

Alberta Cutting Horse

AGM

Oct 7, 2021, Silver Slate Arena 6 pm

Present: Amanda Smith, Emma Reinhardt, Louisa Murch-White, Colleen Wallace, Pauli Smith, Megan Williams, Barb Stewart, Welland Muri, Joel Jones, Ron Anderson, Cody Smith, Sharon Piazza, Leslie Posein, Johnny Lukacs, Dale Posein, Robin Powell, Randy Vanee, Doug Reinhardt, Wayne Tribe, Anne Tribe, Chase Pallesen, Robin Hay, Rocky Davis, Kaila Stewart, Connie Down-Cicoria, Teresa Lukacs, Julianna Lukacs, Brady Jensen, Shauna Reinhardt, Ken Mix

1. **Meeting called to order** at 5:50 pm.
2. **Minutes of October 10, 2020** were circulated. Motion to approve the minutes as circulated made by Kaila Stewart. Second Cody Smith.
3. **Financial Report-** Robin Powell

Currently the chequing account has \$63,973.68 and GIC \$135,612.47. Show revenue increase \$67,788.66 from 2020. Due to Covid restrictions the show season went from July to October. Sponsorship was carried over from 2020, which combining both years totaled \$65,000. Show expenses were up with more shows this year at 27 show days. The \$30,000 money donated to Ponoka for 2020 Cowvid show was reimbursed minus a facility cancellation fee. Net income for 2021 at \$27,207.79 up from \$7,529.42 in 2020.

Last year no banquet and awards because of Covid, buckles purchased in 2019 were used this year. *Motion to accept the financials as presented made by Louisa Murch-White. Second Connie Down-Cicoria.*

4. President's Report- Ken Mix

Ken thanked everyone for coming and thanked all the ACHA Directors for their contributions over the past year. The ACHA Board decided with no prizes last year that they would really give back to the membership this year. The various initiatives included 5/6 yr old added purse for 3 weekends at \$8800, 3 Jeff Smith saddles for total \$11,000- 2,000 Limit Rider, 15,000 AM, and 35,000 NP class aggregate winners, \$10,500 in subsidized youth cattle costs, Novice challenge saddle for \$2500, NWB finals cattle and prizes for \$1500, and \$2500 saddle for provincial high school rodeo cutting champion. The shows went well despite various covid protocols and a big note of appreciation to our show producers.

5. Old Business

Promoting Youth – A main topic of discussion last year was directed on ways to promote youth to the cutting pen. This year there were an average of 5 youth per show with cattle subsidized at a cost of approximately \$10,000. The Hans Hansma Youth Scholarship handed out \$5000 in funds. Everyone agreed it is a cycle and the youth competitors are on a down cycle. We will keep our initiatives in place and strive to involve as many youth riders as possible each year.

Welcoming Committee

General discussion from last year that the ACHA could be friendlier to new cutters. Covid protocols at shows this year has not lent itself to socializing but Sandy Reid followed through and sent out welcoming letters to new members. There was good feedback on that initial contact made by a Board member and the welcoming committee will continue forward.

6. Committee Reports

Sponsorship- Louisa Murch-White

We were very fortunate to have fantastic support the past year. The major event sponsor was Trans Peace Construction at \$20,000 (over 2 two years). Paul Degasse asked for no personal recognition, so

the Gary Moore Memorial Classic was established and held at the July Claresholm show in Gary's honor and recognition of Paul's generous support. Family members of Gary Moore were in attendance and very appreciative of the memorial.

An awesome sponsorship package was compiled and used to secure 10 class sponsors at \$2500. The ACHA was also fortunate to have industry supporters. Louisa organized a sponsor cutting held at August Silver Slate show where the NWB finals was also held. That event had great feedback and is worth promoting and building on for next year. Ken thanked Louisa for all her efforts on pulling the sponsor cutting together and tracking the class sponsors. Thank you to Sandy for organizing and hanging of sponsor banners at all the shows. Banners are big job and important form of recognition to the sponsors.

Fundraising

A clinic was organized and cancelled due to low registration. The silent auction will be the fundraiser for the year.

Judges

This year the Canadian judges stepped up, Binky Moffat, Brian Kelly, Scott Hanson, Cody Smith, Travis Rempel and Teri Paradis. The ACHA would like to acknowledge the judges for their time and contribution for Alberta Cutting. The Black Elk committee worked on securing US judges for the September show which ended the year well.

Shows

Amanda Smith talked about the Novice Challenge that was originally set for June and moved to August because of Covid protocols early in the year were too restrictive. There was a great turn out and lots of prizes handed out. It was a 2 day show over 3 days which allowed the novice challenge classes to run at a time of day convenient for spectators. The Sunday schedule did run long and will have to be looked at for next year.

There were 27 show days up from 24 with overall cutting numbers holding strong.

Youth

There were youth competitors this year compared to last year where there no youth entries except one show. The date for the Hans Hansma Youth Scholarship will be looked at as it was changed because of covid protocols and affected the turn out.

Media

Robin and Louisa were hard at work ensuring the ACHA social media presence was strong. Posting show confirmations, draws and results is one of the biggest jobs.

7. New Business

Shows- Doug asked the general membership if there too many shows and the response was no. Connie stated that to have viable aged events, weekend classes need to be held with the aged event. Robin Hay felt if people were travelling, 3 x 1-day shows made more sense. Less weekends but more show days.

Fresh Cattle was the consensus for jack pot classes in 2022.

Youth Scholarship

Brenda Batty, Pauli Smith, and Winston Hansma are discussing ways to revamp the scholarship cutting format so more youth cutters attend. Discussion that this year had low attendance as the date was changed and the new date conflicted with High School rodeo national finals. The youth scholarship weekend typically has a great turnout.

Emma Reinhardt offered to work with the group on new ideas.

Hans Hansma Scholarship fund also donated to the CCHA youth finals.

8. Election of Directors

Directors whose term is completed: Bill Hutton, Luree Williamson, Dustin Gonnet, Louisa Murch-White, Emma Reinhardt, Ken Mix, Robin Powell.

Directors whose term is completed 2022: Kaila Stewart, Sandy Reid, Amanda Smith, Doug Reinhardt, Marc Ascione.

Members who have agreed to run for a position on the ACHA board with term completed 2023: Shelley Travis, Randy Vanee, Colleen Pearse, Emma Reinhardt, Louisa Murch-White, Robin Powell, and Ken Mix. Nominations from the floor called three times; Connie Down-Cicoria nominated Johnny Lukacs. Second by Louisa. Johnny Lukacs accepts.

Ballots were distributed. Ballots collected and tabulated by Luree Williamson and Emma Reinhardt.

Voted to 2022 ACHA Board of Directors term completed fall of 2023; Randy Vanee, Shelley Travis, Robin Powell, Emma Reinhardt, Ken Mix, Louisa Murch-White, Johnny Lukacs.

9. Other Business

CCHA Updates-Connie Down-Cicoria

This past year the CCHA has strived to improve communication with members and worked hard to that end. A huge thank you to Robin who has been instrumental in getting information out.

One of the main objectives was to host a final show which worked with incorporating the NCHA Circuit finals at the same time. Connie asked for feedback from this year to improve for next year. Also, thanks to the CCHA sponsorship group which raised \$40,000 that went to prizes for finals. NCHA representative Josh Valdez is in attendance for Circuit finals. Lots of prizes and awards will be presented this weekend. A thank you to all the affiliates who supported these finals.

Doug Wiens is the new NCHA/CCHA representative- congrats.

The Calgary Futurity has asked for assistance with format because of the reduced purse money. Connie has offered to help the committee.

No other Business

Motion by Louisa Murch-White to adjourn the meeting. Second Amanda Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

2022 Board Meeting tentatively set for Tuesday December 7, 2021, at K & K Livestock 6:30 pm.