

VIAHA Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20 , 2025 at Travino Lane

Present:

Gerald McDonald, President / Treasurer
Rob Calnan, Vice President
Cindi Wrate, Secretary
Wendy Don, Membership Secretary
Amanda Davies, Director at Large
Jess Bennie, Director at Large (via Zoom)

Regrets:

Kayla Cockle, Director at Large
Edwina MacDonald, Director at Large
Diana Hanson, Director at Large

General Meeting

1. **Call to order** 7:07 pm
2. **Minutes** adopted as circulated.
 - a. Rob moved; Wendy seconded – Carried
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Total bank balance, \$4,786.
Accounts receivable: \$500
4. **Membership report:**
 - a. 15 Adult members (six 3-year, eight 1-year, 1 lifetime)
 - b. 1 youth member
5. **Old Business**

Storage locker: Rob to check with Saanich Fair Board about keeping the space for one more month.

Regional Meeting Key outcomes:

- a. Donna Kavanaugh *Director Elect*; Carson Ehret *Vice Director Elect*; Karen Caughell *Treasurer*; Secretary *TBC*.
- b. The 2026 Region 17 Championship Show will be July 13 to 19 at Thunderbird Park in Langley.
- c. The new Strathcona facility has many amenities to make it a possible future location for the Regional show.
- d. If showing in the USA, beginning in 2026 all horses will need to be micro-chipped.
- e. The Canadian Arabian Horse Registry reports new registration numbers are down over prior years for both purebred and part-bred horses.
- f. The Western Canadian Breeders Show will be in Alberta for 2026 (June 25–28 at Westerner Park) and is anticipated to be in BC for 2027 and 2028.
- g. The Regional Show Commission is comprised of BC members for 2026 to reduce travel expenses.

6. New Business

AHA Convention – Location: Reno, NV November 20 - 22

Club delegate: Gerald will be attending. The governance resolution has been restructured and will be brought for decision. Details on the governance and all other resolutions can be found on the AHA website under Convention Resolutions.

VIAHA website – traffic is declining, leading to the question whether the website remains viable, or could we look at a more centralized location like the Region 17 site.

Equine Fair/Tradeshow - Initial discussion was held regarding hosting an equine related event in 2026. Discussion will continue.

7. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Next Meeting date: November 24th