

Region 17 Fall Meeting October 4th, 2014 Victoria, BC

Thank to the Aurora Arabian Horse Association for allowing me to attend my first Region 17 meeting as a delegate. Please find my report as follows.

On the Friday night before the meeting, we were all invited to a very nice wine & cheese gathering that was hosted by Vancouver Island Arabian Horse Association.

Saturday, October 4, 2014.

A total of 18 Region 17 members were in attendance, 4 of which were Aurora delegates as well as 3 members. The meeting started with agenda formalities ie: introductions, Host welcome, approval of agenda and adoption of minutes from the last meeting.

Show Commission Report

Darlene Brower & Gail Tory were voted in to fill the 2 Show Commission vacancies. The 2015 Show Commission is as follows: Cam Prowse, Darlene Brouwer, Bob Sproule, Debbie Storey, Rob Callahan & Gail Tory

The 2014 Region 17 Championship Show was held for the first time in Calgary, AB. There were 181 horses in attendance with 218 classes offered. Of those classes, 28 had 0 entries, 28 had 1 entry and 36 had 2 entries. There needs to be 2 horses in a class in order to cover the cost of awards. The Sport horse classes paid for themselves. For the 2015 Show the commission is looking into combining more classes based that information. The 2014 Show had a profit \$6,100.00. The commission is also getting a lot of feed back about exhibitors wanting more awards. Other concerns voiced by exhibitors were concession times, warm up areas, security, photography, appropriate area & timing of halter hazing, price of Host hotel, parking & RV camping. Positive feedback included concession food quality, Welcome party, dog races, egg & spoon race, judging, volunteers & the show overall was fun. It was stressed by the commission that this was the first year in the Calgary facility and there would be growing pains but they're intention is to rectify them for 2015. The results of a survey regarding the Regional Show was presented to commission members. It was also noted that the Calgary Club would be hosting a pre-show for 2015. I would encourage any member with questions or concerns to contact the commission directly.

Directors Report – Teri Johnson

2015 will have the introduction of “leveling the playing field” for amateur classes.
2014 AHA Convention November 19-22 in Denver Colorado.

Directory Report - Karen Caughell

2014 Directories were distributed in all Western Provinces, Scottsdale, Canadian & US Nationals & other Regions via trainers attending shows as well as 2014 Convention.

Due date for 2015 ads is November 14, 2014.

Youth Report - Katie Johnson

Katie Johnson's term is up and Sydney Young is the new Region 17 Youth director. The youth did a great job and made money during the Region 17 Show with the egg & spoon race.

Canadian Breeders Report - Tex Cam

2014 show had 105 entries and was held in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. Gary Millar promoted the Arabian Literacy program in down town Saskatoon and received very positive media coverage. The Saturday night of the show had approx. 1500 spectators to watch the Arabian Showcase. Canadian bred horses were awarded special garland and received a special maple leaf marker in the programs. Saskatoon has one more year to host the show in the current contract.

Canadian Nationals Report - Gerald MacDonald

2014 Canadian National Arabian Horse Show Horse had 682 horses entered. VS in some US states did restrict some barns from coming so that had a decreased impact on entries. The Commission has signed a contract with Brandon for 2015 & 2016. Improving the ventilation system in the building are in the works as well as talks as construction of additional buildings for stabling. 2015 Sport Horse Championships will be held in Raleigh, NC September 16-21.

Breed Promotion

Clubs can apply to AHA for Breed Promotion events (\$300.00) as well Region 17 is planning on setting up a committee & application system for promotion event funding as well.

Select Stallion Auction

Breeding is decreased. First performance year will be 2015. It was recommended to increase advertising to help increase stallion numbers.

Region 17 High Point – Karen Caughell

Applications are to be submitted by December 31, 2014.

Equine Canada – Teri Johnson

Canada received Bronze in the 2014 World Cup and watch for try out information for the next one in South Africa.

Old Business

This included some ratifying of constitution & bylaws as well as some Region 17 manual & committee policies.

New Business

2014 Convention, November 19-22 2014, Denver Colorado

2015 Region 17 Show dates:

Parkland: May 15-18, 2015

Aurora: May 29-31, 2015

Breeders: June 19-21, 2015

Calgary: Region 17 Pre-show, July 20, 2105

Region 17: July 20-25, 2015

Canadian Nationals: August 17-22, 2015

2015 Region 17 Spring Meeting will be held in Calgary March 21, 2015

Thank you & if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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