

AURORA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Strathcona County Community Centre

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Chair: Faith Yaworski

Board Members Present:, Ellen Cust, Pam Zimmerman, Karen Caughell, Alicia Baikie, Kim Seward, Sherri Dunne (via Zoom), Carla Jackson, and Jean Kot.

Members: Kerri Buksa and Heather Downey

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as presented/read/amended – Jean

SECOND: Alicia

CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of November 7, 2023, as presented/read/amended – Pam

SECOND: Jean

CARRIED.

As our Secretary, Sarah Downey, was unable to attend the meeting, Faith asked Jean to take the Minutes, which she accepted.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President’s Comments:**

* Faith asked Kerri to present her report on the Keystone Project and Calnash fee update.
* Kerri reported on what she learned in Florida, regarding the Keystone Project, as it would apply to CNAC, Red Deer.
  + It would occur on one day, outdoors.
  + Getting people engaged; meet and greet;
  + In Florida, people could get their picture taken with the Black Stallion;
  + Promotion of the Arabian horse;
  + Stallion auction, with proceeds to STARS (Glen is the contact).
* Trying to get people to pre-register Keystone bag.
* Based on the success of Donna’s open barn, she could be approached to be involved.
* Kerri has to get Keystone bags to Scottsdale and transported to Edmonton.
* Need to figure out a budget, e.g. $3,000-$5,000 (high end).
* Have horses to pet.
* AHA - $500 for the project?
* Karen outlined AHA money to clubs for projects; submit application in mid-August.
* Take horses to schools.

Calnash Update

* There is a 25% increase per day.
* Move-in reduced from 8 hours to 6 hours. $150 for additional hours
* Electricity for hospitality spaces $50/day, if heavy appliance use; no extra electricity charge, if using arena for this.
* Vendor rates flexible; $200 for the weekend.
* New owners of Calnash have no issue with dogs in the barn.
* Camping increased from $30-$35. No hook-ups, no charge.
* Manure removal up $25 to $75.
* No charge for lounge.
* Stalls - $35/night, includes 2 bags of shavings (including GST). $30/night, no shavings.
* Aurora must send Kerri the stabling list.
* Need to raise stall fee to $40/3 nights; office to $40; shavings $11; $187/4 nights; camping $35.
* Prize List must go out quickly; Ellen is working on it.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Ellen reported account balances and GIC.
* Emailed reports and Calnash Budget to Sarah.
* The Province wants more info re: grant application and was provided; we will hear back at the end of February 2024. $40,000 went to the Provincial application.,
* Ellen recommended a new sponsorship.
* Karen recommends reducing classes. There is an extra charge past 12 hours/day.
* Kim suggested extra morning time; offer as a sponsorship opportunity.
* Faith wants Show Committee meetings within Board meetings.

**Show Update**

* Pam reported.
* Discussion about not holding jumping for this year, due to low entries, until we can assess.
* She will give us cost breakdown.

**Membership**

* Brenda emailed the numbers - 90 adults and 9 youth.

**Social Media/Website**

* Sarah is doing a great job.

**High Point Awards**

* Alicia updated. There are 4 entries so far.
* Karen gave Alicia info.

**Fundraisers**

* Heather reported.
* There is a profit on Purdy’s chocolates.
* In the midst of raffles; 2 prizes – early bird draw Feb. 4; grand prize April 6 – Oilers tickets, 55” TV and $200 cash.
* Heather has phoned various arenas to sell tickets; some charge a fee.
* Increased tickets; did well last year.

**Region 17 Update**

* Carla reported on the youth tournament. Aurora didn’t have a team.
* Brenda Driediger would tabulate numbers, if we provide a team. Maybe not by 2024, but 2025.
* Team members don’t have to be at the same show. There can be more than one team.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* The Keystone Project, which was moved to the beginning of these Minutes, falls under this heading.
* Convention questions – Faith reported.
* Carla reported.
* Code of Ethics; posted on Facebook?
* Sandra Daniel and Sylvia Carruthers to come up with steps for show management to handle trouble.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

* The next Board meeting date is January 16, 2024, to be held in person, at the Strathcona County Community Centre, always weather permitting, otherwise on Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.