



AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, September 11, 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 7:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Chair: Carla Jackson

Board Members Present: (9) Carla Jackson, Karen Carruthers, Marlene Tomusiak, Karen Caughell, Shelley Robertson, Kim Kelemen, Diane Comeau, Kerri Buksa, Dawn Johnston

Members Present: (12) Christine Loo, Jean Kot, Kim Seward, Gary Millar, Faith Seward, Ellen Cust, Dana Romijn, Michelle Hansen, Jacque Ganton, Catherine Garcia, Norrie-Shan Fyfe, Shelley Bluett

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. 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 - Kerri Buksa

SECOND: Karen Caughell

CARRIED.

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 12, 2017 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

- As outgoing President, Carla listed the accomplishments and challenges and thanked those who supported her in her two-year term. (see attached)

Treasurer's Report

- Financial reports were presented (see attached).
- In light of the elections, business relating to the show and budget are carried forward to the October meeting.

ELECTIONS

- Elections were held for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. The four key positions were by acclamation
 - President - Karen Carruthers
 - Vice Chair - Marlene Tomusiak
 - Secretary - Norrie-Shan Fyfe
 - Treasurer - Kim Kelemen

- There were eight nominations from the floor for the remaining six positions: Karen Caughell, Diane Comeau, Dawn Johnston, Christine Loo, Kim Seward, Faith Seward, Michelle Hansen, Jacquie Ganton. A vote was held by secret ballot and the six members receiving the most votes were declared Directors
 - Diane Comeau, Kim Seward, Faith Seward, Michelle Hansen, Jacquie Ganton and Karen Caughell
- Delegates and Alternates for AHA Convention were confirmed
 - Delegates – Carla Jackson, Karen Caughell, Kim Kelemen and Marlene Tomusiak
 - Alternates – Karen Carruthers and Norrie-Shan Fyfe
- Four delegates were selected to represent the Aurora membership at the upcoming Region 17 meeting
 - Karen Carruthers, Kim Seward, Karen Caughell and Faith Seward

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clinics/Education

- Christine Loo presented information on a clinic she is organizing for the dressage community.
- October 21 & 22 Karla Stanley will be at Spoons Arabians conducting a two-day dressage clinic.
- There are limited spots available for the clinic, but there will be auditing availability as well.
- Carla suggested Christine could take advantage of Aurora's insurance if she wanted host the clinic under the umbrella of the Aurora Arabian Horse Association and by offering preferred pricing to Aurora members.
- Those interested should contact Christine Loo.

Membership

- The number of adult members as of June 30 qualifies Aurora to send four delegates to Convention and four delegates to the Region 17 meeting.

Show

- With the addition of the Saddlebreds, the numbers and profitability of the show were up over last year.
- Aurora will be looking for a new Show Chair or Co-Chairs as Kim Kelemen is unsure if she will be continuing in that position in 2018.

Social

- A suggestion was made by Kim Seward and Michelle Hansen to have a casual, impromptu get together at Spiritwood Farms as an Aurora social event. The proposed date is Saturday, September 30. Details will be posted on the Aurora facebook page when details are finalized.

Youth

- Bottles collected at the Aurora Horse Show raised \$85.00 for Aurora Youth
- There is a sleepover being organized for October 14.

OTHER

- confirm Aurora's support for Region 17 mixer

MOTION: To approve a maximum budget of \$150.00 to cover the expense of snacks and beverages for the Region 17 mixer held on Friday, September 29, 2017 prior to the Region 17 meeting.- Norrie-Shan Fyfe

SECOND: Karen Caughell

CARRIED.

- There was a good discussion among those in attendance on the proposed changes to the Region 17 Show dates, moving them to May. An impromptu vote of those in attendance would support the change. If necessary, Aurora Delegates and members attending the Region 17 meeting would request a side bar to discuss any change in their support.
- Aurora's membership supports Rob Calnan and Sylvia Carruthers in their respective nominations for President and Vice President.
- Aurora's commitment to support AHA convention with donation of door prizes in lieu of cash will be carried forward to the October meeting for discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next A.A.H.A. Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Strathcona County Community Centre, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting – Carla Jackson
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.