

## 2014 Region 17 Fall Meeting Report

The fall Region 17 meeting took place in beautiful Victoria, BC . There were approximately 20 people attending with representation from Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC. The Vancouver Island Arabian Horse Association hosted the meeting at the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina.

I want to thank the Aurora Arabian Horse Association for allowing me to attend as a delegate. Aurora was well represented at the meeting with four delegates and several other members who felt it important to be a part of decision making and bring to the meeting new ideas. To be present at the Regions spring and fall meetings brings us up to date with the activities within Western Canada as well as plans for the future. Whenever there is an opportunity for people involved in the Arabian industry to attend a regional meeting it offers great insight into the operations of the activities surrounding the breed.

### Director Report –Teri Johnson

- The Amateur program that will include the “levelling of the playing field.” These classes may be offered in 2015 at the local level.
- AHA Convention in Denver Colorado November 19-22, 2014. All are welcome to attend. This is a non-club hosted year therefore they are making efforts to fund raise. The Wall of Fame will be held once again. These photos will allow people to advertise by means of placing a photograph on display at convention. The deadline for submissions is November 10. Please contact Teri Johnson for additional information.
- Sweepstakes structuring is still under revision.

### Canadian National Show Commission-Gerald MacDonald

- 682 horses at Brandon, Manitoba. VS in Texas, Colorado and New Mexico restricted participants at Canadian Nationals.
- Hunter Jumper entries doubled in size.
- They have been successful in acquiring a not for profit status with the federal government allowing them to look for a corporate sponsor. Efforts to find more financial assistance is underway.
- Gerald informed us after the incident at Youth Nationals this year a special ruling was implemented to allow only one person in the arena for ribbon presentations. This ruling will stand for all National events. An alternate site for group photos may be in the works.
- Dates for next year are August 17-27, 2015. Requests for another building. Improvements in roof structure and ventilation in indoor warm up area underway. Canadian Nationals are also in Brandon for 2016.
- Additional news from Gerald- Sport Horse Nationals moving to Raleigh, North Carolina in 2015.

### Region 17 Directory-Karen Caughell

- Ads to be in by November 14/14
- Circulation for Region 17 Directory includes Western Canada, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oklahoma, Washington.
- Sharing of ad expenses permitted-multiple advertisers on one page.

### Canadian Breeders Show and Canadian Registry-Tex Cam

- 105 horses at Breeders in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- Canadian Breeders recognized with special garlands and maple leaf in program.
- Susan Fyfe Brown won the Master Breeder Cup.
- Gary Millar travelled to the inner city with Arabian horses to give young people an opportunity to see and touch live animals. The Literacy program encourages people to actually read to an Arabian horse.
- There were approximately 300 purebreds registered in 2014 and 200 half Arabians.

### Youth Director Report-Katie Johnson via Terry Johnson

- 30 youth member attended the meeting at the Region 17 show.
- \$2100.00 raised at the Egg and Spoon/Silent Auction held in conjunction with Regionals/2014.

### Breed Promotion Events for Region 17

- An application form is being developed by the breed promotion committee. Members completing the application will be considered for funding at Regional meetings.
- Reminder that clubs can apply for \$300.00 from AHA for breed promotion.

### Equine Canada-Teri Johnson

- 2014 Bronze received in the World Cup.
- 2016 in South Africa-All Amateurs welcome to try out.
- Watch for survey questions from Equine Canada re helmets.

### Region 17 Stallion Auction-Nicki Mueller

- Started in 2008-a performance year coming up.
- Recommendations to increase advertising as breeding is down as well as number of stallions enrolled into program.

### Region 17 High Point Awards

- Deadline December 31, 2014. Submits to Karen Caughell.

### Region 17 2014 Show-Cam Prowse

- 181 horses in attendance.
- 218 classes/28-0 entries, 28-1 entry, 36-2 entries (2 horses in a class pay for the awards) Sport horse paid for themselves.
- Elements of show under review and areas to improve upon are awards, security, outdoor working area.
- Positive feedback regarding facility, food, main ring atmosphere, media, dog race, egg and spoon, scheduling, judging.
- Calgary Arabian Horse Association hosting pre-show for 2015.
- Regional Show Committee 2015 Darlene Brouwer, Rob Callahan, Cam Prowse, Bob Sproule, Debbie Storey, Gail Tory.

The information provided in this report is a small portion of the dialogue that took place at the meeting this fall. Many volunteers spend countless hours working at promoting the Arabians we enjoy. When you see them commend them on a job well done and let them know you appreciate all their efforts. If you have some suggestions or ideas, share them. Working together as a team will help build strength in our Region.

Region 17 delegate  
Past President AAHA  
Carla Jackson MacGregor