

## *Delegate Report Region 17 Spring Meeting*

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First off, I want to say that it was a honor to represent Aurora as a delegate at the Region 17 Spring Meeting, and I wish to submit this report in accordance of fulfilling this role.

We started the day by taking a tour of the new Calgary Stampede grounds. The show arena was very impressive, in that it is very much like the Red Deer Centrium. The most noticeable difference is that there is an expansive sized warm up arena, which is connected to the show arena. There have been a number of upgrades to the grounds such as expanding the parking area for the exhibitors, as well as the access area to the facility. There will be changes for accessing the grounds for the exhibitors, starting with placards for vehicles and wristbands for the exhibitors to wear coming and going from the grounds. Unfortunately, the stabling area hasn't seen much change other than exterior upgrades and modifying the old warm up arena; the old stalls and wash racks are stilling going to be utilized. Overall, it was quite an impressive facility and should service the Region 17 show quite nicely.

We covered many topics at the meeting, however, in keeping this report concise, I will summarize the key topics covered.

The first piece of business was ratifying Region 17's Treasurer and Secretary. It was voted that Karen Caughell and Rob Calnan would retain their present positions. Congratulations to our Aurora member!

The key points for the Youth Report are as follows. There would be no Youth Clinics for 2014, however, they hope that there will be interest in getting one organized for the year 2015. Also, there changes made to the Region 17 Youth Scholarship Application Requirements. Basically, there has been an amendment to stipulate that the issued school transcript will cover consecutively 12 months. The other amendment will be with regards to references used. The 3 references are to differ from the letters of recommendation. Finally, the applicants will not need to submit a recent photograph.

The Canadian Breeders Report was read by Tex Kam. Last years Breeders was profitable with its new requirements. The final profit came in at \$3500. The focus of the Breeders Show is to get the Arabian Breed out to the public, and they definitely did that by filling the stands to the tune of 1000 spectators on their Saturday evening show. They are holding the show again at the same facility for June 20-21 of this year.

The Canadian National Show Report was given by Gerald McDonald. The 2014 Canadian Nationals had more entries than they had hoped for! With regards to the classes Gerald informed the members that there will be no qualifications for hunters over fences classes at the National level. Also, the Jumper classes will be cancelled. There will be a split in Sport Horse in Hand. Dressage and Hunter type, a previous National Championship will be able to choose dressage or hunter type but not both unless you have a second qualification. This is the last year with the present contract for Brandon Manitoba. At this time, the committee is looking at other facilities that might be able to host this event, however, they are not ruling out renewing the contract with the Brandon facility. There are a number of factors that need to be considered before any decisions are to be made.

The Region 17 Budget was presented by Lorne Robertson. Last years show was disappointing in numbers and that carried over with how best to proceed in estimating a realistic budget for this show year. With moving to the Calgary facility, there was an increase in facility costs. However, that does NOT necessarily mean that the exhibitors will be carrying this by the show fees. If you look at the prize list you will see that the class fees are remaining the same, if not close to. The only changes that the exhibitors will see directly with regards to their classes, is that of the award system. There was much debate and it was finalized as such. There will no longer be a Champion and Reserve Garland, the cost is too great for the show to have at present. The garland will be presented to the Champion only. The trophy will be presented to the Champion only. Please be reminded that this was only done because of the mounting costs of the show, and that if we have success in our future Regionals than it could be discussed again. We are budgeting to have 210 horses at this years' show.

I believe that this covers all areas of interest for our club and again Thank you for allowing me to represent you at this meeting.

Respectfully,

Diane Dyck