

Vancouver Island Arabian Horse Association

Minutes: November 20, 2017

Present: Sandra Gilbert Stockhausen (chair);

Gerald McDonald, Lisa MacGregor, Bob Ramsey, Dianne Williams, Wendy Don, Tom LeBlanc,
Rob Calnan (recording)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow up/Action
1. Call to Order	The president called the meeting to order	
2. Additions to the Agenda	none	
3. Adoption of Minutes	The minutes were received as posted	The minutes as circulated were adopted, moved by Lisa and seconded by Tom
4. Business Arising from the minutes	nothing identified	
5. Directors Reports: a. President b. Treasurers Report c. Membership report	<p>Sandra reported on the last Regional meeting and follow up on AGM discussions</p> <p>Gerald was not able to present a Treasurers' report as he has just returned from Convention, but there have been few transactions since the last meeting and the balance would not be significantly different than the last report. Gerald also brought up about record retention</p> <p>Rob reported that we have 18 Adult – 1 year members; 7 adult 3 year memberships and 5 youth members. There are 21 recreational members</p>	Financial reports will be maintained for 7 years and Class A show records for 4 years. A couple of years of open show records will be maintained.
6. 2017 Convention	Gerald and Rob spoke about Convention.	The convention report can be found following the minutes
7. 2018 Shows	The Island Classics "A" show is tentatively planned for March 31 st /April 1 st	Following the RFP process that the Saanich Fair has requested by Dec. 31 st the executive will then decide if the 2018 shows will be held at the Saanich Fairgrounds or at another site
8. Code of Conduct	Sue was not present to review the Code of Conduct that she is developing.	To be reviewed at the next club meeting

<p>9. Meeting with the Saanich Fair/horse clubs</p>	<p>Gerald, Lisa and Rob attended a meeting in which the Saanich Fair shared information in how they will interact with the various horse clubs. The hand outs also included rental rates for 2018 and proposed costs for 2019. Finally they also introduced the idea of the horse show at the fair going through an RFP process due Dec. 31st</p>	<p>The hand outs from the meeting will be copied and added to the clubs website so that members are aware of the proposed changes and process.</p> <p>The club agreed to enter into the RFP process and will hold a meeting on Dec. 18th to finalize this. Rob will circulate ideas so that this can begin on line</p>
<p>10. New Business</p>		
<p>a) Club Insurance</p>	<p>The club will receive quotes both from Capri and BFI</p>	<p>Gerald will follow up on this for the next meeting</p>
<p>b) Club bylaws</p>	<p>Gerald will be discussing with Sylvia Carruthers about updating the Club Bylaws now that the Region's Bylaws have been accepted.</p>	
<p>c) Lap Top Computer</p>	<p>Gerald reported that the club's lap top is continually dying and that the club will have to look at replacing it</p>	<p>Gerald will follow the costs/sales for a computer and look into purchasing a new one</p>
<p>d) Club Awards Banquet</p>	<p>Will be held on Saturday, January 27th</p>	<p>Place to be decided. Several members were tasked with getting prices for various venues and will circulate by email so that the decision can be made.</p>
<p>11. Next meeting</p>	<p>The next general meeting will be held on January 8, 2018 at the Commonwealth Pool</p>	<p>Bob Ramsey will book a room for the meeting</p>

Report to VIAHA re: 2017 Convention, Denver Colorado

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2017 AHA Convention as the voting delegate from VIAHA.

This years' convention was held in Denver and the theme was Honor, Treasure, Share.

I have attended many conventions in the past few years and i have to say that i felt most engaged in this one and found that the atmosphere was really warm, welcoming and geared to promoting the work of AHA and building the Arabian horse industry. President Nancy Harvey, in her inaugural address, focused on "working together to make things better" – something i thought was pertinent to our own discussion at the recent AGM about this next year and how our club is thinking through the challenges of changes such as dates for our "A: show, reconfiguring the open shows and the opportunity to submit an RFP for the Saanich Fair, all things that will be new challenges for us this year. She also reminded us that the theme of the 1980 IAHA Convention was "together we grow" and i think that through working through these new changes will also force us to work together in new and different ways which i believe will make VIAHA stronger.

The president is striking 3 Ad Hoc Task Force groups to review:

- a) the Regional Structure of AHA;
- b) Grassroots Development and a
- c) 20 - 40 year under Review committee (as this is the largest declining group in AHA membership)

Committee sessions continue to be the main way that resolutions are discussed/debated/amended and brought forward to convention. There had been 24 regular resolutions and 1 extraordinary resolution brought to the convention. Amongst our region delegates we all tried to attend different committee reports and then each day would gather in the Director's room to discuss the results of each of those committee discussions and how the region might support or challenge them. By the time the various committees had reviewed them 20 passed, 1 failed and the other 4 were withdrawn

Some of the highlights of the convention were the:

- The report from the Horsemen's Distress Fund that always brings tears to one's eyes and the generous contributions of members to this fund
- The report (from our own director Terry Johnson) on the Arabian Horse Foundation
- That there is a real shortage of Stewards if anyone is interested in becoming a steward
- The report from the EVP Glen Petty that highlights that AHA is moving in a very positive direction making it a stronger and more financially sustainable organization at this point than it has been in the past 10 years
- A presentation from the American Horse council (which offers many free handouts on the website that we might want to review for some of our communication plans for the next year)
- The Arabian Racing Jockey Club presentation (have information if you would be interested in buying shares in a horse at \$400/share and this gives you 3 horses that you have shares in)