



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**November 26, 2022 at 3:30p.m.  
Moose Hall, Ponoka**

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 3:36p.m.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

#### **a. Additions to the Agenda**

Dawn Stevens motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Nicole Fried seconded.

CARRIED

### **3. Approval of 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Mike Wigston approved the minutes as presented, Anne Allison seconded.

CARRIED

### **4. Reports and correspondence**

- a. President's Report (Destinne Allen)**
- b. Treasurer's Report (Monica Litke)**

### **5. Standing Committee Reports**

- a. Fundraising (Amanda Wigston)**
- b. Social (Desiree Sieben)**
- c. Education (Stephanie Sawchuk)**
- d. Youth (Mandy Dolan)**
- e. Promotion (Stephanie Sawchuk)**
- f. Sales/Marketing (Stephanie Sawchuk)**
- g. Shows (Monica Litke)**
- h. Awards (Katherine Stolson)**

### **6. Business Arising**

- a. 2021 Auditors Report**
- b. Assign 2022 financial auditors**

**Committee Discussion:** Anne and Michele Beck volunteered to audit the 2022 AHAA finances.



**Motion:** Anne Allison and Michele Beck will audit AHAA finances.

**Mike Wigston/Ava Fried**

**CARRIED**

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Suggested AHAA Bylaw update - Membership**

*Motion to increase the Appaloosa Horse Association of Alberta's membership fees from \$50.00 to \$60.00 for a family membership and \$35.00 to \$45.00 for a single membership. Early bird prices of \$50.00 for a family membership and \$35.00 for a single membership will be available until May 1st of each current year.*

**Committee Discussion:** The suggested increase in fees after May 1st of each year has been suggested to encourage members to submit their membership prior to show season. This would help alleviate additional work on AHAA's show secretary during show season.

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**Mike Wigston/Renee Neighbour**

**CARRIED**

### **b. 2023 tentative show information**

**Committee Discussion:** Tentative 2023 AHAA show dates are as follows: May 27, 2023 one day show near Edmonton with a clinic on May 28, 2023. The current tentative location is Wigston Farms, located near Ardrossan. The T1 Championship show will run again on August 12 & 13, 2023 in Olds. It was asked if it is possible for a member to host a show or event, and will AHAA support it? The board confirmed that yes, it would be supported. AHAA's insurance can provide coverage, as long as AHAA stays under a certain amount of events per year. The group was in agreement to move into 2023 with some slight show reductions (such as moving from two two-day shows, to a one-day and two-day show). This will help ensure that AHAA is being fiscally responsible while trying to encourage better attendance. AHAA is working with other associations to see if it is possible to co-host. Renee Dierdorff has been investigating an all breed show for the June 10/11 weekend, potentially in collaboration with the Quarter Horse Association of Alberta (who canceled their June show). This show would provide the opportunity for all breeds to join, specifically attracting quarter horses, paints (it would be right before Paint Worlds) and there is the potential for some ranch horse events, such as a ranch horse derby. It was suggested to add NSBA classes. Renee has been investigating a venue - possibly Claresholm. The group was very receptive to AHAA being part of a June all breed show. Renee is working on a proposal and will submit it to AHAA for review as soon as it's available.



Dawn reached out to Territory 1 ApHC contact (Kama) and during discussion asked why more horses are not attending the T1 shows. Some reasons included it being difficult to cross the border and also class sizes need to be bigger to gain attraction. Kama suggested adding money to class challenges as an incentive. It was suggested that for some there may be enough shows close by (in the U.S.), that competitors don't feel the need to go further. As well, showing in new locations has to be reciprocal; AHAA members need to be open to going south as much as we expect U.S. members to come up. The USD impacts the economic opportunity for Canadian members. It was agreed that gaining better show attendance starts with reaching out and encouraging the local appaloosa in Alberta and potentially other provinces to attend shows. Anne Phillips from T1 ApHC facebook group hosts zoom meetings - it was suggested that AHAA attend those meetings.

## **8. Election of Directors**

### **a. Nomination/election of new Directors**

#### **i. Directors with terms ending: Destinne Allen, Katherine Stolson, Mandy Dolan, Monica Litke**

**Committee Discussion:** Monica Litke has completed her second term and is eligible to stay on for one more term. She has indicated that she is willing to stay on, if needed.

Nicole Fried nominated Monica Litke as returning board.

Amanda Wiston nominated Jericho Footz, Jericho accepted.

Desiree Sieben nominated Mike Wigston, Mike accepted.

Katherine Stolson nominated Renee Dierdorff, Renee accepted.

The following members offered to volunteer for subcommittees: Renee Neighbour, Nicole Fried, Ava Fried, Dawn Steves, Anne Allison, Katrina Stolson, Karlene Yakemchuk.

**Motion:** To accept Monica Litke (third term), Jericho Footz (first term), Mike Wigston (first term) and Renee Dierdorff (first term) as incoming 2023 AHAA Board of Directors.

**Renee Neighbour/Michele Beck**

**CARRIED**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:29p.m.**