

## **2014 Region17 Spring Meeting**

The 2014 Spring meeting was held in Calgary on March 29. It was held at the Stampede Grounds in the new Western Event Center. There were 32 people at the meeting including the 9 delegates from the clubs. The morning started off with a tour of the facility which is still under construction. For those that showed in Calgary in the past, the old show tent is gone and the new building is where the tent was. The building that was where the stabling was is still there. There are 380 stalls in that building. The outside has been refurbished, but the inside is still the same. The new arena is large and has seating for 2500 people. The arena is 250' x 125'. It will be very nice to show in.

The show made a very small profit in 2013. It is very important that the show is a success as the money is what is used to run the Region for the year. It costs approx. \$30,000 to run the Region each year. This includes the Director's budget, Youth Directors budget, Breed Promotion, Battle of the Breeds entry, Youth Team Tournament prizes, Youth Scholarship and sponsorships. I encourage everyone to support the show this year. Region 17 has a five year contract to hold the show in Calgary. The show split the Sport Horse classes into Dressage Type and Hunter Type. A horse can cross enter as long as they have all the correct qualifications for each class. There is \$5000.00 added this year as "draw" money. There will be 10 purebred and 10 half Arabian classes that will have \$250.00 available as a prize. One entrant name/number from the chosen classes will be drawn to win it. It won't necessarily be the winner of the class that wins the money.

The Youth Scholarship committee now consists of Donna Kavanagh, Norrie Fyfe-Shan, Lewis McKim and the Cam Prowse. (Vice Director) The information about the scholarship is on the Region 17 web site.

Tex Kam gave the WCB report. They had just under 100 horses and made a profit of \$3500.00. The show will be in Saskatoon June 20-22/2014. The judges are Debbie Cain, Connie Cole-O'Brien and Scott Benjamin.

The Equine Canada High Point Purebred Arabian was Sur Teddy's Magna++// and Lorraine Prowse, High Point Half Arabian was Shake it up Baby+/ and Natalie Alves and Gerald McDonald won the Volunteer of the Year award.

Gerald reported on the Canadian Nationals. This is the last year of the contract to have the show in Brandon. They are looking at bids as to where to hold the show in the future. They added Hunt Seat Eq Not to Jump AATR and Walk/Trot/Jog Equitation. This class is all disciplines combined. They also have a \$5000.00 sponsorship that will be awarded in the largest amateur class of the show.

The 2013 Region 17 High Point awards were announced. Congratulations to Aurora members that won awards. The Region used a new vendor this year and unfortunately the prizes didn't arrive in time to be awarded at the meeting.

McKenzie Leubner & Sweet and Saucy – Reserve Champion English

Lorraine Prowse & Sur Teddy's Magna++// - Champion Adult Amateur and Reserve Champion Sport Horse

The information and entry forms are on the Region 17 web site. You must show at the Region 17 Championship show to be eligible for a High Point award.

Nicki Muller and Lorne Robertson were elected to the Judges Selection Committee. If you have a suggestion for a judge for the regional show, contact Nicki or Lorne.

The 2014 Fall meeting will be held in Vancouver Island on October 4.

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