

AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

Aurora Arabian May 12 ,2014 meeting

The meeting took place at the Sherwood Park Library .It was called to order at 7:12 pm.

Present: Brenda Engler, Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak, Kim Kelemen, Lorie Fisher, Carson Ehret, Carla Jackson, and Diane Dyck. Lorne Robertson attended via Skype

1. Carla Jackson moved and Marlene Tomusiak seconded that the minutes be adopted as read.
2. The Treasurer Report was given by Kim Kelemen.
3. Brenda Engler read the Membership Report .The club currently has 152 adult and 34 youth members
4. Youth Committee Report was given by Marlene Tomusiak. They are currently working on several fundraisers including a bottle drive and a fundraiser to purchase group hoodies.
5. Club Promo/Newsletter:
 - Lorie fisher stated that there was nothing to report at this time.
 - Diane asked for volunteers to contact local media in Leduc and Ponoka about promoting our show. Carson Ehret volunteered to talk to his contacts in Leduc and Ponoka and Carla Jackson stated she would talk to her client contact for Leduc.
6. Old Show Business –
 - The caterer at the facility will open at 8 for breakfast all days; will be open for supper on Fri and will close Sun at 2 pm
 - Diane met with local person who was able to supply ribbons cheaper than our previous source.
 - Volunteer ribbons and vouchers for volunteers will be available at the show. Kim Kelemen will purchase the volunteer appreciation vouchers.
 - Dressage arena:
 - Diane talked to Chris Collins for an opinion. Chris suggested the slot style.
 - Diane checked with Parkland regarding renting their ring. The Parkland club will get back to her.



- The cost of purchasing the ring would be approximately \$1300. A discussion about the pros and cons of purchasing a ring followed.
- At the show the dressage ring will be inside a 40 x 40 area enclosed with portable fencing.
- The club will utilize the tents we have in storage for the judges to sit in outside
- Sponsorship update:
 - Karen Caughell reported that we are at \$5110 in sponsorships for the show to date
 - Ponoka businesses have not been approached at this point. Carson made some suggestions to Karen
- Carla Jackson suggested distributing a survey to patrons at the show to collect feedback on accommodations and restaurants that they used .Carson Ehret volunteered to create the survey.
- Carson Ehret will arrange the music for the announcers to use at the show
- The Show office will be near concession and announcers will be up where show secretary was located at the Spring Fling.
- Keno Hills will supply ribbon presenters for the show.
- Centre Ring
 - There was a discussion on whether to have a centre ring , the size of it what we would need to create one
 - Carson Ehret offered to bring a couch, and plywood
 - Brenda Engler will purchase table coverings
 - Diane Dyck will bring carpet and will ask the Ponoka facility about table rentals
- Donuts and coffee will be served in the am at the show.

7. Announcements/ Activities.

- Clinic – Aurora will host Josh Quintus as a clinician in Mar 2015. Karen Caughell has a application form ready for approval and then posting on web. Deposits will be collected with applications. There will be a charge of \$15 per day or \$25 for the weekend for spectators.

8. New Business / Correspondence:

- Delegate Reimbursements for the Mar meeting. It was moved by Brenda Engler and seconded by Carla Jackson that the club reimburse delegates \$100 per person.
- Regional Sponsorship. Carla Jackson moved and Kim Kelemen seconded that the club give a \$250 sponsorship to Region 17.
- National Sponsorship. A sponsorship for Canadian Nationals was discussed but the decision will be postponed until after our show.
- Lorne Robertson requested support from the club to bring forward a Resolution if necessary that would update the Jumper rules in the Arabian division to align with the Open division Jumper rules. The changes would be



as follows: firstly fence height changes to be consistent with USEF and EC: secondly the scoring to be consistent to allow for immediate jump offs etc. consistent with industry practice and thirdly to create recognized division's at height consistent with practice and more suitable to Arabians. This suggested change may be able to go through a committee and the board of directors but if not would need to be brought for the as a resolution. Lorne Robertson moved and Diane Dyck Seconded that our club would support Lorne submitting such a resolution if necessary.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2014 at the Nisku Inn at 7pm. The club will pay for appetizers for all who attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

