



**Alberta Horse Trials Association  
Annual General Meeting Agenda  
Holiday Inn & Suites South, Red Deer  
October 26, 2018 1:30 PM**

- 1.0 Call to Order at 1:36 pm.
  - 1.1 Welcome, Introduction of the 2018 Board of Directors
  - 1.2 In attendance: Carly Moore, Tanja Minder, Becky Galbraith, Kelsey Soldan, Kristine Haut, Nancy Watson, Kelli Long, Aislyn Havell, Sarah Simpson, Jess Kerschbaumer, Ulrika Wikner, Kathleen Ziegler, Samantha Pritchard, Sandra Donnelly, Lee Breakey, Megan Breakey, Charlene Thomas, Bryanna Tomayer, Jo Ann Opdendries, Margo Gaglione, Laurel Vaadeland, Greg Vaadeland, Joan Barbour, Kathleen Weare, Brenda Thompson, Krista Clement, Marc Clement, Becky Staden, Kayla Bushell, Deb Jensen, Kevin Kupsch, Derek Jackson, Amy West, Renate Price, Krysta Goodkey, Audrey Van Leeuwen, Nikki Sheldrake.
  
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda
  - 2.1 Additions/Revisions
    - Sam Prichard motioned to adopt the agenda as read, Margo Gaglione seconded.
  
- 3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 28, 2017 (Kelsey Soldan)
  - Sam Prichard motioned to adopt the minutes as read, Joan Barbour seconded.
  
- 4.0 Treasurer's Report (Kelli Long)
  - Kelli explains that the loss in the 2017 planned and was the \$20,000 given to the event sites as a one-time grant. In 2018, we look to break even. We have lost funding from AEF that had been helping support the High Performance Program.
  - Sam Prichard motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read, Joan Barbour seconded.
  - 4.1 Casino – Kathleen Weare
    - Next casino is January 1 and 2, 2019. Needs to submit volunteer list tomorrow, October 28, 2018 and currently only has half the required number of volunteers needed to run the program.
    - Current casino revenues have been falling over the past years.
    - Alberta Gaming has increased scrutiny of clubs receiving casino funding to ensure there is appropriate development of junior and grass roots sports.
    - 4.1.1 Casino initiatives for volunteers
      - A free membership is provided for all people that work a shift.
      - A hotel room will be provided if two shifts are worked.
      - Food is provided.
  
- 5.0 Other Reports
  - 5.1 President's Report (Nancy Watson)
    - Nancy thanks Laurie Powell for her hard work on the board.
    - Membership is down 541 from 563 (2017). Total rides are down 4 rides from 2017.
    - Great success of the Rebecca Farms teams
    - \$35,000 of funding was given to event sites in 2018

- 2018 saw the launch of the AHTA and Alberta HP websites (Thanks Jess!)
- Buster Creek is announcing their event on the August long weekend. Prentice Creek is hosting an event the first weekend of July.
- Please volunteer for the casino as this provides valuable funding to our event sites.

## 5.2 Athlete Development/High Performance Report (Kathleen Ziegler)

- Alberta Sport had granted us, through the AEF, \$10,000 for High Performance in previous years. This year, we did not get that money.
- Several companies stepped up to sponsor our team events at Rebecca Farm.
- There is a committee revamping qualifications for riders for the program so the plan is to continue with the program in 2019.
- In 2018, for the Rebecca Farm team events, we had 33 apply and 16 were selected and competed. Excellent swag provided. Thanks to Jess for working on sponsorship for the team event. Simpson, Clement, and Ziegler families sponsored the shirts. Black Jack Refinery donated 2 browbands per rider. James Alliston did a course walk for the three-star course.
- In 2019, Alberta hope to send a full 1-star team and one 2-star rider to NAYC. It's been many years since Albert a has been able to send a full team. Minimum cost of \$900 USD plus payment for coaching and coach expenses.
- We have a new fundraiser for HP program - the 2019 AHTA calendar with all important event dates in.
- Leahona Rowland, Matt Brown, and Kyle Carter were brought in for clinics. Due to the expense of bringing in some of the coaches, the clinic dates were extended and spots were opened up to lower level riders as well.
- On April 27/28, 2019 there will be a fundraising clinic at Diamond Willow. Thanks to Sarah Simpson and Diamond Willow.
- Money from the silent auction is split between HP clinics and regular AHTA clinics.
- All clinics are subsidized to some extent. For example, it cost \$7,550 to bring Matt Brown in. With 25 riders, the cost to break even is \$302.00. If the clinic is open to 20 riders, the cost would be \$360 to break even. The current cost for this clinic is \$250/rider with one ride/day for 2 days. We usually have its 2-hour classes and small groups to maximize time with the clinicians.
- We try to bring in riders that are very good, with an excellent reputation. Kathleen attempts to bring in Americans that are not as high profile to help keep costs down with fees approximately \$2500 USD/day.
- EC provided NAYC riders, shirts.
- Margo Gaglione requests that we ask Alberta Sport about the loss of funding. Kathleen states that AEF, who has always been the intermediary between them, handles it but she and Kris will follow up on that.
- Request to post clinic financials so the membership can see the costs incurred as well as an subsidy

## 5.3 Clinics Report (Sarah Simpson)

- April 22 at Diamond Willow, High Performance coach Leahona Rowland gave dressage lessons, and Gary Brewster did the show jumping portions of the clinic. Great clinic even with the cold outside.
- June 16/17 James Alliston and Noel Clark (Buster Creek). Had 40 riders and a dinner on Saturday night. James Alliston did a question/answer session.
- Positive feedback from riders.
- Only two clinics were held
- Simpsons Equine hosting the fundraising clinic at Diamond Willow clinic the week of April 22, 2019. If any local coaches wish to volunteer any time, let Sarah know and she will schedule

a clinic. Leona Rowland and another coach will come in on April 27/28. However, two arenas are available for the entire week for the clinic. All entry fees will go to young riders.

-Three Eventing 101 clinics: 48 registrants, South (Cochrane) May 17, Alhambra June (14) Beaumont June 17.

-The weather at Beaumont 101 clinic was terrible-heavy rain all day but over half the registrants came. At least 3 riders from the North clinic did at least another AHTA event or clinic.

-Format is 1.5 hour cross country with a lunch and talk. Riders were given swag including an AHTA handbook and pen.

#### 5.4 Communications Report (Jess Kerschbaumer)

-AHTA website revamp and launch of new HP website

-Plans to increase surveys, reviews

-Newsbites has been revamped to a monthly newsletter

-Working on development of official sponsorship packages

-Vetoquinol sponsored \$1500 for 2018 and the decision was made to give that money to HP due to the loss of the funding from Alberta Sport.

-Feedback on survey: Facebook, the website, and Newsbites were the most common form of communication and the three were evenly used.

#### 5.5 Membership and Statistics Report (Kelli Long)

-Down 22 riders from 2017. 541 in 2018

-Rides are down by 4. 963 rides in 2018

-Rides by division: loss of riders in starter and preentry but increased entries in pre-training

#### 5.6 Competitions Report (Tanja Minder)

-Weather was a struggle at most event sites.

-Communication during events is still an issue (PA systems, competitor packages)

-Beaumont: Issues with some course measurements (E and PT)

-Minds Eye: Well-run event. Good volunteer management.

-Buster Creek-good dinner, improved parking, nice to have raffle tickets

-Cochrane: Great recovery dealing with terrible weather. Ran lower level stadium in indoor arena after dressage was finished.

-Summer Alhambra: Riders were happy with the call to cancel Saturday events due to the smoke and run both divisions on Sunday.

-South Peace: Bad weather again but well managed last minute changes due to footing.

-Alhambra "Winter" Event: Well organized despite the snow. Riders liked the stadium right before xc.

#### 6.0 Elections: Directors whose terms have expired: Becky (standing), Jessica (standing), Laurie (NOT standing), Ulrika (standing), Nancy (standing), Kathleen (standing)

#### 6.1 Nominations from the Floor

-Kelli Long nominated Cristin Embry

-Barry Tyerman via Nancy Watson nominated Jo Ann Opendries

-Members who are standing introduce themselves to the membership group.

#### 6.2 Election

- Becky, Jessica, Ulrika, Nancy, Kathleen and Cristin were elected. Welcome to Cristin Embry.

## 7.0 New Business

### 7.1 Canadian Eventing Congress

- Kris Haut is attending. No agenda is circulated in advanced.
- Most beneficial part of Congress is the face to face meeting with the other provincial associations.
- Items to bring up with EC:
  - \*Where does the levy go? With no omnibuses distributed this year, why is the fee not decreased?
  - \*Eventing Canada hosts.
  - \*Ongoing issues with lack of response from EC.
  - \*Can they be more forthcoming with team selection. Lack of information until last minute.
  - \*No national coach in the western provinces. Lack of representation and attention in the west.

### 7.2 Independent Review of financials

- Kelli will investigate when the last review was completed.
- Reviews cost \$3,000 - \$6,000. Will ask if the membership wants this.

### 7.3 Organizer's Forum – Sunday October 29

Items to be brought forward to Organizers:

- Would like Order of Go provided in competitors' package at minimum. Ride times would be preferred.
- Would like consistency of order of go format (open before regular?)

-Incident Command: Lack of clarity regarding roles and responsibility in that who can or cannot ride after a fall. There are multiple forms that need to be filled out. There is a lack of clarity regarding who is responsible and for what.

- Most of the people at the events are EMRs (lowest level) who are new and inexperienced and unprepared for serious incidents.
- AHTA gives each event \$1,000 for ambulance fees. Membership is willing to pay more for higher standard of medic.
- Some insurance providers (like Capri) may not always pay out insurance if issues arrive when under care of the lower level companies.
- Krista, who is a paramedic, offers to assist in helping get event sites in touch with appropriate medics.

### 7.4 Young Prospects Program (Brenda Thompson)

- Ran in conjunction with Devacoux Alhambra Summer Event
- One 5 year old, three new prospects (1 scratched), seven 4 year olds (2 scratches), and one 3 year old
- Evaluators were Caroline Petty, Lynda Ramsay, and Darci Ecker-Popiel.
- Generous sponsorship allows the program to run successfully each year.

### 7.5 Survey results & discussion (Jessica)

#### 7.5.1 Communications

- Discussed in communications report.

#### 7.5.2 Competition Levels

- Most people are planning on moving up. The number planning to compete in starter in 2020 is 0.
- 20 People plan on competing in Intermediate in 2020.

- 7.5.3 FEI levels in Alberta
  - Alhambra/Buster Creek and Cochrane for FEI venue choice
  - Alhambra/Buster Creek for Intermediate venue of choice
- 7.5.4 Training and Preliminary Levels
- 7.5.5 1, 2, or 3 Day Events
  - 38% preferred two day, 47% preferred 3 days but variety was preferred.
- 7.5.6 Pretraining or lower clinics
  - More lower level/intro clinics requested. There are quite a few opportunities are available, so the board will work on communicating these better.
  - Mini-Event clinics suggested
  - Variety of facilities, low costs, pre-event clinics (like South Peace)
- 7.5.7 Training and higher clinics
  - Fairly positive response.
- 7.5.8 Grassroots Performance Program
  - 80% would be interested in doing a similar program to HP but for Amateur riders
  - Comments were all over the board so will require further review during development.
  - Would like to see bigger focus on AA clinics with a fun, low-key atmosphere. Competitive riders in the clinic can change the atmosphere.
- 7.4.9 Championship Format
  - 80% of respondents like the format of the championships.
  - Most positive feedback that includes a "...but" after that.
  - Could change the dressage tests for regular and championships
  - Could have two tracks for show jumping but that will make it difficult on the coaches for course walks, etc.
- 7.4.10 Comments: Stabling
  - Common theme was indoor stabling
  - 150 covered stalls for rental is \$25,000. No availability for our dates. Minimum of 80 stalls is required.
  - Purchase price is \$350,000 for 150 new stalls
  - Is there an interest in running a long format event?

## 7.5 Saskatchewan Partnership

- We have a reciprocal agreement with Saskatchewan riders for clinics. If they have a Saskatchewan Horse Trials membership, they are able ride in AHTA clinics.
- In 2019, to encourage Albertans to support eventing in Saskatchewan, Alberta riders will be able to collect points in Saskatchewan toward the AHTA leaderboard. This will be reviewed each year.

## 8.0 Business Arising

- 8.1 Sam Pritchard would like to increase speed-fault time to 400 mpm to match Entry times. Samantha Pritchard motions that the speed fault window increases from 350 mpm to 400 mpm for both Starter and Pre-Entry Divisions. Sandra Donnelly seconds.
  - Those in favour: 21
  - Those opposed: 6
- 8.2 Charlene Thomas: CIFA has a new program being rolled out that whenever 200+ horses come together, coggins testing will be required.

## 9.0 Adjournment. Tanja Minder motions to adjourn the meeting at 16:26.

*\*\*Quorum required for AGM to proceed: 28 Senior Members or 5% of Total 2018 Senior Membership, whichever is the lesser. (From AHTA By-Laws)*