

## AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

### Aurora Arabian April 14, 2014 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. The Meeting took place at the Strathcona Community Centre.

Present: Brenda Engler, Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak, Diane Dyck, Carla Jackson, and Norrie -Shan Fyfe

#### **Minutes**

- It was moved by Karen Caughell and seconded by Marlene Tomusiak that the minutes from the last meeting be adopted.

#### **Treasurer Report**

- As Kim Kelemen was not able to attend the meeting, the treasurer's report was given by Diane Dyck.
- The review of 2013 financial books has been completed .Diane will now file the annual society papers

#### **Membership Report**

- Brenda Engler reported that the club currently has 151 adult and 40 youth members

#### **Youth Committee Report**

- The youth report was given by Marlene Tomusiak.
- The youth group this year is very enthusiastic.
- Currently the group is meeting every 2 wks.
- Their next meeting will be May 2, 2014.
- The group is busy planning numerous social activities and fund raising events.

#### **Old Show Business**

- The recruiting of volunteers is progressing well.
- Karen Caughell has been calling members and asking for sponsorships and then emailing invoices.
- Keno Hills is donating the jumping equipment for the show. This will save the club a significant amount of money.
- The course designer and setup still being negotiated.
- The show is still need of a dressage ring and letters. Carla Jackson may have the letters and if so will donate the use for the show. Diane will check with the dressage judge re specifications for the ring. If we can find an alternative to paying rental and transportation fees from Calgary this will keep the cost of the show down.
- Various ways of promoting our show and encourage spectators to attend it at the new facility were discussed.



## **Announcements/ Activities**

- Proposed Clinic
  - The club will host a clinic March 7 & 8, 2015.
  - It will be held at the Legacy Ridge Equine Facility; The facility has automatic waterers and they will supply shavings
  - Josh Quintus who is well versed in several Arabian disciplines will be the clinician
  - Costs will be as follows
    1. 500 per day + GST for arena rental
    2. \$30 per day + GST for stall – participants will be responsible for cleaning stalls at the end of the clinic
    3. Clinician fee \$500 per day plus airfare and accommodation
  - Karen will draft an information sheet that will be in the newsletter and on the web page once she determines a fee per participant
  - The club will do a 50% deposit now and then collect the remainder of the fee in January 2015.
  - Several members have already expressed a interest in participating.
  - Spectators will be welcome at a nominal fee
  - Lunch will be served at the facility– Norrie -Shan Fyfe and Marlene Tomusiak will ask the youth group if they want to take this on as a fund raiser.

## **New Business / Correspondence**

- Diane Dyck reviewed the highlights of the recent Region 17 meeting in Calgary. Delegate reports will be in the newsletter.
- A discussion followed regarding the need to promote the Region 17 show in its new facility and location.
- There was a discussion regarding requests from 2 non member Arabian owners for funding. The requests were:
  1. to cover insurance cost for Battle of the Breed try outs and
  2. sponsorship of an individual going to the world equestrian competition in endurance .
- Karen requested that the club sponsor a banner and class at Nationals .This was discussed but will be voted on and decision made at the next meeting.
- Carla suggested that the club bylaws be reviewed and perhaps updated. It was decided that this item will be placed on the agenda of the next club meeting.
- Carla discussed the possibility of organizing a seminar for the members that would inform them on what the judges are looking for in various classes.

**Next Meeting:** May 12 at the Sherwood Park location

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. This was moved by Norrie -Shan Fyfe and seconded by Diane Dyck.

