

2015 Region 17 Fall Meeting Report

The fall Region 17 meeting took place October 3, 2015 at the Nisku Inn, Nisku, Alberta. There were approximately 20 people attending with representation from Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC. The Aurora Arabian Horse Association were the hosts for the meet and greet on Friday and the meeting day.

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 three delegates. Several other Aurora members felt it important to be a part of decision making and brought good energy and new ideas to the meeting.

To be present at the Regions spring and fall meetings brings members 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. I thank those members who stepped up and voiced their opinion and those who committed to an active role.

Director Terry Johnson chaired the meeting. The following is a brief synopsis of the days reports.

Region 17 – Show Chair – Darlene Brouwer

- There were 185 horses at the Region 17 show in August of 2015. A profit was made thanks to hard workers and great support.
- There are 3 years left in the contract with the Calgary facility. The show commission is recommending the show remain in Calgary for 2016 and 2017 with the one year out option being in 2018. A motion was passed approving this decision pending review of contract. The general consensus was many of the concerns with the facility are getting ironed out. The show commission is going to look at facilities. Challenges lie with dates, costs, and availability. The show commission is going to report back at the fall meeting with plans for 2018.
- Ribbons will be as follows: Champion garland with plaque and ribbon, Reserve Champion Garland and ribbon, Top 5 neck ribbons, and Youth Awards will be given with their Top Five ribbons.
- Recycling of ribbons is going to be easier for exhibitors next year.
- Show Commission consists of: Show Chair - Darlene Brower, Directors - Debbie Storey, Gail Tory, Lorne Robertson, Wally Goertz, and Deeanna Lyke.

Treasurers Report – Karen Caughell

- Bookkeeping is up to date.
- Recommendations to continue to run Region 17 as a business.
- Concerns for keeping costs down.

Correspondence

- Niki Mueller has been in hospital in BC.
- Allan Erlick of Ontario has also been in hospital.

Both have been very active members in Canada and Region 17 wishes them well. Get well cards were sent.

Director Report – Terry Johnson

- The New York Central Park Arabian Showcase was a big success this past September.

- Check the Amateurs Levelling Point System as is different from the local, regional and national level.
- Points for western dressage will be grandfather in from 2015.
- Two people will be allowed in award presentations at Nationals.
- Youth Nationals 2016 is in Oklahoma City.
- US Nationals requiring DNA blood typing for ½ and purebred futurity classes. Yearling champion and reserve champion fillies will receive funding to go to Paris for the Salon de Cheval this year.
- It is recommended that horses travelling to US have vaccination records signed by a veterinarian.
- AHA convention November 17-21, 2015, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Vancouver Island Arabian Horse Association has submitted for AHA's Club Excellence awards They are participating in the membership retention and the Aurora Arabian Horse Association has submitted for both the AHA Communication and Club Project awards.

AHA Report – Gerald MacDonald

- Website is still a work in progress. They are finding deeper problems with some of the antiquities of the system.

Region 17 Directory – Karen Caughell

- Directories were distributed to members as well as several horse shows and events throughout United States and Canada.
- A committee has been formed to explore an electronic version and new formatting for the directory. Any changes will probably not occur till 2017 as ads are all ready being prepared for 2016. Deadline for submissions is November 14, 2015.

Youth Report – Sydney Young

- Sydney is excited to be one of four finalists for the Arabian Horse Association Youth of the Year Award. Natalie Alves from BC is also a contender for this prestigious award.
- Fund raising for the youth took place successfully at the Region 17 show.
- Sydney Young is our new Region 17 Youth AHA youth Tournament Team Director. She is taking the reins over from Kimberly Toye who has been in this role for approximately 14 years.

Canadian Breeders – Tex Kam – via text

- 100 horses attended the show in Saskatoon.
- Approximately 1000 people attended the showcase evening.

Canadian National Show Commission-Gerald MacDonald

- 700 horses at Brandon, Manitoba. VS once again impacted the number of participants at Canadian Nationals.
- On Friday the show was pleased to have the Canadian Armed Forces in attendance for award presentations.
- Expansion of warm up area was well received.
- Working on getting more spectators. Advertising was evident at airport, on buses and radio announcements.
- Contract up next year Show Commission exploring options. The Brandon facility has a draft of new building but funding is a concern.
- Gerald MacDonald been involved in the Canadian Nationals since 1981.

Breed Promotion Events for Region 17

- Calgary Arabian Horse Association rode horses in the Stamped parade and received top awards.
- BC people were commended for exhibiting their Arabians everyday at the Horse Haven event.
- Mane event also saw Arabian horse enthusiasts present.

Equine Canada - Terry Johnson

- Effort to recognize Breed Sport Saddle Seat classes are underway. These are age specific classes for youth and adult that include both rail and pattern work. All breeds are eligible. Provincial Championship Awards are awarded by Equine Canada. Rules that apply are in the EC Rulebook.
- Every two years there are try outs for the World Cup Saddle Seat Equitation Finals. Pam Zimmerman is the coach targeting Capetown, South Africa July of 2016.
- Note to exhibitors and judges that Hunter Seat pattern rules are very different between Equine Canada and USEF.
- EC Awards are on the website for Purebred and Half Arabians.

AHA Resolutions

- Not delivered at this point.
- Some discussion on clarification on joint ownerships. How to handle common-law and same sex marriages, or two non-related parties.
- If placed or sold should the rescue horses be left registered in the non-charitable organization.
- Lease horses to be shown in restricted classes.
- Check AHA website for more complete listing of resolutions.

Region 17 Stallion Auction

- Prize money is great. Entries are few.

Region 17 High Point Awards – Karen Caughell

- Deadline December 31, 2015. Submit to Karen Caughell.

Elections

- Terry Johnson returns as the Region 17 Director.
- Rob Calnan is the incoming Vice Director.

Next Region 17 Meeting March 19, 2016.

Location to be confirmed.

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Region 17 delegate