

2016 Region 17 Spring Meeting

The 2016 Region 17 Spring meeting was held in Victoria, BC on March 19. There were 15 people at the meeting.

The show and the budget took up most of the discussions. The show is in Calgary again for the 3rd year of a 5 year contract. The show will be awarding beautiful neck garlands with a plaque on it for Champions. They will look similar to the National Reserve Champion garlands. The Reserve Champions will receive a garland from the old stock to use up the inventory for Region 17. All placings will receive ribbons. The sponsorship prices have been lowered. It is now \$125.00 to sponsor as the price of the garlands is much lower than what the trophies were. All the sponsorship prices will be on the web site and in the prize list. The main ring judges are Brian Scoggins, Deborah Johnston and Kim Morgan. The Sport Horse and Dressage judge's names weren't available at the meeting.

There won't be a Stallion Service Auction this year. There will be the classes offered from the 2013 year for performance and for the 2014 year for halter. It was decided to suspend the auction for this year as there hasn't been very much interest in it the last couple of years.

Equine Canada requires actual signatures, not "electronic or stamped signatures" for all entry forms. You may be required to sign the entry forms at the show office before you get your numbers if the forms haven't been signed when you sent them in.

Canadian Nationals have added a few classes. They have added PB SHIH Stallions Hunter Type and Dressage Type. The SHIH classes will run concurrent as they have the last two years. They don't have time in the schedule to run them separately. They have also split the Walk/Trot classes to be CEP, HP and WP and have added equitation classes for the same as well. The Westoba ring (ring 2) is going to be reconfigured. The announcer will now be on the same side as the bleachers. This allows the ring to be made larger. It will now be 91'x200'. This is the last year of a two year contract in Brandon.

The High Point winners were announced. The sponsors were – Rae Dawn Arabians, McLean & Shaw Insurance, Willow Acres Equestrian Center and Pringle Farms. Their support is appreciated. Aurora members won most of the awards. They will be presented to the winners at the Aurora meeting on April 11th.

The Barn Stomp fundraiser made close to \$2500.00. Great work done by Kerri Buksa, Kathy Padgham and Shelley Robertson. The money will be used to go toward extra prizes at the show. It was a great social and there was talk to doing another one, so it was decided that Aurora would host the 2017 spring meeting and have the Barn Stomp after the meeting. It is hoped that the delegates coming for the meeting will stay and go to the Barn Stomp then go home on the Sunday.

The fall meeting will be held in Calgary on October 1/2016.

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