



# **ALBERTA HORSE TRIALS ASSOCIATION**

## **Annual General Meeting AGENDA**

**Holiday Inn, October 27, 2012**

- 1.0 Call to Order at 1:32 pm
- 2.0 **Attending:** Kris Haut, Nancy Watson, Bonnie Hayward, Kat Townsend, Sharon Roberts, Mary Busch, Ulrika Wikner, Laurie Powell, Charlene Thomas, Sheilah Swanberg, Margo Gaglione, Barry Tyerman, Hunter Trombley, Geri Hives, Kathleen Ziegler, Amy Trombley, Kirsten Halsey, Kathleen Weare, Bryan Donnegan, Janet Harigh, Julianne Van Halst, Caroline Smith, Ted Harvey
- 3.0 Welcome & Introduction of the 2012 Board of Directors. Each board member introduced themselves.
- 4.0 Adoption of Agenda:  
  
Additions/Revisions: No additions or revisions. Adoption of agenda as read motioned by Barry Tyerman. Seconded by Margo Gaglione. Motion CARRIED.
- 5.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 22, 2011. Read by Nancy Watson. Motion to accept minutes as read by Barry Tyerman. Amy Trombley seconded. Motion CARRIED.  
  
Business arising from minutes – none.
- 6.0 **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Sheilah Swanberg. Report attached. The financial statements are current but not complete as we haven't finished our year end:

Assets	\$ 163,651
Liabilities	\$ 56,640

  

Total Revenue	\$ 118,836
Total expenses	\$ 81,676

  

Net Income	\$37,160
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Please see attached report. Motion by Barry Tyerman to accept financial statements as presented. Kathleen Weare seconded. Motion CARRIED.  
  
Casino Report presented by Sheilah Swanberg for Jackie Kessler. Casino was October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at the Elbow River Casino. We requested the next casino not be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter as we are busy eventing then. We should know in the next 3 weeks. Casino lost \$29,000 while we worked but that doesn't affect what we earn. The earnings of the quarter are divided by the number of associations that worked.

7.0 Other Reports:

- 7.1 President's Report presented by Kris Haut. Please see attached.
- 7.2 Athlete Development/High Performance Report presented by Bonnie Hayward. Please see attached.
- 7.3 Clinic Report: Sharon Roberts said there were 3 clinics this year: Dale Irwin, Sandra Donnelly with Becky Galbraith; Noel Clark with Terry Clark. The 2 clinician format worked well. Becky provided information on pacing, tips, etc. Terry Clark was doing mental skills training, action plans and imagery. Online survey (10 questions) had 15 responses. 2 day clinics on weekends, 50/50 split one/two rides a day. Non riding instruction was important. Next year 4 clinics and hopefully 5 clinics at Cochrane, Alhambra, Thompson. Still room for suggestions for more clinics, please send Sharon an email or fill out online survey.
- 7.4 Rider's Representative Report: Mary Busch stated that we had a good year with very minimal issues overall.
- 7.5 Communications Report: Laurie Powell commented that we've had good communication in thanks to newsbites and the updated website. Our Facebook page is a fun and helpful site that she monitors as well. Website will be freshened up with new pictures from the AGM slideshow. Email Laurie with any suggestions or links can be added.

Margo asked how many hits the website gets. Laurie is unsure put will put a tracker on the website. We need to create articles for newsletter.

- 7.6 Membership and Statistics Report: Kris Haut presented. Please see attached. Up in both senior/junior/day memberships are up 81 members. 2 additional events with Minds Eye and South Peace. Entry and Pre-entry/starter divisions were up. Margo asked why people are leaving the sport. Retention is difficult. Analysis is difficult as well. Who is not returning and why? Bonnie said that at National meetings, other provinces said that juniors that are moving up to college. Should we contact people? Print off report of who didn't renew. Having babies, older members, students, are some ideas of why people are not continuing to event. Suggested to have a letter sent to past members to ask why they are not competing? New letters to members and day members. Made into an action item for 2013.

8.0 Elections

8.1 Directors whose terms have expired:

Bill Kirk, Ulrika Wikner, Nancy Watson, (Standing for re-election)  
Bonnie Hayward, Charlene Thomas (Not standing for re-election)

- 8.2 Nominating Committee Report: Mary reported that Kathleen Ziegler and Kirstin Halsey were nominated. Both introduced themselves.
- 8.3 Nominations from the Floor: – 1<sup>st</sup> call, 2<sup>nd</sup> call, 3<sup>rd</sup> call resulted in no nominations from the floor. Kirstin and Kathleen are welcomed to the board by acclamation.

9.0 New Business

- 9.1 Bylaw revisions: Kris Haut read them. Motion by Margo to have the president and treasurer both be signing authorities. Seconded by Barry Tyerman. Motion CARRIED. Kris Haut must now be a signing authority for our chequing account. Kris is added to Sheila Swanberg, Bill Kirk and Sharon Roberts who already have signing authority.

Motion to accept the byways as reviewed on October 27, 2012 by Margo Gaglione. Kathleen Ziegler seconded. Motion CARRIED.

- 9.2 Canadian National Eventing meetings: Nancy Watson, Kathleen Ziegler, Laurie Powell are the 3 members going.

Suggestions for input at these meetings:

Talk to BC about western championships

Address lack of organizers' manual

EC levy used to come back to us and how do we get it

Event entries – went with Startbox.

AHTA would like to host an official's course. Charlene to contact Lynda Ramsay.

- 9.3 Rule change deadline? Suggestions for new rules or rule changes: Fall off rule – logistics of this, do we time them out, liabilities of coaches sign off on a medical issue??? This is not working.

Tack check people on suitability of tack.

Show jump heights lowered? Stadium at the same heights as cross country?

New rules sent out on newsbites. Any information learned at nationals should go to newsbites.

- 9.4 Organizer's Forum is Sunday October 28 at Alhambra Stables (10:00 am)

Starter height information is inconsistent between the website and the omnibus. Need to discuss at Organizer's Forum and updated on the. Need to let Billi Solverson know as she does many events. There were some rider's concerns about this.

10.0 Round Table Discussion:

- Starter heights? Junior/senior starter divisions? Not likely with the lack of riders.
- Rule for Alberta for the fence number colors at entry and below.

- Entry – white on brown
- Pre-entry – black on yellow
- Starter – red on white

- Kathleen Weare is trying to get up Black Diamond Event up and running again. She was asking for a mid to late September date as they can only run when the polo people are done. A derby might be a great start. Need men and equipment to volunteer to clean up the old jumps, start new tracks. Suggestion to have a derby in 2013 and then move to an event in 2014. Ideas of stabling brought in for event, dressage on the polo fields.

Adjournment at 3:36 pm



## 2012 President's Report (AGM)

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The conclusion of another eventing season brings with it the Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet. 2012 was certainly not without its challenges but I think we made some great steps forward as well. The board itself experience significant change following last year's AGM. Many new members provided for new perspectives and ideas. This was my first year as president of the AHTA. The learning curve has been steep but I am truly grateful for the support of my fellow board members. This board works very hard to make eventing in Alberta the best it can be. We have great members who continue to put their trust in to the hands of the board so thank you for that!

The planning for 2012 began already about this time last year. The AGM is an excellent opportunity for the membership to voice their opinions, concerns, and ideas to the board and the organizers. Tomorrow at the annual organizer's forum, the board and organizer's come together to review 2012 and plan for 2013. In January of this year the board spent 2 days setting priorities and budgeting for the season. Our priorities are a very important factor in deciding budget allocation. The feedback at the AGM plays a major role in setting our priorities.

In 2012 we invested \$30,000 in courses and equipment for the various event sites. I wanted to really emphasize today that this money comes from the casino. The casino contributes the lion's share of available budget for the AHTA. We have just concluded our most recent casino and I would like to thank Jacquie Kessler for her extraordinary efforts in rounding up volunteers and coordinating our most lucrative funding source. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who took the time out of their lives so that we may invest in our sport.

Here is a brief summary of 2012:

- Through partnership with the Alberta Equestrian Federation the AHTA was able to offer online membership renewal. There were a few bugs to work out initially but this is a convenient and environmentally friendly program that was a success. We have decided to partner again with the AEF to offer online membership renewal in 2013
- Many event sites moved to online scoring which seems to be very popular with the riders and fans.
- The return of Mind's Eye and South Peace meant a total of 7 events in Alberta this year. It was great to see the return of these two venues! Mind's Eye was already busy planning next year's event by asking for feedback from participants in the 2012 event. South Peace offered over \$6,000 in prize money and it was great to see a good turn out for their event. Both events appear to be on track for 2013.



- With the unfortunate cancellation of Thompson Country, Alhambra Stables stepped in to plan an event in less than 1 month. I would like to thank Ulrika and everyone who jumped in to make this happen.
- Most event sites chose to offer the Starter division in 2012. This division evolved from an idea put forward by one of our members at a past AGM. I think it is an incredible step forward for eventing in Alberta. We are able to offer something to our grass roots riders and young horses instead of relying on other disciplines to get them started.
- The high performance program continues to grow and evolve. In 2012 the HP program put on the Coach Workshop & Rider clinic in Olds which was subsidized by the AHTA. The clinic was a great success with lots of positive feedback.
- AHTA members continue to shine at US events, with many winning and placing in the top 10. Julianne Van Halst not only won the JR/YR Open Preliminary Division at the Event at Rebecca Farm in Montana but was also awarded the "Good Seat and Hands Award". The judges chose one competitor from all of the entries who displays a quiet seat and hands. At an event of over 500 entries, I would say this is an accomplishment. Congratulations Julianne!
- Laurie Powell won the Horse Junkies United Ammie Educational Grant presented by Eco Gold. Laurie was featured on the blog with her article about the Leslie Law Eventing clinic held at Alhambra Stables in August. What great exposure for one of our riders, clinics, and event sites! Congratulations Laurie!

Looking ahead to 2013:

- The annual organizer's forum is scheduled to take place on October 28. This is a time for the organizers and board members to get together to reflect on the past season and plan for the next. The forum is open to all members so I encourage anyone with questions or ideas to attend.
- In 2012 our membership and ridership numbers experienced growth. We are going to work towards continuing this trend in 2013.

The board endeavours to be transparent and open. We welcome the opportunity for feedback and input from the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Haut  
President, AHTA

**Alberta Horse Trials Association**  
**Income Statement 01/01/2012 to 10/22/12**

	Actual 2012	Budget 2012	Actual 2011	Budget 2011	Over/(under) 2011
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Membership Fees	\$ 17,224	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,505	\$ 16,500	(\$1,995)
Grants-Parks	20,000	10,000	0	0	\$0
Interest	601	850	257	600	(\$343)
Advertising handbook (WEB)	0	250	0	1,000	(\$1,000)
Pinnies	100	500	864	500	\$364
Merchandise sales	1,200	500			
Clinics	17,560	15,000	14,630	18,000	(\$3,370)
AGM/Banquet+sponsorship	0	2,500	2,210	2,500	(\$290)
Provincial levy	8,430	8,000	6,590	9,000	(\$2,410)
HP Program-memb and clinic fees	10,975	10,000	16,402	7,500	\$8,902
HP Grant	5,755	10,000			
Casino revenue	35,000	35,000	45,000	45,000	\$0
Other-deferred silent auction money	1,991	2,000			
Other-HTC payment	0	0	8,489	0	\$8,489
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$118,836</b>	<b>\$109,600</b>	<b>\$108,947</b>	<b>\$100,600</b>	<b>\$8,347</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Admin/meetings	\$ 2,885	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,050	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,050
Advertising & Promotions	700	1,500	558	1,500	(942)
AGM/banquet	1,000	4,000	3,047	3,000	47
Awards (including provincials)	1,460	12,000	10,130	10,000	130
Bad Debts	0	0	0	0	-
Clinics	16,536	20,000	14,135	21,000	(6,865)
Clinics-coaching (reflects subsidy)	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	(1,000)
Equipment purchases	0	1,000	1,037	2,500	(1,463)
Insurance	0	1,300	1,300	1,500	(200)
Merchandise purchases	996	0	0	0	-
Officials training & development	1,008	3,000	2,040	2,500	(460)
Office Supplies	258	500	233	500	(267)
Pinnies	0	0	0	0	-
Rider training/developmt	0	5,000	4,350	5,000	(650)
NAYRC support	0	0	1,580	4,000	(2,420)
HP Program	15,624	22,000	14,725	10,000	4,725
Travel - AGM for EC	1,271	3,000	2,741	2,400	341
Website	378	2,000	0	5,000	(5,000)
Event support	38,560	36,400	28,930	30,000	(1,070)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>81,676</b>	<b>117,700</b>	<b>89,856</b>	<b>103,900</b>	<b>\$ (14,044)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 37,160</b>	<b>\$ (8,100)</b>	<b>\$ 19,091</b>	<b>\$ (3,300)</b>	<b>\$ 22,391</b>

# High Performance Program Year End Report 2012

## Clinics:

November 2012 was the season kick off at Alborak Stables welcoming new and previous members of HP. Lorraine did mounted sessions and individual interviews with the riders.

May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> was the Spring Clinic held at the Olds College. Our clinicians were Sandy Alexander and physiotherapist Sandra Sokolowski. Sandy worked on flat, as well as jumping while Sandra worked with mounted riders focusing on their position. A handful of our riders continue to ride with Sandy when he is in Alberta.

May 26<sup>th</sup> HP clinic included the "Time to Ride and Ride for Time" component to the Derby clinic which was held at Alhambra. HP member Barry Tyerman conducted this clinic. We had a pretty good turnout for the first one. Now that we have our watches back, I feel it is important that our younger AHTA members learn how to use their watches correctly. I chatted with Barry about this recently as it was brought to our attention that kids are continuing to look at their watches and not pay attention to their riding. We should include more of these types of sessions with our clinics.

June 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> the HP program held an AEF accredited Coaches Clinic with Master Coaches Claudia Cojocar and Lorraine LaFramboise. This clinic was held at the Olds College. We also had Sandra Sokolowski (physiotherapist) whose topics included: Understanding the equestrian athlete; the core as it relates to the seat; Rider performance analysis (what to look for from the ground).

This clinic was well attended; more so by our hunter/jumper friends, but we did have a good showing of Eventing Coaches. We have been asked by numerous people if we will hold another clinic next year. The answer is yes.

August 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>; the Leslie Law clinic held at Alhambra had 40 riders participate. It always fills up fast and the feedback is always positive.

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>; Willowdale Equestrian Centre was hosting a Claudia Cojocar clinic. When our members heard she was coming back there was a lot of interest. So we piggybacked a clinic with Jill McLeod's show jumpers and we actually had more Eventers participate in the clinic. Claudia has commented that she really enjoys working with our Eventers.

HP will be supporting 3 of our Coaches: Sandra Donnelly, Tricia Dahms, and Caroline Smith when they attend the Coaching Symposium in BC November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. David O'Conner and our National team will be the clinicians.

## **Young Riders:**

Potential riders for 2013 are David Ziegler, Rebecca David McIsaac, and Gaby Ruane in Eventing

David Ziegler is a potential young rider for Dressage in 2014.

\* David and Topper are undefeated this season in 4th level dressage.\*

## **New Season:**

Our new Season begins November 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> with a clinic with Lynda Ramsay. This clinic will be held at Horse and Hand Arena, just north of Red Deer. Lynda will focus on flat as well as some jumping.

May 10th-12th 2013: We have Claudia Cojocar and Sandra Sokolowski booked for the Olds College.

## **HP 2012 Achievements/Rider Highlights:**

### **Competitions:**

Leah Breakey - CIC 1\* at Woodside

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Kayla Bushell - CCI 1\* at Rebecca Farms  
David Ziegler - CCI 1\* at Galway

Sandra Donnelly - 3\* at Galway  
Julianne Van Halst - Intermediate at Grande Prairie  
Leah Breakey - Intermediate at Grande Prairie  
Kayla Bushell - Intermediate at Grande Prairie

Caroline Smith - Advanced at Aspen and Woodside

Rebecca David McIsaac is on her way to Galway to do her first CCI 1\*  
Barry Tyerman is now a certified TD

Tricia Dahms was invited to coach in Nova Scotia in October  
Sandra Donnelly coaches in Florida in clinics alongside people like David O'Connor.

### **Working Students:**

Katelyn Ziegler is working for Leslie Law.  
David Ziegler is working for Jessica and Missy Ransehausen.  
Aislyn Havell is working for Kelli Temple.  
Becky Lee is an assistant trainer with Stephen Bradley.

We have made some changes about a HP coach. The reasons for changes are:

- Not cost efficient to have a head coach that is so far away.
- Travel eats away a large portion of our budget.

Lorraine is a great resource which I hope we can continue to utilize in other capacities, but as a head coach for our program she is very busy and very difficult to connect with.

Our Program this season will focus on clinicians dedicated to each discipline of our sport:

- Cross-country: Leslie Law
- Show jumping: Claudia Cojocar
- Dressage: Sandra Donnelly has recommended Cindy Ishoy and Bonny Bonnelo.
- Physiotherapist: Sandra Sokolowski (analyze rider movements/body position)
- FEI Vet: Karen Nyrop (Equine Care and maintenance; we need to support our 4 legged athletes too)

New look for the HP program: Our goal is to continue to identify, and develop our riders, horses and coaches.

High Performance is qualified members who meet the HP criteria.

HP Development team: AHTA members, who don't qualify for the HP program as stated in the criteria, are people who are riding at pre-training and up. They may include adult amateurs, young riders who are not eligible by age restrictions, or the people who feel they are in no man's land. (I have had people talk to me the last couple seasons requesting that I keep them in mind for filler spots in HP clinics. Now they will be included.)

Coaches: It has been a mandate of our program to help support our AHTA coaches. We believe that the more people know the better it will be for our sport. So we will continue to include coaching clinics. In the hopes that even though not all coaches are accredited, the information and knowledge passed down will benefit all those involved.

HP Alumni members may include TD's & officials.

I would like to acknowledge Kathleen Ziegler for all of her hard work with the program this season, she is awesome, and was super to work with. My last duty will be to complete my report for AEF.

Thank you,

Bonnie Hayward  
HP chair