



AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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 7:03 pm

Chair: Carla Jackson

Board Members Present: Carla Jackson, Carson Ehret, Shelley Robertson, Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak, Kim Kelemen, Kerri Buksa, Karen Carruthers

Adult Members: Christine Loo, Kim Seward, Faith Seward, Lorie Fischer, Norrie Shan Fyfe, Chelsey Chapman

Guest: Amanda Ubell

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 - Kerri Buksa

SECOND: Karen Carruthers

CARRIED.

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 6, 2016 as read - Karen Carruthers

SECOND: Kerri Buksa

CARRIED.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Show Photographer - Amanda Ubell proposal

Amanda Ubell was present to speak about her proposal for the Aurora Show (see attached).

- Every horse would be charged a \$15.00 photo fee on the entry form. That \$15.00 would be a credit to be used against the cost of purchasing a photo from the Aurora Show. The credit would be valid until the end of the calendar year. It would require some consideration from the show secretary as the entry forms would have to be updated. The photo fee would be collected and paid to Amanda at the close of the show. All those present agreed it was a good idea and the proposal will be reviewed by the Aurora Show Committee and discussed at the November meeting.

AHA Convention Delegate selection

Aurora is eligible to send three voting delegates to AHA Convention in Tulsa. Three Directors were named (Carla Jackson, Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak) as well as two alternates (Karen Carruthers, Kerri Buksa). Carla has a scheduling conflict so is unable to attend. There was some discussion about how much Aurora could spend to assist delegates this year. It was agreed that AAHA would pay for the registration of two delegates and provide assistance with flight and accommodation to a maximum of \$1000.00 CAD for each delegate. The approximate costs per delegate: \$225.00 USD conference registration, \$350.00 USD shared accommodations, \$800.00 airfare, plus meals, etc.

MOTION: To provide funds in the amount of \$1000.00 each to cover all costs, for two delegates

- Karen Carruthers

SECOND: Kerri Buksa

CARRIED. Noted one vote opposed. - Carson Ehret

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Horse Industries of Alberta Association Symposium

- This conference will be held at the Strathcona County Community Centre January 14 and 15. A letter was received from Gary Millar asking AAHA to support the event by purchasing a booth for \$475.00. There was some discussion with mixed support. The item was tabled to the November meeting

Region 17 AGM Update

- It was determined the 2017 Region 17 show will be held in Calgary and the 2018 show will be held in Langley.
- The 2016 Show realized a profit of approximately \$15,000.00
- Kaitlin Payne was winner of the Youth Scholarship

AHA Volunteer Service Award

- AHA Volunteer Service Award was presented to Lorie Fischer in recognition of all the work she has done to promote the Aurora Arabian Horse Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Club is in a secure position, but questions were raised about expenses and incoming funds.
- Kim anticipates a more profitable show next year, so that will help.
- All expenses will have to be re-evaluated to insure the club remains financially healthy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINICS

- Gail Tory was not present.

EDUCATION

- Karen Carruthers discussed a number of ideas she is working on to harness the local talent to put on small workshops/clinics; horse photography, equine nutrition, horse therapists, clipping/grooming. All members at the meeting were asked to rank their preferences on an impromptu survey to get a sense of areas of interest.

MEMBERSHIP

- Marlene is working on a few different ideas to stimulate membership.
- Improving communication through direct emails to members. Shelley will send along the email addresses she currently has to give it a jump start.

SOCIAL

- December Board Meeting - working on an idea to be presented at the next Board meeting.
- January General Meeting - Aurora High Point Awards investigating a social aspect to the meeting.
- March 18, 2017 is confirmed as the Barn Stompin Hall Party and Region 17 Fundraiser

SHOW

- Aurora was approached by the Alberta Saddlebred Association to have Aurora host approximately 20 Saddlebred classes at the Aurora show. It would bring in an additional 30-40 horses which would really help improve the profitability of the Aurora show.

MOTION: To include Saddlebred classes in the Aurora Show - Karen Carruthers

SECOND: Kerri Buksa

CARRIED. Approved unanimously.

- Kim Kelemen will confirm dates with Calnash for the Aurora show as it may change to June 8-11

YOUTH

- Diane Comeau was not in attendance and in the interest of time, will present her report at the next Board meeting.

COMMUNICATION

- N/A

OTHER

- AAHA tabled discussion on meeting dates for the year in the interest of time until the November meeting.
- Highland Park will host a Schooling Show on Sunday, October 16. The prize list will be

available shortly.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Aurora Show Committee will have its first meeting for the 2017 show on Thursday, November 24, 2016, at a time and place to be determined and posted.

The next A.A.H.A. Board Meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Strathcona County Community Centre, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting - Carson Ehret
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.