



SAHC January 2017 Newsletter

The Board of the SAHC met in Moose Jaw on January 15 to deal with the many, many decisions that had to be made for the next show season. We believe that the club had a successful 2016 season and we are looking forward to 2017.

This year you will see some significant changes with our planned six shows. We want to get the necessary information to you so you can be well prepared ahead of time. First of all, I have sent in approvals for our May show to be Double judged and dual approved. That means that if we get the approvals you will be able to enter the ApHCC (Canadian pointed) part of the show, or the ApHC (American pointed) part, or both if you wish. There will be fewer Canadian classes offered than in the past and several more American pointed classes offered at both our May and June shows. We did not look at the October plan as yet.

American Classes - Brief Summary for May

ApHC pointed classes will include halter, Non pro, novice non pro and non pro walk trot, youth 13 and under, youth 14 to 18 and several open ApHC classes.

Canadian Pointed Classes for May

ApHCC classes will include halter, youth 18 and under, amateur and an open ApHCC division. A show schedule will of course list all classes and we hope to have that posted next month.

Youth Walk Trot and Lead line Change for May Show

The Youth Walk Trot and the Lead line classes we are offering will be Non Pointed classes. They will receive our show awards but no ApHCC or ApHC points. Neither will they be charged point fees! The reason for this is that ApHC rules say that the Walk Trot youth MUST ride with one hand if they are on a senior Horse. We do not feel that this is safe! For that reason, we offer the classes as Saskatchewan approved classes only. We also do not think that our lead liners are interested in ApHC/ApHCC points. These two youth groups must ride either ApHC or ApHCC registered Appaloosas. They do NOT have to have either Canadian or American memberships as classes are not pointed for either club. A SAHC membership will be necessary as usual.

We ask that you get all your memberships, registrations or any necessary paperwork done up now-well before our first show.

Survey Results

Our December survey showed that a vast majority of our SAHC members did not feel they could support the April 1 deadline for stall commitments for the 2017 CNAS. This information I passed along to show chairman, Merv Veinot, with the hope that some later date for stalls might be considered. The survey also showed a definite readiness for the SAHC to go to ApHC only approved shows. That means that this year could be one of transition for us all.

Youth Team 2017

Applications will be sent out next month for all of you who are interested in possibly being a part of the Saskatchewan Youth Team for the upcoming CNAS. Stay tuned for more on that topic in the very near future.

SHF Meeting March 4, Saskatoon

I also want to remind you of this very important meeting on March 4. We need a good turnout of our members to ensure that we elect some “Western Voices” to the SHF Board. Be sure to renew your SHF membership before then to ensure your right to vote.

Once again I thank all of you for your continued support of our Saskatchewan Appaloosa Horse Club. Be sure to ask questions of the Board members if you are not clear on any of the topics I have brought to your attention. I look forward to a good year for SAHC and Appaloosas everywhere.

Thank you
Karen Bedford