



# AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

## General Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, January 9, 2017

**TIME:** 7:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Strathcona County Community Centre, 2001 Sherwood Drive,  
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7

### CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by Carla Jackson at 7:05 pm and a quorum was present.

Chair: Carla Jackson

Members Present: (28) Carla Jackson, Shelley Robertson, Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak, Kerri Buksa, Kim Kelemen, Gail Tory, Diane Comeau, Karen Carruthers, Faith Seward, Kim Seward, Alyssa Tomusiak, Arianna Bell, Grace Kruger, Kaitlyn Larson, Kyla Nadeau, Kelly Payne, Kaitlin Payne, Rachel Solari, Jackie Ganton, Megan Buksa, Madelaine Jacknisky, Marijke Kalisvaart, Shaylin Sharpe, Shaelyn Sheehan, Kalyn Leatherdale, Joanne Verstrate, Pam Zimmerman

Guests Present: (3) Chris Collins, Shane Sharpe, Linda Sharpe

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda is prepared in advance of the meeting and if members would like to add something to the next agenda, you are asked to notify A.A.H.A. with your request prior to the meeting. We encourage additions to the agenda, participation and open conversation.

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as presented - Diane Comeau

SECOND: Karen Caughell

CARRIED.

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

### APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 2 as presented - Karen Carruthers

SECOND: Kerri Buksa

CARRIED.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

### REPORTS

#### President's Report

Carla Jackson welcomed all those in attendance. Aurora Youth were very well represented.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Norrie-Shan Fyfe and Marlene Tomusiak will review the books of the AAHA.
  - The books, accounts and records of the A.A.H.A. shall be audited at least once every year by a duly qualified accountant or by two Members of the A.A.H.A. appointed for that purpose.
- Renewal on the storage unit is due and there was some discussion whether to renew. In an effort to cut costs, Aurora will move forward with month to month rent and Carla will contact Norrie to inquire about other possible storage options.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Education

- Details are being confirmed for a possible Trail clinic as well as photography clinic with details to follow shortly.

#### Communications

- N/A

## **Membership**

- Adult members - 124
- Youth members - 33
- Gail Tory shared there are cost savings joining USEF and better flexibility with Scottsdale entries with a USEF membership versus an EC membership.

## **Show**

- The next show meeting will be January 18.
- The show prize list is being finalized for the Aurora show
- Aurora will be including Saddlebred classes. Aurora was approached by A.S.H.A. to include some classes as A.S.H.A. found it was not viable for them to hold their own show. The decision was made to welcome 30-40 Saddlebreds to the Aurora show to increase class sizes and generate revenue for A.A.H.A. The Saddlebred Association will cover the cost of their judges and will also bring volunteers to assist with the show.
- When A.S.H.A. gave up their show dates, Aurora was given the opportunity to take those dates. The show dates were changed in consideration of the Parkland Show.

## **Social**

- March 18, 2017 is the Barn Stompin fundraiser for Region 17. To be held at the Ardrossan Recreation Centre. Tickets are now available. Contact Kerri Buksa for tickets.

## **Youth**

- The next meeting of the Aurora Youth Association will be a movie night, January 13.
- All Aurora youth are invited to attend the vet panel and spend time with Jim Anderson on Sunday at the Horse Conference.
- Youth who wish to work the concession at the Jim Anderson demonstration at the Horse Conference will be able to take in the event.
- Pam Zimmerman pledged \$45.00 for seed money so youth could purchase concession supplies
- Marlene Tomusiak pledged a bottle of Baileys to supplement the concession coffee.

MOTION: To approve \$150.00 from the Youth account to purchase supplies - Diane Comeau

SECOND: Karen Caughell

MOTION CARRIED.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- In memorium, a donation was made to the Alberta Lung Association in Irene Edwards' name.

## **OTHER**

- Judges Panel - Carla Jackson, Pam Zimmerman and Chris Collins spoke from the judges perspective. Dressage, Country Pleasure, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Show Hack and Hunter were some of the disciplines covered. Carla ran a power point presentation by Lorie Fisher that provided an introduction to judging. Chris and Pam then took questions from those in attendance and covered a range of topics: a judges first impression of horse and rider, soundness, correct equipment and rider turnout. There was a lot of great information shared.
- Carla Jackson presented the 2016 Aurora High Point Awards to the recipients in attendance. (see attached) It was a great turn out.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next A.A.H.A. Board Meeting will be March 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Strathcona County Community Centre, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting - Marlene Tomusiak

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.