

AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

Aurora Arabian January 20th meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm. Taking place at the Nisku Inn Restaurant.

Present: Karen Caughell, Kim Kelemen, Diane Dyck, Marlene Tomusiak, Carson Ehret, Norrie Shan-Fyfe, Carla Jackson, Dana Leadbeater, Mackenzie Leubner, Khennedy Leubner, Pam Bonar, Brenda Engler and Barb Prowse.

1. Minutes of December meeting reviewed. Adopted by Marlene Tomusiak and seconded by Karen Caughell.
2. Presentation of the 2013 Aurora High Point Awards by Karen Caughell.
 - High Point Hunter - Enrico+/ & Kelly Payne
 - High Point Sport Horse - Sur Teddy's Magna +++// & Lorraine Prowse
 - High Point Western - Mista Poco Mon & Khennedy Leubner
 - High Point English - Sweet and Saucy & Mackenzie Leubner
 - High Point Junior - Mackenzie Leubner
 - High Point Adult Amateur - Lorraine Prowse
 - Paul Guthrie High Point Western Junior Rider - Khennedy Leubner
 - Austin Whelihan High Point English Rider - Mackenzie Leubner

(The plaques for the Paul Guthrie and Austin Whelihan trophies were presented at the meeting and the large trophies will be presented during the Saturday evening Potluck supper at the 2014 Aurora Summer Show).

Presentation of 2013 AHA Volunteer Appreciation Awards– presented by Carla Jackson.

 - Barbara Schroter Drechsel
 - Karen Caughell

Recognition of the 2013 outstanding achievements of other members and their horses.

 - Equine Canada Breed Sport Arabian of the year - Sur Teddy's Magna +++//
 - Legion of Merit – Khanquistador++ - Norrie- Shan Fyfe
 - Equine Canada Saddle seat Rider of the year - Mackenzie Leubner
3. Membership Report given by Brenda Engler. The club currently has 150 adult and 40 youth.
4. Treasurer Report given by Kim Kelemen.
5. Youth Committee report given by Norrie Shan-Fyfe. Norrie has a list of youth members and their contact information. The youth are looking at hosting a Fun Show in the fall of 2014 instead of the spring.
6. Club Promotion/Newsletter Report. Lorie Fisher was absent from the meeting. No report was given.
7. Old Business
 - 2014 Aurora Arabian Summer Horse Show:
 - Photographer - Linda Finstad contacted Diane Dyck. She was inquiring as to whether the show had an official photographer. After some discussion it was decided that Linda Finstad would be the show photographer for Saturday, May 31



and Sunday, June 1, as there was no need to have a photographer for the qualifier portion of the show on Friday, May 30. The club agreed to pay for one night of hotel accommodation for her.

- Prizes for juniors – Diane Dyck asked Norrie Shan-Fyfe to organize tokens and prizes for the junior rider classes.
 - Volunteer Incentives - Diane Dyck talked about volunteer incentives that will be used at the show.
 - RV parking and booking – Norrie Shan-Fyfe asked whether members should book their RV space for the show directly with the facility or through the club on the entry form. After some discussion it was decided that members should book their space directly through the facility. This information will be put into the club newsletter, in the prize list and on Marion Ender's Show Secretary website.
 - Ribbons - We don't need to order a lot of ribbons as Karen Caughell did an inventory last year. We need to explore options for ordering ribbons as the past supplier has now closed. Diane Dyck purchased some ribbons locally last year but the cost was very high i.e. \$8-\$12 per ribbon. Carson Ehret will look into alternatives on-line and report back at the next meeting.
 - Show Qualifiers - Karen Caughell announced that as per member requests submitted and discussed at the last meeting, the Region 4 & 5 qualifiers originally scheduled for the Friday, May 30 of our show will now be Region 3 & 4 qualifiers. Members wanting to qualify for Region 5 can do so at the Spring Classic Show hosted by the Saddlebred Club. All the approvals for the show have been sent in, all the paperwork has been filed and Diane Dyck has received acknowledgement from AHA of these changes in the show.
 - Judges - All the judges have been hired. Scott Benjamin is the judge for the Aurora show; Nan Harrison and Terry Johnson will judge the Region 3 & 4 qualifiers. Monique Hubbs Michiel will judge the dressage and sport horse. Carson Ehret asked why our show did not have a Canadian National judge. Karen Caughell replied that this year the Canadian National judges are either showing or judging Region 9, which is the same time as our show. We will try and have a Canadian National judge for next year's show.
 - Proposed Clinic - Karen Caughell has talked to Legacy Ridge and has confirmed availability during the first two weekends in April for us to lease their facility for a clinic. She also spoke to Liz Bentley a prospective clinician who is not available during that time. Karen was given a list of several other trainers. She will contact them and see if she can find one that is available for that time period. The club is aiming to keep the cost of the clinic to about \$250 per rider.
8. New Business – No new business for discussion.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, March 17th at the Nisku Inn Restaurant at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Moved by Pam Bonar. Seconded by Kim Kelemen.

