



Minutes of the Region 17 Meeting

Sherwood Park, Alberta
September 20, 2025

The Regional meeting of Region 17 AHA was called to order by the Director, Carla Jackson – MacGregor at 0903 Mountain time

<p>1. Carla offered a welcome to all delegates and guests to the meeting, encouraging questions, comments and robust discussion so that strong decisions would be made and members could return to their clubs expressing the encouragement of thoughts and ideas.</p>	
<p>2. The agenda as circulated was approved by Gerald McDonald and seconded by Emma Dufresne</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>3. Introduction of Delegate, members and guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive & Officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Director: Carla Jackson MacGregor ii. Vice Director: Donna Kavanagh iii. Treasurer: Karen Caughell iv. Past Director, Secretary : Rob Calnan • Voting Delegates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Aurora: Pam Zimmerman, Karen Caughell, Heather Downey ii. Calgary : Laurie Mostowich iii. Parkland: Debbie Storey, Kathy Padgham iv. SAHA: Jeanette Jardine v. AAHABC: Brenda Driedeger, Nicki Muller; Leslie Harper vi. VIAHA: Gerald McDonald vii. Carrot River : Tex Cam viii. Youth Director: Ameera Bala • Members attending: Emma Dufresne, Silvia Thacker; Kim Schroter; Kaitlyn Larson; Sandra Schroter; Darlene Brouwer; Sheena Steenhardt; Emma Cor; 	<p>The chair established that a quorum was present</p>
<p>4. The minutes of the March 22,2025 AGM and the minutes of the special meeting held on April 14th, 2025 were approved as circulated by Karen Caughell and seconded by Pam Zimmerman</p>	<p>Past</p>
<p>5. Directors Report:</p> <p>Carla opened her comments by thanking those who have encouraged and supported her through her term as Director. Carla stressed the importance of the AHA reorganization resolution coming forward at Convention and encouraged as</p>	

<p>many members as possible to attend the various town halls and convention to participate in and be informed about these proposed changes.</p>	
<p>6. Treasurers Report: Karen Caughell</p> <p>Region 17 Championship Show: is our major/only source of income. The show made \$27,956.22 this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$37,500 was raised in sponsorships. - 50/50 raffle brought in \$3611.89 (after fees) and \$1805.94 was made. Our lucky winner (who happened to be the show farrier – Kim Lacey) received the same amount. - Breed Promotion – \$0 spent - Competitive trail ride – we have to supply the prizes (approx. \$200.00 for 2009, nothing since 2010 to 2022) - Executive expenses - \$10,000 budget. It has not been calculated but the Director has stayed below this limit - \$298.27 in credit card fees were assume for the 2025 show - The show commission has gone to zoom calls and have eliminated in-person meetings which is much more economical. - The Region paid \$24.03 in GST for 2024. <p>Bursary - \$1500.00 per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No applicants for 2025, so no money will be paid out. There is still one (\$750) to be paid out for 2024 <p>Youth – \$5200.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (\$3500 Youth Director budget, - \$1200.00 Youth Team Tournament prizes, - Education Fund - \$500.00 - as well as any give aways they want to have at the show, youth meeting and pizza party at the Regional show. - The T-shirt sponsorships brought in \$2500.00. The costs of the T-shirts were \$1132.87 so they had a profit of \$1367.13 - The Silent auction brought in \$1186.00 and one T shirt sale of \$20.00 for a total of \$1206.00. - In total, their profit was \$2573.13. The current balance is \$7557.56 up \$3433.23 from 2024. - The Youth have a GIC of \$10,925 that was reinvested on July 21/2025 nonredeemable for 2.55% for one year. <p>High Point program – There are 9 categories. We try to have sponsorships to cover those costs to basically break even on those. The sponsorships are \$250.00 per division.</p>	<p>The treasurers report was accepted as received</p>

Directory

– profit of \$837.00 for 2025. Thank you to Millarcom for shipping of the Directories to the clubs. Thank you to those that advertised. We had 20 ads which was up by 6 ads from 2024.

Stallion Service Auction

- There is \$13,370.56 in the Stallion Service auction account. They also have two GICs. One for \$30,533 @ 2.70% matures Nov 3/2025 and one for \$21,469 @ 2.70% matures Nov 10/2025.

Accountants Review: The 2024 books were reviewed by an accountant. (Yates Whitaker). Although we are a nonprofit organization, they recommended that we run R-17 like a business.

- Canadian Checking account - \$39,735.53
- Investment fund (GIC) - \$113,425 (@ 2.55% (matures May 7/2026) and \$55,105 @ 2.50% (matures Dec 2025) and a Prime Linked GIC of \$41,735 @ 2.5% (matures December 2025)
- Total \$210,296.44 in investments for a total of \$250,031.97 including the checking account.
- There is \$1121 outstanding on the Visa for Convention registration, hotels and airfare taxes that will be paid.

- Gerald McDonald explained the change from the “not for profit” status registered in BC to having a Canada not-for-profit account. Gerald is also pursuing the Alberta Act to see if it is similar to the BC Act or if it would be worth registering for an account in Alberta.
- Gerald will be moving to close the BC file if it is not needed
- There were questions about the cost of having a yearly audit completed. Gerald explained that there are 3 levels of review/audit.
 - o Having our own people review the books
 - o Having a financial review completed
 - o Having an audit completed

The Region generally has a financial review completed.

The Director offered a special thank you to Cameron Prowse of Prowse Barrett LLP for their legal opinion and assistance, Karen Caughell and Gerald McDonald for the work that they contributed to the name changes for the Region, the legal entities and all of the paperwork and time it took to complete this endeavour.

Moved by
Gerald
McDonald and
seconded by
Brenda
Driedeger to
accept the
treasurers
report

7. Committee Reports:

Regional Directory : Karen Caughell

- There were 500 directories printed for 2025; distributed at Scottsdale,

Region 17 and Canada's Nationals. Thank you to Carla Jackson MacGregor who took the Directories to Brandon and will take some to Tulsa for the US Nationals.

- There were 20 ads for an income of \$6060. The cost of printing was \$5223. Thank you to Millarcom for looking after the shipping of the directories to the clubs. A profit of \$837.00 was realized.
- It was decided at the 2025 Spring meeting, to discontinue the printed version of the directory and have the directory on the Members page which will be in a secure portion of the Region 17 website.
- Ads will appear on the public facing portion of the website for the year (for a fee) so all visitors to the website will see the ads.
- There were more ads in 2025 than in 2024

Stallion Auction : Tammy Mooney

- They will not have an auction run in 2026 due to lack of volunteers; however, Tammy will continue to maintain and manage the futurity portion for all the years that are still payable on our books (right now that is until 2030).
- A volunteer(s) with computer skills is needed.
- In 2025 we paid out a total of \$16,469.86 to (10) Futurity entries.
- In 2026 we have \$13,079.82 eligible to pay out to those who show in BC.
- Tammy is hoping to make it out to the show in 2026 to present the big cheques but would love a volunteer in BC to assist her – if anyone at the meeting is willing – please put them in contact Tammy Hayward at tamhayward@yahoo.com.
- Carson suggested the idea of a yearling futurity and will discuss with Tammy

Youth Report

- Ameera Bala called in and provided a verbal report (captured in Treasurers Report)
- Ameera had the opportunity to attend the AHYA Convention.

Website : Cindi Wrate joined in via video conferencing

- Cindi provided a visual updated of the website, presented statistics on usage; discussed the need to sign up; that it would be “flip pages” and password protected
- She reported that the 2024/2025 directories were already downloaded into the member portion of the site
- She also asked that members make sure that their information is updated/correct with AHA

- The idea of an app for one's iPhone/program is also being considered
- Encourage as many members as possible to access the website, provide feedback and ideas for improvements and changes.

High Point Program : Karen Caughell

- The deadline for the High Point entries to be received is Nov 30. Entries must be **MAILED**.
- All is found on the Region 17 website.
- Below are the previous years' entry numbers.
- We still need a few sponsors (\$250) for the 9 Divisions. The sponsorships cover the costs of the awards.
- The Divisions are: Halter, Western English/CEP, Hunter, Working Western, Adult Amateur, Jr. Sport Horse and Sport Horse Amateur/Jr
- A Champion and Reserve are awarded in each Division. The awards have been coolers, sheets, jackets or vests in the past.

The previous years had:

2025: to find out by entry deadline	2024 had 46 entries
2023 had 38 entries	2022 had 49 entries
2020 and 2021 program was halted due to covid	2019 had 57 entries
2018 had 57 entries	2017 had 36 entries
2016 had 33 entries	2015 had 43 entries
2014 had 48 entries	2013 had 58 entries
2012 had 29 entries	2011 had 42 entries
2010 had 36 entries	2009 had 44 entries
2008 had 36 entries	2007 had 51 entries
2006 had 41 entries.	

It is **MANDATORY** that you show at the Region 17 Championship show to be eligible. If you do NOT show at the Region 17 Championship show, you are not eligible for an award. The rules and entry form are on the Region 17 website.

- Joan Arnett will be taking on the tabulation for the entries.
- Laurie Mostowich has agreed to take on securing sponsorships for the high point award

<p>AHA Youth Teams : Brenda Driediger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the 2025 year there were 6 teams with 4 youth members on each team - Brenda will be calculating the results by February 1, 2026 - For more information please contact Brenda. She emphasized that a “team” requires: 4 kids, 5 best classes; 4 shows (1 Regional/WCB) <p>Bursary Report : Laurie Mostowich.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were no applicants this year <p>Region 17 Show: Darlene Brouwer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Region 17 was successful and profitable o There was a short pre show, which did help people to qualify for the regional show o The show was budgeted for 110 horses; there were 112 ; 6 vetted out o Breakdown of exhibitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sport Horse : 20 ▪ Working western: 19 ▪ Main ring : 74 ▪ Only 3 cross overs o Arabian Horse Times was on site o The 2026 show will be held in Langley July 13 – 18 o It was moved by Laurie Mostowich and seconded by Leslie Harpur to suspend the Show Commission composition for 2026. o It was then moved by Laurie Mostowich and seconded by Pam Zimmerman the following Show Commission membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Darlene Brouwer : 2027 ▪ Carson Ehret : 2027 ▪ Laurie Mostowich : 2027 ▪ Howie Hunt : 2027 ▪ Leslie Harpur : 2026 : 1 year appointment ▪ Nicki Muller : 2026 : 1 year appointment ▪ Brenda Driediger : 2026 : 1 year appointment 	<p>Motion Defeated</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>
<p>8. New Business:</p> <p>Equestrian Canada Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donna Kavanagh – Arabian representative to EC Breed Committee – brought forward the following items that have been in discussion and has asked for your feedback on such: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Microchips/ ID Programs – mandatory for all horses showing in the US as of 2026 o Shortage of Licensed Officials : we are in great need of judges with Arabian cards and Stewards 	

- Nose band checking: EC/USEF rules as of June 2025. The exemptions that were put forward were not approved
- Donna continued the discussion on social licensing that she initiated. Donna asked the group – “what do we (the Arabian community) need EC to be proactive on and protect us from within social licensing”
- Donna has extended her term 1 more year

Value Shows: Mona Bozsik joined in by teleconference

- There was discussion around the cost savings
- That one only needs an AHA competition card
- Stewards are required for dressage only
- There is no drug testing
- Question: if a regional show with < 200 horses can be a value show?
- There can be no shadow judging/stewards at a value show – and we are in critical need of both

Lesson Programs: Donna Kavanagh

- Focuses on “grassroots”
- Presently there are 3 barns in BC and 3 barns in AB
- There is significant revenue
- It was also brought up about school programs/ Robin Hood
- Members were reminded that AHA has a grant available for such activities

Canadian Arabian Registry – Tex Kam

- In 2024 there were 91 purebreds registered (in 2010 : 400)
- In 2024 there were 54 partbreds registered (in 2010 : 217)
- **Western Canadian Breeders Show:** Parkland 2026: BC 2027; BC 2028

Canada’s National Arabian Show : Tex Kam

- The staff at the Brandon facility are fantastic to work with
- 325 entered but < 300 ended up in Brandon
- The committee hasn’t heard of any border issues
- Main ring numbers were up; sport horse numbers were down
- Scheduling will stay in the similar format for next year
- The committee is looking at changing some of the age limits to various classes

9. Elections:

The following members were elected/acclaimed :

- Director: Donna Kavanagh (Nov 2025 – Nov 2027)
- Vice Director : Carson Ehret (Nov 2025 – Nov 2027)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judges Selection Committee: Lorne Robertson, Carson Ehret, member of the show commission - Budget Committee: Leslie Harpur (show commission representative; Treasurer (as appointed by the Director); Carson Ehret (Vice Director/Chair); Gerald McDonald Region 17 member <p>The new director (Donna Kavanagh) has appointed Karen Caughell as Treasurer and Emma Dufresne as Secretary</p>	
<p>10. Next Regional Meeting: The fall Region 17 Meeting will be held in March, ? Vancouver Island</p>	<p>Place to be announced</p>
<p>11. The meeting was adjourned at 14:42</p>	

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