



AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, September 12, 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, Shelley Robertson, Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak, Kim Kelemen, Kerri Buksa, Norrie Shan Fyfe, Karen Carruthers

Adult Members: Jean Kot, Lorie Fischer, Diane Comeau, Leigh Johnston, Shelley Bluett, Christine Loo

Guests: Kevin Johnston

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as presented - Kerri Buksa

SECOND: Kim Kelemen

CARRIED.

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 6, 2016 as presented - Kerri Buksa

SECOND: Karen Carruthers

CARRIED.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

REPORTS

President's Report

- Carla presented a report detailing the accomplishments and challenges of the last year in the Aurora Arabian Horse Association. She challenged the Club to move forward with energy, to embrace change and live up to the potential of the membership.
- AHA Convention is coming up in November. Delegates and Alternates from among the Board of Directors were selected and submitted to AHA as the deadline is June 30. The number of Delegates is determined by the number of members each club has registered with AHA as of June 30.
- The Region 17 AGM is scheduled for October 1 in Calgary. Any member of the AHA is welcome to attend. AAHA delegates will be selected further along in the meeting.

Communications

- Aurora was awarded three awards at the AHA Convention last year in large part to the work put in by Lorie Fischer. She continues to make AAHA look good!
- The majority of the outreach and communication revolved around the AAHA Show.
- The Region 17 Directory Advertisement drive is now on. Karen Caughell is the contact for advertising in the Directory and urges everyone to get their ad designed and to her by the deadline of November 18. This deadline is firm. There is value added this year with a full page print ad you get a full page ad on the Region 17 website. There is additional information on the Region 17 website.
- Horse Industries of Alberta Association Symposium will be held at the Strathcona County Community Centre January 14 and 15. There had been some discussion about AAHA participating, but the cost versus audience numbers doesn't make sense. A great line up of speakers for those members wishing to attend.
- **Membership**
- current membership - Adults 124 Youth 34
- There has been some discussion in the past about how we can increase our membership numbers. It is a source of funds for AAHA and may be an indicator of exhibitors at the AAHA

show. AAHA is also close to gaining another delegate to send to Regional and AHA meetings, which provides representation at the table.

- The deadline for submission for Aurora High Point awards is October 15, 2016.
- The deadline for submission for Region 17 High Point awards is December 31, 2016.
- Convention - Members are encouraged to call or send an email to Board members voicing their opinions on AHA resolutions. AAHA delegates will be at Convention representing the direction given to them by the members of the club, so its important to hear from our members. There will be some time at the November meeting for members to provide input.

Show

- 112 registered exhibitors, 104 in attendance
- Volunteers continue to be a challenge for Aurora, as they are for all shows.
- The show made about \$2000.00
- A lot of positive feedback from the Aurora Show with some changes and tweaks coming.
- A suggestion was made that the show be seen as an annual reunion of AAHA members. With so much to discuss, the October Board meeting will be devoted in large part to the AAHA show.
- To gather more information from our members, it would be good to develop a survey to be sent out after the show next year.
- Amanda Ubell submitted a proposal for show photography. In the interest of time and relevance, the proposal has been tabled to the October Board Meeting.

Youth

- AAHA is interested in engaging the Aurora youth and providing some guidance and mentoring. Creating a portfolio as Youth Director may be a good idea.

Treasurer's Report

- The A.A.H.A. is in good shape financially. Kim Kelemen presented financial statements and a budget.
- There was some discussion moving forward on how to improve the bottom line of the Club as the club, as a whole, ran a deficit this year of approximately \$6000.00.

Other

- There was discussion about a fall mixer for Aurora members but plans fell through. Creating a position as Director for Social functions may help focus.

ELECTIONS

- The AAHA procedure for selecting delegated for the upcoming Region 17 meeting was reviewed. AAHA is permitted three delegates. Names were taken from the floor and it was determined that Karen Caughell, Marlene Tomusiak and Carla Jackson would represent AAHA at the Fall meeting in Calgary, October 2016.
- The AAHA electoral process was reviewed. This is Carla Jackson's second year in her two-year term as President. Elections for all other postions were available. All those sitting on the 2016/2017 AAHA Board were selected by acclamation. Vice President - Carson Ehret, Secretary - Shelley Robertson, Treasurer - Kim Kelemen, Director of Youth - Diane Comeau, Director of Membership - Marlene Tomusiak, Director of Social Events - Kerri Buksa, Director of Education - Karen Carruthers, Director of Clinics - Gail Tory, Director at Large - Karen Caughell.
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- mplate was presented that outlined the procedure for selecting delegates to attend Region 17 & Convention on behalf of A.A.H.A. Suggestions and changes were made to clarify the process given the deadlines set by A.H.A.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next A.A.H.A. Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm at McLean & Shaw Insurance, 1707 - 91 Street SW, Edmonton, Alberta T6X 0W8

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting - Marlene Tomusiak

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.