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## **ALBERTA HORSE TRIALS ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Radisson Hotel, Red Deer, October 22,  
2016 1:30 PM**

- 1.0 Call to Order at 1:36 PM.
  - 1.1 Welcome, Introduction of the 2016 Board of Directors.  
Present: Niki Elash, Lana Wagner, Barry Tyerman, Kayla Bushell, Kevin Kupsch, Derek Jackson, April Stevenson, Kolina Crowe, Charlene Barry, Lindsey Stevenson, Charlene Thomas, Samantha Pritchard, Tricia Dahms, Tammy Alexander, Sarah Simpson, Renate Price, Krista Clement, Brenda Thompson, Noel Clark, Jackie Kessler, Margo Gaglione, Sharon Roberts, Carly Moore, Kelsey Soldan, Kelli Long, Nancy Watson, Kathleen Ziegler, Jessica Kerschbaumer, Ulrika Wikner, Kristine Haut, Tanja Minder
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda
  - 2.1 Additions/Revisions. Motion to accept the agenda as revised by Samantha Pritchard, seconded by Barry Tyerman. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 24, 2015
  - 3.1 Revisions to correct the section 7.4 to read the Alberta Chapter of the Canadian Sport Horse Association.
  - 3.2 Business arising from minutes. Charlene Thomas is wondering what has been done to address the paid position secretary. AHTA is providing \$500 subsidy to go towards paying a position at each event.
  - 3.3 Motion to accept the minutes as revised by Sarah Simpson, seconded by Julie Simard. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Treasurer's Report – Kelli Long presented the financial statements
  - Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Samantha Pritchard, seconded by Barry Tyerman. Motion carried
  - Presenting a drop in income, mostly due to a timing difference because we are splitting the casino income from the last year.
- 4.1 Casino Report
  - Overall, the 2016 casino revenue is down from 2014 by about \$20,000
  - The 2017 casino is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
  - Kathleen Weare is the casino coordinator
- 4.2 Casino initiatives for volunteers
  - Same incentives as last year: complimentary AHTA membership for one day of volunteering, a hotel room if volunteering for 2 shifts.

## 5.0 Other Reports

### 5.1 President's Report

- Ride per year at events slightly down
- Membership numbers are up
- Eventing 101 clinics have resulted in new members and more interest in the other clinics available
- Restructuring of Equine Canada. Will communicate about the Canadian Eventing Congress.
- New Young Rider program to promote camaraderie, was a success being launched and will continue to be grown in the new year

### 5.2 Athlete Development/High Performance Report

- Kathleen Ziegler has received no recent news since the restructuring of Equine Canada about whether they plan to continue with the programs
- 2016 was its 9<sup>th</sup> year running. Lynda Ramsay was the coach, and Alberta had 22 members.
- Kathleen has confirmed funding from Alberta Sport Connection through Alberta Equine Federation
- Currently we are looking for a new coach. Has to be a minimum Level 3 coach, and located outside of the province to avoid conflicts of interest.
- Championships were held in Colorado in 2016. Alberta's Shelby Brost won the gold medal in the CIC\*\*. New this year, the format was changed to a CCI\*\* from a CIC\*\* and the ridership increased substantially.
- Unsure of where the Championships will be held in 2017.
- Reminder to coaches to have students touch base with Kathleen Ziegler to ensure they have met the appropriate qualifications and competitions required or can be obtained if they wish to compete
- Recent approval for funding for 2017

### 5.3 Clinic Report

- Overall, the AHTA clinics were popular and received good reviews
- Originally planned on having 3 clinics, but only ran 2 clinics
- The Rocky Mountain House clinic with Noel Clark and Becky Galbraith filled up quickly and was a great success
- Lynne Larsen was booked at the end of July at Alhambra, and received great reviews. Will ask her to come back next year.
- The third clinic, in Cochrane, ended up being cancelled, due to several reasons.
- Sarah Simpson wonders if we are open to any level rider, as well as running some clinics during the winter months. Wonders what it would take to run some of her clinics as AHTA sanctioned clinics. AHTA is definitely open to the idea, and Sarah will contact Kelsey Soldan to discuss further options.
- We have discussed the potential of some un-mounted clinics during the winter months, and there seems to be interest from the general membership

#### 5.4 Communications Report

- AHTA has created various different social media accounts:
  - o Instagram: Fairly new, but having a great response. Many tags and members are actively using the hashtag.
  - o Twitter: Does not have a large following, but will still continue to post.
  - o Facebook: Popular and still gaining 'likes' from the public. Lots of interaction.
- Surveys put out for clinics and competitions
  - o Eventing 101:
    - Affordability was a major attraction.
    - Clinics have resulted in a couple new members and competitors.
    - Suggestions for more locations and a longer format.
    - Coggins was expensive.
  - o James Alliston, Becky Galbraith, Noel Clark clinics:
    - Well received and riders enjoyed them
  - o Events:
    - Wanted more variety in course designers and officials
    - Volunteers need to be more appreciated
    - Startbox well received
    - Membership really liked having E-transfer abilities
    - Beaumont:
      - Cross Country course was too difficult
    - Cochrane:
      - Stabling too far from up at the top so hard to know if they are on schedule.
      - Like that the stadium is close to the stabling.
    - Rocky:
      - XC too difficult at the lower levels
      - Camping too cramped with members saving spots
      - Few issues with the footing
      - Volunteers not feeling appreciated.
    - Alhambra:
      - Issues with the footing
    - Grande Prairie:
      - Footing wasn't great
      - Many comments about how well run the event was despite the conditions
      - Great competitors supper
  - o For 2017, will email, as well as post surveys on Facebook and website for easier access to the general membership

#### 5.5 Membership and Statistics Report

- Total memberships up to 537 from 514 last year
- Total rides down slightly from 982 last year to 977 this year

#### 5.6 Competitions Report

- Roles and responsibility of rider reps will be discussed further on
- New rules of the starter and pre-entry will be discussed further on

5.7 Young Prospects Report

- 3 horses inspected on site and a couple in different areas off-site
- Barb Crabo and Karen Nyrop were well received and did an excellent job running their sessions. Barb Crabo has expressed interest to return in 2017.
- The weekend focused on developing young horse for eventing, being modeled after the US program with a couple of variations
- Some sponsorships are already secured for 2017. Brenda Thompson feels the hardest part of the Young Prospects Program is over and that it should only require revisions from now on.
- There has been some interest from British Columbia in how we set up the program
- Breeders are interested in involving some more conformation components to the program

6.0 Elections

6.1 All current board members are standing for 2017, with the exception of Kristine Haut. There is a one-year term available.

- Directors with expiring terms –
  - o Becky Galbraith- Standing; Jessica Kerschbaumer- Standing; Laurie Powell- Standing; Ulrika Wikner- Standing; Nancy Watson- Standing; Kathleen Ziegler- Standing;
  - o Kristine Haut- Stepping down

6.2 Nominations from the Floor.

- o Julie Simard nominates Sarah Simpson to the board. Secunder is Niki Elash.
- o No other nominations from the floor
- o Sarah Simpson was welcomed to the board

6.3 Election – no election was necessary

7.0 New Business

7.1 Coggins Requirement Debrief

- A motion is made by Tricia Dahms that the coggins testing window should be extended to a 12-month period, from the current 6-month period, for the AHTA requirements. Samantha Pritchard seconded that motion. 14 in favor, 13 opposed. Motion carried.
- Barry Tyermann motions that if none of the event sites require the coggins testing to be done, then the AHTA will not require coggins for all of their events and activities, but if the event sites require them, the AHTA will require them for all AHTA sanctioned events but will extend the coggins testing window to 12-months. Derek Jackson seconded that motion. 17 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion carried.
- Derek Jackson motions that the AHTA will not require coggin testing for their events and activities. Renate Price seconded that motion. 15 in favor, 8 opposed. Motion carried.

7.2 Revised Starter & Pre-Entry Rules

- Proposed changes to clarify rules for course designers, officials and organizing committees
- Tricia Dahms would like to include that there should be specifications on landing side of the jump as well. Landings to be on flat or gently rising terrain for several strides, for both the starter and pre-entry rules.
- Julie Simard makes a motion to accept the amended rules as read and revised. Samantha Pritchard seconded that motion. Motion carried.

7.3 Championships Format

- Championships tracks are to be run on a different track with slight more difficulty, but many similar jumps as the regular event track
- Separate the two point scoring systems for yearend leader board results, so riders are not receiving points for both categories when only running one event
- The rider needs to declare whether you are competing at Championships or the Regular event themselves, will not be entered in the Championship division automatically
- Julie Simard makes a motion to accept the amended Championship format. Sarah Simpson seconded that motion. Motion carried. 24 for the motion, 2 abstaining, 0 against. Motion carried.

7.4 Rider Representative – Roles and Responsibilities

- Clarifying that the rider rep will hear your concern and help direct you to the appropriate persons
- Up to the individual to file a protest in writing if there is a large issue
- The board and rider reps have no part in the protest procedure itself

7.5 Canadian Eventing Congress – 2 board members attending in November

7.6 Sports Hall of Fame- Sport History Library Project

- o Carly Moore- Looking for contacts from anyone in the eventing community that has information pertaining to eventing from local, provincial, national, and international levels
  - Timelines of provincial events
  - Other sources of information available to the public
  - Photographs

7.7 Organizer's Forum

- Sunday October 25 at Sports Hall of Fame
- Meeting will start at 10:00 am
- All members welcome
- Nancy Watson has the agenda if anyone would like to see it in advance

8.0 Round Table Discussion

- Julie Simard
  - o Asks if AHTA could survey their membership to some more general eventing questions, such as; the number of shows membership would like, types of events (i.e. 1 day vs. 2 day vs. 3 day), more or less clinics, different clinicians, which levels to have available where... Suggests to collect information from the membership to develop a more accurate 5 year plan. Julie to email Jessica Kerschbaumer to set this up.
- Noel Clark
  - o Wondering if the membership could be involved a little bit more as to what the casino money is spent on. The regulations state that the casino money has to be specifically used for sporting equipment. Currently the board takes the requests of the event sites, and allocates accordingly.
  - o He feels that the members should have a larger input for what the money should specifically be put towards at the different event sites. He would like a more openly available and clear media for discussion for membership where the casino money is allocated.
  - o Suggestions were made that this could be added to the event surveys.
- Barry Tyerman
  - o Barry would like to hear feedback on what riders would like to see on course design.
  - o Also to be added to the event surveys



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- Renate Price
  - o Renate had a personal issue as a competitor with the veterinarian at the end of the cross-country course. She was eliminated at the Buster Creek Event by the veterinarian. The veterinarian left a note for the ground jury, and did not speak with them personally. A note was then left on Renate's stall that she was eliminated and could not proceed into show jumping.
  - o It is only a recommendation that we have a veterinarian at the finish line of an event, not mandatory.
  - o Upon airing her frustrations, she has received feedback from other members about issues with this specific veterinarian as well.
  - o This topic will be added to the organizers forum agenda for further discussion tomorrow.

9.0 Adjournment - Meeting motioned to be adjourned by Charlene Thomas at 4:34 PM.

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