

# APPALOOSA HORSE ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2021 1:00pm held at Royal Canadian Legion, Ponoka, Alberta

Present: Destinne Allen (facilitator), Stephanie Dewes, Katherine Stolson, Mandy Dolan, Monica Gruber Litke, Chariti & Shelby Sawchuk, Renee Neighbour-Muir, Dawn Stevens, Lynn Johnson, Robin Arthurs, Henry Gauthier, Laurie Knox, Cyril & Judi Desjarlais, Laurie Knox, Bonnie Quance, Des Sieben, and Amanda Wigston.

Meeting Called to Order 1:14

Agenda as was presented in the Information package was approved. Laurie motioned the approval for agenda, Des seconded the motion.

The 2020 AGM Minutes were approved as read, Laurie motioned for the approval, Chariti seconded the motion.

### **Reading the Reports**

- (a) President's Report read by Destinne
- (b) Vice President's Report (not available)
- (c) Treasurer's Report read by Monica
- (d) Youth Committee Report read by Katherine
- (e) Marketing/Promotion/Show/Education Committee Report read by Mandy
- (f) Awards Committee Report read by Katherine
- (g) Social Committee Report (not available)
- (h) Fundraising Committee Report read by Monica

### **Current Business**

- a. Fundraising to avoid raising costs discussion started with requesting we provide our members with a letter to which members can take to suppliers – where members make purchasers - in return they receive advertising opportunities and social media shout-outs. A Stawnichy's Meats fundraiser was suggested, along with youth raising money by working at other shows or events; for example, pre-bedding stalls and running concessions. Trainer squares can be done again in the spring as well as possibly hiring out club members for spring/yard cleanup with waiver.

- b. Facebook Auction to kick off. We will require sponsors to donate items. Members will be encouraged to invite family and friends, not necessarily horse people. Renee is providing an opportunity for members to bid on custom Christmas card packages.

### **New Business**

- a. Appointing auditors - A motion was made that Dawn and Renee will complete the audit 2021 financial reports, Laurie motioned, Des seconded the motion.
- b. Bylaw changes defining membership in good standing provided a great discussion with many present. Wording of the bylaw change was important to avoid misinterpretation and liable.

“A member considered not in good standing, for example, outstanding membership, show fees or other noted receivable will be notified by emailed invoice followed by registered mail to the last known address. The recipient then must clear balance in full with penalty 30 days prior to scheduled event. Any member not in good standing cannot show or participate in a AHAA or affiliated function or event.”

A motion was made to make an addition to current Bylaws defining membership in good standing by Lynn Johnson, motion seconded by Amanda Wigston. This Bylaw amendment was put to a vote with 17 (seventeen) yes, in favor, and 0 (zero) no, opposed.

- c. The necessity of a show manager discussed as it is too difficult for a member who is also an active competitor at our shows, to manage the running of a show. A pre-selected manager would be trained and available to handle all issues on site including the end of show responsibilities of the exhibitor to avoid AHAA incurring costly facility cleaning fees. We may have to pay a show manager above food and lodging. Brennin Jack, if asked, will provide an estimate for this service. We can possibly obtain more.
- d. 2022 Venues, Dates and Judges – Group discussed best options for dates and locations. Vegreville and Olds College were mentioned as successful venues in 2021. We can also explore other options as facilities may have changed their pricelist due to competition. It was agreed that Lloydminster in the past was difficult as there are many cost extras at final invoice. Claresholm is an option and so is Vermillion College. Laurie requested us looking at an earlier date in June as to not conflict with US Nationals. All these suggestions are to be presented to the Show Committee for final decisions and approvals.
- e. Membership Deadlines – The membership costs will remain the same for 2022. It was discussed to have a free membership draw at the November 13, 2021 Banquet.
- f. Schedule committee meetings every 60 days via zoom with minutes to follow. Destinne spoke of how convenient zoom is and it allows for much more frequent communication than in-person meetings as directors are very spread out in the province.

- g. A proposal was put forth that AHAA adopt a cost of penalty for NSF or late payment of \$50.00 Dawn made a motion that this \$50 late penalty be made and Lynn seconded the motion.
- h. Judi requested a discussion around the Open Class list. She asks if there can be a non-pro class for pleasure so non-pro open competitors have the option of not showing against trainers. There could be a class within a class or an open stakes class specific to non-pro in pleasure and hunt seat. This request can be considered by the show committee at the time class lists are discussed.

### **Nominations of New Directors**

Laurie Knox nominates Monica Gruber Litke as board of director, Monica accepts.

Des Sieben nominates Amanda Wigston as board of director, Amanda accepts.

Amanda Wigston nominates Des Sieben as board of director, Des accepts.

Laurie Knox nominates Destinne Allen as board of director, Destinne accepts.

All board of director positions are filled with returning board of directors Mandy Dolan, Stephanie Dewes and Katherine Stolson.

We would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone in attendance, the input was wide ranged and very helpful, and we will take these great ideas to our committees.

Laurie moves to adjourn the meeting at 3:18pm, Amanda seconds that adjournment.