

## 2016 Region 17 Spring Meeting Report

The spring Region 17 meeting took place March 18, 2016 at the Coast Harborside Hotel. Cherry blossoms were in abundance. There were approximately 15 people attending with representation from Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC. The Vancouver Island 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. To attend the Regions spring and fall meetings brings people 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 Terry Johnson was unavailable for the meeting. Vice Director Rob Calnan chaired the meeting. The following is a brief synopsis of the committees reports.

### Presidents Report – Teri Johnson via Rob Calnan

- Terry congratulated recipients of the AHA awards. Youth and volunteers of Region 17 were commended for their achievements.
- Six of the US National amateur classes have an added purse of 15,000.
- USEF has a downloadable file for medication and drug use. This will allow people to better understand usage of medication including out times.
- Judges School and Evaluation in Scottsdale, Arizona December 1-6, 2016.
- Region 17 youth team awards were congratulated. Aurora youth were recipients of the Approved shows and BIHA won the Non-recognized Shows.

### Region 17 – Show Chair – Darlene Brouwer

- Sponsorship packages have been adjusted from previous years. Ranging from \$75.00 - \$1500.00. Certain level sponsorships will include tack stalls. Check premium list for details.
- 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.
- 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 plaques.
- Show Commission consists of: Show Chair Darlene Brower, Directors: Debbie Storey, Gail Tory, Lorne Robertson, Wally Goertz, Deeanna Lyke. Wally Goertz will be the “go to” guy at the horse show.
- Bar-B-Que night and Exhibitor Meeting
- Exhibitors Party
- Dog Races
- A very successful fund raiser was held in Ardrossan, Alberta. Aurora members Kerry Buksa and Kathy Padgham raised money for Region 17. Together they did a great job with Barn Stomp 2016. Their efforts were much appreciated.

### Region 17 Youth Scholarship

- Deadline June 30, 2016

### Treasurers Report – Karen Caughell

- Bookkeeping is up to date.

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

#### AHA Report – Gerald MacDonald

- The website's new look is starting to unveil itself.

#### Region 17 Directory – Karen Caughell

- Directories will be distributed to members as well as several horse shows and events throughout United States and Canada.

#### Canadian National Show Commission-Gerald MacDonald

- Contract up in 2016 Show Commission exploring options. The Brandon facility has a draft of new building but funding is a concern.
- Walk Trot division are as follows: Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, and Equitation.
- Reining classes have been altered. Please check premium list.
- Westoba or Ring 2 has been widened.
- August 14-20, 2016

#### Equine Canada-Terry Johnson

- Original signatures are required on entry forms. Photocopy or stamps are not acceptable.

#### Region 17 Stallion Auction

- Classes will be run at the 2016 show but the auction is temporarily on hold. Entries are few.

#### Region 17 High Point Awards – Karen Caughell

- 2015 Regional awards were announced. The majority came back to Alberta. They will be presented at the Aurora general meeting April 11, 2016.
- 2016 Region 17 awards deadline is December 31, 2016. Submit to Karen Caughell.

Fall meeting to be announced.

Hopes for the next Region 17 spring meeting was to be in the Edmonton area coinciding with Barn Stomp 2017.

Region 17 delegate  
President AAHA  
Carla Jackson MacGregor