

## ALBERTA HORSE TRIALS ASSOCIATION

### Annual General Meeting MINUTES

**Radisson Hotel, Red Deer, October 24, 2015 1:30 PM**

- 1.0 Call to Order at 1:30 pm.
  - 1.1 Welcome, Introduction of the 2015 Board of Directors.

Present: Nancy Watson, Ulrika Wikner, Kat Townsend, Sheilah Swanberg, Kathleen Ziegler, Sharon Roberts, Jenn Smart, Jessica Kerschbaumer, Laurie Powell, Al Stevenson, April Stevenson, Lindsey Stevenson, Julie Simard, Krysta Goodkey, Carly Moore, Tricia Dahms, Evan Dahms, Tiara Chambers, Shelly Lacoursire, Lana Wagner, Jo-Ann OpdenDries, Deb Jensen, Gail Blashyn, Jaryn Scheck, Noel Clark, Sandra Donnelly, Ross Trombley, Aislyn Havell, Courtney Benton, Cathy-Anne David, Kevin Kupsch, Jamie Hoffman, Barry Tyerman, Sarah Simpson, Keri Zulynick, Lisa Lewington, Jen Rekrutiak, Cathy Spicer, Amy Trombley, Ross Trombley, Hunter Trombley, Kelsey Soldan, Samantha Pritchard, Jackie Kessler, Kathleen Weare, Derek Jackson, Charlene Thomas, Kathleen Weir, Margo Gaglione, Carol Havell, Katrina Hoffman, Amy West
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda
  - 2.1 Additions/Revisions. Motion to accept Agenda by Kevin Kupsch, second by Jackie Kessler. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 25, 2014. Motioned to accept the minutes as revised by Charlene Thomas. Seconded by Samantha Pritchard.
  - 3.1 Business arising from minutes - Rider rep report stated in 2014 AGM minutes as attached needs to be added on the website. Add Charlene Thomas as present in 2014 minutes.
- 4.0 Treasurer's Report: See attached report.

Motion to accept as presented by Margo Gaglione. Seconded by Aislyn Havell. Motioned carried.

  - 4.1 Casino Report: Casino needs list of volunteers in by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Jackie needs the bylaws for Casino. Total number of volunteers need is 23 per day.
  - 4.2 New casino initiatives for volunteers: Board voted that each person who volunteers for a shift to receive a free AHTA membership & people who work two shifts will also receive a hotel room. Will also create a carpooling list.
- 5.0 Other Reports
  - 5.1 President's Report: See attached.
  - 5.2 Athlete Development: Eventing 101 program was geared towards beginning eventers. One clinic resulted in 3 new members.
  - 5.3 High Performance Report: See attached report.
  - 5.4 Clinic Report: See attached report.
  - 5.5 Communications Report: Communicating mostly through the website, updates are keeping things current, Newsbites is working well. We have a new Facebook official page for association related business. Team competitions were advertised well and lots participated. Good for getting volunteers for events. Tiara asked about getting information out to eventers. Unofficial page is good for ads and other general discussion. 2015 Handbook – members liked but would be helpful

to have list of items you need (i.e. pinny and armband) as well as memberships you need to compete.

- 5.6 Membership and Statistics Report. Laurie will put on website, lots of new members. South Peace had some issues due to mailed memberships.
- 5.7 Rider Rep Report (JS). Worked on increasing visibility, posters and armband, helped people to ask what rider rep position is, comments and concerns at the events, all come back to board to discuss.
  
- 6.0 Elections
  - 6.1 Directors whose terms have expired: Sharon Roberts (not standing), Kat Townsend (not standing), Kris Haut (standing), Jenn Smart (not standing), Sheilah Swanberg (not standing), Casi Walker (not standing)
  - 6.2 Nominating Committee Report: Committee nominated Carly Moore, Tanja Minder, Aislyn Havell, Kelsey Soldan, Kelli Long.
  - 6.3 Nominations from the Floor: No nominations from the floor.
  - 6.4 Election: no election due to any nominations from the floor. Nominated members were welcomed to the board by acclamation.
  
- 7.0 New Business
  - 7.1 Canadian Eventing Congress: Issues with getting replies from EC. What is our role at EC Congress? We VOTED for directors – is there any reason to be there? Get together with other provinces to get EC together.
  - 7.2 Championship – do we still want to do these? People are upgrading or riding for championship? Overwhelming response that members want to continue with the championships.
  - 7.3 Vote on revised 2015 Bylaws. Motion to accept bylaws by Samantha Pritchard. Seconded by Carly Moore. Motion carried.
  - 7.4 Organizer’s Forum – Sunday October 25 at Sports Hall of Fame (10:00 am)  
Brenda Thompson wants to present to the Organizers Forum about a Young Horse Competition. Alberta Chapter of the Canadian Sport Horse Association wants to work together with AHTA. How many people interested in young horse competition? Wanting to include an education session as well. Would like to do it at Alhambra – 1 competition – 1 day or 2 day depending on who does the education portion. Want to do it late enough in year for schooling – yet early enough so winners could do young horse competition at Rebecca Farms Event.
  
- 8.0 Round Table Discussion
  - 8.1 Coggins testing – Thompson Country Pony Club is requiring a negative Coggins test to be on the property as six horses were put down in the area in 2015. This includes schooling, competitions, etc. They are requiring a current 6 months test. Do we want to require a coggins for all events and clinics? Overwhelming response that members want this. Charlene Thomas motioned that all horses attending an AHTA sanctioned activity will require a negative coggins test within the recommended period by CFI Canadian Food inspection agency. Samantha Pritchard seconded. Nancy will look at Alberta Food and Agriculture as well as Equine Canada to get guidelines as to a six month or yearly test. Motion carried.
  - 8.2 Noel Clark wanted to commend the South Peace committee and volunteers on the exceptionally well handled challenging situations. Noel also suggested that AHTA purchase a horse ambulance that would available to all event sites.
  - 8.3 Noel Clarke also wants the AHTA to look into having a paid secretary/scorer position. This is the position that some events are struggling with. Would be great to have one person deal with all our events.

- 8.4 Noel Clark also brought up course designing for stadium and XC. He wants to maintain using local people but wants to encourage the promotion and education of our officials so that we have top notch people helping out our eventers.
- 8.5 Charlene Thomas – Rule article D117 – Enquiries protests and appeals. Charlene wants the events to post results as soon as stadium jumping is finished if this is the last phase. The only events that have stadium last are the 3 days events so this is only affecting Thompson and Alhambra Summer.

Alison Springer confirmed that yes there is the same rule in the states and only comes into effect on one and two day events. Sandra was at Rebecca Farms where they only hand out the ribbons right after stadium. This year there was an error and she was requested to return prize and ribbon. Nancy will bring forward at the Organizer's Forum. The issue is the long wait for your awards/ribbons as they are usually presented in the break after the next division.

- 8.6 Samantha Pritchard is working on developing a fundraising group to help get Intermediate division up and running in Alberta. She is in talks with Ulrika Wikner about running it at Alhambra. They want to do an IP combined test with XC in 2016. If anyone is interested, Samantha would love the help. Good footing and fences would be needed to attraction people from the States and BC.
- 8.7 Margo Gaglione would like to say thanks to the Organizers for putting on great events and for splitting the large divisions as it made the competition better for riders.

9.0 Motion to adjourn by Aislyn Havell, seconded by Jackie Kessler. Adjournment at 4:10.

*\*\*Quorum required for AGM to proceed: 25 Senior Members or 5% of Total 2015 Senior Membership, whichever is the lesser. (From AHTA By-Laws)*