



AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION (AAHA)

MEETING DATE: Monday, November 9, 2015

TIME: 7:30 pm

LOCATION: McLean & Shaw Insurance Inc, 1707 - 91 Street SW, Edmonton, AB T6X 0W8

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by Carla Jackson at 7:48 pm and a quorum was present.

Chair: Carla Jackson

Board Members Present: (9) Carla Jackson, Carson Ehret, Kim Kelemen, Shelley Robertson, Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak, Gail Tory, Kerri Buksa, and Karen Carruthers

Adult Members Present (3) Lorie Fisher, Jean Kot, and Brenda Engler

Youth Members Present (2) Marijke Kalisvaart, and Madelaine Jacknisky

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 AAHA with your request prior to the meeting. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure the meeting keeps moving to cover the issues in the time allotted and to ensure everyone has an opportunity to contribute. We encourage additions to the agenda, participation and open conversation.

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as presented - Carson Ehret. SECOND: Shelley Robertson CARRIED.

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 21, 2015 as amended - Kerri Buksa. SECOND: Brenda Engler. CARRIED.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

These are Action Items that were initiated at the last meeting, projects that members committed to accomplish before the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- **AHA Convention Resolutions - Karen Caughell**
- Karen Caughell, Carla Jackson and Marlene Tomusiak are our delegates who will be attending the AHA Convention. They will be representing the AAHA and voting on resolutions that reflects the perspective of our membership. A discussion was held and a number of resolutions were brought to the attention of members present. Resolutions can be viewed on line at:
<http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/2015/2015resolutions.asp>
- **Jump Costs - Norrie-Shan Fyfe**
- Norrie-Shan will present costs at the December meeting for jumps so the AAHA Board can evaluate the value in purchasing jumps for use at the Aurora Arabian Horse Association shows.

REPORTS

President's Report

- Carla Jackson shared her vision for her two-year term as AAHA President:
 - to improve communication with our adult members, our youth, Region 17 and Canadian breeders,
 - support social opportunities for our members to get together and share our common interest in the Arabian horse, and
 - create other activities that add value for our members and build community.
- Carla also shared her report from the Region 17 meeting that can be read in the AAHA newsletter or website at www.auroraarabian.com

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balances were reported. The AAHA is in good shape financially.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications

- Lorie Fisher shared that the AAHA is finalist in two categories including Communication and Club Projects of the AHA Club Excellence Awards. The winners will announced at the AHA Convention on November 21, 2015.
- The November AAHA newsletter is posted on the website.

Membership

- Brenda Engler presented the current numbers for AAHA membership:
 - Adult - 141
 - Youth - 38
- AAHA is interested in ideas to increase membership to keep the club vital. As well, the membership numbers as of June 30 determine the number of delegates clubs can send to the AHA Convention. Marlene Tomusiak has stepped forward to assist.

Show

- Kim Kelemen, Show Chairperson for the 2016 Aurora Arabian Horse Show shared the confirmed dates for the show as June 2-5. Mark your calendar!
- The Show Committee has things well in hand and is looking for folks who would like to be a part of the 2016 show. They're looking for great ideas, help with the planning and volunteers at the show.
- The next Show Committee meeting is scheduled Monday, December 7, 7:00 pm at the Strathcona County Community Center, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park. All those interested are welcome to attend.
- Kerri Buksa reported that the Spring Fling, which had previously been run by the Alberta Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) will go ahead with a new organizing committee. The Spring Fling was asking for support from Aurora. The AAHA Board has requested the Spring Fling's organizing committee prepare a budget project plan for the December 14 meeting, at which time AAHA will decide whether to support.

Youth

- Sydney Young is the 2015-2016 President of the Aurora Arabian Horse Youth Association.
- Lorie Fisher discussed some of the items from their October 30 meeting.
- Marijke Kalisvart and Madelaine Jacknisky accepted Carla Jackson's invitation and brought forward some ideas to make the meetings more fun and engage the different barns.
- The next meeting of the Aurora Youth Association will be November 27 at 7:00 pm at the Strathcona County Community Centre, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park.

Clinic/Education

- This item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Social

- There was a brief discussion how we might be able to plan social events to bring our members together. There was support for a social event in September after the Canadian show season and before US Nationals and the AHA. Convention. This is a topic open for future discussion.
- Kerri Buksa shared some dates for the Region 17 hall party at the new Ardrossan Hall, March 12, 2016. It will be a fundraiser for Region 17 and a family event, so everyone is invited to attend. There will be advance ticket sales, live band, cash bar and a late lunch served. The event will be promoted and ticket prices will be published soon.

Convention

- In light of the poor exchange rate, Canadian to US dollar, there was some discussion about increasing the reimbursement for members attending AHA Convention. This would be evaluated each year. MOTION: To increase the reimbursement for members attending AHA Convention from \$600.00 to \$800.00 Canadian dollars - Kerri Buksa. SECOND: Gail Tory. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The AAHA received a letter from Tex Cam of the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry (CAHR) asking for support of the Canadian booth at the Scottsdale Show in February 2016. MOTION: To support the CAHR booth in Scottsdale by purchasing advertising in the booth for \$500.00. - Carson Ehret. SECOND: Kim Kelemen. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next AAHA Board meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm at McLean & Shaw, 1707-91 Street SW, Edmonton, AB T6X 0W8.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting - Marlene Tomusiak. SECOND: Karen Carruthers. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Approved by

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Secretary

Chair