline for 2016 for ads for the directory will be Mid November 2016

A committee of \* was appointed to look at the options and report at the fall meeting and the report from Gary Millar will be sent to this committee.

Our thanks to Karen for her work on this committee

#### 10) Youth Report

- i.) The report on Youth Activities was deferred as the Youth representative was not present.
- ii.) Youth Teams Report – The winners of the youth teams was read out. See attached Awards will be presented at the Aurora Club meeting
- iii.) The deadline for the Youth Scholarship applications is June 30, 2016. The application is on the Region 17 web page.

#### 11) Canadian Breeders' Report

No report was received

#### 12) Canadian National Show Report

Gerald McDonald presented the Canadian National Show Report

- Show will start Sunday so will run from August 14th to August 20th
- Significant changes in the working western and levelling have been added to these classes
- Both Purebred and Half Arabian AOTR classes available
- All classes are run concurrently with Amateur and levelling classes
- No longer a JTR Reining or Reining Seat Equitation class
- Added Sport Horse ATH Stallion class
- Walk Trot classes have been split to provide Pleasure Hunter Pleasure, Pleasure Western and Pleasure Country Pleasure
- There is a full complement of hunt seat, western seat and saddle seat equitation classes, with HA and PB combined

- Westoba Ring has been increased to 91feet by 200 feet by moving the ring to the wall on one side of the ring, so that the announcer ring will be on the other side with the video
- Still plans to obtain an additional barn, but his will require federal funds, with added provincial and municipal funds then to be provided
- Sport Horse in Hand will run the same as 2015, with 2 judges, one go
- It will be necessary to provide original signature for the EC form, either with entry or at the Show Office
- It will be a GREAT show!, with lots of excitement this year... See you there!

### 13) Breed Promotion

- i)- no committee report provided
- ii) no longer have the Battle of the Breeds at SpruceMeadows
- iii) Mane Event – Arabians continue to be involved at Red Deer and Chilliwack  
These are being sponsored by the clubs and Region 17 is only providing any shortfall
- iv) Horse Heaven – Calgary Stampede continues to include the Arabian horse
- v) Region 17 shared the cost of a booth at the Scottsdale show - Promo brochures were provided by Region 17

### 14) Region 17 Select Stallion Auction

Wendy Don provided the Select Stallion Auction report

- of the 34 breedings available 14 were sold
- three refunds were given as 1 stallion euthanized, 1 gelded and one stallion owner refused to ship to Canada
- there are now 29 stallions on the list
- \$ 5,275 is held in the fund
- Breedings still available until August 1st
- Purse this year was \$ 2599 for the two halter classes and \$ 8568 from the 2009 Auction for the performance futurity classes.
- The Auction will not be held in 2016
- a supervisor is needed for this committee

### 15) Equine Canada

No report available

### 16) Old Business

No old business to discuss

### 17) New Business

- a) Club memberships
  - Note that the membership requirement for delegates to the AHA Convention will be reduced to 35
- b) Non club memberships

- Some members are only members of AHA – a review will be held to determine if these might become club members
- c) BC Societies Act
- Gerald McDonald indicated that the club was incorporated by the Societies Act of B C.
  - A new Act will be proclaimed in 2017 which will require current societies to make some changes to their governance
  - Sylvia Carruthers offered to review the material and the new Societies Act and provide her comments in what action should be taken
  - The lawyer for Region 17 is a lawyer in Abbotsford, BC.
- d) Next Meeting – Date and Location
- Calgary Arabian Horse Association offered to host the fall meeting
  - Next meeting will be September 30th and October 1st, 2016 in Calgary
- e) Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Karen Caughell and seconded by Dee Lyke.

## Region 17 Show Commission Meeting

March 18, 2016

### Minutes

Present: Commission Members

Darlene Brouwer  
Dee Lyke  
Wally Goertz

Guests: Sylvia Carruthers

Later arrival of guests:

Karen Caughell  
Rob Calnan

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm, Pacific time. It was reported that the show is on track and most of the preliminary work has been completed. A meeting will be held in June to finalize matters with the Calgary Stampede management.

### Show Prize List:

- Expected that the prize list will be posted to the web site by the end of March
- Class list essentially finalized although some consideration may be given to switching the Sport Horse in Hand, Hunter Type and Sport Horse in Hand, Dressage Type ( to check with Lorne Robertson )
- Number of TBA classes have been increased and interspersed within list to give maximum flexibility and balance
- Each TBA class will cost \$125; essentially the cost to run the class
- Entries for TBA classes must be made by one hour following end of the pre-show
- Additional Western Dressage class is being considered to include Level 1, Test 4
- Dressage Seat Equitation may be moved between the two Western Dressage classes
- Each of the sessions from Thurs to Sat are essentially balanced with 13-15 classes each session

### Officials

- Essentially all positions filled for officials
- All judges retained except confirming dressage judge
- Two positions still to be filled; paddock manager and second scorer

### Awards

- As determined by the delegates
  - o Neck garlands with plaques will be presented to the champion of each class.
  - o Garlands on hand will be used for the reserve champions
  - o No trophies will be presented
  - o All Top Fives will receive a Top Five Ribbon
  - o Champion will also receive Champion Ribbon

- Reserve Champion will receive Reserve Champion Ribbon
- Youth classes will be provided with plaques for the Top Five, in addition to the above ribbons
- The intention is to use up the inventory and next year to order Reserve Champion garlands with a slightly smaller plaque
- Seek direction from delegates whether the plaques are to have the year on them in upcoming years. The ones for this year have the year stamped or imprinted in the plaque
- Also ask if can find other 'resting place" for balance of the plaques if not given out this year.
- Need to order 20 unanimous champion garlands with plaques to go to unanimous winner if three or more horses enter the gate

### Hotels

- Lorne Robertson has the hotels pretty much set up

### Sponsorships

- Discussion was held about changes to the types of sponsorships and new levels proposed
  - -\$75.00 : sponsorship of one half class plus recognition in show programme
  - \$ 125.00; sponsorship of one class plus recognition in show programme
  - \$250.00: Club sponsorship – sponsorship of three classes plus recognition in show programme
  - \$300.00 Individual: sponsorship of three classes plus recognition in show programme
  - \$500.00: 4 class sponsorships, 1 ad ( camera ready), banner in arena
  - \$750.00: no less than 5 class sponsorships, 1 ad ( camera ready), banner in arena, 1 tack stall, recognition in show programme
  - \$ 1,000.00: no less than 5 class sponsorships, banner in arena, recognition in show programme, 2 page ad in the show programme (camera ready) 2 tack stalls,
  - \$ 1,500.00: no less than 7 class sponsorships, banner in arena, recognition in show programme, 2 page ad (camera ready) in the show programme on back or inside cover if available, 2 tack stalls, banner in arena, sky box, recognition in show programme
- discussion followed about commission to be paid for collecting sponsorships.

### Activities

- Stampede will provide a barbeque on one night of the show
- Exhibitor party will take place on Wednesday night

### Volunteers

- Volunteers gratefully accepted – always needed and appreciated
- Note that members of Commission are volunteers unless otherwise employed in a specific position at the show

### Budget

- Following considerable discussion and review of the numbers from last year,
  - Break even budget has been proposed – not counting any funds received from sponsorships

- based on the number of horses from last year at 183
- able to do this because the delegates authorized dispensing with the trophies –
- any sponsorships should place the show in profit position
- any profit will be used for the general purposes of running the Region

#### Barn Stomping Dance

- thank and congratulate organizers for their success
- understand funds will be used for in-kind prizes

#### Discussion of Future Site of Region 17 Show

- at last Spring meeting, it was decided that the current contract was to be reviewed and presented to the delegates so the delegates at the next meeting were clear on the obligations under the contract – we have an option to “opt out” at the end of year three or four.
- Show Commission Manual requires that a decision about a new venue be made prior to the expiry of two years from the last show at the current venue
- At this point in time, there is no venue that is available for a change in venue following this year and the requirements of the Show Commission do not allow them to consider a new venue for next year
- Some discussion ensue with the conclusion that in any event, there was currently no venue available that was capable of hosting the Region 17 Championship Show at this time
- With improvements every year, it is expected that we will see further improvements this year at the Calgary Stampede grounds

Meeting adjourned.